

# Bertha's C o r n e r



By  
**BERTHA PARSONS**

## On Becoming You

Have you ever thought about who you are? I mean really, who is Bertha, Jon, Marty, Lourdine, or Susan? Are you just a girl or just a boy? Are you happy and full of love and joy? Becoming you is important. Your life has a purpose. It is to make a difference in this world!

Seems like so many people try to make us what they want us to be. Sometimes you give up and go with it! Not me! I'm not going to be what you want me to be! I am me and I like me! Seems we are told as a child, "You are just like Aunt Mary," or "Your dad would have said that at the dinner table." or "You remind me of Grandpa, always with a joke!" It's not all bad to be like a member of the family, if you liked them! Yet, each of us really want to be who we are, not someone else.

I never knew my father. He was away during WW2. I never ate a meal with him, yet my favorite foods were his favorite foods. If I do not like something I will say it, and not always nicely. He was just like that, so you could say I was very much like a father I never knew or lived with, yet, I'm still Bertha.

If your life right now is not what you want, if the scene is making you unhappy, change your scene! Get the colors out and paint a new picture, meet new friends, make things happen that make you happy! Find a scene that puts you on top, with lots of smiles and joy! Don't let anyone tell you, "You can't do that, it's way too hard." or "It's going to cost you more than it's worth!" Close the door to those naysayers, (those who are always against something), and continue to find you!

It seems so simple to become you. My goodness, I'm here and I certainly can learn to be me, can't I? Yes and no. Many people try to make us what they want us to be. We have parents, teachers and friends who want to mold us in their ways and ideas, so it's important to know who you are, what you want from your life. So, sit right down and decide who you are and what kind of person you want to be! Yes, it is that simple. Don't let anyone change who you are, make your own path on becoming you. Remember, there is only one you, so it had better be good you!

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## Medical equipment ministry is labor of love for local couple

A couple in a local church is helping area residents heal in a practical way.

Helping Hands Home Medical Ministry, an outreach of Hoopeston First Church of God, provides medical equipment designed to help in recovery at home.

Holly and Stephen Eyrich have offered the ministry for more than 10 years, providing hospital beds, wheelchairs, transport chairs, walkers, HurryCanes, quad canes, Rollator walkers, knee walker scooter, crutches, shower chairs, commodes, toilet risers, bed rails and walking boots, all free of charge for as long as a person needs them.

Equipment may be borrowed for the duration of a recovery or as a means to fill in the gap between discharge from a hospital or other facility and approval from insurance or Medicare to provide such items. This fills a need for those who get discharged from a facility and need the equipment immediately, Holly Eyrich said.

Items are stored until needed. Anyone who needs the available items may call or text 217-474-7350 or 217-474-7593 to arrange to meet and pick up the items needed.

The Eyrichs welcome donations of the equipment listed and will be glad to pick them up. They also

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## Central IL National Weather Service to host anxiety webinar

National Weather Service Central Illinois will host a free public Storm Anxiety Webinar and question and answer session at 6 p.m. CST January 25.

Participants for the online event must preregister either at [gotowebsinar.com](http://gotowebsinar.com) or scan the QR code.



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## Sports

### Bowling

Two bowlers from Vermilion County schools are heading to state sectionals this weekend.

Chase Wilson of Hoopeston and Gavin Fauver from Danville, made the cut at last weekend's regionals at Salem.

### Boys Basketball

Between field goals and free throws, Hoopeston Area senior Kendrick Sigerill contributed 23 points to the 86-38 rout of Tolono's Uni High Thursday.

Upping the tally were Mason Rush with 16, Wyatt Eisenmann and Ethan Steiner with 10 each, Owen Root with eight, Trenton Montez six, Dylan Judy five, Dylan Deck four and Cole Miller two.

Sigerill also led in rebounds, with eight, followed by Eisenmann with seven.

The Cornjerkers took to the hardwood on Saturday for their first game of the Vermilion County Tournament and came home with a decisive 71-46 win over Armstrong/Potomac.

Root led with 25 points, followed by Sigerill with 16 and Rush with 15. Eisenmann had six on the night,

Montez chipped in five and Steiner and Judy each had two.

Rush was at 50% for three-pointers, hitting five of 10. Eisenmann was 2 of 3 and Root 2 of 5.

Sigerill grabbed the most rebounds with six, followed by Montez with four, Steiner with two and Brayden Walder and Root with one each.

After a two-day break, the Cornjerkers were scheduled to take on Georgetown-Ride Farm Tuesday, in their second tournament game.

### Girls Basketball

The Lady Cornjerkers hosted Cissna Park Thursday, losing 53-17.

The ladies rebounded Friday with a 51-36 win over Westville in their opening game of the Vermilion County Tournament at Danville Area Community College, getting Hoopeston Area back to an even 10-10 for the season.

On Monday, the ladies made it 2 for 2 in the tournament, easing past Oakwood, 50-44. Claire Dixon had 15 points for the game and Addyson Kelnhofer had 11 on the night.,

## Briefly

### HMA activities

**Women's Morning Donut Group** meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room.

**Euchre group meets** Wednesdays, starting 12:30. For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

### At the Library

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other portable handcrafts are inviting to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

**Steam Lab for Kids**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. This week, Make Playdough.

**January adult craft** "Diamond Art Coaster," will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22. Supplies will be furnished for this popular crafting technique. To register, call or stop by.

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

### Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be January 18. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

### Medical continued from other side

accept donations of larger items, such as lift chairs, patient lifts, power scooters and more. However, because of limited storage space, Eyrich said they try to quickly find homes for these items in the community and even in nursing homes.

"These larger items are quite expensive to purchase and can make a huge difference in a person quality of life and care," she said. "In many cases these items can be the big reason someone can live comfortably with in their homes rather than in care facilities."

### Weather

WIND CHILL ADVISORY until 9 a.m. Wednesday. Increasing clouds today. High 24. Tonight, cloudy. Low 19. Tomorrow, chance of snow, snow likely late. High 26, low 6.

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

## From the Blotter

William R. Thomas, 50, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 11:20 p.m. Monday at South First Ave. and West Orange. He was cited for operating vehicle with expired registration and driving while suspended and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

## Fire Calls

**Hoopeston Fire Department** was called at 11:33 p.m. Monday for an activated carbon monoxide alarm in the 700 block of South Fourth St. No injuries were reported.

## Court Dispositions

### December 13, 2023

**Jeremy J. Furrow**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for restrictions for burning trash, default entered; case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Amanda J. Plonka**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance; new status hearing January 10.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

#### Customer Account Representative

The Frederick Community Bank in Cissna Park has a position available for a **part-time** Customer Account Representative. Applicant must have skills interacting with customers, ability to handle various transactions accurately, and be part of a team environment. If you are interested, please mail your resume to The Frederick Community Bank, PO Box 36, Cissna Park, IL 60924, or pick up an application from the receptionist in Cissna Park.

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