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Multi-faceted approach successful in fighting meth problem

While Vermilion County's biggest drug problems are still alcohol and marijuana, methamphetamine use continues to grow, according to an expert.

Bill Dicker, addictions counselor and Project X coordinator for Prairie Center Health Systems, talked about meth at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

"Methamphetamine is particularly scary in rural areas because everything is here," Dicker said. "Hoopeston is about agriculture," he said,



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and methamphetamine is made with "stuff they can steal right from you," including the anhydrous ammonia used in the manufacturing process.

In 2005, Vermilion County had the largest number of methamphetamine labs in the state, with 134 on the official count, but Dicker estimated the actual number of working labs might be as much as three times higher.

To fight the growing problem, Dicker said a multi-faceted approach works best,

See METH on other side

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The screening will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, March 20 at Ruby Nell's, 225 E. Main St., Hoopeston. The foundation will take photographs which will be sent to Illinois Retina Associates, S.S., where they will be reviewed by their retinal specialists. People who had the screening done will be notified with a copy of the results.

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Hoop Area show choirs to compete at Watseka Invitational

Hoopeston Area Middle and High School show choirs will compete this weekend at the Watseka Show Choir Invitational.

Hoopeston Area Middle School’s show choir, “Cornjerker Connection” will perform at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

“New Direction,” the high school show choir, is set to perform at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

If the high school show choir is the highest scoring group among the varsity and unisex divisions, it will perform again in exhibition during the evening finals.

The five top-scoring show choirs performing in the afternoon from the mixed division will be announced at the day awards’ presentation around 6:30 p.m. and those groups will compete in the finals. Additionally, Hoopeston Area has five soloists who will compete Saturday afternoon in Room 134 at Watseka High School.

Admission prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students on Friday night; \$12 for adults, \$8 for students for all day Saturday plus finals on Saturday or \$8 for adults, \$5 for students for the day competition only; and \$8 for adults, \$5 for students for the Saturday night finals only.

Meth continued from other side

including making citizens aware of what to look for and getting help for addicts.

A good sign of meth manufacturing include a strong cat urine smell from the ammonia. People’s trash might provide other clues. “If there’s a lot of Coleman stove fuel and they’re not campers, they might be making meth,” he said. Other indicators include containers from automobile starting fluid, acetone or paint thinner, propane tanks, drain cleaner, ephedrine or pseudoephedrine (cold medication) packages, red-stained coffee filters and duct tape.

Residents should also be aware of the symptoms displayed by users, which include “a high rate of paranoia” and rapid speech that makes no sense. Other indicators include disheveled appearance and weight loss because the drug increases energy and decreases appetite. Some adult women use the drug because “you have energy, you lose weight, you can do all your housework and you feel pretty sexy,” Dicker said.

In Champaign County, it is mostly people ages 25-40 who use the drug, while Vermilion County has a younger meth population. Most often, young people will choose meth only when other drugs, such as cocaine and crack, are not available, he said.

Teachers may be able to tell if their students’ parents use meth because the students will be tired during the day from having been kept up by their parents all night,” he said.

In treating the addiction, Dicker said using a 28-day program helps, although some long-time users may require treatment anywhere from three months to one

year. Working a 12-step program, such as Alcoholics Anonymous or NarcAnon, plus therapy increase the success rate, as does participation in the county’s Drug Court program.


Users who are arrested are referred to Drug Court after their initial court appearance. With the arm of law on them, many are more likely to continue treatment and rehabilitate themselves, Dicker said.

Dicker, who holds a master’s degree, has been a counselor at Prairie Center for about a year. Before coming to Champaign, he taught at-risk youngsters in Battle Creek, Mich. But it was personal experience that taught him a lot about drugs. “My son taught me a lot about all the drugs,” he said.

Briefly

March senior potluck cancelled
The Hoopeston Multi Agency’s senior potluck, scheduled for Thursday, March 9, has been cancelled.

Class reunion meeting
Hoopeston Area class of 1996 will meet at 4 p.m. March 11 at Ruby Nell’s to plan the class reunion. Anyone interested in helping is asked to attend.

Weather

Thunderstorms today and tonight. High 51, low 48. Tomorrow, heavy rain. High 59, low 46.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Police News

Pam S. Crose, 47, of 719 S. Fifth St., was arrested at 2:20 p.m. Monday at the police station.

Crose, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear—rule to show cause, was released on \$202 bond.

A **20-year-old** woman reported Monday that two windows were broken out of her vehicle while it was broken down 1/2 mile south of Hoopeston on South Sixth Ave. The ignition was also damaged and CDs were taken.

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