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By
BERTHA PARSONS

Celebrate the Future

I'm always in the mood for a party! I've been known as a "Party Animal!" I know, you can't believe it: Bertha, a "Party Animal", but I used to have two or three parties a day - when I was a Tupperware Lady! What fun and good times we had at those parties while making life-long friendships.

As you know, I am a planner. I like a to-do list to keep me on track for the future. Believe it or not, every day is our future! Don't get too excited! It doesn't seem that today when we go to work or school I'm not thinking about the future! I just want to get through today.

I like to have something to celebrate every week or month! I like to plan for the next year. I know it sounds silly, even crazy. However, having something, anything to be happy and celebrate about every week, I'm all in!

OK, you say, "I got nothing to celebrate in my life, it's pretty dull and just ordinary!" Stop! Before I come over there, wherever you are and shake you! No one's life is ordinary!

Sure, you may say your life is OK, not great, fine or ordinary. I'm here to tell you your life is something very special! No one in the whole wide world has a life like yours! Now that is special! Your future is something special. Always remember YOU are special and therefore so is your future.. Take time to plan what you want your future to look like! Do not look back and only look toward your future!

More than likely you are shaking me until my teeth rattle right now! First I say celebrate, then I say stop it all! Stop thinking of what could be or what can I change or who cares about the future! And start celebrating your future..

As I said in the beginning, I love to celebrate anything, a party with family or friends mostly. It's "a just because I'm alive" party, a party because I'm a year younger, an anniversary party, because I'm still in love with my hubby after 58 years party, a get acquainted neighborhood party, a come as you are party, to name just a few! Make up any reason to Party.

I hope you get the idea! Your future is now! Today! So, let's party, eat, drink and celebrate your future every single day. You and your future are something to celebrate. Yesterday came to an end last night!

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Lorraine Theatres showcased in coming holiday events

Hoopeston's Lorraine Theatres will be showcased in upcoming holiday events, starting Wednesday.

The smaller theater will shine during a DACC-sponsored day trip, *Little Lorraine at Christmas Time*. The cost is \$20.

To register or for more information on other this or other trips, call 217-554-1667 or email commmed@dacc.edu.

In the evening, families are invited to enjoy cookies and cocoa, along with a family-friendly scavenger hunt at the historic Lorraine Theatre, 324 E. Main.

Santa and his elves, along with Elsa and Anna from the Frozen movie, will be there for the fun from 5-7:30 p.m. The evening will also include a coloring table and puzzle prizes.

There is a \$1 entry fee for adults, but children are admitted free. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, Scott Wattles and the Blue Suede Crew will perform Rock 'n' Roll Christmas Show, taking a journey down memory lane, packed with holiday favorites, such as "Jingle Bell Rock," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," "Silver Bells," "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" and many more.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.thelorrainetheatre.com.

Youngsters will be back at the theater on December 15, when Maple School will again hold its Christmas concerts there.

First grade students will perform from 8:45-9:15 a.m., followed by second graders from 10-10:30 a.m.. Kindergarten/Sara Troxel's class will be featured from 11:14-11:45 a.m.

Briefly

Leaf cleanup to start

Hoopeston Street and Alley Department will begin vacuuming leaves Monday, weather permitting. Please rake leaves curbside but not on the street.



Photo contributed

A new leader

Tom Barrett (left) installs Darrin Horton as new Worshipful Master of Star Lodge 709, Monday evening at the Masonic Lodge in Hoopeston. The Worshipful Master is the presiding officer of the lodge, responsible for the orderly operation of all business of the lodge. Barrett is Past District Deputy Grand Master for the State of Illinois and a member of several lodges is the district. He is a longtime friend and honorary member of Star Lodge.

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Letters to the Editor

Writer thankful after serious accident

Many drivers make mistakes on the road, but most of them try to avoid accidents if possible. It is very embarrassing to be the person waving a hand as a gesture "I'm sorry." I was warned (ESP) twice last year not to take a certain route to the doctor's office. I didn't listen.

I have had to stop quickly for drivers who made mistakes, and sometimes I have said a few unkind words ... much better than hearing sirens.

It is somewhat helpful to become unconscious during a crash. On the way to Carle Trauma center, I remember asking the very kind and helpful EMTs about the other driver. He was okay at the time.

Living didn't seem too important the next few days, but thankfully, Carle Hospital saved my life, and St. Anthony Rehab in Lafayette, IN helped me walk again.

Hoopeston Ford called and offered to park a vehicle in

my empty garage. Anthem's dealership always kept my car up to par.

Thanks to the police, I have never had a ticket. They will never see my nice Buick "on the road again."

Many thanks for all the kindness and thank you for reading.

Vera Crozier
Hoopeston

Is Hoopeston dead?

I have lived here in Hoopeston all 68 years of my life. Hoopeston has seen some rough times: fires, ice storms, tornadoes, floods and the loss of industry, and with that, the loss of some great people.

Some people say there is nothing here anymore. How wrong they are! This community is blessed to have a great library, beautiful parks, a good school system and a great hospital with an ER and doctors and nurses second to none.

This Thanksgiving, a family with Hoopeston roots stood up, just as their parents and grandparents taught them, to give back to their community, by donating 400 carry-out meals from their business, 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe. Thank you to the Browns and their staff for their labors for Thanksgiving and for all your other endeavors to improve the Hoopeston community.

Lenard Compton
Hoopeston

Letters to the Editor policy

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Court Dispositions

October 13

Randy S. Dillon, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for unlawful acts constituting disorder, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing November 10.

David A. Brown, Bourbonnais, pleaded guilty at initial appearance to unlawful acts constituting disorder, fined \$180; fine paid in full, case closed.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 46. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 29. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 51, low 42.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

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