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## Taylor Page named HA 2025 Good Citizen Award winner

### Local DAR chapter selects senior

The Barbara Standish Chapter of the NSDAR is pleased to announce the winner of the Good Citizen Award for the Hoopeston Area High School for 2025 to be Taylor Rae Page.



TAYLOR PAGE

She is the daughter of Brian and Amy Page of Rankin.

Page is vice president of her class, president of the Student Council and president of the National Honor Society this year.

Along with being an Illinois State Scholar, she is active in numerous school activities such as Student Council, FFA Career Development Events (CDE), National Hon-

or Society, Marching Band, Scholastic Bowl and sports, including golf and track and field.

Her main interest is in music and she is active in the marching, concert, pep and jazz bands. She was in the Vermilion County Honor Band, the Illinois State Band and the Liberty Bowl Parade and Football Game in Memphis.

While volunteering at school functions such as Link Crew, she also helps the city with their projects.

Page plans to major in music education in a four-year college and one day become a high school band director.

She will be honored and presented with her award at the school's Honor Night in the spring.

## Thank you

The family of Karen Peterson would like to thank everyone for the prayers and words of encouragement throughout her battle with cancer.

Special thanks to Father Ted Pracz for his continued prayers.

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*Photos submitted*  
**Sweethearts**  
 Hoopston Area choral students prepare to entertain guests at the 32nd Senior Citizen Sweetheart Dinner, held Friday, February 7, in the high school gym. The event is sponsored by Hoopston Area High School Student Council. Scores of Hoopston area and Rossville seniors turned out to enjoy lunch and musical entertainment provided by students.



# Bertha's

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By  
**BERTHA PARSONS**

## Happiness Isn't

This week I've had some challenges to climb through, find answers to long ago questions! If you are like me, sometimes you have questions about how you grew up! Did your mother have enough \$\$ for food? What was it really like so many years ago?

Did Mama have happiness even though my father chose to leave us? Was I a good child, or was I spoiled? We lived in my grandparents' home outside of Paxton. What did Mother do to make sure we had food and clothes? I could list 20 or more other questions!

However, I think the answers may not matter! Mama used to say, "Happiness isn't something to buy at the store, get for your birthday." Happiness isn't money, friends, homes, clothes or jobs! So, what is it?

Growing up with my grandparents and two uncles, I was spoiled. One such time I wanted a pair of high heeled shoes that cost \$15! They said, "No shoes should cost that much, it will be a cold day in --- if you get them!" Well, two days before the big dance, my Uncle Harold came home with those very shoes! I was so "happy" and thankful! That was a lot of money way back then! He was as happy as I was when he saw me dance around in my new shoes!

I wish all of you could have known my mother! She loved everyone, no matter their color, age, job or faith! She made a point of going to church. To those who didn't go, she would say, "God and I love you anyway!" True! We didn't have much, just me and her, but we had lots of love and faith!

One time when I was eight or nine, we had nothing to eat and I was hungry! My stepfather had spent most of the paycheck and I really learned about faith. Mother said, "God will provide, don't worry, He always takes care of us!" We sat quietly and asked for help and sang songs. There came a knock on the door. There stood our neighbor with leftovers for us! Mama was always right!

So, you're saying, "Bertha, what is happiness? Have you seen it or felt it? Does it talk to you and have answers to your questions?" Let me make this simple. Happiness isn't something you experience, it's something you remember! Be happy and remember every happy day.

## From the Blotter

**Darin Hurt**, 53, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 12:07a.m. Saturday in the 900 block of West Main. He was cited for speeding and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court.

**Anthony Chandler**, 43, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 8:10 p.m. Thursday at Tedd's Home Beverage, 101 W. Main.

He was arrested at 1:13 a.m. Sunday in the 100 block of West Maple, on preliminary charges of criminal damage to property over \$500 and criminal damage to state supported property, as well as resisting and obstructing.

Chandler was processed at the police station before being transferred to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment in Vermilion County Court.

**Jordan Davis-Ervin**, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested Sunday, in three separate incidents.

The first incident was at 2:40 p.m. February 2 at Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy., for a reported theft.

The second incident occurred at 12:27 a.m. Sunday in the 400 block of West Penn, for a reported domestic issue.

The third incident was at 12:38 p.m. Sunday, for a reported theft of vehicle from the 400 block of West Lincoln.

Davis-Ervin was arrested at 2:47 p.m. Sunday on preliminary charges of felony retail theft, domestic battery, unlawful restraint, theft of motor vehicle and possession of methamphetamine. He was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Charles Landers**, 57, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 5:39 p.m. Sunday for an incident at 11:22 p.m. Saturday.

He was charged with two counts of aggravated discharge of a firearm, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and aggravated domestic battery, and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

## Court Dispositions

January 8

**Matthew A. Blurton**, Potomac, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered, fined \$180; case sent to state for further enforcement.

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AUCTIONEER NOTE: More Pictures after Feb 12 due to items stacked in Warehouse. Just a partial listing but lots of nice items.  
JD Snow Blower, DeWalt Air Compressor both are New.  
Please attend this auction.

## Sports

### Bowling

Hoopeston area's Alivia Wilson scored big at the Morton Regional bowling tournament. Wilson a sophomore at Hoopeston Area, finished fourth overall, advancing to next Saturday's Decatur sectional.

A total of 72 girls participated.

### Boys basketball

Hoopeston Area took their game on the road January 28 and defeated host Cissna Park, 73-44. Brayden Walker had 16 points, Nick Cardenas 21 and Cole Miller had 12 points and 8 rebs. Trenton Montez had a double-double with 11 points and 10 assists, and was one rebound from achieving a triple-double for the second time this year.

**The boys were back** on home court on February 4, hosting Iroquois West. Cardenas' 24 points led the team to a 69-35 victory. Walder dished up 17 points. Zach Huchel came out of the gates with two three-pointers to jumpstart the Cornjerkers to an early 9-0 lead. Miller finished with 7 points and 7 rebounds. Dylan Judy had a good defensive night, leading the Cornjerkers with five defensive rebounds.

**HA suffered a loss** at the hands of Armstrong Potomac, 83-61, in Friday night action. Huchel was the leading scorer with 21 points. Montez had 17 and Judy had 7.

The JV fell, 43-20, with Cy Tuggle scoring 5 points and Alandize Barnett, 7.

**The Cornjerkers lost** a second game Saturday, dropping to Westville, 61-50. Walder finished the night with 18 points and Montez and Cardenas each had 7. Montez led in assists with 12.

The loss put the Cornjerkers at 16-10 on the season.

The Cornjerkers were set to take on Watseka Tuesday night and is scheduled host Georgetown-Ridge Farm for Senior Night Friday.

### Wrestling

**Hoopeston Area** wrestlers participated in Class 1A wrestling regionals Saturday at Monticello High School and came home with two regional champs.

Charlie Flores at 106 and Angel Zamora at 175 came home with championship medals.

Flores won by fall over River Young of Monticello in the quarterfinal and in the semifinals, won by fall over Andrew Patino of Fairbury. In the first place match, Flores faced Ben Wells of St. Joe Ogden, defeating him by fall at 1:02.

Zamora received a bye in the champ round and went on to defeat Carter Ludwig of Colfax in the quarterfinal. In the semifinal, he took on Max Sinkosky, of Monticello, and won by tech fall. In the first place match, he defeated Ryan Rink of Unity (Tolono) by fall at 5:39.

Aiden Bell placed second at 120 and Ayden Larkin placed second at 165.

**Hoopeston Area Youth Wrestling** will hold their only home meet Thursday, February 13 in the middle school gym. Wrestling begins at 6 p.m. and will feature Panther Paw Wrestling Club, Bismarck-Henning Youth & fisher Wrestling Club.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Concessions will be available by the Middle School Student Council.

### Seminary house has third fire, structure razed to extinguish

A house that has been the scene of a fire twice before was ablaze again early Sunday morning.

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 2:28 a.m. Sunday to the house, at 827 E. Seminary. According to county records, the house is owned by Shenoa Underwood, of Danville.

Fire Chief Joel Bird said firemen arrived on the scene at 2:32 a.m. to find the house fully engulfed.

Due to the previous fires, officials had been trying to get the building condemned, but in order to extinguish the fire and for safety, the structure was excavated, Bird said.

The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time, Bird said. Firemen cleared the scene at 8 a.m.

### Weather

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY from 6 a.m. Wednesday to 3 a.m. Thursday. Chance of snow, then wintry mx today. High 30. Tonight, snow, then cloudy. Low 17. Tomorrow, decreasing clouds. High 22, low 0.

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

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for the temporary positions of Assistant Manager and Lifeguard for the 2025 swim season at the McFerren Park Public Swimming Pool. Applications and job descriptions are available online at [www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/) and at City Hall, 301 W Main St.. Call 217-283-5833 for questions. Application deadline is Friday, Feb. 28. Assistant Manager starting wage is \$17 per hour. Lifeguard starting wage is \$16 per hour. No benefits with these positions.

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## Obituaries

**FOUSE** - Tammy Lee Fouse, 57, of Hoopeston, died at 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 3, 2025, at South Shore Hospital, Chicago. She was cremated. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Condolences may be shared at [anderson-funeral-home.com](http://anderson-funeral-home.com).

**LONGFELLOW** - Kathie Ann (Keeton) Longfellow, 75, of Hoopeston, died at 12:47 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She will be cremated and a service held at a later date. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

## Death Notices

**HARDCASTLE** - Kazuko Hardcastle, 92, of Hoopeston, died at 1:22 p.m. Sunday, February 9, 2025, in Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**HOLLEN** - Roger Gail Hollen, 80, of Grand Prairie, Tex., formerly of Hoopeston, died Friday, February 7, 2025, at Coral Rehab in Arlington, Tex. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.



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