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Life is like a slice of pie!

By BERTHA PARSONS

From talking to friends and family, it sounds like Thanksgiving was wonderful. Yes, I enjoyed my share of pie. While enjoying hazelnut coffee and my third piece of pie I got to thinking about my life. I was forced to eat three pieces of pie because there were three different pies and I didn't want to hurt anyone's feelings. Ha-Ha.

Our life is most certainly like a slice of pie, apple, blueberry, pumpkin, coconut cream, sour cream raisin, lemon, just to name a few.

For me, I'm always looking for something different, something new. We try a slice of different and it turns out not so good, maybe even rotten. What do we do? We complain, we get mad, we even feel like life is not being fair.

So we try something new, brand new and exciting that we have never done before. We study it, we make sure we understand what needs to be done and guess what? New is pretty good, better than I thought. Like sour cream raisin pie.

Every slice of pie in my life brings a memory flowing through my mind. With a slice of apple I see my Grandmother as she made the absolute best apple pie. Blueberry is my favorite and I can make a good one but my Mother made it perfect. Having a slice takes my life full circle with joy and tears.

What a difference it makes when we are using life rather than having life use us. The same with our slice of pie, each piece brings something different and new to our life.

Too often we are prone to blame the third piece of pie (like the third thing that goes wrong) on life or someone else. Pies, like life are not all good or all bad. Your piece of pie can bring you great joy, just like your life. Decide how you want your life to be, then go for it!

Let's remember, life is like a slice of pie! Enjoy every bit, whether from the first, second or third slice. It's your life-enjoy!

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Hoopeston Public Library to take food, goods in lieu of fines

Hoopeston Public Library is offering its annual holiday "gift" to the community that will also support the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

From December 1-30 only, library patrons can pay their overdue fines with canned food or other non-perishable items, which will be donated to food cupboard.

For each item brought in, the patron will receive \$1 off their library fine. "Food for Fines" is good only to pay fines, and cannot be used to pay for lost materials or other fees. Patrons will not receive change or credit if their fine is less than a whole dollar amount. For

example, to pay all of a \$2.50 fine, they must bring in three items.

Items should not be past their expiration dates, should be in their original package, clean and not

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Miss Hoopeston candidates sought

Hoopeston Jaycees are seeking female graduates of Hoopeston Area High School who are 18 to 20 years old to be candidates for Miss Hoopeston 2017.

An informational meeting will be held December 19,

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Briefly

Senior Saints Giving Tree

Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Care and Iroquois Federal Savings and Loan are teaming up for the Senior Saints Giving Tree.

People may select adopt a senior by selecting a card from the Senior Saints Giving Tree, in the lobbies of Heritage and Iroquois Federal, and purchase a gift from the resident's wish list. The gift may then be wrapped and returned to Heritage Health or Iroquois Federal.

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Gifts are due back by December 16 or you may contact Heritage Health to pick up your gift.

For more information, call Heritage at (217) 283-8247.



Alivia Wilson makes a candle at Saturday's Magical Express as her parents, Jammie and Lori, look on. Hundreds of youngsters turned out for crafts, refreshments and a visit with Santa, as well as the first look of the season at Hoopeston's lighted Christmas display at McFerren Park. The event was sponsored by Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce.

Hoopeston Head Start dinner fundraiser

Hoopeston Head Start will hold a dinner and bake sale fundraiser from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 at First Church of God, 1004 E. Orange. The meal will include chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans and dinner roll. Cost is \$8 for adults. Children five and younger eat free.

All money raised will go to classroom needs and hopefully fulfill their wish list.

HMA senior dance

Hoopeston Multi Agency will host its monthly senior dance from 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at 206 S. First Ave. Music will be by Tex and the Tumbleweeds of Danville.

Bring a covered dish, a favorite dessert or snacks to share with friends.

Admission is \$5 per person.

Republican caucus to be held

Grant Township Republicans will caucus from 6-7:30 p.m. December 6 at Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn. The purpose of the caucus is to nominate candi-

Obituaries

FOSTER - Lila (Swartz) Foster, 93, of Wellington, died at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Blessings in a Backpack, c/o Hoopeston Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942 or Breast Cancer Support Group, c/o Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Fines continued from other side

damaged. Some single-serve items may not qualify.

Any canned or dry packaged food items or paper goods. Most needed this year are peanut butter, bath soap and toilet paper.

Questions? Call the library at 217-283-6711.

Weather

Cloudy today,, tonight. High 48, low 33. Tomorrow, cloudy. High 41, low 32.

dates for township supervisor, highway commissioner and four trustees.

On December 7, Republicans will caucus at the same time and place to nominate candidates for assessor of the Grant-Butler Multi-Township Assessing District.

From the Blotter

Police are investigating a report made at 10:06 a.m. Monday from a representative of Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Someone removed undisclosed property from the agency.

Candidates continued from other side

with the judging process on January 7, 2017. Application deadline is December 31.

Applications must be filled out electronically at www.hoopestonjavcees.org. Rules and expectations are also posted on the website.

For more information about the process, please e-mail Miss Hoopeston Coordinator Jacy Samet at misshoopeston@hoopestonjavcees.org.

Classifieds

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Organize and manage the agency's social service programs, partnerships, facility, and events. Foster a collegial work environment with staff. Develop and write grant proposals to governmental and community foundations. Develop good working relationships with area residents, businesses, non-profits, and the agency board. Provide brochures, website maintenance, and newsletter. Desired skills: professional communication skills, staff management experience, computer skills, accounting and financial management, and grant writing. College degree preferred. Provide salary requirements if desired. Submit resume to: Wade Meranda, Board Chair, P.O. Box 297, Hoopeston, IL 60942 by December 9.

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