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Health department to host information session on STDs

The state of Illinois says Vermilion is one of 21 counties in the state reporting excessively high rates of Sexually Transmitted Diseases. "We have struggled with this issue for many years now, and we believe it is time to

ask the community to assist us with this community health issue," says public health administrator Steve Laker.

See STD on other side



A full house

Greg Mullen, new owner of L&M Lunch, rings up a sale Monday. The restaurant, at 307 E. Main, reopened Monday under new ownership but with the same menu, cooked by former owner Mick Farrell. The restaurant is open from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and will be open to 7 p.m. on Fridays.



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Siren testing

The monthly testing of Hoopeston emergency sirens will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Neighborhood Watch

Incumbent Christopher Leigh (R) and Democrat challenger Travis Taylor, both candidates for District 1 County Board, will be the featured speakers at this month's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Multi Agency sets summer hours, suggested van trip rate change

Effective June 2 through mid-August, the Hoopeston Multi Agency will operate on summer hours. The building will be open from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. daily. Thrift shop hours will remain from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Van operating hours will be 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Teen Reach will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and cards, potlucks, cafes and coffee hours will remain the same.

Also effective immediately, suggested rates for van trips will increase, due to the rise in the price of diesel fuel.

Suggested rates are \$2 per stop in Hoopeston; Danville

Police News

Aaron M. Linares, 25, of Hoopeston was arrested after a traffic stop at 5:44 p.m. Sunday at Main and Third. He was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol and was released on \$100 bond.

STD continued from other side

Vermilion County Health Department will host a community information session about the high STD rates in Vermilion County on Thursday, June 5, 2008 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Bremer Conference Center on the campus of Danville Area Community College. Representatives from Vermilion County schools, government, local media, business and social service and health organizations have been invited to attend the session. "This issue crosses boundaries in our community and hopefully together we can find ways to resolve it," Laker says.

"The Illinois Department of Public Health will be at this informational session to provide the state perspective on the impact of high STD rates on our youth and The two will speak at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Country Terrace. Everyone is invited to attend.

This is the first part of a series of candidates who will be on the Nov. 4 ballot.

CNA testing, classes

Mandatory testing for those interested in taking CNA classes will be held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital community room.

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"It is critical that everyone realize that we will not deny anyone transportation due to their inability to pay the fee," said executive director Betty Shaffer in a press release. "We ask that everyone contribute what they can, if they can."

Shaffer said the agency continues to have decreased funding from funding sources and that if costs are not passed on to the public, the transportation service will have to be discontinued.

Apologizing for the inconvenience, Shaffer said the Multi Agency provides many services in addition to transportation and that it takes a great deal of money for the general operation of the agency. "We ask for your continued support and understanding with these changes."

our community," Laker says. Health department staff will provide information on current and upcoming programs, as well as assist community members in a focus group approach to identifying potential solutions.

According to state and local data, young people between the ages of 10 and 29 report the highest incidence of Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Vermilion County.

Weather

Thunderstorms likely today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 81, low 64. Tomorrow, high 81, low 69. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, **(217) 283-6221**. CNA classes will be held from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 16-July 15. Location will be announced at the testing. Students are responsible for the fees for background checks and lab fees, which will be discussed at testing.



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