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Former Hoopeston resident recollects time spent with Mom

Editor's Note: Sandy Boardman, a former Hoopeston resident, submitted this article about her mother, Betty Drollinger. It is a fitting Mother's Day tribute.

I remember her sitting next to me; looking into my eyes with the love I have grown to trust. "It would have been cold and wet," she said "and you would have been miserable. You know how much you hate the cold."

It was my mother trying to convince me that I really didn't want to be a "patrol girl" as much as I thought I did. Being picked as an alternate would be enough for a fifth grader, she said. Next year, I could be the real thing. I would be older then. Looking back now, and being a mother myself, I am sure she was as devastated as I was, maybe more. Perhaps she was trying to convince herself as well as me.

Over the years, I reflect on the wonderful memories I have accumulated as my mother's daughter. When my older brother ventured off to kindergarten and I was left at home, she became my closest friend. I pushed the baby carriage and she donned a crocheted doll on her head to play the role of my "little girl". She says she doesn't remember walking hunched over to bring herself down to my size.

That is my first recollection of my mother. She has always been willing to drop whatever she was doing to be Mom. She once said that you can only do so many things well in your life, whether that meant being a good businesswoman, a great cook or housekeeper, a friend or a mother. She told me she wanted to be remembered for being a good mother.

She has always been just that. Not just to us but to all our friends as well. Oh, the house has seldom been tidy.

(especially in these later years.) That never seemed to bother our friends who knew that our home was there if they needed a place to sleep or someone to listen. I can't count the times my brother's best friend stayed for dinner or slept on the couch or my boyfriend sacked out on the sofa because it was too late for him to drive home after watching a late movie on TV.

Her faith, honesty and sincerity have always been an example for all of us. When I was in 11 or 12, a baby was born into our family. We had spent months talking about the birth of what we hoped would be our sister, Elizabeth Ann. Mom would read us a nursery rhyme about Elizabeth Ann and the Raggedy Man...the raggedy, raggedy, Raggedy Man. So Elizabeth Ann she was to be. She lived only 30 brief minutes.

My father returned from the hospital in the middle of the night and delivered the tragic news. I remember seeing him cry for the very first time. My older brother and I returned to our bedrooms with what little explanation my father managed to tell. My grandmother was sleeping in one of our bedrooms that night. Each of us spoke in the dark, one after another, saying " I can't sleep, neither can I, me neither." And so the week progressed with the hunger in my heart for my mother, who was still in the hospital.

Afraid to ask my father for further explanation while he dealt with his own grief, I agonized with my thoughts and feelings until my mother was released. What had she looked like? Was Elizabeth Ann everything we had hoped she would be? What was wrong with her and why she couldn't the doctors save her?

When Mom came home, she took me aside and de-
See MOM on other side

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Sandy Boardman

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Mom continued from other side

scribed Elizabeth Ann in detail. She told me she was a beautiful baby; whole and complete but something was wrong with her heart and she would never have been well. She would never have had a normal, happy life.

The night Elizabeth was born, Mom prayed for God to make her well and if He could not, then He was to take her. She told me that "something" appeared on the foot of her bed after she had prayed. Shortly after, a nurse had come to tell her the news. I don't recall there being any tears from my mother. A look of contentment and love was all I saw that night. Mom was home and our sorrow would pass.

As a mother of a son and a daughter, I find myself trying to keep the house clean and neat, juggling my career and what few friends I have managed to keep. At times, I seem to exert a great deal of effort into my house and home. Then, I am reminded of my mother saying you can only do so many things well. I try to bring myself back to the fact that being a mother is my number one priority. The laundry and dishes will be there long after the twins have gone to bed and long after they have moved away.

My mother has given me so much over the years. There is no way to repay her for the love, guidance and support she has given my brothers or me.

Last year, I was fortunate enough to plan a well-deserved trip for her to come visit my family in California. My mother had told me she always wanted to see San Francisco but had never been able to. She flew into San Francisco where I picked her up and we spent the night in a hotel. As luck would have it, the hotel secured a limousine, free of charge, to drive us to dinner. She was like a young girl attending her first prom. It was a

joy to watch the fun and excitement in her face. We dined while looking out over the ocean. The conversation was that of a mother and daughter, as well as old friends. This was our one and only vacation together, just us - a vacation to remember and oh, that it was.

The following day, a driver guided us through the streets of the city. After the tour, the two of us drove to Monterey, stopping along the way at roadside markets and anything else that happened to catch our eye. We stopped at a lighthouse and hiked our way to the cliff overlooking the water below, saw the otters playing in the stormy waves off the shoreline, and just stood on the beach and basked in the beauty of the California coast.

At one point, tears streamed down my face as I expressed the love I feel for her. I hugged her when she started to cry and told her this was our vacation of a lifetime. We would have no regrets in regards to our relationship; no looking back. We have had and still do have a wonderful closeness. We spent our time together those few days making more memories that will last our lifetimes. No looking back, no regrets.

Happy Mother's Day Mom. I love you.

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Lunch Menus



Hoopston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken sticks, corn, pretzels, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage on a stick, tator tots, peaches.

THURSDAY: Mini corn dogs, tri-tator, pineapple, pudding cup.

FRIDAY: PBJ, baby carrots, apple slices, cookie.

Hoopston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken sticks*, veggies & cheese, animal crackers, pear slices.

TUESDAY: Mega slice pepperoni pizza*, salad, pear slices.

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, corn, bread, oleo, peach slices.

THURSDAY: French toast sticks*, tri-tater, scrambled eggs, applesauce.

FRIDAY: Cold sub sandwich or chicken salad wraps, salad, fruit cocktail.

*PBJ is second choice.

Rossville-Alvin Schools

MONDAY: Chicken BBQ/bun, green beans, pears, chocolate brownie.

TUESDAY: Corn dog, mac & cheese, baked beans, peaches.

WEDNESDAY: Tuna salad sandwich, tri-tator, banana, cake.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, pineapple, bread, butter.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, carrots/dip, applesauce, gogurt.

All meals include milk.

CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Polish sausage, whipped potatoes, sauer-

pend on money received. Donations may also be sent to the Chamber at P.O. Box 346, Hoopston, IL 60942.

Trash Walkers

Trash Walkers will meet from 9-10 a.m. Saturday at Hoopston City Hall to clean up trash in the city. The event is a make-up for last week's citywide cleanup which was rained out.

There is no business sponsor this week.

Postal food drive

Hoopston postal workers will collect food Saturday for the Grant Township Food Cupboard. Donations of nonperishable items in non glass containers, personal hygiene items or money may be left by mail boxes or may be taken to the post office.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Caps for Sale" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

The week of May 21 will be the last Tiny Tots for the season but children will be able to "Explore the Reading Trail" during the Summer Reading Club which begins June 14.

Fireworks collection

The Hoopston Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual fireworks street corner collection drive Friday and Saturday. The scope of the July 4 display will de-

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Police News



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from a 19-year-old man who alleged Gibson screamed at him, using racial slurs.

Gibson was released on a notice to appear.

Jessica L. Roberts, 22, of 201 N. Hazel, Danville, was arrested at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in the 300 block of East Main. Roberts, wanted on a Ford County warrant, was released on \$100 cash bond.



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319 E. Seminary, Hoopeston. Sat., 7-? Antiques - woodworking & other tools, much misc. A true garage sale!

Country Garage Sale: 39516 N 1130 East Rd. 2nd left heading west from Hoopeston on Rt.9. Look for signs. Fri. 5/8 9am-2, Sat 7am-?, Toys, clothing, adult, boys 2t and 10-12, Girls 2t and under, Tod bed, baby swing, porta-crib and more, speakers/stands, truck cap, moving blankets, dog house, and lots of misc.

522 W. Chestnut, Hoopeston Sat., 7-11 a.m. Jr. & women's clothing, boys & girls name brand clothing, (infant-8), Little Tikes Kitchen, white Jenny Lind crib & lots of misc.

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