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Christmas in our little town

By BERTHA PARSONS

It's Christmas right here in our little town of Hoopeston!

If I haven't told you before I'm telling you now I love everything about Christmas, yes, everything! Snow, shopping, cards, church services, cookies, candy, company, decorating the tree, calling friends afar, parties, cleaning house. Most of all is having my family home, whether for a day or more. It's laughing, telling stories, eating (more than I should) and remembering Jesus is the reason for the season. You may think I'm crazy, don't ask my kids, they will agree!

Christmas is all about love, giving and caring. At least that's the way I look at it. As I look out the window at a snow-covered yard in our little town, I get the warmest, loving feeling. How nice it would be for our little town, our family and friends to have that lovin' feeling all year! Perhaps we should think about that now and after Christmas.

Giving to our little town as we do as much shopping as we can right here. So many ways to shop with a gift certificate, take in a movie at the theater downtown. Just think what a difference it would make if we shopped regularly at two or three places of business in our little town.

There are so many small ways to give. Cookies and candy to a neighbor, sending a card of good wishes, telling your family how much they mean to you is a freebee but may be worth a million dollars to a spouse, a child or friend.

Caring has a whole new meaning when the cost is just your time. Let me tell you a story about a friend who needed spots on a carpet cleaned. Since their birthday was coming I offered to do it as gift. They were so happy, they almost cried. Or when I'm having breakfast with a friend, they listen carefully to my concerns and joys. How about your son or daughter calls, just to talk.

Christmas in our little town is all about love, giving and caring. Choose any one or all and use it to make your Christmas right here in our little town one of the very best!

Merry-Merry Christmas to all.

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TRIO support service to be offered at DACC-Hoopeston site

A new support service will be offered at the DACC Higher Learning Center - Hoopeston.

TRIO Student Support Services is a federally-funded program offered by the U.S. Dept. of Education. Available at DACC, it was made available last month at DACC-Hoopeston.

Karla Coon, Higher Learning Center director, talked about TRIO services at Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

TRIO is not designed for high school students, but is for first-generation college students (those whose parents have not earned bachelor's degrees); have financial need,

have a documented learning or physical disability; or be a U.S. citizen or have documented permanent residency status.

TRIO participants receive several academic interventions, including annual assessment and annual individual academic service plan; academic and career advising; transfer advising to four-year colleges and universities; professional academic tutoring; and others.

To participate, those who meet eligibility requirements need to fill out the TRIO interest application. Those who meet the requirements will then complete the new student

See TRIO on other side

DACC Higher Learning Center - Hoopeston

REGISTER FOR SPRING 2017

Call to schedule your appointment!!

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Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 6-8:30 p.m.

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Mondays, January 23-February 27 from 6-9:30 p.m.

Class fee \$99 plus textbook and code book

DACC Higher Learning Center - Hoopeston

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Call for more information and to register!!

Call 217-283-4170, stop by 847 E. Orange, Hoopeston

or visit www.dacc.edu/hoopeston

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application. Assistance in filling out both applications is available.

Once enrolled, students have a "one stop support person" for academic support and assistance with financial aid issues, Coon said.

Local students will have contact with their TRIO advisors in person and via teleconference, she said.

While high school students are not eligible, Coon wants to make them aware of the service so that they may take advantage of it at some point or others in their family may take advantage of the program.

By helping students in academic, financial and social areas, TRIO helps students succeed. Those who use the program's services have a higher retention rate, she said.

In other DACC - Hoopeston news, Coon said a new tutoring program is going well. "We wanted to start small and we did," she said, saying two students took advantage of the service this semester. The small size allowed staff to evaluate the program for strengths and weaknesses for future semesters. "We're pleased with how it's going," she said.

Enrollment at the center is satisfactory but officials are looking at program diversity to draw more students in, such as conversational Japanese, she said.

For information on programs at the Higher Learning Center, call 283-4170 stop by 847 E. Orange or visit www.dacc.edu/hoopeston.

Court Dispositions

November 3

Bertha Hinojosa, Hoopeston, general nuisance case dismissed.

Troy Knight, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general

From the Blotter

Ashley Tucker, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 10:53 p.m. Monday at Casey's General Store. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, she was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition to Iroquois County.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 35. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 26. Tomorrow, sunny, cold. High 33, low 21.

nuisance, found guilty by default; sentencing December 1.

Deb Merrill, Hoopeston, general nuisance case dismissed.

Manuel Reyes, Hoopeston, general nuisance case dismissed.

Steve Blanton, Ambia, Ind., general nuisance case dismissed.

Carrie Wilken, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, found guilty by default; sentencing December 1.

Michael Burris, Lenoir City, Tenn., general nuisance case dismissed.

Ambrosio Ybarra III, Rossville, failed to appear for possession of cannabis, found guilty by default; sentencing December 1.

Ambrosio Ybarra III, Rossville, failed to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, found guilty by default; sentencing December 1.

Ambrosio Ybarra III, Rossville, failed to appear for purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, found guilty by default; sentencing December 1.

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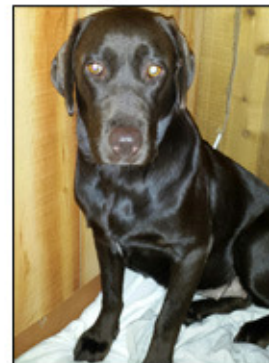
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She is a rescue dog and extremely scared. She will run if chased.

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 or contact Hoopeston Animal Rescue or Vermillion County Animal Control.