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The Power of Words

Our words can give hope and love or destroy dreams and tear apart families and friendships. Why is it so important to have the last word? For me. I think it says: "I'm right, even if I get it at the end!"

Why, when we open our mouths, the words come out like a flowing stream of power? We have something to say and will find the words to say it! However, often the wrong words come stumbling out like from a drunken soldier! You don't know why you said these words. Now you wish you could take them back. It seems we all should have taken a class on how to use words.

I know you think that's silly, here you are, an adult, a mother, a secretary. You know how to write a report or a nice letter to a friend. What's the big deal about words?

The big deal is: a word can heal the sick, break a heart, or destroy a family! When I write Bertha's Corner I always ask for the right words to put on paper.

It's funny how when we are with someone, we can talk and talk and the words just come to us. I love, love meeting with family and friends in person, on the phone or computer. It's there that a word may last forever. No taking it back, no "I'm sorry" or "that's not what I meant to say."

Your words, my words, all say a lot about who we are. Whether you say the words or write them on paper or put them in the computer. These words, your words, will make an impact on the listener. Maybe, just maybe, the time to think of the words you use is before you use them! Words that are not hurtful or angry. Words that are helpful, happy and kind! There is no place for hurtful words!

How about starting our New Year with anything we have to say being helpful, uplifting and kind! Mama always said, "Be kind and love one another!" That's the words I want to live by!

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Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston Area School Board, special meeting, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, district conference room, to approve the gym installation bid and at-large resolution.

At the library

Winter Break Snowball Family Scavenger Hunt. Check-in starts at 1:45 p.m., hunt begins at 2 p.m. Bring your team of no more than five people. At least one team member must be 16 or older. Limited to 12 teams. For more information, call or stop by Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St., (217) 283-6711.

New Year's closings

• Just the Facts will not be printed Monday.

• Hoopeston Public Library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 31 through Monday, Jan. 2. It will reopen with regular hours Tuesday, Jan. 3. The library will reopen with regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

• Hoopeston administrative offices will be closed Friday and Monday. Hoopeston Police Department will be open for the holiday.

Community blood drive

A Hoopeston blood drive will be held from noon-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30 at First Presbyterian Church community room, 915 E. Orange. For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.



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It took four OTs but the Westville Tigers bested The Cornjerkers, 67-64, to nab fifth place in the Watseka Holiday basketball tournament on December 20.

Anthony Zamora led the Cornjerkers with 34 points, followed by Kendrick Sigerill with 14. Trenton Montez and Preston VanDeVeer each had seven and Owen Root ended the game with two. Zamora led the team in rebounds, with 10, followed by Sigerill with seven.

The Cornjerkers put one in the W column when they hosted Cerro-Gordo/Bement Tuesday. The tem held the Broncos to only nine points in the first half and came away on top, 65-53.

Zamora led Cornjerker scoring with 17 and went seven for eight at the free-throw line. Root scored nine of his 12 points in the first half. Sigerell finished with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Wyatt Eisenman made five of six at the free-throw line and finished with seven, along with Mason Rush, who was seven for 10 at the line. Montez and VanDeVeer each finished with four and Steiner was two



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Hoopeston Methodist Church provided bags of food for each family participating in this year's Toys for Kids program sponsored by Hoopeston Jaycees. The church has an ongoing food ministry.

Hoopeston UMC provides food to Toys for Kids families

Hoopeston Methodist Church partnered with the Hoopeston Jaycees to provide a location for the Toys for Kids and to provide a bag of food to each family. The church donated enough food to fill 70 bags that were distributed to the families who came for the toy distribution.

This is just a part of the ongoing effort to help support children in the community who are food insecure. The church also provides a weekend food program to send a bag of food home with children to ensure they have food

for two at the line.

In the JV game, the fresh/soph team played well but fell short, losing 41-33. Dylan Judy led scoring with 12. Brayden Walder did a great job of running the offences, scoring seven. Zach Huchel finished with four, Athan Linares was one for one at the arc. Cole Miller was two for four at the line. Eisenmann had two points and Bricyn Jones contributed one.

From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:41 p.m. Monday at South Fourth St. and East Chestnut.

Police said Gavin J. Pickett, 17, of Hoopeston, was northbound in a 2010 Subaru when the vehicle left the road and hit a utility pole. The pole was undamaged, police said. Pickett's vehicle sustained some damage but was still operational.

Sports

HA is 7-7 overall and 1-1 in the VVC. The Cornjerkers will host Fisher at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Weather

Chance of drizzle, patchy fog today. High 51. tonight, chance of rain, fog. Low 44. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 49, low 35.

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