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Vermilion County reports nine confirmed cases of mumps

Vermilion County is now reporting nine confirmed cases of mumps, and two probable cases. The Vermilion County Health Department first reported cases in the middle of April. The ages of those infected to date range from 14-89.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention says over 1,000 cases of mumps have been reported in eight states since Iowa first began identifying cases around the first of the year. The number of mumps cases reported this year in Illinois is on the upswing. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, the state has averaged 13 cases over the past five years, but as of April 28 the state has recorded 193 cases in 2006. Mumps have been reported in 44 Illinois counties and the city of Chicago.

Health Department Immunization Coordinator Sherrie Shoemaker says the investigation into potential mumps cases continues as they are reported. "We are spending a

great deal of time interviewing the families and close contacts of those who are infected," Shoemaker says, "In an effort to contain the outbreak as soon as possible." Shoemaker says anyone showing signs or symptoms of mumps should call their healthcare provider.

The mumps virus causes fever, headaches and swollen salivary glands under the jaw. Children who get mumps may develop a mild meningitis (inflammation of the covering of the brain and spinal cord) and sometimes encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Mumps also can result in permanent hearing loss. Serious complications also can result when adults or teenagers, particularly males, get mumps.

Shoemaker reminds everyone to check their immunization records, and their children's records, as well as to use common sense good health practices. "Wash your hands, cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing,

See MUMPS on other side

Area students win at 'I Sing the Body Electric' arts festival

High school artists, writers, poets, and actors from 10 Vermilion County high schools and the Center for Children's Services GED program presented their health based art projects to judges and more than 300 people at the fourth annual I Sing the Body Electric Arts and Health Festival Sunday, April 23 at Danville Area Community College. More than 130 students worked individually or in groups to create 111 projects that addressed alcohol and drug use, depression, body image, violence, and sexuality behavior. Local winners included:

Bismarck-Henning High School

Jarrett Levette Honorable Mention
Hayley Sutton Honorable Mention
Angela Werkheiser Merit

Hoopeston Area High School

Elizabeth Booher Honorable Mention
Elizabeth Booher, Sherri McCormick Merit
Whitley Huff Merit
Samantha Meranda Grand Merit
Samantha Myers Honorable Mention
Cristin Prince Grand Merit
Tyler Teare Merit
Jacqueline Vicari Honorable Mention

Monetary awards will be presented to the winners at their individual school's year-end assemblies. After archiving the projects, the staff of I Sing the Body Electric will begin scheduling the summer tour. Any group wishing to schedule a tour should call Cindi Montgerard, tour coordinator, at (217) 442-6594.

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Briefly

WMD winners
April winners in the Women Making A Difference drawing are: \$25, Roberta Wood and Emma Leak; \$15, Alexandra Wilson and Jane Cress; and \$10, Global Fashions and Rene Noice.

Neighborhood Watch
Tim Ludwig of Gift of Hope will be the featured speaker at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, May 8 at Country Terrace. Ludwig will talk on the organ and tissue donor network.
Everyone is invited to attend.

Trash Walkers
Hoopeston Trash Walkers will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday at John Greer (corner of Sixth Ave. and Main). Anyone who wishes to volunteer to pick up trash in the area is welcomed.

Teacher request forms
Teacher request forms for the 2006-07 year will be sent home with students in grades two-five beginning Friday. Parents of students in kindergarten and first grade must pick up teacher request forms at the Maple School office beginning Friday. All forms must be returned on or before Friday, May 19.
Those with questions should call their child's school.

Area soldiers returning
Area soldiers serving with the 2nd of the 130 INF from the area including Rossville, Bismarck, Cissna Park, Milford and Hoopeston will be arriving home in the next week. People can show support with yellow ribbons, welcome home posters, flags, etc. in their yards, in business window, and on advertising signs.

Mumps continued from other side
don't drink from the same glass or share the same eating utensils as another person, and avoid contact with anyone who may be infected with mumps," Shoemaker says.
For more information, go the health department's website at www.vchd.org of the Illinois Department of Public Health at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/mumps/index.htm> or the CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/diseases/mumps/default.htm>.

Hanson, Burge plan May 14 wedding in Colorado Springs

Colorado Springs—Maria Eileen Hanson and Chad Daniel Burge will be united in marriage at 10:30 a.m. May 14 at Mystic Meadows Event Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The prospective bridegroom's uncle, the Rev. Paul Hinzman of Bloomington will perform the double-ring ceremony.



**Marie Hanson
Chad Burge**

The bride-elect is the daughter of Eileen Hanson of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mark and Sharon Hanson of Rifle, Colo. She is the granddaughter of Gene and Mary Hanson of Decatur, (formerly of Hoopeston).
She is a 2001 graduate of Hoopeston Area High School, and is currently attending University of Colorado pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in business. She is currently a new account representative at Rocky Mountain Bank and Trust in Colorado Springs.
The prospective bridegroom is the son of Douglas and

Jo Ann Burge of Bismarck and brother of Brent Burge of Bismarck. He is the grandson of Harold and Ruth Hinzman of Polk City Fla. (formerly of Hoopeston) and of Hale and Grace Burge of Hoopeston.
He is a 2001 graduate of Hoopeston Area High School and is currently attending USCS pursuing a bachelor degree in business finance and accounting. He is a member of the Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity. He is currently employed as an accountant technician for Keisling & Associates in Colorado Springs.
Friends and relatives are invited to attend, according to a family spokesman. Cards and well wishes may be sent to their new home residence at 3265 Leoti Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80922.

Classifieds

AUCTIONS
Antique, collectible, clean household, lawnmower, toys, marbles trees auction 10 a.m. May 6, Hoopeston Civic Center. For free consignment information or to schedule an appointment to consign items, call Jon Witvoet, (217) 748-6289 or (217) 304-0442

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MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
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RUMMAGE SALES
Wellington Maxwell Street Sale, Saturday, May 6, 8-? United Methodist Church will serve breakfast & lunch. Don't miss the United Methodist Women's bake sale!
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Police News 

Police reported Monday that someone broke into Angie's Extreme Attitudes, 1016 W. Penn, and took several items.
Robert W. Goodnight, 22, of 311 E. Seminary was arrested after a traffic stop at 9:47 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of West Main.
Goodnight was charged with driving on suspension and was released on a notice to appear.

Weather 

Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 80, low 54. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 69, low 47.
For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.