

# Bertha's C o r n e r



By  
**BERTHA PARSONS**

## Happiness!

How important to be happy? This is a very important and interesting question. Are you and I happy? Yes and no! September 8 was my birthday and I'm one year younger! That's right. Thinking young gives me happiness! The weather was beautiful, my family and friends gifted me with cards, calls, love and gifts, so happiness was everywhere in our home!

I believe happiness gives us a purpose for our life! How awesome is that? We are all looking to be happy, where does it come from? Who has it? I want a lot of it!

Mama always said, "You can choose to be happy or mad, it's your choice!" It took me a while to get what she was saying. You may be thinking, "What's happiness got to do with anything?" Well, it has a lot to do within and for your life! No happiness? No good life! Simple. Right? Not exactly. WE are all looking everywhere for that nine letter happiness word! Wouldn't it be great if we could go to the happiness store and pay \$20 for all the happiness we could carry out! So far, I've not found that store in any town I've lived in, so where is it?

Sometimes I find it with a best friend over coffee and cake, sometimes I find it when I am folding clothes and I'm thankful for a good husband and children! Sometimes it's a neighbor's call for "let's get together, come on over!"

We are created for happiness. I believe it's God's plan for each of us! No doubt, there will be unhappy days. It is really up to you to find, and enjoy happiness! I don't want to hear, "Bertha doesn't know what I'm going through, she has always been happy!" Maybe that's true, I may not know what you are going through, or I may be having a bad day, too, but I am constantly in pursuit of happiness. I want to smile, laugh, crack a joke or two and just be happy! How hard can that be?

We always will have upsets, getting mad and not a joyful day. "So what," Mama would say, "You want happiness, make it! You want joy? Smile more. You want gratefulness, be thankful more often! You get only one chance at this life! Only one!" Boy, was she right! Everyone wants that nine-letter word HAPPINESS so I say, live all you can, have fun, be kind, pray once in awhile and always be happy! Remember. Every day there is something to be happy about!

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Save the Lorraine board members and volunteers, along with elected officials and representatives of city and county economic development efforts, join T-Mobile staff to celebrate the company's \$40,667 grant to the foundation. Funds will go to complete the Lorraine restoration project which will allow the theater to again show films.

## Grant to help bring movies back to majestic Lorraine screen

Hoopeston's historic, century-old theater is getting a new lease on life thanks to T-Mobile's Hometown Grant program.

T-Mobile representatives were in Hoopeston last week to announce that Save the Lorraine Foundation was

awarded a \$40,667 grant to complete its restoration project that to allow the Lorraine Theatre to show movies again. First run movies are expected to be shown again at the theater beginning in 2025.

See LORRAINE on other side



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**Briefly**

**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 September 19. 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.

**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. 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.

**Pork sandwich benefit**

Milford United Methodist Church, 118 N. Axtel, will hold a drive-through pork fundraiser from 4-6:30 p.m. Saturday to benefit Angel's Closet. Freshly-grilled pork burger or pork chop sandwiches will be available for a

free-will donation. All will be grilled on-site by Ford-Iroquois Pork Producer members. Enter the east parking lot entrance. Stay in your vehicle to order and receive sandwiches. For info or to pre-order, call (815) 471-8757.

**Obituaries**

**McCOY** - John Lewis "Johnny" McCoy, 78, of Hoopeston, died at 1:45 a.m. Saturday, September 7, 2024. He will be cremated and a celebration of life held at a later date. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [anderson-funeral-home.com](http://anderson-funeral-home.com).

**Lorraine continued from other side**

"After 12+ years of fundraising and renovations, this gift from T-Mobile's Hometown Grant allows us to cross the finished line, said foundation President Alex Houmes. "The much anticipate return of "First Run" movie screenings will be an experience worthy of the Lorraine's reputation for sound and picture quality. Mixing its historic atmosphere and today's latest technology, the Lorraine Theatre will once again be *The Best Place for Movies.*"

The Hometown Grant program began in April 2021. T-Mobile has awarded 325 communities across 47 states and over \$14 million in funding. Hometown Grants are geared towards communities with populations of 50,000 or fewer residents. To apply for a Hometown Grant, visit [here](http://here).

**Weather**

Sunny today. High 86. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 59. Tomorrow, sunny. High 87, low 60.

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