

# Bertha's C o r n e r



By  
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## Gratitude

Have you said *Thank You* to anyone today? How often are you given a helping hand just at the right time? Do you walk away, or stop and say, *Thank you for the help*?

Seems like we have little time for thankfulness. Why is that? We want help and usually, we need some help. I'm always glad when my husband offers kitchen clean-up after a meal, or when a friend drops by with a home-made pie for us! But do I show appreciation and thankfulness or am I too busy tasting the pie to say *Thank You*? Really, we should give thanks for everything! Take time to think of all the things in one day you could and should be thankful for. Make your list now. Boy, that's a big step into gratitude!

We are in such a hurry to get on to the next thing we feel must be done, that gratitude gets knocked off the shelf. I believe gratitude is the very basis of joy and happiness! Each of us must find it in our own way. When I am thankful, I am always smiling. Gratitude enriches our soul and makes our life better! But, I have learned gratitude is not enough. Showing appreciation is. Do it while it is fresh on your mind! Don't wait a day or two. "I'll do it later" usually does not happen. If it is important, then it matters and do it now!

It's like my newly-planted flower garden. Each bloom makes me thankful for each day, each member of my family and my friends. Each time we are appreciative, we are enriched with joy. It puts a great big smile on my face when someone says, "Your article has been an inspiration." I smile and say a big *Thank You!*

Note it takes very little time to say it or write it. *Thank You*. Mother taught me to be thankful, not only for big things, but the little things, too! She most certainly was right. Like, "Can I help you carry your bags to the car?" or "I made these cookies just for you." Try gratitude today and maybe tomorrow. It really is awesome and it works!

Grateful I am every day for each and every one of you, my readers. You give me purpose, perspective and joy! You keep me on my toes with a smile on my face! Thank you for enjoying my "Corner," which is really "Your Corner"! Without you, I'm lost. You give me ideas and request great topics. Grateful and blessed I am to have you as my faithful readers! *Thank you!*




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## Library lists Summer Reading Art Show art show winners

More than 20 artists submitted more than 35 entries in Hoopeston Public Library's Summer Reading Art Show. Show winners have been announced and include:

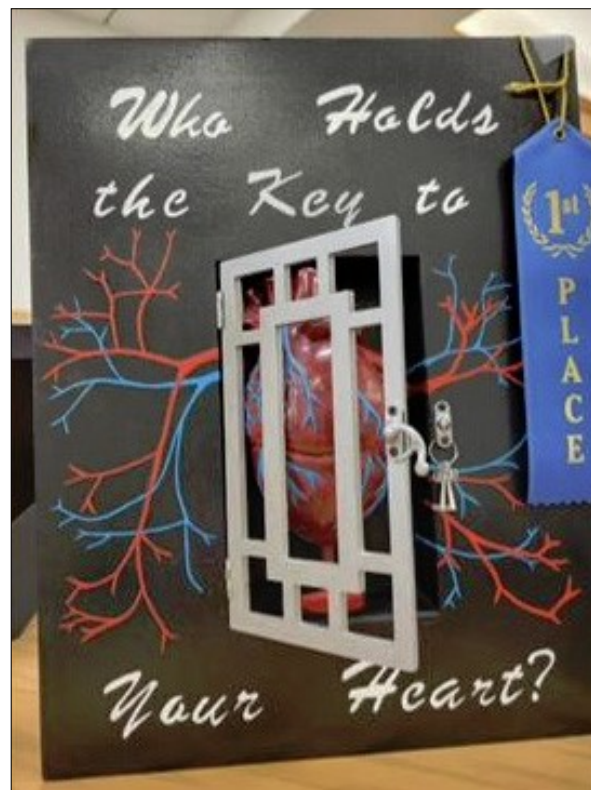
Ages 5-12: Lydia Martin, first; Theo Silver, second; Elle Burkowski, third.

Ages 13-17: Emily Steidel, first; Alissah Swindle, second; Mackenzie Stowe, third.

Adult (18+): Danielle Goff, first, George O'Neill, second; Amber Stowe, third.

First place entries are pictured. Left is the first place adult winner, by Danielle Goff; bottom right is the teen winner by Emily Steidel and top right is the children's winner by Lydia Martin.

Artworks are on display at the library through mid-July.



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## Briefly

### Meetings

**Rossville Police, Health and Safety** committee, 6 p.m. Wednesday, village office, 120 E. Attica. Agenda items include review of past minutes, update on ordinance violations, updates on B-zone changes façade ordinance, bird issues, flock cameras, portable radios. Complete agenda at [www.villageoffrossville.org](http://www.villageoffrossville.org).

**Hoopeston Area School Board**, 6 p.m. Thursday, high school library. The board will immediately go into executive session. The public portion of the meeting will follow. Agenda items include personnel items, approval of building handbooks, approve district plans and approval to purchase a printer/cutter for \$18,153.59 with funds provided by the Charlotte Ann Russell Foundation. Complete agenda will be available at [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us).

### Flag burning ceremony

Hoopeston American Legion Post #384 will hold a flag burning ceremony at 1 p.m. Wednesday - Flag Day - in The Legion parking lot, 502 W. Penn.

Residents who have old and tattered flags they wish to dispose of may bring them to The Legion before the ceremony.

### At the library

**Operation Discovery**, 1-2 p.m. Thursdays. Middle school/high school programs. This week, Sidewalk Art and Poetry.

**Find Your Voice! Share Your Talent!**, 2-4 p.m. June 15, 22, 29. Open Mic in the Afternoon. 15 minute time slots are available. Call or stop by the library for details.

**Summer Reading BINGO**, June 5-August 15. Pick up your free bingo card at the front desk. When you bingo, bring the card in and pick a prize from our \$5 basket

## Court Dispositions

May 10

**Andrew C. Fink**, Hoopeston, appeared at initial appearance for general nuisance in two cases. He complied in both and was fined court costs only of \$80 in each; status hearing June 14.

**Marty J. Fink**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for assault, found guilty by default, fined \$280; status hearing June 14.

**Thomas J. Rivera**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance, default entered. He complied and was fined court costs only of \$80; status hearing June 14.

(one bingo per person please). Fill the entire card by August 15 and pick a prize from the \$10 basket, plus your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Boxcar Books & Vinyl. Prizes include gift cards, books, coffee mugs, journals, electronic toys, games and more!

**Treeclimbers** Genealogy Group, 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

For more information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or visit 110 N. Fourth St.

### WMD winners

May winners in the Hoopeston Women Making a Difference raffle are \$50, Diane Swartz; \$30, David Long and \$20, Deb Hughes.

The group's next meeting will be at 6 p.m. June 27 at the Masonic Lodge.

### Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot.

Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring someone to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

### Taco bar and bake sale

Hoopeston First Church of God will hold a taco bar and bake sale fundraiser starting at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 25 at the church, 1004 E. Orange.

## Obituaries

**LAIRD** - Bessie Leah "Lee" (Sprague) Laird, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 4:08 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation will be from noon until the 2 p.m. memorial service Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. No burial will be held. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

## Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 80. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 55. Tomorrow, sunny. High 86, low 50.

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

All are by freewill donation, with funds will going toward The Story Tour the church is sponsoring in September.

Feel free to join us for church at 10 a.m.!

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