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Study: when it comes to healthy, Vermilion County isn't

A national survey shows that when it comes to health, Vermilion County ranks in the bottom 10 percent in the state.

The study, done by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute, ranks Vermilion County at 96 of 101 counties surveyed. One county was not included in the study.

The report includes health outcomes and health and socio-economic factors.

In the category of mortality, Vermilion County ranked 91st, with premature deaths—defined as years of potential life lost before age 75—Vermilion County had 9,201, compared with a target value of 5,694 and a state value of 6,987.

Twenty two percent of residents were listed as having poor or fair health, compared with a target value of nine percent and a state value of 16 percent. Nine percent of babies born had low birth weight. The target value of the category is six percent, while the state value is eight percent.

According to the study, 24 percent of county residents smoke, compared with 21 percent in the state and a target value of 17 percent.

Vermilion County also came in over targets for adult

obesity, motor vehicle crash deaths, Chlamydia, teen birth rate and preventable hospital stays.

County residents have a low rate of primary care providers, with 79 per 100,000 residents, compared with 128 in the state. Only 76 percent of diabetic Medicare patients received screenings to test A1c levels, compared with 78 percent statewide. Hospice use, at 15 percent, is less than half the state's 33 percent.

The study showed better results in the categories of binge drinking—16 percent of county residents compared with 18 percent statewide—and a lower number of uninsured residents at 10 percent, compared with 15 percent in the state.

Socio-economic factors, which may correlate to poorer health, show the county has a high school graduation rate of 76 percent, compared to 80 percent statewide. Twelve percent of residents have college degrees, compared to the state rate of 29 percent.

The county's unemployment rate, defined as those 16 or older who are unemployed but seeking work, was listed at eight percent, compared to seven percent statewide.

The rate of children living in poverty is 28 percent in See **HEALTH** on other side

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Jennifer L. Gernand, 61, of Rossville, was ticketed for improper turning after an accident at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday. Police said Gernand, in a 1998 Chevrolet truck, was eastbound in the 300 block of East Main, trying to park on the north side of the street, when she hit a parked 1997 Buick LeSabre owned by Irene Maul of Hoopeston.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:41 p.m. Tuesday. Police said a 2002 Dodge, driven by Brian E. Field, of Hoopeston, and a 1999 Chevrolet truck, driven by Tyler A. Selsor, also of Hoopeston, collided.

Health continued from other side

the county. The percentage of adults with inadequate social support was listed as 29 percent for the county, but only 21 percent statewide. Vermilion County was listed as having 12 percent single parent households versus nine percent at the state level.

According to the study, Vermilion County had 687 acts of violent crime per 100,000 residents during the study period, compared with 559 at the state level. The target level for the category was 134.

Also, according to the study, county residents have less access to healthy foods, defined as grocery stores and produce stands/farmers' markets, with 29 percent, compared to 39 percent statewide.

Liquor store density, defined as the number of liquor stores per 10,000 residents, was 1.7, compared with 1 at the state level and a target rate of .2.

The counties bordering Vermilion were all ranked higher, with Iroquois County ranked 30; Champaign

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Police News

An employee of Ameren CIPS reported at 12:07 p.m. Wednesday that someone had tampered with a residential electric meter in the 200 block of Wyman.

At 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Antonio L. Luster, 35, of Hoopeston, was arrested in connection with the incident. He was charged with unlawful interference with a public utility and was released on \$100 cash bond.

Nicolas G. Hummel, 21, of Quincy, was arrested after an altercation at 10:08 p.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of West Main.

Hummel was charged with battery on a complaint from a 21-year-old Hoopeston man, and was found to be

County, 31; Ford, 20; and Edgar County, 70.

Counties ranking lower than Vermilion were Edwards, Saline, Pulaski, Alexander and Hardin.

Report results were released at a meeting of community stakeholders Wednesday, sponsored by the Vermilion County Health Department, which will work with stakeholders on improvements.

Complete information is available at www.countyhealthrankings.org.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 33. Tonight, chance of snow. Low 20. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 33, low 18. Sunday, mostly cloudy, chance of snow late. High 31, low 20.

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wanted on an Adams County warrant for failure to appear/narcotics and obstruction.

Hummel was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Obituaries

GREENBERG - Russell J. Greenberg, 78, of Naperville, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 11:41 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Masonic service at 6:45 p.m. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

MAYNARD - Mary Maynard, 61, of Rossville, died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

ROBERTS - Frances Roberts, 80, of Danville, died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

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