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By
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It's good to be home

How often have you said, "Boy, it's good to be home?" Five little words that can mean so much. We were away for two days to enjoy a show, good food and relaxation. Yet I kept thinking of how nice it will be to get home.

A home, for me, is a place to be loved, no matter how I act. A home can be one room and a bath, five rooms or a whole bunch more. When my husband was in the service, we moved a lot. One apartment stands out above the rest. It was two large rooms and one small bath. Our bedroom was also the kitchen. My husband often brought home buddies who had no family there. Some weekends would find five or six young men at our home. They loved sitting around the card table and TV trays while eating up everything I made, playing cards or walking through the laundry hanging in the living room. For them it was so good to be home.

A home is a place you let your hair down, you can be comfortable just as you are, no fuss, no bother. How thankful we should be for a place that we can call home that has not been threatened by forest fires, tornadoes or a flood.

Maybe you've made a visit to the hospital for a few days, had great care and OK food, yet the first words when you reach the door are "It's good to be home." It doesn't matter what kind of house is your home. It only matters that it makes you happy, it puts a smile on your face just thinking about it. You love the idea of curling up on the old sofa you've had for 20 years or sitting at the table that belonged to Gramma and remembering stories told around it.

As I grow up, my wants and desires change. Looking at my home means looking at myself. My home tells a lot about me. Am I welcoming to others? Do I treat company like family and my family like company? Think about that!

Gratitude for what you have can turn common days into joyful opportunities to say, "It's good to be home."

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Vermilion County CASA among 17 agencies getting grants

Vermilion County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program is one of 17 counties in Illinois are getting a share of \$2.7 million to serve children who are victims of violence.

Vermilion County CASA will receive \$169,781. The award was announced recently by Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) Executive Director John Maki.

The money will help fund organizations whose advocates are trained in trauma-informed practices and offer emotional support to those who have been victimized.

"We know that less than 10-percent of children who

are victims of violent crimes, such as rape, robbery, or aggravated assault, get the emotional support they need," Maki said. "These awards will help us engage them more quickly, get them connected with someone who will help them navigate through the court process, and pave the way to more positive outcomes."

The grants are funded with federal fiscal year 2016 Victim of Crime Act funds and were awarded through a competitive process. Other recipients were:

Adams County CASA	\$117,317
Champaign County CASA	\$129,247
Child Abuse Council Quad Cities	\$76,745
Cole County CASA	\$88,783
Cook County CASA	\$135,000
DeKalb County CASA	\$98,951
Effingham County CASA	\$50,000
Franklin County CACA	\$41,396
Kane County CASA	\$499,270
Lake County CASA	\$149,918
Macon County CASA	\$130,624
McHenry County CASA	\$67,663
McLean County CASA	\$181,978
Peoria County CASA	\$494,434
St. Clair County CASA	\$212,097
Williamson County CASA	\$54,187

See GRANT on other side

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Food Service License
Wednesday, March 21-April 18, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
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Principal picks
Maple School is proud to announce that its Illinois Principal's Association honorees are second graders Peyton Irons and Waylon Page. They were treated to breakfast at Mr. B's on February 22, after they were unable to attend the county-wide recognition breakfast due to heavy fog. We are extremely proud of them! Peyton is the daughter of Eliza Young of Hoopeston and is in Beth Garrison's class. Waylon is the son of Amy and Brian Page of Hoopeston and is in Brenda Weston's class.

Grant continued from other side
ICJIA is dedicated to improving the administration of criminal justice through work in the areas of grants administration, research and analysis, policy and planning, and information systems and technology. Visit www.icjia.state.il.us.

Weather
Partly sunny today. High 33. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 21. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 35, low 22.

From the Blotter

A wallet was turned into an officer at 11:30 a.m. Monday, with documents belonging to Michael Cas-

Briefly

Blood drive
HAHS Student Council is hosting a community blood drive on Thursday March 8 from 2:30-7:30 p.m. in the high school library. Every donation will help us earn scholarship money for our students! Contact Ashley Gondzur at the high school at (217) 283-6661 or gondzuan@hoopeston.k12.il.us.

Softball registration
Hoopeston Girls Softball registration will be held from noon-3 p.m. March 10-11 and 24-25 at Hoopeston City Hall. Instructional League is for girls ages 5-7; Minor League ages 8-10 and Major League, ages 11-14. All ages are as of December 31, 2017.

At the library
Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:
Brain Games for Adults, 10-11 a.m. Thursday. Beat cognitive decline through brain teasers, memory games, and other mental "workouts"!

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The Village of Rossville is accepting applications for a full-time utility maintenance position. Job duties include a broad range of construction, maintenance and emergency response tasks on the natural gas, water, sanitary and storm sewer systems as well as street repairs and maintenance. The successful applicant will be required to pass pre-employment physical, drug screening and be subject to random drug screening throughout employment. Applicant should have some experience in the operation and maintenance of construction equipment and related tools, basic computer skills and willingness to accept on the job training. Applicant must be willing to establish residency in the Village of Rossville. This position includes competitive salary based on experi-enced, IMRF retirement, vacation, health insurance, paid holidays and personal time. Applications will be accepted by U.S. mail or in person at the Rossville Municipal Building, 120 E Attica St., Ros-sville, IL 60963 until 5 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2018. Chris White Village Clerk EOE

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