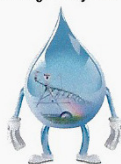


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## Local group seeks members on anniversary of national DAR

The Barbara Standish Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is conducting a membership drive as part of a nationwide celebration to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

All women who can document descent from a Revolutionary War Patriot are encouraged to consider the many benefits of joining the vibrant service organization, which has promoted historic preservation, education and patriotism since its formation in 1890.

"Our chapter, which was organized in March of 1905,

carries out the important mission of the National Society here on the local level," said Chapter Regent Ruth Neathery. "We are eager to welcome new members to our chapter, and we have volunteers available to help them research and complete their genealogy in order to apply for membership."

We invite women who are interested in membership to visit [www.DAR.org](http://www.DAR.org) and to contact the local chapter to obtain more information. You may contact Ruth Neathery, Regent; Carol Hicks, Volunteer Genealogist Chr.; Eileen Layden, Membership Chr. or any member of the organization.

## Expanded Social Security office hours to start in March

Social Security announces as a result of Congress' approval of the fiscal year 2015 budget, the agency will expand its hours nationwide and offices will be open to the public for an additional hour on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, effective March 16.

A field office usually open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will remain open until 4 p.m. Offices will continue to close to the public at noon every Wednesday so employees

have time to complete current work and reduce backlogs.

"This expansion of office hours reaffirms our commitment to providing the people we serve the option of top-notch, face-to-face assistance in field offices even as we work to expand online services for those who prefer that flexibility," said Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commis-

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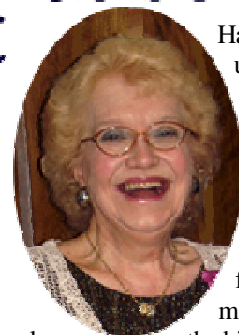
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## Every day should be Valentine's Day

By BERTHA PARSONS

Have a seat, take a break. Get a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and join me for a few minutes. I cannot believe it is February. I'm still putting Christmas decorations away and writing 2014 on my checks.

You have to know how much I love Valentine's Day, I should say Valentine's month. Yes, I love being loved. The cards, which I send all month, phone calls, flowers, maybe dinners in or a date night out. OK, you know that being loved is really what matters most in our lives.

Traditionally, Valentine's Day is time to express how we care about our family and friends. It can be a phone call, a 50 cent card mailed with love, cookies taken to a shut in, maybe a rose or carnation to someone who is alone. It can be the smallest gesture that

makes the biggest difference in someone's day.

We all have family, some close, some not, and friends that mean the world to us. I have a silly friend at church that warms my heart every time I see her. We tease, we joke, and we laugh. The handmade Valentines crafted by my children and grandchildren over the years still put a smile on my face every time I read them.

Each of us make a difference to everyone in our lives. I believe caring about those around us on a daily basis, not just one or two days a year, will strengthen our relationships and make us better and happier people.

Every day should be Valentine's Day. Tell your family, friends, co-workers that you care. Don't wait. Don't delay. Do it today.

Happy Valentine's Day to all my friends; that's you! I hope.

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## Obituaries

**HOFER** - Ellen Marie (Allen) Hofer, 93, of Milford, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Thursday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford. Those who attend are asked to wear red in her honor. Burial will be in Maple Grove

Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to Our Savior Lutheran Church radio ministry. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.

## Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5:30 a.m. and 5:52 a.m. Monday to the 1200 block of Daisy Lane for an activated fire alarm. Both times, the alarm was malfunctioning.

## Hours continued from other side

sioner of Social Security. "The public expects and deserves world-class customer service and thanks to approved funding, I am pleased we will continue our tradition of exceptional service."

In recent years, Social Security reduced public office hours due to congressional budget cuts, growing backlogs and staffing losses. The agency began recovery in fiscal year 2014 by replacing some field office staffing losses and providing overtime support to process critical work. With the commitment of resources in fiscal year 2015, the agency is able to restore some service hours to the public.

Most Social Security business does not require a visit to a local field office. Many services, including applying for retirement, disability and Medicare benefits, creating a *my Social Security* account, replacing a Medicare card, or reporting a change of address or telephone number are conveniently available anytime at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Social Security also offers assistance via a toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (voice) and 1-800-325-0778 (TTY). Representatives are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

## Weather



Snow likely today, with accumulation of about an inch. High 27. Tonight, chance of snow. Low 2. Tomorrow, sunny. High 14, low 1.



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