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By  
**BERTHA PARSONS**

## Joy!

To those who know me, I'm a Joyful. Silly. Happy Person. So, let's talk joy. What gives you joy and how important is joy in your life?

Lots of questions, sure hope you have or know where you can get joy! Is it at the Dollar Store, at your next door neighbor's house or right at your own front door? It can't be that hard to find!

If you knew my mother, Martha Lashley you know joy! "Aunt Martha," as she was known, was always thankful to the Lord and counted on Him for all her needs. No matter how bad her day or a lack of money to pay the rent, she would always say, "The Lord will supply." He always did! There joy is again.

So, if you've been out looking for joy and not found it, let me give you a clue! Are you looking for a person, a place, a thing, answers or questions? Well, Joy is not at home there in any of those places!

I see you shaking your head and pointing your finger at me! Bertha, what did you do with joy? It's always easy to blame someone else if we've lost joy! Maybe your spouse who didn't remember your birthday, or a friend who hasn't checked on you for awhile.

I would be so much happier if someone else gave me joy! It's like when you ask your husband or a friend how they like your homemade soup and they say, "It's delicious!" There's joy all around us!

I'm positive joy lives in your heart, all the time, every single day! I bet you didn't know that! It's true, all you need to do is decide that you are going to be happy, smiling and thankful for every little or big joy that comes your way!

I'm doing it! You had better, too!

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## Briefly

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

**Littles at the Library**, 10:45 a.m. Tuesday. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts are invited to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

**Kids Steam**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. This week, science with Melting Snowman, Frost in a Can, Snowstorm in a Jar, How to Make snowman Snowball Shooters.

**Youth Jam**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. This week, Glue

Window Clings.

**Winter Reading Challenge** is going on through February 25. Pick up a Challenge book list at the main desk, complete at least five of the challenges and write title/author next to the challenge you complete. Return completed list by February 28 and receive a cute new buffalo plaid book tote. Read all 15, you'll receive another special warm winter gift.

### 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 16. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.



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THURSDAY: Pancake & sausage, hash brown, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk  
FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, mixed fruit, Veggy juice, milk

**Hoopeston Area Middle School**  
MONDAY: Chicken strips, green beans, veggies, applesauce, milk  
TUESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans peaches, milk  
WEDNESDAY: Quesadilla, refried beans, chips & salsa, veggies, pears, milk  
THURSDAY: Spaghetti, Max Stick, salad, pineapple, milk



**Obituaries**

**NICHOLS** - Rosalynn Amarah "Rosy" Nichols, three-year-old daughter of John David and Ariel Nicole Nichols, of Hoopeston, died at 1:06 a.m. Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 3-5 p.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to her family. Condolences may be shared at [anderson-funeral-home.com](http://anderson-funeral-home.com).

**Death Notices**

**MONTEZ** - Armando Montez, 64, of Hoopeston, died at 2:59 p.m. Thursday, January 9, 2025, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**2025 Hoopeston FFA Alumni**  
**SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION**  
Saturday, January 25  
Silent Auction 4-6 p.m. Live Auction 6 p.m.  
**The Legion**  
502 E. Penn, Hoopeston  
Food served 4:30 p.m. until gone (free will donation)  
Auctioneers: **Larry Baughn, Jon Mowrey, Craig Lee**

**Lunch Menus**

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk  
**Hoopeston Area High School**  
MONDAY: Chicken wrap or hot ham & cheese, green beans, salad bar, applesauce, milk juice  
TUESDAY: Country fried steak or calzone, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Quesadilla or pork BBQ/bun, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice  
THURSDAY: Spaghetti or cheeseburger, Max Stick, salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice  
FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

**Court Dispositions**

**December 11**  
**Jennifer N. Watkins**, Danville, failed to appear for breach of peace, default entered, fined \$180; status hearing January 8.  
**Larry T. Lane**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restrictions for burning trash, default entered, fined \$180; status hearing January 8.  
**Kevin L. Lambert**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restrictions for burning trash, default entered, fined \$180; status hearing January 8.  
**Jacob S. Cordes**, failed to appear at initial appearance for restraint of dog by owner, default entered, fined \$180; status hearing January 8.

**Jordan M. Davis-Ervin**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for battery, default entered, fined \$230; status hearing January 8.  
**Craig J. Vyhnaneck**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty at initial appearance to general nuisance. He complied and was fined \$80 court costs; status hearing February 12.

**Weather**

Sunny today. High 16. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 6. Tomorrow, chance of snow, then sunny. High 14, low 1.  
For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

**From the Blotter**

**Fernando Rivera-Rojas**, 34, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 2:07 a.m. Thursday at South Second Ave. and Dice. Cited for operating uninsured vehicle, he was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.  
**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 4:51 p.m. Friday at North Dixie Hwy. and Baer Rd. Police said Eric Jaskula, 49, of Milford, was northbound in a 2017 Hyundai when the driver's side tire came off his vehicle and struck a 2005 Ford, driven by Mitchell Davis, 44, of Clarence.

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