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Let the sun shine out

By BERTHA PARSONS

I know you're thinking, "this just doesn't sound right!" Maybe it should be!

Just celebrating Easter with family and friends, such a beautiful time. I call it a blessing. Now that's what I'm talking about Letting the sun shine out, all around your house and in the neighborhood.

I grew up with a mother, grandparents and uncles who never knew a stranger. Everyone was their friend and they always let the sun shine out.

Today can be joyful, funny, so exciting that you go around smiling. So when you see a friend or anyone else wish them a good day! Take time to speak to folks. Share the sunshine.

It's funny how our life becomes more valuable as we age. Now does that mean we are smarter or we exercise everyday or we look better than last year? I can hear many of you laughing right now because you know I'm not smarter or exercising and certainly don't look better. But I sure am having a lot more fun as I age. What some say about me no longer bothers me. I exercise whenever I want and eat what I want. Am I smarter and look better? Not really, but I like to think I am!

Sunshine can be a phone call to a friend, cookies or pie for a neighbor, having someone alone over for a Sunday lunch. Maybe giving someone a ride to the grocery or sending a card to a shut-in. Simple. Anyone can let the sun shine out.

Every holiday we get to spend with family or friends should be one to remember. Make a memory with those you care most about. Don't let any holiday slip by, that day will not come again for the chance to let sun shine out.

How often have you walked right by a person you know and never said, "Hello"? What makes us think it might hurt, how could a simple "hello" make a difference? Many of our friends are walking around waiting for someone to let the sun shine out. Let's go for it!

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Briefly

At the library

Cooking the Books, a monthly cooking event, 6-7 p.m. Thursday. This month's feature is "Spring Salads." Stop by the book display at the main desk, select a recipe from the special selection and get a copy to take home. Prepare and bring back to share with others!

Tiny Tots story program, 10:30-11 a.m. Friday, for youngsters ages 0-4 and their caretakers.

New York Times Best Sellers Book Club, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday. For men and women. Books this month are "All the Missing Girls" by Megan Miranda, "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman and "The

Nest" by Cynthia Sweeney.

Breast cancer group to meet

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. April 20 at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes. Erika Samet, a certified lymphatic therapist, will discuss lymphedema, which can affect breast cancer patients following surgery. Please join us for a night of support and information.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040.

Wreaths Across America meeting

A Wreaths Across America meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at American Legion Post #384, Hoop-

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Hoopeston American Legion

502 E. Penn St.

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& Heritage of Hoopeston or email

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For more information, call (217) 283-5544

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Thankful for caring people
 The members of St. Anthony's St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Hoopeston and surrounding area for all of their support. The funds so generously donated are used to help many of our neighbors during difficult times.
 It is a blessing to live in an area where the Gospel message to care for each other, especially those in need, is practiced by so many good people.
 May God continue to bless the people of our communities.

St. Vincent DePaul Society
Razing buildings would make town attractive
 I have a question along with a suggestion. I drive by the old John Deere plant one in a while and see that it has been deteriorating for many years. My question is why is it not torn down? I think all of us in Hoopeston want to see our city look good and be a nice place where good people want to live. The old saying "you don't get a second chance to make a first impression" certainly applies to this old building, among others in Hoopeston that are slowly but surely deteriorating.

I understand this can be a long, drawn out process, but in my opinion, nothing can cause a city to look bad as a dilapidated, rundown building. We want to welcome new people to our community and in my opinion, one of the

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 eston. All interested people are invited to attend.

Maple celebrates grandparents
 Maple School will hold Grandparents Day Friday on the school playground. Grands are asked to go directly to the playground for a 10:30 a.m. student performances by grade. Please bring blankets/lawn chairs as no seating will be provided.
 At 11 a.m., grandparents and their grandchildren will enjoy lunch on the playground. Those who have already signed up will be served a school lunch. Grandparents may bring a lunch to share with their grandchildren.
 Grandparents are asked to leave the playground by 11:45 a.m. to allow buses to enter for the 12:05 dismissal. Grands who have already filed out permission slips may take their grandchildren home after the event.

Letters to the Editor

best ways to do that would be to make a good first impression.
 We have so many empty former businesses in Hoopeston, I know this would be a real challenge. However, this is something I think our city needs to address. Start with the worst first. I know the EPA is evolved and this would be difficult, but not impossible. We don't have a lot of jobs in Hoopeston but we do have many other things to offer. Let's make Hoopeston shine and stand out as a great place to live (which it is). Let's make it better.
 Ron Lewis
 Hoopeston

Reflections on Holy Week, Pentecost
 Dear friends and neighbors,
 By the time this is printed Holy Week will be over. I hope you all were blessed by special services, like Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Tenebrae. Until I became "liturgical," I never was blessed by such a service. For those unfamiliar with it, check out that big word; it is very moving.

The crucifixion for suffering our sins Christ took upon Him, yes, that was more horrible than we can imagine, even though *The Passion of the Christ*, is as close as I know to the real thing. The Romans made sure people suffered an agonizing death, by suffocation eventually.

As Jesus, The Christ fulfilled numerous prophecies about Himself, i.e., "everyone is cursed who hangs on a tree," it is beautiful because "on the Third day, Sunday, He arose again, and "now sits at the right hand of God, the Father, from where He shall come to judge the living and dead eventually taking we who belong to Him to live in "the New Jerusalem," forever.

We will all be judged righteously, Christians as well as unbelievers get their say-so but the Righteous Judge prevails. Whether one believes or not.

In the "church year," then comes Pentecost. Look it up if you are not sure.

A common misconception is that "we have to give up

Weather
 Slight chance of thunderstorms today. High 79. Tonight, cloudy. Low 62. Tomorrow, cloudy. High 69, low 42.

something during Lent." Not so. If anyone wants to fast awhile, pray more, study Scripture more and do more good works, that is good as long as God gets the glory, not us.
 We are blessed in Hoopeston with many churches who celebrated and still preach the Gospel.
 Sooo, Pentecost Day blessings to all,
 Alice J. Fink
 Hoopeston

Classifieds
HELP WANTED
 Our growing chiropractic office in Hoopeston is looking for an employee who enjoys talking with people and getting out in the public. Must be dependable, team oriented, and has a flexible schedule. Are you that person? This position consists of marketing and sales duties and is a full time position. Please send resume to: Box N, Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942.
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