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And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world

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should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David. which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with

Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the

babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and

see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saving which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2:1-20 KJV

# Christmas Eve Church Services

Chestnut Street Church of Christ: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 p.m. at the church, 709 E. Chestnut, Hoopeston. Service will include worship, praise and a message.

#### East Lynn **Community Fellowship:**

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m. The church is at 41444 Main St..

#### First Christian Church

502 E. Main St., Hoopeston. Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

#### First Church of God

1004 E. Orange St., Come and Go communion from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

#### First Presbyterian Church:

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m. at 915 E. Orange, Hoopeston.

#### **Hoopeston United** Methodist Church:

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#### City man pleads guilty to residential arson, gets 10 years

A Hoopeston man was sentenced to 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) after pleading guilty to residential arson.

James Brayboy, 27, pleaded guilty to the class 1 felony, as well unlawful possession of a weapon - no FOID card, a class 3 felony, for three years in IDOC; and criminal damage to property, a class four felony, for an additional two years behind bars.

Sentences will run concurrently. according to a press release from Jacqueline Lacy, Vermilion County State's Attorney.

Brayboy was sentenced on December 17, appearing before Judge Mark S. Goodwin.

Prosecutors presented evidence that in the early morning hours of June 23, 2024, Hoopeston Police responded to a house fire on East Young. The homeowner stated to police that Brayboy had recently

sent her a text message mentioning a house fire.

During the investigation, officers obtained video surveillance and were able to identify Brayboy, wearing a distinctive backpack and watch, walking towards the door of the home, then walking away as a flash of light was observed in the area of the residence.

Officers noted the front door of the home was unusable prior to the fire and had been locked and secured with a full sheet of plywood inside the door frame.

Brayboy was later located by police, wearing the same distinctive backpack and watch.

An arson investigator indicated the fire started outside the front door of the structure, possibly by the use of fireworks. Officers noted after searching Brayboy's belongings, that there were five standard lighters, one long wand-style lighter and five Black Cat firecrackers found inside his backpack.

The People also presented evidence in case 2024-CF-140 that on February 21, 2024, Hoopeston police responded to a business on Lincoln St., for a report of criminal damage to two vehicles. Police identified Brayboy on surveillance video, jumping over the fence of the property with an unidentified person and walking up to



HPD photo

JAMES BRAYBOY

cation Card.

Lacy thanked the Hoopeston Police Department for their diligent attention to these criminal investigations. She also extended her appreciation to the Hoopeston Fire Department.

She added, "The reckless actions of this criminal not only violated the law but also endangered the safety and security of our community. This sentence reflects the serious nature of his crimes, including residential arson, and serves as a reminder that such criminal behavior will not be tolerated. My office will continue to work to protect our residents."

#### **Jaycees seek nominations** for 2004 Legacy Award

Hoopeston Jaycees are seeking nominations for the 2024 Legacy of Hoopeston Award. Go to hoopestonjaycees.org/ and click the banner at the top to be directed to the nomination form.

This award, formerly 'Citizen of the Year,' is for nominees who reside in the Hoopeston area, are at least 42 years old, and who embody the Jaycees' motto: "service to humanity is the best work of life!'

#### each of the vehicles and damaging them. Officers later made contact with

Brayboy and obtained consent to search his home, where they located a hoodie and pair of jeans that were an exact match for the clothing he was wearing in the surveillance video.

Additionally, the court heard evidence in 2024-CF-240 that on April 10, 2024, Brayboy was involved in a dispute with a female, when another male stopped to assist the female. Brayboy directed his anger at the male witness and threw a brick and broke the windshield of the male's vehicle.

He was later located by police, but fled to a house, where he hid in the basement. Brayboy was found and searched subject to arrest. Police found a taser on his person. Brayboy is not eligible to receive a Firearm Owner Identifi-

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# Bertha's

### BERTHA PARSONS

#### It's Almost Here!

Let me start by saying "A New Year is a New start" You see, it's easy to start celebrating, making new plans, meeting up with family and connecting with new friends, As mentioned before, my to-do list has nothing done yet. You're wondering. "Why make it then?" Well, we all have to start somewhere. I know you are eager to know what's on my list! There are seven items, I'll share three with you: Write more letters to family. Call shut-ins once a week. Save more \$ for emergencies. Now it's your turn to make a to-do list!

A new year is exciting, I get silly thinking of all I want to do and what I can and should do in this awesome New Year! Why would I say awesome? I'm planning on that, working toward that and praying for God's help with that! If you've never made a New Year's list, try it! Being able to see things you want to do is exciting and fun.

Every year that I am given I do not want to waste. I want this New Year to be the best I've ever had! Now don't think that is impossible!

Growing up an only child, my mother always wanted me to have goals. She would say, "Bertha, you need purpose in your life, make a list!" I was 13 when she shared that. One cold winter at my grandparents house where we lived she gave me a notebook and said, "start to-

dav!"

If you have grandchildren, share all your knowledge. They need to hear how you grew up! Last year, like every year, I write a letter to each of my four grandsons. I know what you're thinking, "They couldn't care less about what Gramma thinks." Wrong! I had nothing to lose, so I said, "I'm going to write a letter to each of them every Christmas as long as I am able."

Last year one of my grandsons e-mailed me. He had been having a bad day and decided to read one of my letters, so he pulled it out of the box he keeps them in, and before he knew it, he was feeling better and stronger to handle his problem!

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#### **Court Dispositions**

#### November 13

**Angel K. Bane**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for unlawful acts constituting disorder, default entered, fined \$190. Case sent to state for further enforce-

Jennifer Tetrault, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance. She complied and was find court costs only, of \$80; case sent to state for further enforcement.

#### **Sports**

#### Bowling

Chase Wilson set a new Hoopeston Area High School record Saturday as he bowled a 235 270 225 730 series. Hoopeston Area swept Danville all three games, 895-859,975-915 and 1027-866. Jacob Rush had a 221-203 595 series.

The JV also won both games, led by Jackson Silver 214-394, and Alivia Wilson 365, and Owen Fields 373.

The team will be in action again on January 6, traveling to Lincoln.

Caitlyn N. Jones, Hoopeston, failed to appear for theft, default entered, fined \$180 plus \$11.50 restitution; status hearing December 11.

Roger D. Catron, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restraint of dogs, default entered, fined \$180; status hearing December 11.

Olivia A. Strawser, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for burning trash, default entered, fined \$180; status hearing December 11.

Alfredo P. Sidar, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restrictions for burning trash, default entered, fined \$190; status hearing December 11.

Robert C. Foster, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty at initial appearance to two cases of general nuisance, fined \$180 in the first and \$80 in the second, for compliance. Status hearing January 8, 2025.

Joycelyn De Los Santos, Hoopeston, appeared at initial appearance for two cases of general nuisance. She complied in the first case and received court costs only of \$80 for each case; status hearing December 11.

Lisa M. Bitzel, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for assault, default entered, fined \$230; status hearing December 11.



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#### **Blood drive**

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#### Model train display to open

Trains will be running Dec 27-Dec 30 from 10-4 during Open House at 36078 N 880 E Rd, Rossville, IL. Dewain and Marilyn Moore. 217-497-5026, mmstation42@ gmail.com.

#### **Holiday closings**

- •Hoopeston Public Library closed Monday-Wednesday this week and reopen with regular hours Thursday. It will be closed December 31 and January 1 for New Years.
- Hoopeston offices will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Hoopeston Police Department will remain open.

Garbage and recycling will run one day late after Christmas and garbage will be a day late after New Years.

• Just the Facts will be not be printed again until December 30.

#### From the Blotter

**Jacob Cordes**, 39, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 11:42 p.m. December 16 to the 600 block for a report of aggravated battery. He was charged with the offense and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Tajuana Burns**, 28, of Chicago, was arrested after a traffic stop at 8:39 p.m. Tuesday in the 100 block of East Orange. Police said a computer check showed the vehicle she was driving was stolen. She was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Desire Welch**, 27, of Chicago, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 10:57 p.m. Tuesday at West Maple and South Fourth Ave. Cited for operating uninsured vehicle and no valid driver's license, she was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

A set of bolt cutters was found in the 600 block of East Orange. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

**Matthew Russian**, 39, of Catlin was ticketed after a traffic stop at 8:27 p.m. Wednesday at Main and Market. He was cited for disobeying traffic control device and

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Caitlyn Jones, 21, and Roger Catron, 66, both of Hoopeston, were ticketed for restraint of dogs by owner after dogs were running loose at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of East Young. They were issued notices to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A set of keys with a Wisconsin keychain was located Thursday in the 300 block of East Main. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

#### **Obituaries**

KUNCE - James J. Kunce, 87, of Watseka, formerly of Rankin, died Thursday, December 19, 2024, at home. Visitation was 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Knapp Funeral Home and will be from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Monday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Woodworth. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church at Woodworth, Iroquois Memorial Hospice or Milford Fire Department. Condolences may be shared at knappfuneralhomes.com.

#### **Death Notices**

**INGRAM** - Carole Ingram, 79, of Hoopeston, died at 9:16 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Accolade healthcare of Paxton on Pells. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

#### Weather

Cloudy, chances of rain most days this week. High Monday, 40, low 29. Tuesday, high 41, low 33. Christmas Day, High 42, low 37. Thursday, high 49, low 43. Friday, high near 53, low 46. Saturday. High near 54, low 45.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

#### Classifieds

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