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Manufacture, use of methamphetamine on rise locally

Methamphetamine is a drug that has been around for a long time but one that has been seen locally only in the last three years.

The drug, commonly called "meth," was the topic of a special presentation Monday at the Hoopeston VFW. Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger and an agent from the Vermilion Metropolitan Enforcement Group (VMEG) were the featured speakers.

Drollinger said he first heard of methamphetamine from friends in Florida who asked if it had come to the community. "They said when you do see it, it's going to come in like a black cloud, a scourge," Drollinger said, adding his friends were right. "It's probably, by far, the worst drug I've ever seen," he said.

Meth was first created in 1919 in Nazi Germany by a Japanese pharmacologist as a way to make soldiers more aggressive and fight longer, Drollinger said.

The original version was "intended to be a cold cook," said the VMEG agent, who requested anonymity. Processing the early drug was safer than that now used, which involves heat. Heating hastens the manufacturing process. It used to take 12-24 hours; "some people are now getting good dope in less than an hour," the agent said.

Meth labs, where the drug is manufactured, are portable and small. The first local arrest for methamphetamine was made in 2000 when police found components to make the drug in a duffel bag, Drollinger said. Since then, the department averages one arrest per week for possession of the drug or paraphernalia, he said.

Because of drug seizure laws, which allow law enforcement to seize property of drug criminals, many meth manufacturers cook the drug in places such as hotel rooms and abandoned buildings, the agent said.

Ingredients to make meth include cold pills containing pseudo-ephedrine or ephedrine, rock salt, acetone, lith-



Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger discusses the rise of methamphetamines in the area at a presentation Monday night at the Hoopeston VFW. Ingredients used to manufacture the drug are displayed.

ium batteries, rubbing alcohol, coffee filters, anhydrous ammonia, toluene, ether, drain cleaner, and Coleman fuel. Often used are propane tanks, mason jars, coffee filters, coolers and pop bottles, he said.

Methamphetamine, also called speed, crystal and ice, has an initial rush of up to 30 minutes and a high that lasts from four to 16 hours, the agent said. It causes increased alertness and causes weight loss.

Meth comes in powder, rock and crystal forms and may be smoked, inhaled, injected or eaten. Those who use the drug usually do so in small groups of 10-12 peo-

See METH on other side

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Meth continued from other side

ple and quickly become addicted. "It's not a recreational drug like marijuana is," the agent said.

Frequent users may become paranoid and have auditory hallucinations and delusions, he said. Users often feel they have bugs crawling on them and pick at themselves, leaving sores on their bodies. The drug also can cause cardiovascular problems and irreversible brain damage.

Because of the paranoia, longtime users may be dangerous, the agent said. He suggested not approaching frequent users and maintaining a social distance in their presence, as well as not shining bright light in their eyes and keeping voices and other sounds low.

Many users and manufacturers come to Illinois from other states, both because some materials like anhydrous ammonia are available and because Illinois law has not kept up with the drug and punishment is less severe. "Until we have more experience, we're going to be behind the 8-ball for a while," he said.

Anyone who suspects someone is using or manufacturing meth may call the Hoopeston Police Department at 283-5196 or VMEG at (217) 443-1466 or the on-call pager, (217) 477-8049.

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Tuesday Night Classic League
10/14/03

1. Ross Electric	17	11
2. Ferdinand Construction	15	13
3. Production Tooling	15	13
4. Hoopeston Weather Service	14	14
5. Pla-Mor Lanes	14	14
6. Hiltz Portable Sanitation	13	15
7. Crop Production Service	12	16
8. Junction Café	12	16

High Individual Game: Mark Butterworth 256; **High Individual Series:** Mark Butterworth 695; **High Team Game:** Junction Café 592; **High Team Series:** Production Tooling 1,701.

Games over 210: Jay Ferdinand 221, Bob Bruens 220, 228; Randy Hiltz 235; Dave Hughes 243; Mark Butterworth

236, 256; Nick Gonzalez 212; Todd Keith 224; Doug Wagoner 216; **Series over 600:** Jay Ferdinand 606, Bob Bruens 649, Randy Hiltz 610, Mark Butterworth 695.

Hall of Shame: Gary Voss 130.

Illiana-Farmers League
Standings 10/15/03

1. FHHGG	26	6
2. Pla-Mor Lanes	21	11
3. Bacca	16.5	15.5
4. High Five	15.5	16.5
5. CCPCC	15	17
6. BJ's Pump	14	18
7. Ravens	13	19
8. Bye	5	27

High Series: Kenny McVicker 607, Nick Gonzalez 606, Rich Cappellano 601; **High Game:** Brandon Hamilton

236, Kenny McVicker 235, Nick Gonzalez 231

New Books at the Library

Fiction:
The Teeth of the Tiger by Tom Clancy
Lost by Joy Fielding

Police News

A 22-year-old Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone broke a window in a 1991 Pontiac parked in the 300 block of East McNeil.

A 22-year-old Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone damaged items inside a house in the 600 block

of West Elm.

Robert P. Staley Jr., 32, of 725C S. First Ave., was arrested at 2:38 a.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of First Ave. He was charged with domestic violence and unlawful restraint on a complaint from a 19-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Obituaries

CRUSINBERRY - Wanda June Crusinberry, 79, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Wellington and Hoopeston, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2003 at Benner Baywood Heart Hospital, Mesa. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Broadway Christian Church, 7335 E. Broadway Rd., Mesa, AZ 85208. Memorials are suggested to the church.

Staley was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Letter to the Editor

On school policy

I wish to offer a sincere congratulation to those who offer public apologies concerning matters that may influence our school children. My four children graduated from Hoopeston High School, mostly with academic honors. I must say that they felt rejected if they were excluded from certain parties, but I felt it was my responsibility to try to keep them out of trouble.

Vera Crozier
Hoopeston

United Methodist Church
Bazaar
Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003
8 a.m.-1 p.m.
403 E. Main St., Hoopeston



Coffee Hour 8-9:30 a.m.
Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Soup, Sandwich, Dessert & Drink **\$5**

Weather

Partly cloudy today and tonight. High 59, low 35. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of showers late. High 71, low 47. For current weather conditions, (217) 283-6221.



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