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## Vermilion at bottom of pack in most county health ranks

DANVILLE—Local officials are reviewing the data in the latest County Health Ranking study, which was released by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on April 3.

"The study gives us a broad range of information, on topics like adult smoking and obesity, motor vehicle car crash death rates, high school graduation rates, sexually transmitted infection rates, unemployment, violent crime rates, and access to recreational facilities," said Shirley Hicks, Vermilion County Health Department Public Health Administrator. "Community leaders and the public can utilize this information to identify the steps that need to be taken to build a healthier community."

This is the third year that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin has released the County Health Rankings, ranking the 102 Illinois Counties according to their summary measures of health factors and health outcomes.

Although some of the data that the 2012 rankings are based on now includes 2010 information, some of the information is from as far back as 2004.

Community Health Rankings are one source of data that can give the community a snapshot of health within the community.

This year, Vermilion County ranked 95<sup>th</sup> in the state in terms of health outcomes -- such as the years of potential life lost before age 75, live births with low birth rate, and the number of adults who reported poor physical and mental health days in the past month at the time of the survey.

Vermilion County also ranked 99<sup>th</sup> in the state in terms of health factors -- behaviors like tobacco use, alcohol use, unsafe sex and diet and exercise, and social and economic factors like unemployment, high school graduation rates, children in poverty,

single-parent households and violent crime rates.

Mortality rankings, which include factors that may limit the length of residents' lives, improved in Vermilion County, and the county rose from 95<sup>th</sup> in 2011 to 92<sup>nd</sup> in 2012.



Also, some new indicators were assessed in 2012, including physical inactivity and the number of fast-food restaurants in the area.

"Improving health is everyone's business," said Hicks. "Everyone who lives in Vermilion County can take steps to make improvements in their own lives and the health of their community."

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### Card shower

A get-well card shower is being held for Robert McCrory. Brighten his day and send cards to him at 513 W. Lincoln St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

### WMD winners

March winners in the Women Making a Difference 50/50 drawing were: \$25, Sharon Johnson and Alicia Turnage; \$15, Susie Olaivar and Linda Meeker; and \$10, Drew German and Mary Jo Houseman (donated back).

### Alley cleanup

Hoopeston alley cleanup is underway. This is for yard waste only - no plastic, wood, brick, concrete or landscape materials. Put yard waste in the alley, not by the curb unless you don't have an alley.

As a reminder, don't blow grass into the street.

### Community meeting

Hoopeston Area school district will hold a community meeting at 7 p.m. April 10 in the high school auditorium to discuss the future of the district's football program.

Following the meeting, the school board will hold a special meeting in the high school library.

### Kindergarten preregistration

Maple Grade School will hold pre-registration for all incoming kindergarten students on Thursday, April 12, from 3:30-5:30 and 6-7:30 p.m.

Each child will be screened, so it is necessary to schedule an appointment for you and your child to come in. All students must go through this process before being assigned to a class. Call (217) 283-6665 to schedule

### Police News



A **49-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone burglarized her auto in the 100 block of East Lincoln.

**Eric Jamerson**, 46, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 11:21 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of North Sixth Avenue. He was charged with driving while license revoked and was released on \$150 bond.

### Obituaries

**ROARK** - Donald James Roark, 93, of Pensacola, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, died March 6, 2012. Funeral Mass was held Monday at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Pensacola. Interment was in Bayview Memorial Park.

**WORTHEY** - John Michael Worthey, 39, of Cissna Park, formerly of Watseka, died Sunday, April 1, 2012, in rural Woodland from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Milford Christian Church. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka, and 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service. Memorials are suggested in his name at First Trust and Savings Bank, 120 E. Walnut St., Watseka IL 60970, to help the family defray costs.

### Weather



Partly sunny today. High 63. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 40. Tomorrow, sunny. High 57, low 36.

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