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Family Is

All of us have families, good, bad, or otherwise. Family usually consists of more than two, but every family is different, which makes life exciting. Like celebrating Thanksgiving alone or just the two of us. As strange as it was, we had a nice celebration together. We talked about the future, what we both wanted and what we both needed. Have any of you done that recently? It's amazing what we learned about each other. Lots of surprises and some crazy ideas. If you are like us, you are looking for things to do and wondering when things will get better.

Having a family, whether two, six or 12, is a real blessing, most of the time. Growing up an only child, I always wanted lots of people around. Having guests over and family together was such a joy.

Many folks think a college degree, a rich uncle or maybe a hard-working parent is the key to success. I believe positive thinking can take you wherever you want to go in life. My mother was the most positive person I've known. When her sister died, Mother took in four of her BERTHA PARSONS sister's young children. She had no job, no house, no money, and no savings. What she did have was faith and a positive outlook as she raised those children through to adulthood.

Perhaps in your family or your neighbor's family, there is someone who always says, "I believe in you." Four little words that can change your life or mine.

Many of you only have one family. Some may have two or three families. It makes no difference because family is all about relatives, no matter the size they will be there no matter how scary the times. It's a gathering of blood relatives. It's a clan, a circle, a gang or group!

Have you ever said, "The gangs all here"? I have, when three of my four grandsons arrive, I always say that. The boys love it and ask, "what kind of a gang are we Gramma?" I reply, "You are the tallest, most positive gang in my world." Two are over 6' tall, they share an unbelievable outlook about family. They believe in "us". No ifs or buts about it. They know when family gets together anything and everything is possible.

Every family is different (thank goodness), every family has a story. Let's make our family story one we all can be proud of and say, "Family is really about Love."

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Contact tracers making contacts in county, cases continue up

Trained contact tracers are getting a clearer picture of the spread of Covid-19 in Vermilion County.

Public Health Administrator Doug Toole said last week that six contact tracers have been trained and are making calls to people who may have been exposed to the novel coronavirus by people who tested positive.

Previously, Vermilion County Health Department staff had tried to keep up with contact tracing, but as the number of positive cases grew, and the number of those who might be infected grew exponentially, keeping up became difficult.

The number of cases continues to climb, for a cu-

Bank donates to Hoopeston, Rankin, Paxton food pantries

The Frederick Community Bank, with branches in Paxton and Cissna Park, has made donations to help residents of Paxton, Hoopeston and Rankin during this difficult time.

Through its partnership with Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago Targeted Impact Fund, The Frederick Community Bank is providing donations to four organizations in our local communities. The Hands of Christ Food Pantry and PBL Area Food Pantry both located in Paxton will both receive a \$5,000 donation and the Grant Township Food Cupboard in Hoopeston and Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry in Rankin will both receive a \$2,500 donation from the bank.

Families and the elderly in the bank's rural areas have been hit hard by COVID-19, and bank representatives are honored to be able to help, especially during the upcoming holiday season. "We cannot thank these groups enough for their tireless work in our community, and we hope this contribution can help them continue making an impact," the company said in a statement.

mulative total of 3,723, as of Sunday. Of those, 45 were released and 332 were active.

The number of residents hospitalized due to the virus has remained steady at 34 since December 1. The figure does not reflect whether the same people

See TRACERS on other side



Photo submitted

Giving for Yanks

Traci Jones, right, of Hoopeston Women Making a Difference, presents a check to Gary Miller, Hoopeston American Legion finance officer, to be used for Gifts To Yanks, a program that provides Christmas gifts to veterans in nursing homes and other care facilities.

Tracers continued from other side

have been hospitalized since December 1 or whether some were discharge and others admitted.

Forty-six Vermilion County residents have died of Covid-related illness, including six from Thursday to Sunday. They include two women in their 70s, two in their 90s and an 80-year-old and one man in his 80s.

Toole reported that 53,544 negative test results have been received from the start of the pandemic.

Totals for area Vermilion County communities as of Monday morning were:

Alvin	36	
Bismarck	76	
Danville (61832)	2,001	
Danville (61834)	487	
Hoopeston/Cheneyville	359	
Potomac	82	
Rankin	41	
Rossville	80	
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Totals for nearby counties in Iroquois County were: Cissna Park 76

-Briefly

Meetings

- Hoopeston fire/ambulance committee will meet remotely at 6 p.m. Tuesday to discuss the purchase of a new fire truck. The agenda and remote link is available at www.cityofhoopeston.com.
- Hoopeston City Council will remotely meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday with representatives of Central Illinois Land Bank to discuss a property management code. The agenda and remote link are at www.cityofhoopeston.com.
- Hoopeston Historic Preservation Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the city council chambers to discuss sesquicentennial plans. Anyone interested in helping is invited. The agenda is available at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

Petitions submissions

• The office of the Rossville Village Clerk will accept petition packets from candidates running for public

Court Dispositions

Max Jones, Hoop eston, found guilty at trial of possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$280; status hearing November 18.

Thad Finnell, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance; case continued to November 18.

Gary Wilson, Hoopeston, failed to appear at sentencing for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180 plus restitution reserve; status hearing November 18.

RVFM 13 Series LLC, Columbia, failed to appear at sentencing for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing November 18.

Andrew D. Cordova, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for battery; sentencing November 18.

offices in the Consolidated Election to be held on April 6, 2021 at the village office, located at 120 E. Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois, from Dec. 14-22 during normal business hours of 8:30-12, 12:30-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

• Hoopeston City Clerk will accept petitions from those running for public offices at city Hall, 301 W. main St. on:

Monday, Dec. 14	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 16	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 18	8:30-11:20 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 21	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 22	8:30-11:30 a.m.

Candidates unable to bring their petitions during these hours are asked to call city hall at (217) 283-5833 or mail their petitions to City Clerk, 301 W. Main St. Hoopeston IL 60942.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 41. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 31. Tomorrow, sunny. High 51, low 29.

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Milford	113
Wellington	31
Watseka	369

Statewide, there have been 787,573 total cases, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health

website.

Related deaths total 13,255, with another 861 probably deaths.

There have been a total 11,101,214 tests performed in Illinois.

Classifieds

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HELP WANTED

Part time maintenance person for properties in Hoopeston. Mon. -Fri. and on call. 20-25 hours/week, starting at 9 a.m. \$15-\$16 per hour. Candidate must have knowledge in the following: basic construction, HVAC (certification preferred), electrical, plumbing, painting, cleaning. Must have valid driver's license, auto insurance and reliable transportation; have own tools and pass background check. Send resume to pmeadows@thinkcrestline.com

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Autumn Fields of Hoopeston is looking for CNAs part time hours, every other weekend and shared holidays. Please call Autumn Fields @ 217-283-2222

KSi in Cissna Park is seeking a qualified Controls Technician for project site startups and in-field customer training for controls systems. The ideal candidate will possess excellent communication, electrical, technical, and troubleshooting skills. An understanding of PLCs and HMI applications is preferred. Travel is required. Apply online at www.ksiedge.com or send resume to hr@ksiedge.com.

Vermilion County Animal Shelter is hiring kennel workers, full and part time available! Email ksnyder@vercounty.org or visit www.vercounty.org/jobs general.htm for an application.

Dogtown Heating, Air, & Plumbing is in search of an experienced HVAC technician to help serve our customers in the area. Pay based on experience. Health insurance, Life insurance,

and 2 weeks paid vacation. We have a family atmosphere that serves our customers with honesty and integrity. Email brad.dogtown@gmail.com

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Cade's Heating and Air HVAC installer/ service tech. must have valid IL drivers license and EPA freon license. Please send resume to ramcade@frontier.com or 101 E Penn St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking full time and seasonal help. Requirements include at least a Class B CDL and ability to pass a drug test. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings on 2nd shift in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay to be determined based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington Street, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1st Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

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