

# Bertha's C o r n e r



By  
**BERTHA PARSONS**

## A Good Day

Today is a good day to have a good day! I'm writing this on a rainy, cold day and I'm talking about a good day? What's wrong with me?

I'm pretty sure we all prefer good days, yet somehow that doesn't always happen. Why do we have bad days and have to try to turn them good? Turning a day Good is really exciting and wonderful for your life.

Does having a bad day just happen? No, it does not just happen. Like everything else in our life, you and I are in control. Remember when you were 16 and you wanted to be 19 and your own boss? Well, here we are, most of us are 19 plus and are happy about it!

Am I in control? Let's see if that is true. I do get up and go to bed when I want. I do eat almost anything I like. I choose my friends, and I have a few dollars to spend any way I want.

You can choose to have a bad or good day! Mama always said. "It's up to you!" I didn't really understand that for a very long time. Me? I'm in charge! I can hardly take care of myself sometimes, let alone make my days good! How can that happen?

For me, it starts with positive, upbeat thoughts and ideas. If you want a really good day, you need a good foundation. That means prayer, love, caring and determination.

I can do it. I know I can do it! I will do it! The foundation is built on prayer for guidance, love of family and friends, caring for yourself, then caring for your family and friends! Then comes the determination to succeed at having that really good day!

It sounds so simple. Just be kind, loving, happy and never give up on having good days. It takes your real self to care and prepare for that good day.

Sure, we are going to fail now and then, that is when a really bad day happens! You stay strong and knock that day down and remember: A good day is just around the corner waiting for you. Today is really a good day to have a Good Day!

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## From the Blotter

Angela L. Murphy, 42, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 8:52 p.m. Sunday in the 100 block

of West Main. She was taken to the police station, where she was charged with driving while license suspended and improper backing, and released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

## Fire Calls

**Hoopeston Fire Department** was called at 12:34 a.m. Saturday to Heritage Health, 423 N. Dixie Hwy., for the smell of natural gas. No injuries were reported.

**Firefighters were called** at 2:06 p.m. Saturday to the city slab, 1118 N. Dixie Hwy., for a brush pile on fire.

**The department was called** at 8:01 p.m. Sunday for a smell of smoke in a residence in the 900 block of East Wyman. No injuries were reported.

## Sports

### Softball

The Hoopeston Area softball team is 4-0 for the season, after wins against St. Anne (28-2) Rantoul (14-10), Clifton Central (14-4) and, most recently, Donovan, where the girls won 61-6.

See SPORTS on other side

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
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**6 p.m. Thursdays**  
**Hoopeston First Church of God**  
1004 East Orange St. 217-283-6301  
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Dinner and/or snacks served  
Transportation available upon request

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Contact DJ Neal  
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**FARM SAFETY DAY**  
March 23, 2024  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Farm Safety Demonstrations / Free Blood Pressure Checks / Farm Vendors  
Bounce House / Pedal Tractor Races / Touch a Truck and Tractor / Free Lunch  
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**Tuesday:** Chicken Pot Pie, Speedway Burger and Chicken or Beef & Noodles  
**Wednesday:** Rib eye sandwich, Prime rib sandwich or Pork chops  
**Thursday:** Swiss steak or Popcorn shrimp  
**Friday:** Cod, Rib eye steak, and Rib dinners  
Prime Rib, Rib Eye steak, and Rib dinners  
**Breakfast Buffet**  
7-10 a.m. Sat. 7 a.m. -12 p.m. Sun.  
Breakfast served 5:30-10 a.m. Mon.-Fri.  
5:30-11 Sat. & Sun.

**GROGAN** - Bineta Grogan, 96, of Hoopeston, passed away at 10:16 a.m. Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Accolade Healthcare of Paxton on Pells. She was born September 18, 1927, in Albany, KY, the daughter of Brownlow and Mae (Looper) Byers. She married Daniel E. Grogan on August 25, 1946, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dunnington, IN. He preceded her in death on August 9, 2009. She is survived by two sons, Michael Grogan of Milford, and Paul Grogan of Hoopeston; one sister, Ruby (Richard) Birkey of



**BINETA GROGAN**

**Sports** continued from other side

Ladies getting two or more hits were Kinzley Bailey, Jersey Cudiff, Aubreyana Inman, Addyson Kelnhofer, Kayla Recker and Macy Warner. Inman got a double, Kelnhofer, Bailey and Barnes, got triples and Bailey, Recker, Cundiff, Inman, Kelnhofer and Melina Vogel all had RBIs. Cundiff was the winning pitcher.

**Weather**

Sunny today. High 42. Tonight, cloudy. Low 24. Tomorrow, clouds. High 43, low 33. For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

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**Obituaries**

Hoopeston; four grandchildren, Adrienne, Paul, Charlene, and Mary; several great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Daniel Grogan, Jr.; four sisters, and one brother.

Bineta worked at FMC as a janitor and later worked in the kitchen at Hoopeston hospital. She also worked at the Hoopeston Multi Agency for 18 years. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Hoopeston. Bineta's hobbies included collecting butterflies and antiques.

A visitation will be held 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 22, 2024, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral Mass will follow the visitation, beginning at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 423 S. Third St., Hoopeston, with Father Ignatius Mulenda officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Bineta

to the Alzheimer Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Bineta's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

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**HELP WANTED**

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 is accepting applications for Summer Crew Cleaning & Summer Crew Technology Workers. Applications may be picked up at the District Office and dropped off no later than April 12, 2024.

Local accounting firm has full-time opening for a bookkeeper. Duties will include bookkeeping, payroll and general office duties. Experience would be helpful but we can train as well. Full-time includes 40 hours a week with paid vacation and bonuses. We are a busy office and the person hired will need to be able to meet deadlines. Please send a resume to Russell Leigh & Associates, LLC, 228 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Hubbard Trail Golf Course is hiring bartenders/waitstaff. We are looking for friendly faces to provide exceptional service to our guests in a friendly and timely manner. Also maintain and keep the bar and dining area clean. Candidates must have Food Handlers and Basset or be willing to obtain these licenses. Applications can be filled out at Hubbard Trail Golf Course, 13937 E 3680 N Rd Hoopeston IL 60942

Hubbard Trail Golf Course is hiring a Part-Time Greens Keeper. Duties include but not limited to mowing fairways and greens, trimming and edging around trees, pulling weeds, picking up sticks, and raking. Applications can be filled out at Hubbard Trail Golf Course, 13937 E 3680 N Rd Hoopeston IL

The City of Hoopeston Police Department is accepting applications to hire one police officer for the May Academy. Application deadline will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Testing will

be held Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 9 a.m. Apply in person at the Hoopeston Police Department, 301 W Main St. or online at [www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/). Applicants will be contacted with testing information and procedures before April 13. Contact the Hoopeston Police Department for questions at 217-283-5196.

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.