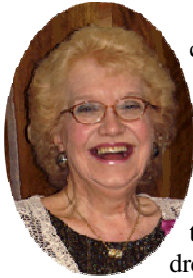


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Fathers get the short end of the stick!

By BERTHA PARSONS

June is a time to remember Fathers. What a shame most children do nothing; maybe send a card; make a phone call, nothing big.

Don't kids realize it took a Father to get them here? Some Fathers live in town, some live in another state and some have left this world. Many of us were raised by a single parent, some not knowing much about their Fathers. I was raised by one parent, two grandparents, and four uncles. I didn't do too badly for a "blended" family.

Fathers get the short end of the stick! They usually work hard, play ball with the kids, repair the front door, check the oil in the car and love the Mothers. I've tried to figure out why, as children, we take our Fathers so much for granted? Do we really not care? I'd like to say "No" to that question. I think we just expect Fathers to do what they do, without any thanks or appreciation.

Fathers give security, love, a helping hand, advice; they teachers, supporters, lifelong friends. There are all kinds of Fathers; full time Dad, part-time, step Father, uncles, grandpas, a male friend who acts like a Dad. Whatever you call him, treat him like someone special.

It is certainly not easy being a Father, but I am told by those who have stuck with it that it is worth the hard work, patience and love.

For this Father's day let's not have Fathers getting the short end of the stick. If your Father is living, be sure you tell him you love him; maybe take him out to eat, send a card, or just give the best gift of all, your time.

Like my Father, should yours no longer be with you, take a moment to remember the good times. If possible, go to his resting place with a flower.

This year let's try to make our Father and all the Fathers we know feel like #1.

To all my "Father" readers, have a fabulous Father's Day.

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ADM donates to Rotary Foundation polio eradication effort

Archer Daniels Midland Company recently donated \$500 to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The donation will go toward helping eradicate polio in the world. The contribution will be put with contributions of other organizations and companies, such as World Health Organization and the Gates Foundation, to continue working toward the goal of having a polio-free world.

"We are very grateful for the contribution that Archer Daniels Midland has made," said Jim Bowers of the Hoopston Rotary Club and representative for The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. "This is the third consecutive year that ADM has made a contribution and it is very much appreciated and needed to help us reach the goal of a polio free world."

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has worked with the World Health Organization since the mid-1980s and helped establish the goal of a polio-free world. Along with the addition of support from Gates Foundation, the goal is so close and the leaders will not give up until the goal is achieved.

The donation was given through ADM Cares, a social investment program that directs funds to initiatives and

organizations that drive meaningful social, economic, and environmental progress worldwide. The program comprises three distinct focus areas: supporting the responsible development of agriculture, improving the quality of life in ADM communities, and fostering employee giving and volunteer activities.

'Library Idol' talent show starts weeks of fun, reading for kids

Hoopston Public Library will kick off three weeks of fun and reading prizes for kids with "Library Idol," a kids-only talent show at 2 p.m. Monday, July 6.

Local children four years through sixth grade are invited to participate in the free talent show. All types of talent are welcome – singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, reciting poetry, puppets, karaoke, or magic, just to name a few. All participant will receive a prize, and awards will be given for the top talent in each age group.

Pre-registration for the talent show is required. Kids and their parents can stop by the library Children's

See IDOL on other side

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Republicans ready to work, Democrats continue with political theater, Barickman says

It's time to get back to work – NOW. That is the feeling of every Republican lawmaker in Springfield, as well as Governor Bruce Rauner.

The Senate and House are both scheduled to be in session every Tuesday through the end of June, which makes it look like work will be getting done. However, so far the Democrat leaders that control the General Assembly - the same guys who have run this state into the ground over the last 12 years - have only been interested in more political theater.

This spring we've seen several property tax freeze proposals that offer little to no real reform introduced by Democrats. These bills were never meant to pass, and they certainly aren't what Governor Rauner has called for. These bills are stunts. Illinois doesn't need pretend reforms and theatrics, we need real and fundamental reform.

Unfortunately, real reforms proposed this spring by Republicans have been shot down time and again by the majority party. If Democrat leaders are serious

From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:19 a.m. Monday at the shipping docks of Teasdale Foods, 215 W. Washington.

Police said Howard William Christensen, of Grand Rapids, Mich., backed a parked 2001 Western Star Tractor, owned by Arroyo LTD, of Byron Center, Mich., into a 1992 Capacity Tractor Truck trailer jockey unit.

Idol continued from other side

Room to sign up now until July 3.

At the same time, parents or adult caregivers are urged to register their children to participate in "Read to the Rhythm," where they can enjoy free, fun age-appropriate activities based around a musical theme, and also win prizes for reading books.

And, whether or not they sign up for Library Idol, kids are invited to attend the Kickoff Day on July 6 to learn more about the great programs planned and the reading prizes they can win.

For more information, call 217-283-6711 or stop by the library at any time.



about tackling the problems facing Illinois they should let these bills come to the floor for a real debate and vote. Instead, proposed reform measures have either been killed in committee, or in the case of term limits and fair maps, blocked from even being heard.

If Democrat leaders listened to what the people of Illinois want these bills would get a real vote. So what's the hold up? They prefer theatrics over honest debate and compromise.

Right now we have no state budget. At the end of May Democrats rammed through an unconstitutional budget that is at least \$3 billion out of balance, but they have yet to send it to the Governor. This week Illinois Comptroller Leslie Munger warned that on July 1st the next fiscal year begins and without a

New Books at the Library

Fiction

A Faith of Her Own: A Middlefield Amish Novel by Kathleen Fuller (large print/inspirational)

Eternity's Wheel: An Interworld Novel by Neil Gaiman, Michael and Mallory Reaves (young adult)

Debutantes in Love: Debutantes book 2 by Cora Harrison (young adult)

Obituaries

TERRY - Martha Terry, formerly of Hoopeston and Loda, died April 7, 2015, at Southern Care Assisted Living in Tifton, Ga. Graveside service and burial will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Blurton Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Weather

Thunderstorms likely today. High 83. Tonight, storms likely. Low 68. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 80, low 63.

budget she will be unable to pay most of the state's bills. We can't let that happen. There is still time for Democrats to embrace reform, work with us to pass a balanced budget, and get this state back on the right track.

Every day that gets wasted on theatrics and pretend reforms brings us closer to that July 1st deadline without a solution. We can't afford to let this process drag on, we need to take action now. The people of Illinois deserve a legislature that puts their needs ahead of petty political theater.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:34 a.m. Monday to the 800 block of East Washington for a carbon monoxide detector activation. There was no report of sickness or injury at the time of the call.

Classifieds

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