

# Bertha's Corner



By  
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## Discover Your Passion

Have you ever been so excited about a project, a move, a new job, getting married and deciding who you are and what you want in this life of yours?

Well, I can tell you I was so excited when we bought our ranch home, (where we live now), I had hopes of making it into a mansion for the two of us! We are still working on it!

We have always remodeled, redone, changed any house we lived in. It seems to be our passion to make everything a little better, especially to make this house into our dream home! Each day we see in our minds what it will be when completed.

I am passionate about many things, my husband and family first! They give me love and the strength for every day of my life! Then my friends who hold me up when I feel weak and afraid. They are there to tell me, "Don't give up, you can do it!"

I hope some of you joined the hug club. I sure did! I got my first hug from my hubby, then, right in front of the Post Office, I got a super-duper big hug from a male friend! It made me smile all day! Then a worker at our house got a big hug from me, he smiled the rest of the afternoon!

Whatever you care about with your whole heart and soul I say is your passion. You feel deeply about a person, a project, a class, or whatever you may be doing.

Passion wraps it's arms around you and gives you that push to keep going and keep doing your best! It never leaves your side. It wants you to be a winner and succeed!

How will you know that passion is there with you? You will feel the drive to do good things down to your toes! You will be thinking about how to do better and keep others in your heart and soul.

Passion. We all have it just waiting inside of you to come out and start you living a passion filled life!

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## Area man sentenced to 25 years for predatory sex assault

DANVILLE—A former Bismarck man who pleaded guilty to child sex chares has been sentenced to 25 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On April 10, Gaurav "Gary" Kumar, 35, pleaded guilty to one count of predatory criminal sexual assault, according to a press release from Jacqueline Lacy, Vermilion County State's Attorney.

After a sentencing hearing Monday, Circuit Judge Charles C. Hall imposed the sentence. Since the crime is a Class X felony, Kumar must serve 85 percent of the sentence. Mandatory supervised release (parole) is decided by the Illinois Department of Corrections and could range from three years to life. Additionally, he must reg-

ister as a sex offender for life.

Evidence was presented that Kumar met the victim's mother and they married when the victim was 11 years old. Almost immediately, Kumar began grooming, then repeatedly assaulting the victim, the release said.

The victim kept the secret of the attacks for five years, due to Kumar's coercion and threats of violence. The victim finally gained the courage to tell a teacher about the attacks. The teacher contacted the Department of Child and Family Services along with the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department. After investigating, Kumar was charged and arrested in January 2020.

**See ASSAULT on other side**

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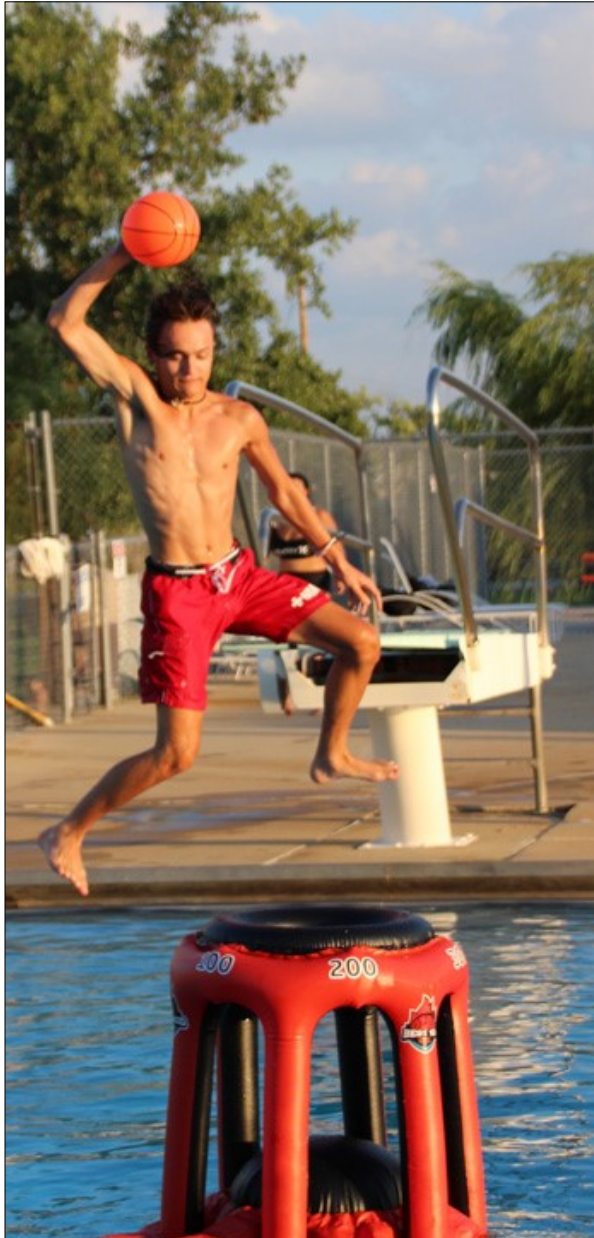
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## Jammin' it

After a running leap from the low dive, Evan Lile mixes pool activities and basketball Wednesday at Hoopeston Public Pool. A lifeguard at the pool, Lile tried various methods to get the ball into the floating basket. The fun was part of the pool's Teen Night, held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m.

## Assault continued from other side

At the sentencing hearing, the victim had the courage to detail for Judge Hall the effects the abuse has had on her physical and emotional state.

Lacy expressed her appreciation for the victim's courage in the case and her willingness to remain steadfast for over two years to obtain justice. He also thanked the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department, Survivor Resource Center and Vermilion County

## Obituaries

**ANDERSON** - Joyce M. (Rentsch) Anderson, 83, of Hoopeston, formerly of rural Danville, died at 4:05 p.m. Sunday July 24, 2022 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, 200 Laird Lane, Watseka IL 60970. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

## Letters to the Editor

*Editor's Note: Part of John Palmer's letter to the editor was left out of Tuesday's issue. The letter is being reprinted in its entirety.*

### Officials debate using IPMC on owner-occupied houses

Communism here. I will be looking forward to the first municipal election, incumbents.

I suggest you get Casey's to do something with those two abandon gas stations all boarded up . I have seen similar scenery on the South side of Chicago.

I smell commies and, it is not the sewage plant. Damn, I believe it my be the city council. Are you turning Commie, city council? Are you going to tell us how we have to wipe our backsides next? Where does it end? Are you going to start taxing the air we breathe next? Last I heard, that air belonged to God. Are you God, city council ?

John Palmer  
Hoopeston

## Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 82. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 66. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 78, low 67.

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State's Attorney Office advocates and noted that their combined efforts and cooperation helped ensure that a sex offender will properly spend a significant amount of time behind bars.

## Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 2:20 a.m. Monday for an active fire alarm in the 400 block of East Honeywell. Hoopeston Police also responded. No injuries were reported.

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