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## Attitude: we've all got some

What do you think about the election? Is the weather alright for you? I sure wish we had more stores. I get tired of hearing, "There's nothing to do!" More than likely you have heard, or even said those words! I know I have! Perhaps you have went out to eat and thought, "I sure wish we had more choices." As most of us grown-ups know, choices are not always ours! Sometimes they are forced on us, or there's simply only one choice!

I am very thankful for every place that I can shop here where I live! Maybe where you live there is no choice. So, what do you do? This makes me think of something my mother told me many years ago, "Bertha, you always have a choice!"

At the time, I was a teenager and liked making choices on my own, even if they were wrong! Growing up it was just Mama and me with Gramma and Grampa Carden. I rode the bus to and from school and walked if I wanted to play or visit with neighbors, but it was fun!

You and I, like many others, have the attitude we deserve, and should have, whatever we want and can do whatever we please!

Whether you are a teen or grown-up, you will have choices to make! Some will be easy, no doubt about the choice! Then there will be choices hard to make. Should I? Shouldn't I?

It seems so simple. Any teen or adult should be able to make a choice!

I know what you are thinking. "I'm certainly old enough to make my own choices!" I would agree (partly). Most of us should know right from wrong.

Sometimes our attitude gets in the way and takes over our thoughts. I bet you didn't know that! What on earth does my attitude have to do with your choices in life? Note that I added "in life". That's right, your life and my life depend on our choices. With the right thoughtful and caring attitude we will make good choices most of the time!

Don't be alarmed if you still have hurtful feelings or are upset about choices you've made in your life. There's still time for you to make the choice to change your attitude for the good!

I'm going to do it. Let's do it together, OK?

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## From the Blotter

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 3:19 p.m. Wednesday in the 800 block of West Main.

Police said Amanda Good, 47, of Urbana, in a 2024 Bluebird bus, was parking facing westbound with yellow lights on, waiting for parents to come out so a student could be let off the bus. Tom Spear, 65, of Hoopeston, in a 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe, saw the lights flashing while traveling westbound, slowed speed and began passing the bus. Spear reported that while passing, the bus stop arm was activated the passenger side mirror of his vehicle struck the stop sign arm that had

begun extending.

**Sabrina Irwin**, 28, of Tarpon Springs, Fla., was ticketed after a traffic stop at 4:26 a.m. Wednesday. Cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and no valid driver's license, she was released from the scene with notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 2:36 p.m. Friday in the 200 block of West Elm.

Police said Misheal Mitchell, 41, of Hoopeston, was backing down a driveway in a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu when he struck a parked, unoccupied postal van.

## Fire Calls

**Hoopeston Fire Department** was called at 8:08 am. Tuesday to the DACC Higher Learning Center for a fire alarm. The cause was a maintenance issue.

**Fire personnel** were called at 5:11 p.m. Wednesday to Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell, for an activated fire alarm. Firefighters cleared without incident.

**HFD was called** at 5:52 p.m. Thursday to the 600 block of East Thompson for a lift assist at the request of Arrow Ambulance.

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## Briefly

### Meetings

- Hoopston Parks Committee, 6 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include civic center remodel project, Girl Scout House updates and pool facility door replacement.
- Hoopston Area School Board, special meetings Thursday in the district office conference room. The meetings, at 5:15 p.m. and 6 p.m., each to determine if a person should be barred from school premises for not longer than one year in accordance with the school code.

### At the library

**Little's @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-

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### P.E.P. Party

Hoopston United Methodist Church will hold its free monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main St. Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those who want to bring a side dish or dessert to share are welcome to do so. All are welcome to come.

### Obituaries

**CLARK** - John William Clark, 78, of Rossville, died at 12:40 a.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at home. He will be cremated and a service held at a later date. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [anderson-funeral-home.com](http://anderson-funeral-home.com).

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### Scouting America meeting set

Prairielands Council of Scouting America is hosting an informational meeting for all boys and girls in grades K-4 and their families. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Hoopston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St. For more information about Cub Scouting, contact Mike Graham at 1-(217) 356-7291, ext. 6447 or [mike.graham@scouting.org](mailto:mike.graham@scouting.org) Check out [www.prairielandsbsa.org/](http://www.prairielandsbsa.org/) for more details on Scouting America.

### Lunch Menus

#### Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Mini corn dog, baked beans, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Ravioli broccoli, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza bagels, salad, mixed fruit, Veggy juice, milk

#### Hoopston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Orange chicken w/rice, green beans, veggies, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger, fries, veggies, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Biscuit & gravy, sausage links, hash brown, veggies, mandarin orange, milk

THURSDAY: Max Snax, refried beans, chips & salsa, pineapple, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

#### Hoopston Area High School

MONDAY: Orange chicken w/rice or hot ham & cheese, green beans, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger or hotdog, fries, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Biscuit & gravy or calzone, sausage links, hash brown, salad bar, mandarin orange, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Max Snax or BBQ rib/bun, chips & salsa salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

### Weather

Partly sunny today. High 53. Tonight, mostly cloudy, chance of rain. Low 35. Tomorrow, sunny. High 56, low 36

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## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopston 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.cityofhoopston.com/employment/](http://www.cityofhoopston.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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The City of Hoopston is seeking applicants for Animal Control Officer. The city will hire a part-time control officer to share the duties of the position. Candidates would be responsible for enforcing State, County and City codes and ordinances governing animal control including the care and treatment, impounding, quarantine, vaccinations, and regulation of a variety of animals. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and a high school diploma or equivalent and must be comfortable with aggressive animals. Candidates will be sent to the required training necessary for the position. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or [www.cityofhoopston.com/employment-application/](http://www.cityofhoopston.com/employment-application/).

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