

# Bertha's C o r n e r



By  
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## The Try-Angle

How often has someone said to you, "Let's give it a try" or, "It won't hurt to try," or "What have we got to lose?"

Just the other day at our house, a bathroom door that would not stay closed became a problem. There is usually just the two of us unless a kid comes to check on us. So, what's the big deal?

I like the privacy of going to the bathroom alone, with no one walking in because the door was part way open. So let's Try-Angle and fix it..

Those of you who know me know that I can be a bit crazy about life! I like things a certain way and am not crazy about bending the rules or change.

I've tried holding the door but it doesn't work, and I've tried putting something in front of the door so if someone came in they would fall over the object. It was just not the right approach! The problem was the Try-Angle! The right angle to approach a difficult problem is the Try-Angle! Let's try something else, another way, another angle!

Your life everyday can be trying. Should I do this or wait and do that? What if I make a mistake, no matter how hard I try? We live with a Try-Angle most every day I bet you've never thought of that! I'm going to do better today. This is what we have to do to find the answers to our problems. I'm going to figure out the answer to a difficult problem and it's the Try-Angle!

I am definitely a Try-Angle person. Just ask my husband or any one of my three kids. No matter the situation or problem I always say, "We have to try and work this out, there must be a way!"

If your life is like mine right now, we certainly need the Try-Angle. Yes, we need to keep trying to make every day as good as possible. We need to be the Try-Angle to help others who are alone and need a friend. What about the Try-Angle in every aspect of your life?

Sometimes there is one person waiting for the Try-Angle when all others are not there. Are you a Try-Angle person like me?

Let's Try-Angle it, together as friends, OK?

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## FarmHouse Fraternity seeks U of I scholarship applicants

URBANA—The Gamma Chapter of FarmHouse Fraternity at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is offering multiple scholarships to incoming students, of all majors, who will attend the university next fall

Since the scholarship was started, the fraternity has been able to give out more than \$15,000 each year in awards. This year is expected to be the same. Scholar-

ships range from \$500-\$5,000.

To be eligible you must be a male student who will be attending the University of Illinois for the first time during the next fall semester. All majors are encouraged to apply. Applications are due April 8<sup>th</sup>.

More information and an application are available at [farmhouse.web.illinois.edu/wp/new-student-scholarship/](http://farmhouse.web.illinois.edu/wp/new-student-scholarship/).

## 2021 Vermilion County equalization factor stays at 1.0000

SPRINGFIELD—Vermilion County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier", is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law.

This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Vermilion County are at 33.45 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2021 taxes, payable in 2022. Last year's equaliza-

tion factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in October 2021 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

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## From the Blotter

### Court Dispositions

**February 9**

**Jerry D. Sisk**, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance in two cases; new status hearing March 9.

**Patrick R. Nichols**, Hoopeston, fine paid, case closed.

**Lindsey M. Warner** Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for alcoholic containers prohibited n public; new status hearing March 9.

**Lindsey M. Warner**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for disobeying police; new status hearing March 9.

**Thad Finnell**, Hoopeston, found not guilty of breach of peace in bench trial; case dismissed.

**Kelly D. Turner**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for breach of peace; case to be sent to state for further enforcement.

**SWING INTO Spring**

**Opening Party**  
Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner service starts at 5 p.m.

Menu: Prime Rib or Parmesan Crusted Cod  
Salad, Baked Potatoes, Dessert

*Dinner is by reservations only. call the club,  
(217) 748-6521, and leave message to  
reserve for dinner.*

Jerry Urich will play from 7 to 9  
Everyone is welcome to come and  
enjoy listening to Jerry.



## Briefly

### HASA registration

Hoopeston Area Softball Association will hold registration on Sundays, March 13, 20 and 27 from 1-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, March 16, 23 and 30, from 5-7 p.m., all at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main.

### At the library

Events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

### Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 41. Tonight, chance of rain/snow. Low 26. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 35, low 11.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

- Take Home Crafts for March include pompom rainbows and cupcake liner flowers for preschoolers, rainbow telescope and rainbow shaker for students in grades 3-5 and yarn wall hanging in two color options for teens and adults. Supplies are free while they last and may be picked up at the library, 110 N. Fourth St.
- Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) meeting 3 p.m. Friday.

For more information on any program, call (217) 283-6711 or check out the library's Facebook page.

### Who ya gonna call?

Hoopeston Police remind residents that for police, fire and ambulance emergencies, call 911. For nonemergency police and fire calls in Hoopeston only, residents should call (217) 283-5196. That is the only phone number that is manned 24 hours a day.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Silgan Containers, Hoopeston, is hiring for a Plant Human Resources Generalist. To apply or for more information,, please use this link: [silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12231](http://silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12231)

Silgan Containers, Hoopeston, is hiring for a Production Supervisor/Manager Trainee. To apply or for more information, please visit this link: [silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12540/0](http://silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12540/0)

Hoopeston hair salon looking for a cosmetologist, nail tech and esthetician. 765-413-3062

City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a fulltime position. Candidate must have a valid driver's license and high school diploma or equivalent. Computer skills are necessary. Potential supervisory roll with proper training and licensing. Applications available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a seasonal position. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

United Prairie-Hoopeston has opening this Spring for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL. Please pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd Hoopeston, IL 60942. For more information please call 217/888-0164 or Manager Jordan Reese 217/918-2876.

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for the position of probationary police officer. Applications will be accepted until the testing date of April 2, 2022. Testing will begin at 10 a.m. April 2 at Hoopeston Area Middle School Library for the written test. The physical agility test will take place immediately after the written exam.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: [silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0](http://silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0)

Silgan Containers is hiring for an Electrician-Industrial/Maintenance position. Please apply online at: [silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12406/0](http://silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12406/0)

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a full time water department employee. Must have CDL or the ability to get one. Potential for eventual supervisory role with proper training and certification. Applications are available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St., or at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

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