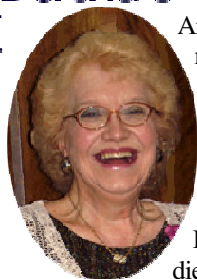


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## Mistakes, have you made any lately?

By BERTHA PARSONS

Are you like me, ALMOST perfect? If there has been any mistakes made I'm sure someone else must have made them, not me!

Once in a while when a friend and I get together we talk about our children, how they are, what they are doing and how great they turned out.

We think about the fact that we had no car seats, my right arm was their protection when I stopped short. We had no monitors to hear them cry or scream in the middle of my afternoon break. I knew in 10 or 15 minutes the screaming would stop. They all three lived through it.

I used a fly swatter when needed and when I said "No", they knew I meant it. We were not buddies or friends. I was the grown up, most of the time, and the parent all of the time.

Did I make some errors in raising my children? I'm sure my Mother would say yes and my kids, too. I'd like to believe I did the best I could, however, I'm positive I may have made a blunder or two.

I bet you're thinking about all the mistakes you never made, right? Well, if that's a big IF. You never made a mistake then I'd say you are living in another world.

Our lives are filled each day with mistakes, trying but missing the mark, yet we keep trying to make less mistakes and do better.

My nine-year-old grandson loves to play catch with me. I am really terrible. No matter how hard I try, I still make mistakes. He says "That's OK Gramma, someday you'll be as good as me." I doubt it.

Here we are in the middle of a crazy, awesome, I can't believe Presidential election. As I listen carefully I am happy to report every single candidate had made mistakes, some giant ones, some minor ones and some I could care less ones. No matter, I'm voting for someone, mistakes and all.

You see, as long as we are alive we will make mistakes. I believe it makes us more humble and honest.

Mistakes, I'll keep on making them as I smile and try to do better.

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### Expect More!

Kindergarten teacher Tonna Hofer, right, accepts the February Expect More award from Hoopeston Area Supt. Hank Hornbeck. Hofer received the award Friday in her classroom, with students and members of her family in attendance. The award is given based on recommendations by district staff and is awarded to an employee who strives towards the Expect More! Goals of building relationships with families and communities, preparing students for success in college, career and life, and ensuring students have equitable access to excellence throughout the district. Hofer started with the district in 1994.

### Nutrients, soil health, water quality to be workshop focus

A Soil & Water Stewardship Workshop is planned for 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, March 11 at the Vermilion County Farm Bureau Auditorium. Breakfast refreshments will be provided.

This workshop will include important information on best management practices (BMPs) as it relates to nutrients, soil health and water quality. With the finalization of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy there is a lot of discussion on these topics in the agricultural industry, government agencies and the general public.

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## Briefly

### Legion Auxiliary to host potluck

Hoopeston American Legion Auxiliary will host a potluck brunch from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Saturday in the Legion Bar Room, 502 E. Penn. Meat and drink will be provided but members are asked to bring a dish to share.

There will be a brief meeting to discuss the dues increase, yearly projects and to give out awards.

### The Gathering

The Gathering, a get-together for Rossville area senior citizens, will meet twice this month, on Thursdays, March 10 and 24, at Rossville Fire Station. The event is sponsored by Rossville Community Organizations.

### At the library

#### Tree Climbers Genealogy Group

Residents interested in genealogy are invited to attend this monthly session at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 19. Local historian Carol Hicks will present a short program on "Documentation: How to do it and Why it's important." The group is free and open to anyone in the community who has an interest in tracing their family tree.

### Support for Mockbee detailed

I am writing in support of Chuck Mockbee IV for States Attorney in Vermilion County.

Chuck is a Vermilion County native. He has called this home all his life and he came back after college to make this a better place to live! He has a passion for the people of Vermilion County. He is not running for States Attorney to add to his resume and leave! He loves his county and wants to see the States Attorney be a great part of making this a wonderful place to live!

Chuck has worked in the States Attorney's office for 10 years. That doesn't mean he has run the office! He does not make the day-to-day decisions or set the agenda.

I attended the States Attorney forum and listened as Chuck was blamed by his opponent for everything wrong in the States Attorney's office because he worked there for 10 years. While I am certain there are many issues that need to be resolved, not every

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employee of the States Attorney is incompetent. I know several who care deeply about each case, officer and victim!

Chuck is more than well qualified to be States Attorney! He knows the office. He knows the people in the office. He sees the issues and will work with the

best people in the office to make it work more efficiently for all of us!

Vote for Chuck in the Republican Primary March 15!

Tim George

Danville Bell Credit Union CEO

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## From the Blotter

**Eugene G. Forbes**, 21, of Rankin, turned himself in to police at 6:11 p.m. Sunday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant, he was released on bond with a new court date.

**Jeffrey Uppinghouse**, 54, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 11:08 p.m. Sunday to the 300 block of North Eighth Ave., for a theft that had occurred. Upon investigation, Uppinghouse was charged with domestic battery and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

### Workshop continued from other side

The goal of this workshop is to provide our county farmers with high quality, relevant information. Invited speakers include: Dan Towery, IL CBMP; Jean Payne, IL Fertilizer & Chemical Association; Doug Hanson and Dave Olson, ProHarvest Seed cover crop specialists; David Cronk, AQUA Illinois water treatment facility; SWCD and NRCS staff.

There is no cost to attend this meeting. However, registration is appreciated. To RSVP or find out more information about the meeting, please call the Vermilion County SWCD at 217-442-8511 ext. 3.

## Weather

Breezy, cloudy, chance of showers today. High 65. Tonight, showers likely. Low 55, Tomorrow, thunderstorms. High 63, low 55.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is seeking an energetic, self-motivated individual who has the ability to analyze, implement and manage the day-to-day operations of the city's administrative office. The individual needs to be a capable leader and a skilled manager.

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