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For Today, I Can Live in the Present

I love thinking about past events, Birthdays, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas. Any times my family and friends get together. Those memories warm my heart and bring a smile to my face. Easter weekend my son and his wife came to share the special time with us. We ate, talked, and laughed, thinking back on all the good times we've shared.

Then getting a phone call from a dear friend reminding me of the last time, many years ago, when we got together. Now both of us have lost family members and the time is very different.

Cards arrive wishing us a Happy Anniversary and we look back to the beginning of our life together. Different, Challenging, fun and love, all wrapped up together.

I'm a person who truly enjoys looking back at what was or what could have been and the part I played in the event that day.

None of us can choose what the hours or days may bring. Sure, I'd like to have it all laid out; my way. We've all heard it said, "Don't worry about tomorrow, just take care of today." Easier said than done since most of us want to be in charge of today and tomorrow! Of course, we know best, at least we think we do.

I believe we need to start living the best life we can in the present. Make the time you have, right now, this moment, to be awesome! The past is over and today may be the most important day of your life. Who knows?

My opinion is that if we start each day as if it is the best and maybe the last, we cannot lose. Giving your best today, tomorrow, the next day and everyday most assuredly will improve your life.

I didn't say it will be easy or that you have to do it right now. But whenever you decide to make today the best, I guarantee your life will be happier and fuller.

Why? When you are thinking only good thoughts about yourself and your life, good happens. It just does! It is that simple. Happy thoughts have saved my life more than once.

Living our best in the present is what we need to do today.

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Crusinberry in for four more years, incumbents defeated

Bill Crusinberry will retain the title of Hoopeston's mayor for another four years after winning Tuesday's election.

Crusinberry retained his seat by a 498-402 vote in unofficial results. He carried Grant precincts 1,3,5, and 6 and tied challenger Mike Bane in Grant 4. Bane held a 10-vote lead in Grant 2.

Kathy Harding, Bane co-campaign manager, wrote in a post on the Bane for Mayor Facebook page that "It has been a tight race and it is definitely one that brought people out to the polls. Mike will have a couple of decisions to make which he will take the night off to decompress."

Before the polls closed, Crusinberry said he didn't

know how the vote would go, but expressed hope voters would allow him another term to finish projects he has started.

In other contests, challenger Kyle Richards defeated incumbent Bill McElhane, 142-112 for a full term in Ward 1. McElhane was named to his seat in 2008. New-comer Kellie Ferrell defeated Carl Ankenbrand, 95-64, for a four-year seat in Ward 2. He was appointed in 2002.

In the race for a two-year term in Ward 3, recent ap-

See INCUMBENTS on other side

Briefly

Card shower to mark 100 years

A card shower is being held for former Rossville resident Dolly Redden.

Cards and well-wishes may be sent to Dolly Redden, 1402 Leslie Dr., Apt. 133, Carriage Crossing, Bloomington IL 61704.

Winner and new fundraiser

The \$200 winner for the final drawing of the Luck of the Irish Raffle is DiAnne Griffin.

Hoopeston Historic Preservation Commission has started the Spring Power Equipment Raffle. Tickets are \$20 and are available at City Hall and Mr.B's/Global Fashions.

The PIT STOP at FAST LANES

Monday: Meatloaf, Taco Salad or grilled and breaded Tenderloins
Tuesday: Speedway Burger and Chicken or Beef & Noodles
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Saturday: Prime Rib and Rib eye steak dinners

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Incumbents continued from other side

pointee Joe Garrett trumped challenger Jeff Keith, 120-52.

Ward 4 saw two newcomers vying for a four-year seat. Bob Porth handily defeated Chris Small, 184-107.

Running unopposed in this election cycle were Louridine Florek, representing Ward 3, who received 150 votes; Clerk Gail Lane, with 841 votes, and Treasurer Edy Bookwalter, at 807 votes.

In the race for Hoopeston Area School Board, incumbent Debbie Klaber and newcomer Elizabeth Silver will be on the board, representing the part of the district inside the congressional township.

Silver was the top vote-getter, with 746 in Vermilion County and 96 in Iroquois County, for a total of 842. In Vermilion County, Klaber received 582 in Vermilion and 59 in Iroquois, totaling 641. Newcomer Sharon Zorns received 391 and 57, respectively, for a total of 448.

Weather

Showers today. High 64. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 49. Tomorrow, sunny, breezy. High 68, low 48.

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Ford County reported no votes for any of the school

Classifieds

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The City of Hoopeston Police Department is accepting applications to establish a two-year eligibility list for the position of POLICE OFFICER. The application deadline is April 16, 2021 at 4 p.m. Apply in person at the Hoopeston Police Dept. 301 W. Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942 or on-line www.cityofhoopeston.com Applicants will be notified by the police commission of the testing procedures for May 8th at 9 a.m.

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district candidates.

Hoopeston precincts had a high turnout compared to Vermilion County average of 16.33 percent. Turnout in Grant precincts 1-6 was 26.74, 28.06, 22.8, 26.52, 25.57 ad 37.48, respectively, for an average of 27.86 percent.

and as late as 5:30 p.m., and have reliable transportation. Please email Nicole Gregory at mustardseed.christiandaycare@gmail.com for application information.

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