

# Bertha's C o r n e r



By  
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## Old Fashioned Never Gets Old

If you ask my kids, they will say Mom is an old-fashioned girl. I like to wear a scarf when it is windy. Makes me look old, I'm told! I don't really care. I like holding hands with my hubby when we cross the street or walk through the parking lot. I enjoy someone holding the door as we prepare to enter. We pause, bow our head and give thanks before meals. We remember "sir" and "ma'am" in our everyday language.

Growing up as an only child, with my grandparents and two uncles, besides my mother, I learned a lot about old fashioned.

For those of you who wonder what "old fashioned" means, it's living with values you were taught growing up, respecting those around you and how you spend your time. I like to read old books like "Little Women", "Charlotte's Web" and "Heidi", just to name a few. I read a lot of new books too! It may be old fashioned but I still learn from old books.

When I think about old fashioned, I usually am smiling, or laughing! "Why?", you wonder. Because everything I do now will be old fashioned five years or more from now! I love making dishes Grandmother made, the old fashioned way, from a recipe passed down, worn out where you can barely read it. But still shared with family and friends.

Memories are certainly attached to old fashioned ways. It is the memory of Mom telling me how the dough had to be rolled, or the time my oldest son wanted to watch how I made our famous hamburger pie. He took notes, he watched, he asked questions. He has made it several times and yet he says "It just doesn't taste like yours Mom."

Old recipes, old pictures. Old folks. I could not do without any of them in my old fashioned way. It's strange how any age a person may be, old fashioned seems like a far way place or time. Old always seems far away and a place I am not sure I want to go!

However, before we know it, time takes us to old fashioned ways. None of us will miss out on old fashioned. I am sure as you read this Corner, you will be remembering Old Fashioned events, places and people will run through your mind. I hope you are smiling...

I guess it is true. Old fashioned never gets old.

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## Thompson project to begin April 20, motorist caution urged

Cross Construction, Inc. of Urbana Illinois was awarded the Thompson Avenue project in the City of Hoopeston on March 29, 2022 by the Illinois Department of Transportation for \$993,593.15 (Contract 91612).

Cross Construction plans to start construction on April 20.

The overall scope is the replacement of concrete curb and gutter and resurfacing. The roadway will remain

open during construction, but at times reduced to one lane. Residents are urged to use caution while traveling Thompson Avenue.

The project limits are from east of the CSX railroad crossing easterly to just east of Ninth Street.

The project is funded with a combination of Federal Highway, REBUILD Illinois, and Motor Fuel Tax funds.

The project has 55 working days with an anticipated completion of work at the end of August.

## IDPH adopts federal guidelines for reporting COVID data

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is adopting new federal guidelines for tracking COVID-19 at the community level. The new CDC guidelines emphasize the case rate and hospitalizations in order to better track the prevalence of COVID-19 in communities. As a result of these new guidelines, testing providers will no longer be required to report some negative tests and IDPH will therefore no longer report test and case positivity.

In addition to adopting new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, IDPH is bolstering the data on its COVID-19 dashboard to provide additional information to help communities respond to changes in the course of the virus.

Among the new data that has been or will be shared on the IDPH COVID-19 dashboard are the following:

- Updated data on vaccination rates to reflect the full population eligible as eligibility continues to evolve.
- The number of people admitted to the hospital with a COVID-19 diagnosis.
- More detailed data on hospitalizations, including information about vaccination status in those who are hospitalized.

"Test and case positivity rates were seen as a good way to monitor the level of community spread early in the pandemic," said IDPH Acting Director Amaal Tokars. "At this stage, now that we have vaccines and effective therapies available, it is more useful to rely on data that

indicates the case rate, disease severity and the level of strain on healthcare system to guide our public health recommendations."

Changes adopted by the CDC mean states will no longer be required to report negative antigen test (rapid test) results – and are only required to report negative PCR and NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification Test) results that were performed in certified labs. In addition, the widespread use of at-home tests means that national testing data is not as comprehensive or representative of population-based testing as it was before the introduction of at-home tests.

The CDC announced in March that it is relying on these three metrics to determine the community level of COVID-19 and to classify it as low, medium or high:

- Total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.
- New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.
- The percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients.

COVID-19 Case rates are now slowly rising in many areas of the state. However, hospitalizations and deaths continue to remain low at this time. Given that the spread of COVID-19 is increasing, it is important that those who are at high risk for serious illness take precautions recommended during the pandemic.

See DATA on other side



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## Sports

### Track

Hoopeston Area hosted Georgetown-Ridge Farm, Bismarck-Henning/Rossville Alvin, Illinois Lutheran from Crete, Armstrong-Potomac and Schlarman in girls' and boys' track events.

### From the Blotter

Joseph Hart, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 10:48 p.m. to the 100 block of East Main for a report of a suspicious person. A computer check showed Hart wanted on two Vermilion County warrants.

He was processed at the police station, then taken by a Vermilion County deputy to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

### Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:43 a.m. Tuesday to KBA Limited, 102 N. First Ave., after burning railroad ties rekindled. The department had been called to the scene twice Monday.

### Court Dispositions

**March 9**

**Brian K. Swinford**, Danville, appeared at status hearing for nuisance structure; new status hearing May 11.

**Ardani Garcia**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for unlawful acts constituting disorder; case sent to state for further enforcement.

### Data continued from other side

For more information, including new CDC guidelines, released March 29, regarding second boosters, visit [dph.illinois.gov/covid19.html](http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19.html). To find a COVID-19 vaccination location near you, go to [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov).

The federal government recently established a new website that provides an all-purpose toolkit providing information on how to obtain masks, treatment, vaccines and testing resources for all areas of the country at: [www.covid.gov/](http://www.covid.gov/).

### Weather

Sunny, breezy today. High 66. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 39. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 60, low 36.

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

In ladies events, Bre Crose took first in the 100 meter dash, at 13.24. Fellow Cornjerker Piper Switzer came in ninth at 16.56.

In the girls 200 meter dash, Crose again led, finishing in 28.49, with Switzer coming in 11th at 39.72.

Armstrong runner Christine Bailey came in first in the 400 meter dash, at 1:14.64. Hoopeston Area's Lucy Lugo came in fourth, at 1:17.92. Piper was eighth with 1.29.73.

Allison Pickett led the field in the 800 meter run, finishing at 3:14.46, and came in second in the 1600 meter run at 6:35.95, just behind Grace Adickes, of Crete, at 6:12.32. It was Adickes and Pickett again in the 3200 meter run, at 14:02.45 and 14.19.22, respectively.

Crose led the pack, finishing at 58.85 in the 300 meter hurdles.

Lugo came in fifth in the long jump, with 3.51m, and fourth in the tripe jump, with 8.30m.

Cornjerker Emily Ray came in second in shot put, with

8.99m. Kylie Brown finished fourth with 7.56m, Marissa Garcia was ninth, with 6.40m and Valerie Simpson rounded out the team in 12th at 6.07m.

Ray led in the discus throw with 28.05m, with Brown coming in at 22.21.

In the boys' races, Hunter Cannon led the Hoopeston Area team, coming in sixth at 12.58, followed by Bryson Brewer, 13, with 15.08, and Trenton Betka at 14, with 15.35.

In the 200 meter dash, Trevor Swartz came in 13th, at 31.83 and in the 400 meter, came in seventh, with 1:17.02.

Betka at 3.27.19, finished eighth in the 800 meter run.

In the long jump, Cannon and Hunter placed nine and 10, with 4.59m and 4.16m, respectively. Swartz came in third in the triple jump, at 8.17m.

Cannon led the field in shot put, coming in at 13.10m. Brewer came in eighth with 8.97 and was third in discus with 26.78m.

## Classifieds

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