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Recipe for Success **By BERTHA PARSONS**

You may wonder, what kind of success is Bertha talking about today? Each of us deserves to be successful at something. You can be a wife, mother, student, father, salesman, employee or retired grandparent. No matter who you are success is the feeling of well-being, it is pride in an accomplishment.

Success in life is relative. Success means making the most of your ability, personality and talents. I've never been one to compare myself to somebody else. There is only one of me or one of you. I always wanted to be the best wife and mother possible, but soon found out that kind of success takes a long, long time. I'm still working on it.

One has achieved success who laughs often, lives well and loves much, gas gained the respect of others, works to make a better world, is always thankful for what they have, looks for the best in others and always does the best they can. If you have achieved two or three off that list I would say you are a success.

"It can't be done," "It's just not possible," "This is just too hard, call someone else," "I'm too old and no one cares about me, anyway." Have you heard these phrases before? Yes, I'm sure you have and I sure have, many times. However, much more powerful is a friend telling me, "You can do it, I know you can."

Each of us has our own successes in life: the joy of family gathering together, friends calling or stopping to visit, being a volunteer at school, in church, or an organization and knowing you did a good job.

Real Recipe For Success: Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it up. Plan more than you can do, then do it. Arrange more time than you can spare then go ahead and spare it. Plan your castle in the air, then build a ship to take you there.

Success is yours, just believe in you!

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Grant Township election judges Vicki Gaddis, left, and Carol Hicks, top left, meet with Vermilion County Clerk Cathy Jenkins, right, and supervisor of elections Lindsay Light, top right, regarding polling place changes for elections next year.

Election judges seek information on polling place change

County officials met with local election judges to work out expected difficulties with a change in Grant Township polling places.

Vermilion County Clerk Cathy Jenkins and Lindsay Light, supervisor of elections, met with Carol Hicks and Vicki Gaddis Wednesday to hash out concerns over Jenkins' decision to combine Grant Township's six precincts into one voting place, the McFerren Park Civic Center.

Issues of concern included handicapped-accessible parking near the civic center; accommodations for those in power chairs to get into the building; and parking for senior citizens and those with physical issues that don't have proper handicapped parking credentials.

Jenkins suggested three or four handicapped parking spaces, but Gaddis, citing rush hours of voting in the early morning, at noon, and in the afternoon, said seven

would be better. Additionally, she said, seniors and those without a handicapped parking placard could also use those spaces during the day.

A lip on the entry door will be covered over on election days to allow those in power scooters to enter the polling place without difficulty.

Jenkins gave the judges a heads-up on two touch screen voting machines which will be introduced locally at the March 2016 primary election. The new machines are easier to load, meet Americans With Disabilities requirements and will be easier for judges since a component that keeps track of votes can be removed from the machine and taken to Danville for vote tabulation, rather than taking the entire machine.

In the event of a computer failure, paper ballots will be available at all elections.

See POLLING on other side





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Family Fun Fair

Maple School will hold a Family Fun Fair from 6-7 p.m. Thursday in the school gym. The event will feature games, activities and more for the entire family.

The fair is sponsored by Maple PTO.

Maple Madness winners

Recent winners in Maple Madness fundraiser are: October 29, Rachael Blake, Rossville, \$26; October 30, Serena Saldana, Hoopeston, \$25; and October 31, Jamie Pruitt, Wellington, \$500.

Obituaries

PIERCE - Thresia L. Pierce, 75, of Hoopeston, died at 11:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

REED - Oleta Reed, 97, of Kankakee, died at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015, at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

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Blood drive

Hoopeston Area High School Student Council is sponsoring a community blood drive Saturday, Nov. 7, in the high school gym.

To schedule an appointment, please call Ashley Gondzur at the high school. (217) 283-6661. Walk-ins are also welcome but priority will be given to those with appointments.

Polling continued from other side

Along with the touch screen machines, Grant Township will get two tech research judges, election judges who have received advanced training in the technology used during the election.

Asked by judges whether consolidating polling places means the township needs fewer judges, Light said no, because the number is based on population of the precincts.

Finding people to serve as judges gets harder and harder. "The level of patriotism in the generations coming up is not as strong as it is in our generation," Jenkins told the judges.

Currently, precincts should have five judges for each 800 people, but legislation has been introduced that, if passed, would remove those caps, Light said.

Judges also voiced concern about confusion at the civic center as people come in to vote. Jenkins said greeters would be used to get people's names and direct them to the proper precinct table. Additionally, Light suggested signs be made that are easily readable, allowing voters to go to the correct voting station.

In an effort to make things easier for judges, much paperwork has been eliminated and what remains will be primarily color-coded, so green dots match green dots and what came out of the purple bag will go back in the purple bag, Light said.

Wednesday's meeting had been requested by Jean Minick, a long-time election judge, who died Tuesday morning. Judges and officials said her loss will be felt. "We're going to miss Jean," Light said.

Weather

Sunny today. High 72. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 52. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 73, low 56.

If the student council reaches its goal of 40 pints of blood, they will be able to give a \$250 scholarship to an HA senior.

Holiday program signups

Miracle Tree and Santa Cares Too signups have been scheduled for 9-11 a.m. November 9, 10 and 12 No late sign ups will be allowed.

From the Blotter

Tonya K. Edwards, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 6:12 p.m. Sunday to the 800 block of East Seminary for a report of a dog running loose.

Edwards was mailed a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court for restraint of dog by owner or keeper.

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