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Believe in Yourself

By BERTHA PARSONS

Believe in yourself, that's what love is about. When I think of February I think of love. Valentine's Day certainly makes this love month.

In order to love, we first must love and believe in ourselves. Yes, no matter who we are or how old we may be, we want to be loved. The feeling that someone cares as much for us as we care for ourselves.

Now don't lose your cool here. When I love someone, it means I like who they are, I care about their health and well being, I enjoy being with them, they make me feel special and happy. You see now-when you love yourself it's the same way!

Do you believe in yourself? Wow! What a question! What makes you tick? Is your attitude in the right place or do you have stinkin' thinkin'? Do you have a picture of you successful as a loving wife, teaching and helpful parent or grandparent or a great friend? Hold that successful picture in your mind, never let it fade. We have blow-ups in life, an accumulation of difficulties and many problems that can leave us discouraged.

But as Dr. Karl Menninger said, "Attitudes are more important than facts." Try hard to keep this in your mind. Any fact, however difficult or hopeless, is not as important as our attitude toward that fact.

Believe in yourself, climb over obstacles, work out difficulties that can be dealt with and eliminated. Do not be afraid. Remember you are what love is about. Loving the person you are right now, this day, this moment in time is what matters most.

So often we get caught up in what other people are doing and want to copy them. Nobody can be you or do this the way YOU can. Throw out any negative thoughts and say out loud, "I believe in me! I love and care about me so I can love others." You are a successful individual like no other!

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St. Anthony Youth Group members front from left, Asti Scharlach, Sarah Lukas, Autumn Layden, Izzy Layden, Ryleigh Wardell, Mason Layden and back, Jorge Mendez, Gizelle Mendez, Jonathon Morales, Orlando Morales, Kyle Warren, Skyler Barnard, Charlie Warner, Luis Lugo, Alyssa Alwardt. Not shown: Samantha Cable, Maya Cornelius, Sarah Houmes, Alejandra Limon, Angelina Limon, Alex Limone, Gretchen Marx.

Youth to host 17th jambalaya dinner and Mardi Gras party

St. Anthony Youth Group invites everyone to their 17th annual Jambalaya Dinner and Mardi Gras party on Tues-

day, Feb. 28. The dinner/party is a fundraiser for the group's annual mission trip, which this year will take participants to Philadelphia in June.

The dinner features genuine New Orleans chicken and sausage Jambalaya along with salad, vegetable, French bread and dessert. Mardi Gras beads galore will be given out. French Quarter music will be featured.

"This is Hoopeston's biggest and most gala social event of the year," alleged Gizelle Mendez, a five-year missioner. "We may be a bit biased, but many would agree."

The local group is composed of 22 high school and college students representing many of the church's from the Hoopeston area. Each year the group chooses from a

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Briefly

The Gathering

Rossville Community Organization will host The Gathering, a monthly get-together for Rossville area senior citizens, at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rossville Fire Station. Everyone is welcome.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Cooking the Books**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday. "I Love Chocolate." Stop by the book display at the main desk and select a recipe to be copied. Prepare the creation and

From the Blotter

An unidentified person reported at 12:09 p.m. Monday that a rear license plate was missing from a trailer in the 600 block of East Main.

A 26-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 12 p.m. Monday that three vehicles belonging to her were vandalized in the 600 block of East Young.

A 45-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 4:18 p.m. Monday that a delivery vehicle had been damaged. The vehicle is owned by Treasured Roots Flower Shop, 702 W. Main.

Jambalaya continued from other side

list of 40 week long camps throughout the United States.

The local group joins 250 other students from around the country. They break into groups of six and complete 45 projects in the host city. Service work consists of painting houses, cleaning up neighborhoods, child development programs and soup kitchens all in poverty areas. Students sleep on the floor of a rented school. Morning and evening programs are fun, spiritual and uplifting. "I come home renewed" declared Sarah Houmes. "I try to retain the "service" attitude we learn at camp."

"We are always exposed to a different culture than we have here in the Midwest" said Asti Scharlach. "It amazes me how the kids from other parts of the country are both so alike and so not alike from me. When we went south I even learned to eat (and like) grits for breakfast."

Sarah Lucas stated, "We get a free day too. This will be my first camp and I just love to listen to the kids who have gone to several camps describe their free days. They have gone white water rafting in Colorado, eaten in New

bring it to the library to share with others.

Book sale going on next to the main desk. It's a February clearance sale of books only. Everything is \$1 per bag. Adult books upstairs and one small rack of children's books on the lower level. Stop by any time during regular library hours.

Hoopeston Hornets signups

Tax Time signups for Hoopeston Hornets will be held Saturdays, Feb. 25 and March 4, 10-2 and Sundays, Feb. 26 and March 5, 12-2, all inside Hoopeston IGA. Fees are \$70 for one child and \$65 per additional child. You will receive a \$10 reimbursement if you volunteer at a home game.

Soccer club seeks members

"THEM Soccerclub" of Paxton invites players throughout the Hoopeston area to be part of its youth and adult programs. Youth league will have a spring season, ages u-6 to u-14 starting in March, with camps and clinics in between. The program is part of the Paxton Park District. The program offers adult soccer as well; everyone is accepted regardless of experience.

In the future, the program will have Club/Travel soccer

Orleans French Quarter restaurants, been to ocean beaches, experienced the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, ridden city subways, visited Ground Zero in New York City (along with China Town and Times Square). Last year they experienced the Oklahoma City bomb site."

According to Charlie Warner, "In Philadelphia we are going to don our hooded gray sweatshirts and sweatpants and race up and down the Art Museum steps just like Rocky did in the movie,"

"Please help us make this Jambalaya Dinner/Mardi Gras Party a success by joining us this Tuesday, Feb. 28," said Maya Cornelius. "It will be held at the St. Anthony Parish Hall. We serve from 4:30 to 7. The dinner is our primary fundraiser. Who knows, I may even get to be your server. If so, it will be my lucky day!"

Weather

Early fog then mostly sunny today. High 72. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 50. tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of showers. High 64, low 52.

opportunities as well, at a fraction of the cost of Danville or Champaign-based programs.

Any questions, or to play, register ASAP. Email them-soccerclub@gmail.com or visit www.themsoccerclub.com. Kevin Jett can also answer questions at: kjett4@gmail.com



Mon.: Chicken Noodle bread bowl
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