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## Irreplaceable Days

By BERTHA PARSONS

What kind of irreplaceable days will we have in 2015? A day we wish would happen more than once, an event we want to last forever.

I'm hoping you had a joyous Christmas and a good New Year. Ever since I was old enough to remember, my Mother would say, "this is the best Christmas ever". How can Christmas or anything be the best ever? She would say, "Because you can make it the best!"

That has become my motto about irreplaceable days; like having breakfast with a friend and solving life's problems. Calling my beautiful daughter and hearing her voice. Having breakfast with my two sons in San Diego and laughing about what we ordered and the "diet" we are not on. Having a reader tell me they enjoyed my article.

I know what you are thinking. So what is my plan? I plan to have 2015 filled with Irreplaceable days. To make each day the best, knowing it could be my last. Finding joy in all the little, simple acts each day.

Such as, a letter from a classmate I have not heard from in years. Just three inches of snow, not three feet. Just because a friend cared, she brought us a cake to enjoy, the sun shining after a rainy dark day, homemade candy left at our door to surprise us.

I'm going to try not to leave anything undone or put off telling those I love and care about, how much I appreciate them; Those people that matter the most; especially YOU my readers, my family and my friends.

Irreplaceable days make up your irreplaceable life. Let us start 2015 making as many days as we can irreplaceable. We only get one chance.

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## Super Sempervivums is topic of first Four Seasons sessions

The winter series of University of Illinois Extension's Four Seasons Gardening program, focusing on environmental stewardship and backyard food production, gets underway this month.

The first session, *Super Sempervivums!*, will be held at 1:30 p.m. February 3, presented live via computer at the University of Illinois-Vermilion County Extension Office 3164 N. Vermilion in Danville.

Also called houseleeks, liveforever, or hens & chicks, these colorful perennial succulents are surging in popularity. Sempervivums and close relatives grow rosettes of fat leaves that store water enabling them to live in

arid/drought conditions. They are easy to grow and can be used in containers, baskets, living wreaths, and or simply in the garden.

University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator, Martha Smith will introduce you to this interesting group of plants and their close relatives.

Other topics in the winter series include *Beekeeping for the Backyard Gardener* set for February 17, and *The Edible Indoor Garden* set for March 3.

There is no cost per session however advance registration is needed. Phone or email the local U of I Extension office for details, 217-442-8615 [jhanraha@illinois.edu](mailto:jhanraha@illinois.edu).

### Police News



Brenda K. Hollen, 51, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after an accident at 8:44 a.m. Monday.

Police said Hollen, in a 2004 Buick, and Bradley E. Thompson, also of Hoopeston, in a 1998 Plymouth, collided in the 600 block of West Maple.

Hollen was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. An unidentified person was taken by ambulance to Carle Hoopeston emergency room for treatment of minor injuries.

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## Community Awards Banquet

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**6 p.m. Saturday, January 31**  
**Hoopeston American Legion**

502 E. Penn St.

*Keynote Speaker*

**Linda Bolton of Vermilion Advantage**

**Awards presented by:**

- Hoopeston Jaycees
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- The Chronicle

**Dinner Tickets: \$12-includes meal**  
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Available at WHPO and online at  
[www.hoopestonjaycees.org](http://www.hoopestonjaycees.org)

## Briefly

### Winter book sale

Break the winter boredom with a good book! Hoopeston Public Library will hold a 4-Day Midwinter Book Sale, Wednesday, Jan. 28 through Saturday, Jan. 31.

HPL has received several large donations of used books in the past few weeks, so the book sale room is filled with lots of great newer paperback and hardcover titles, as well as non-fiction and children's materials.

All items will be \$2 per bag or three bags for \$5. Bags are provided.

The sale will be held during regular library hours: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 9:30 to 6 on

Friday, and 9:30 to 3 on Saturday. For more information, call the library at 217-283-6711.

### The Gathering

Rossville Community Organization will host The Gathering at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. Senior citizens are welcome.

### DACC tutor training

New DACC Readers' Route volunteer tutor training will be offered on Saturdays, January 24, 31, and February 7, 2015 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Hoopeston Church of God, 1004 East Orange St., Hoopeston. Space is limited to 12 participants.

## Obituaries

**MARTIN** - Dorothy "Dottie" (Henke) Martin, 89, of Georgetown, formerly of Paris and Milford, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2015, at Paris Health Care Center. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Maple Grove Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Grace Lutheran Church, Paris, or Alzheimer's Association.

Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.

**STONE** - Barry Stone, 87, of Hoopeston, died at 10:21 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, 2015, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

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### Sanctity of Life event

Women's Care Clinic of Danville will hold a community prayer service at 3 p.m. Sunday in recognition of Sanctity of Life Sunday, honoring the lives of those lost to abortion. The event will be held at The Executive Plaza on North Vermilion. For information, call 217-431-0987 or [bethanyh@danvillewcc.org](mailto:bethanyh@danvillewcc.org).

## Weather



Chance of rain/snow today, tonight. High 39, low 28. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 36, low 24.

## VFW Menu

Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston

Wednesday: **Wings 5-8 p.m.**

Thursdays: **Tacos by Norma**

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