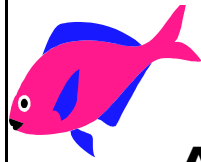


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Health administrator concerned over turnout at vaccination clinics

County health officials are voicing concern about the rate at which parents are complying with mandatory immunizations for hepatitis B.

The Vermilion County Health Department scheduled special immunization clinics this month in Westville, Hoopeston and the Danville District 118 school-based clinic at Danville High School.

"Based on a comparison of the projected numbers made available to us by school officials and the actual show rate, we have to be concerned about the advisability of continuing to offer these special services in the future," said Steve Laker, Vermilion County Health Department administrator.

The Hoopeston clinic had the best show rate, with 80 of 255 students projected. In Westville, 45 immunizations were given, with a projection of 506. At Danville High School, 48 vaccines were administered,

compared with a projection of 869.

"We wanted to provide parents with easier access so they can meet this mandate from the state and ensure their children will be able to start school on time," Laker said. "However, we have to look at effective and efficient use of our staff and financial resources." Laker admitted he is concerned by what could be construed as parental apathy regarding the state's hepatitis B mandate.

Illinois requires the three-shot series be given to children entered preschool and fifth grade this fall and for any child who will enter sixth grade who did not receive the vaccination this year. Children must have begun the series by the cut-off date set by each school district.

Clinics are scheduled in Hoopeston on May 19 and Sept. 22 for second and third doses only. Clinics will be

Riders make camp in local park on part of 2,100 mile ride

He sat on the ground outside his tent, a brown cowboy hat perched on his head. A group of local children sat around him, listening intently to tales of a life more familiar a century ago.

Nearby, a half dozen horses grazed on tender grass, nudging each others' muzzles away from the real delicacy, young dandelions.

Tex Elcook was in his element.

Elcook, of Waynesville, Ohio, Bruce Zimmerman of Middletown, Ohio, and six horses made McFerren Park their home for two days, one stop on a 2,100 mile journey to Antelope, Mont.

Following mostly township and county roads, Elcook, 39, and Zimmerman, 28, left Ohio April 3 and plan to complete the trip the weekend of July 4.

The trip "is something I've wanted to do for the last 20 years," said Elcook, admitting he planned to make the trip in two years, when his daughter graduated from high school. However, when the farm he lived on was sold for development, he decided the time was right.

His wife, Susan, will load and truck the family possessions to Montana. She plans to meet her husband in Rapid City, S.D. and make the last leg of the trip on horseback with them.

Elcook worked towards his goal for nine years, specially breeding ponies to take him cross-country. He rides a quarterhorse stallion who was bred with a Welsh pony to produce a gelding and three mares accompanying the men. Zimmerman's mount is an Arab-palomino.

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 WEDNESDAY: Corn dog, baked beans, slaw, bread, oleo, pineapple, milk.
 THURSDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, corn, salad, fruit cocktail, roll, oleo, milk.
 FRIDAY: Sub, tri tator, peas, graham cracker, peaches, milk.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Sausage pizza or fish/bun, salad, applesauce, milk.
 TUESDAY: Chicken steak or turkey/bun, whipped potatoes,

green beans, roll, oleo, pears, milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Corn dog or chicken patty/bun, baked beans, slaw, bread, oleo, pineapple, milk.
 THURSDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce or BBQ/bun, corn, salad, fruit cocktail, roll, oleo, milk.
 FRIDAY: Sub or hamburger, tri tator, peas, cookie, peaches, milk.

Rossville-Alvin schools



Bowling Scores



Tuesday Night Classic League Ten Pin Alley, Hoopeston Final Standings

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2. Ross Electric	470½	264½
3. DM Fertilizer	458½	276½
4. Ferdinand Construction	425½	309½
5. Razor's Edge	371½	363½

See RIDE on other side

Ride continued from other side

The riders spend six to seven hours a day in the saddle, logging 22 to 25 miles. "The weather hasn't been all that bad for this time of year," Elcook said. "It's been a real good ride so far."

The men sleep in a two-man tent, when they're not sleeping in barns. Meals are cooked on a two-burner Coleman stove. They shower at farm homes, where their laundry is sometimes done for them. "People been real good," he said.

That Elcook is able to make the trip at all is significant. An accident several years ago left him with a broken neck. Doctors said he would never ride again. "I told him he might as well put a gun to my head because I wouldn't be no good to my family or to myself," he said.

The two are heading to Elcook's family ranch, where they plan to spend the summer putting in hay, fixing fence and mending a barn.

While the trip is a throwback to another time, it was planned with modern technology. A computer mapping program allowed Elcook to plan the route the men would take from start to finish.

Both former welders, Elcook and Zimmerman are now "unemployed saddle bums," and that's fine with

MONDAY: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, applesauce, pretzel, milk.
 TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, fruit, April birthday cake, milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, strawberry yogurt, pears, celery sticks, milk.
 THURSDAY: Lasagna, green beans, oranges, bread, milk.
 FRIDAY: French toast, hash browns, sausage patty, frozen

6. Danny's Sign Shop	362	373
7. Ten Pin Alley	322	413
8. Hoopeston Awards	287	448
9. Penicook Insurance	261	474
10. Crunch's	243	492

High Team Game: Ross Electric, 919; **High Team Series:** Ross Electric, 3,355; **High Ind. Game:** Bob Bruens, 258; **High Ind. Series:** Todd Keith, 904.

Games over 225: Dave Gaddis, 247; Kenny McVicker, 243; Mike Dean, 244, 226, 227; Mike Lawson, 248; Mike Laird, 229; Dave Hughes, 235; Mark Butterworth, 233; Dave Carter, 226; Jay Ferdinand, 233; Bob Bruens, 254, 258; Dan Simpson, 257, 234; Lee Curry, 232; Tim Coon, 236; Todd Keith, 243, 225; Tony Gress, 247, 237, 257; Don Foley, 226, 252; Ken Kuhles, 232, 250.

Series over 800: Dave Gaddis, 890; Kenny McVicker, 801; Mike Dean, 899; Dave Hughes, 830; Mark Butterworth, 819; Jay Ferdinand, 848; Randy Hiltz, 810; Bob Bruens, 886; Danny Simpson, 872; Todd Keith, 904; Tony Gress, 840; Don Foley, 841; Ken Kuhles, 903.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
 April 22, 1998

Admitted: none.
Discharged: Marjorie Brockway, Eugene Laursen.

Weather



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