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Meningitis suspected as cause of Hoopeston area child's death

A two-year-old Hoopeston area child's death may have been caused by bacterial meningitis.

Kyla Kinney, two, was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Monday, then transferred to Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, for treatment. Miss Kinney died Tuesday but was kept on life support until Wednesday, according to reports.

At press time, a diagnosis of meningitis had not been confirmed; however, Miss Kinney showed signs and symptoms of the disease, according to a Vermilion County Health Department press release. "To date, this is an isolated suspect case, but we are continuing an active epidemiological investigation and disease surveillance so that we can notify the community if further response is necessary," said Steve Laker, Vermilion County Public Health Administrator.

The health department is conducting an investigation into the case. Because Miss Kinney had been in daycare, youngsters and caretakers at the daycare have received medication for meningitis.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), bacterial meningitis is often more severe than aseptic meningitis, particularly in infants and the elderly. Before antibiotics were widely used, 70 percent or more

The Karate Club Bill & Susan McGee upstairs of Multi Agency 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston Individuals \$50/mo. Families \$75/mo. (217) 497-3916 (217) 497-7307 of bacterial meningitis cases were fatal; with antibiotic treatment, the fatality rate has dropped to 15 percent or less. Bacterial meningitis is most common in the winter and spring.

Bacterial meningitis can be spread through direct contact with nose and throat secretions. Healthy persons, who have no signs of illness, can have these bacteria in their nose or throat and spread them to others. Sharing a glass, cup or eating utensil, coughing or sneezing into the face of another person, or sharing a cigarette are examples of how contact with another person's respira-See MENINGITIS on other side



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Friday	Cod & Ribeye
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Saturday	Prime Rib & Ribeye
	Open Bowling after 1 p.m.
Sunday	Open at 1 p.m. Open
	Bowling 1-4

Coming September 26 - Standard Issue Oct. 3 9 Pin Fundraiser for YOUTH LEAGUE starting at 6:30 Maui Club starting at 8:30 Black Light Bowling at 9 Oct. 10: ADULT 9 PIN JACKPOT Signup 6:30, bowl at 7. Pot is \$445!



Carry-outs available 283-6312

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Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots story program will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hoopeston Public Library's children's room. The program is open to preschool children who are accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Worldwide day of healing

MorningStar Church, 201 N. Chicago St., Rossville, will participate in Worldwide Day of Healing from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday at the church.



Seeking Health Center Board Nominations

The Hoopeston Regional Health Center Board of Directors is seeking nominations for three of the nine Board of Director positions. The Board of Directors plays a critical roll in the oversight and governance of Hoopeston Regional Health

Center and its success in meeting the mission and vision of the organization. Listed below are general outlines of the personal and professional qualifications for being a Board Member.

Personal Qualifications

Certain basic qualifications must be possessed by all Directors for the Board to function effectively. Those qualifications are:

Honesty, Integrity, having a sense of justice, and of sound moral character.
Availability to participate in Board and Community Activities
Objective and deliberative approach to problems
Experience translatable to Health Center Operations

•Ability to conceptualize •Respect for confidentiality

Commitment to community health

•Experience in group decision-making

Understanding the role of the Board of Directors as related to the overall organization
 Acceptance of the Board policy relative to conflict of interest
 Willingness to accept responsibility of governance

Professional Qualifications

Since the Board of Directors is a composite of persons who have various professional backgrounds, nominees should have one or more of the competencies below:

 Health care competency
 Financial competency
 Education competency
Knowledge of the civic community

•Managerial competency •Legal competency •Engineering competency •Knowledge of legislative activity

If you are interested in nominating someone or you have a personal interest in serving on the Board of Directors, please submit your nominations in writing to:

Hoopeston Regional Health Center, Attn. Board of Directors Nominating Committee 701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942

If you have questions regarding the nominating process, please call Harry Brockus, Chief Executive Officer at (217) 283-8240.

Nominations must be received by September 30th, 2009 by 4 p.m.

Softball meeting

Hoopeston Area girls softball will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in the John Greer art room.

Enjoy facts stranger than fiction Tom Sweeney will present the second in a series of

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:24 p.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of East Chestnut. Police said Maxine Williams, of Hoopeston, pulled a 2008 Buick into a driveway and struck a guy-wire on a utility pole.

A 47-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 2:55 p.m. Wednesday that someone took several items from her home in the 500 block of East Main.

Meningitis continued from other side

tory secretions might occur according to public health. IDPH said meningitis can produce mild symptoms such as headache, low-grade fever and tiredness lasting two to three days — in some patients. In other patients, the symptoms can be severe and begin suddenly with fever, headache and stiff neck. In newborns and infants, the classic symptoms may not be present; infants may only be listless, irritable and sleepy, with loss of appe-

tite. For more information on meningitis, go to the health department's site at <u>www.vchd.org</u>, or Illinois Department of Public Health at <u>http://www.idph.state.il.us/</u> <u>public/hb/hbmening.htm</u> or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <u>http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/</u> <u>index.html</u>.

Vermilion County last reported two cases of bacterial meningitis in the summer of 2007, when one person died from confirmed Meningococcaemia caused by *Neisseria meningitis*.

Weather

Sunny today. High 80. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 55. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 79, low 54. Sunday, chance of thunderstorms. High 76, low 59.

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

local history readings at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hoopeston Public Library meeting room. Refreshments will be served before the program ends at 4 p.m. Sweeney will read selections from Centennial Book of Vermilion County, Illinois Sept. 1826-1926.



A 36-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 8:44 p.m. Wednesday that her pink Razor bicycle was stolen from John Greer School, 609 W. Main.

Classifieds HELP WANTED

Mustard Seed Christian Daycare is taking applications for qualified teachers. Applicants are required to have at least two years of college or have equivalent experience and credentials. They also must be at least 19 years of age. Please bring resume and unofficial transcripts to the Rossville High School building. For more information please call Ashley Dobkins at 217-748-6370.

HOUSES FOR SALE

3 Bedroom house in Hoopeston. Large lot, 2 car garage, central air, vinyl siding, new roof, updated paint and flooring. Priced well below appraisal at \$48,000.No Contracts. For a private showing and more information call 217-304-6547.

Hoopeston. By owner. Good location. 2 story, 3-4 BR, 2.5 bath. Convenient upstairs laundry & floor plan. Central air, new furnace. \$39,000 firm. (217) 377-6741 for showing.

2 story, 3-4 BR house on corner lot in Rossville. Great neighborhood, 1 block from grade school. Asking \$29,500. Will consider selling on contract. Call (217) 213-1400

RUMMAGE SALES

St. Anthony Catholic Church parking lot sale, 7 a.m. Sat. Lawn equipment, tools, kitchenware, glassware, microwaves, furniture, exercise equipment. All proceeds to St. Vincent DePaul organization to assist families in need.

Parking lot sale. Fri., 9-2. Parking lot across from Multi Agency on Main St.

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