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Second annual event honors local girl while helping others

McFerren Park will be a hive of activity Saturday for the second annual Kyla's Day for Kids.

The day is in memory of Kyla Kinney, who, at two years old, died of an aggressive form meningitis on September 15, 2009. Kyla's last act, as an organ donor, saved a nine-year-old girl's life.

In 2011, Kyla's family and friends decided to honor her memory with an event to benefit children by starting Kyla's Day for Kids. Last year's event raised \$6,000, which was split between the children's department at Hoopeston Public Library and the Carle Foundation Hospital's pediatric unit.

Funds from this year's event are earmarked for Hoopeston's Blessings in a Backpack program, Camp Healing Heard and pediatric jump kit bags, special bags filled with pediatric-sized medical equipment for EMTs and paramedics.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at McFerren Park. A memory walk will be held from



KYLA KINNEY

10-11 a.m. Entry fee is \$20 and includes a t-shirt and bracelet. The shirt and bracelet will also be available for purchase.

The Kyla Kinney Memorial Softball Tournament, a coed slow-pitch event, will be held Friday and Saturday at the park ball field. The \$250 entry fee per team will fund payouts to the top two teams, with first place receiving \$500 and second place getting \$400.

All teams need to bring three .44 core yellow softballs.

A memorial Bags Tournament (Corn Hole) will also be set for Saturday at the park tennis courts. Signup fee is \$20 per team.

After the Memorial Walk, families will be able to take part in games, bounce house, face painting, dunk tank, craft tent, bake sale and raffle items for all.

For more information, call Lisa Kinney, (217) 283-5639; Ashley Kinney, (217) 504-2640; or Titia Cole 283-5563.

Carle Foundation Hospital lists tips for Farm Safety Week

URBANA—Each year in the United States, National Farm Safety and Health Week recognizes the importance of agricultural safety and awareness. Taking place September 16-22, this year's theme is "Agricultural Safety and Health...A Family Affair," and demonstrates how families – from children through their grandparents – are affected each year by farm incidents.

According to University of Illinois Extension, 29 fatalities occurred in Illinois in 2011 as a result of an agricultural incident. In addition, the National Safety

Council ranks agriculture as the nation's most dangerous industry, accounting for 25.4 deaths per 100,000 adult workers. Though family members of those killed will be forever changed by these tragedies, more lives can be saved if all families remain aware of the risks associated in agriculture.

"Farm safety should and can be made a family affair," explained Amy Rademaker, farm safety specialist at Carle Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety. "It's

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Vermilion County Health Department: ‘Take 2’ actions to prevent flu—get vaccine, use everyday precautions for health

DANVILLE—It's time to "Take 2"! The Vermilion County Health Department recommends that you take two actions to prevent flu this year.

- 1. Take time to get a flu vaccination
- 2. Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that flu vaccinations begin as soon as vaccine is available. The Vermilion County Health Department's flu vaccine has arrived and flu clinics are scheduled.

The Vermilion County Health Department will offer adult seasonal flu shots at 200 South College Street as shown below:

September 24	(Mon)	7:30 - 2:30
September 28	(Fri)	8:30 - 3:30
October 3	(Wed)	8:30 - 3:30
October 4	(Thur)	8:30 - 6:30
October 11	(Thur)	8:30 - 3:30
October 12	(Fri)	8:30 - 3:30
October 17	(Wed)	8:30 - 3:30
October 18	(Thur)	3:00 - 6:30
October 25	(Thur)	3:00 - 6:30
October 26	(Fri)	8:30 - 11:30

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends for the 2011-2012 flu season that everyone 6 months and older receive their annual flu shot. According to the CDC, immunity from the flu shot takes about two weeks to build and lasts up to 12 months. Because immunity does wane over time, the CDC recommends getting a flu shot annually.

The cost for adult flu shots, for those 19 years of age and older, at the Vermilion County Health Department will be \$30. The Health Department will bill Medicare, Medicaid and all Health Alliance plans for adult flu shots. Individuals should be prepared to present proof of these types of coverage at the time of vaccination. The Health Department cannot bill private insurers, but a receipt can be provided for use by those who may be covered by insurance and want to seek reimbursement.

Children from ages 6 months through 18 years old may schedule a flu shot through our Immunization Department by calling 431-2662 ext 249. The child's parent or guardian must accompany the child for the vaccination. The cost for vaccinations for children under the age of 19 will

be \$15.

The Health Department will continue its program of working with businesses and organizations that want to provide flu vaccinations as a wellness benefit for their employees and members. Businesses and organizations can contact the Health Department to make billing arrangements and to schedule those vaccinations.

"We are ready to offer as many clinics as our staffing

Farm continued from other side

essential parents teach their children that safety is important and necessary on a farm. On the flipside, kids and grandkids are the most impressionable and are often the best at reaching mom and dad."

The agrarian lifestyle has been a way of life for generations. For a child involved in agriculture, each new task on the farm demonstrates a rite of passage, which will lead to an even bigger task ahead. However, despite the added responsibility, children often see farms as a playground, full of exciting equipment and machinery for them to play on, further reinforcing the importance of teaching children about farm safety at an early age.

For many parents and long-time farmers, safety and the dangers of agriculture are learned, but are often overlooked. With many advancements being made to engineer safer farm equipment, a sense of complacency continues to make agricultural work the most dangerous occupation in the United States. "We often hear 'it won't happen to me,' or 'my father has always done it this way and he survived,'" said Rademaker. "But all it takes is one incident. If the next time results in tragedy, a shortcut was never worth it."

To help ensure that each generation knows how to keep one another safe, the Carle Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety has provided safety tips for farmers and their loved ones:

Children:

- Don't ask to ride along in tractors. Even though it's fun, passengers on a tractor can interfere with safe operation of machinery.

- Always get permission to visit a parent or adult while they are working on machinery, and remain in a visible area to ensure the adult sees you.

Teens:

allows, so that we can help Vermilion County residents prepare for the upcoming flu season," says Public Health Administrator Shirley Hicks.

The Vermilion County Health Department encourages everyone to take preventative measures to decrease the spread of germs this flu season. "We encourage everyone to protect themselves and their family by getting their annual flu shot this year and to practice the follow-

- Only use a cell phone when not working, but keep it close in case of emergency. Cell phones can be a lifesaver or a deadly distraction.

- Be informed on child labor laws. Teens can only work in certain situations under legal guardians.

Parents:

- Keep the rollover protection structures (ROPS) in the upright position and always wear a seatbelt to prevent a tractor rollover injury or fatality. The ROPS should only be folded down in low-clearance areas and when absolutely necessary.

- Always wear hearing protection to protect from hearing loss. It only takes 2 hours for an open cab tractor to become dangerous to the human ear without proper hearing protection.

Grandparents:

- Think about your actions. Unsafe actions don't always result in harm, but the risk isn't worth it.

- Take caution when lifting heavy items or climbing in unsafe areas, and recognize personal health and safety to avoid injury. If something looks dangerous or unpredictable, don't do it.

For a full list of safety tips and for more information on how Carle is protecting our local farm families and children, visit www.carle.org/farmsafety or contact the Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety at farm-safety@carle.com or (217) 383-4606.

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ing steps to preventing flu illness," Hicks says.

Wash your hands with soap and hot water, and keep hand sanitizers nearby as a backup.

Stay home if you are sick.

Maintain your personal space (three to six feet) away from other people.

Cough/sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue and properly dispose of it immediately, then wash your hands.

Keep your hands away from your face -- especially your eyes, nose and mouth.

Frequently sanitize hard surfaces, like countertops and door knobs.

Teach your children to wash their hands properly.

For more information, call the Health Department at 431-2662, ext 229, or visit their website at www.vchd.org.

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