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Director addresses canine situation at county animal shelter

Editor's note: Vermilion County Animal Shelter has been hit with several canine diseases recently. As a result, some dogs were euthanized, which resulted in emotions running high among county residents. Shelter director Paige Brown discusses the situation in this letter.

Thanks to everyone who has given us so much support and for all the encouraging words last week. As many of you know, we were closed for quarantine and cleaning. We, like many shelters, are fighting a bad case of bordetella (kennel cough). Unfortunately, we were also fight-

ing other respiratory diseases including canine herpes and mycoplasma.

The combination of all these made treating it very complex and difficult since the strains we have are resistant to the antibiotics that are typically prescribed to treat these illnesses. Several dogs were swabbed and the results sent to the lab where they determined what exactly we were dealing with.

After consulting with our county vet, we decided the best way to control this was to close the shelter for a few
See SHELTER on other side

HA FFA members honored as 2015 Exceptional All-Stars

Two Hoopeston Area students were honored as Exceptional FFA All-Stars for 2015.

Bryce Leigh and Matt Stock were honored April 6 at the Beef House in Covington Ind., as WIXY Classic 99.1 presented 20 Exceptional FFA All-Stars for 2015.

Gale Cunningham from WIXY Classic and The Regional AG Force team hosted the event.

Leigh and Stock were selected from 35 members who were nominated by their agriculture teachers and community members.

Each nominee's nomination form was reviewed by a three panel system made up from agriculture teachers outside of the listening area, farmers, and state officers to come up with the top 20.

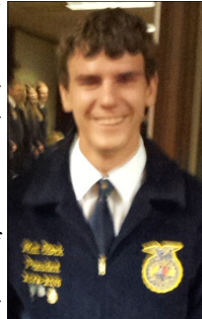
Leigh, the son of Chris and Lisa Leigh, has been a chapter officer for four years. His record book for three years was on Swine Entrepreneurship all three years and won Sectional 18 in this area for three years.



LEIGH

He also serves on Hoopeston Area High School FFA livestock judging team and the Envirothon Team. He has shown in the Section 18 Livestock Fair and serves Fountain Creek 4-H as an officer.

Stock, the son of Dale and Angie Stock, has been a driving force for HAHS FFA. He has been an officer for the past three years and is currently the FFA president. Stock has kept excellent Supervised Agriculture Experience records in Turf Grass Management, Vegetable Production, and AG Mechanics Repair and Maintenance. In 2015 he was selected Section 18 Star in Ag Placement. He is also a member of other successful Agriculture teams at HAHS.



STOCK

The students and their families were recognized for their hard work with FFA.

Emily McCray is advisor of the Hoopeston Area FFA program.

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days for quarantine and cleaning. This was necessary for the health of our animals, as well as the health of public animals.

When we adopt animals to people, we encourage a meet and greet with animals already in the home, and this was not possible with the sickness we had at the shelter.

We also did not want to expose our shelter animals to any additional germs while their immune systems were so diminished.

We spent the 3 1/2 days cleaning every surface in the shelter including the ventilation system to ensure that we would do our best to get these "bugs" out of our shelter.

Unfortunately, there were some dogs that were euthanized because of their illness. This was not done lightly or without heartache, but it was determined that it was in the animal's best interest as well as for the "herd" health here at the shelter. These animals had been ill for quite some time, and had other medical issues as well that prevented them from responding to the antibiotics we

Briefly

Last days of Library Week

Hoopeston Public Library is wrapping up National Library Week with events Friday and Saturday. Friday will include tours of the Illinois Room by Tom Sweeney from 1-3 p.m. and at 1:30 p.m., author Bonnie Manion will have a poetry reading. Tomorrow, at 10 a.m., it will be "The Big Read," story and activity time for ages preschool through sixth grade, celebrating Smart Money Week.

Alley cleanup

Hoopeston alley cleanup, for yard waste only, is underway. Piles with plastic, concrete, brick or lumber will not be picked up.

Surprise open house

Please join the families of Ray and Dorothy Willard of Rossville, in honoring their 90th birthdays and 69 years of marriage. A surprise open house will be held at Rossville Fire Station community room from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2. No gifts are requested.

For those unable to attend, cards may be sent to the Willards c/o Rossville Historical Society, 103 W Attica, Rossville IL 60963.

were giving them.

I felt the need to post something because the rumor mill has started and I wanted to get the truth out to the public.

I have heard rumblings in the public that we turned down medicine. This is not true. We have the medicine that we require to treat the animals. Our foundation has been generous in offering to pay for any additional medicine that we need.

I have heard that we put down ALL the sick animals. This is not true. We are still in the process of treating many animals here at the shelter for the respiratory illnesses we have.

I have heard that we are "high kill" shelter. This is also not true. Our euthanasia rate is less the 10 percent. We

Cans equal cash for youngsters' summer church camp

Cans create cash for kids' church camp. Think of that tongue-twister when emptying any kind of aluminum can and save them for a special cause.

First Church of God youth are collecting aluminum cans which will be recycled to help send kids to Church Camp this summer. All kinds of cans will be accepted.

New Books at the Library

Children's Room Nonfiction

- Dirty Rotten Rulers: History's Villains and Their Dastardly Deeds by Jim Pipe
- Who Was Alfred Hitchcock? By Pam Pollack
- Who Was Genghis Khan? By Nico Medina
- Richard M. Nixon: 37th President by Mike Venezia

Music CDs

Frozen Soundtrack

DVDs

- The Original Christmas Classics
- Star Wars Rebels - Spark of Rebellion

Weather

Sunny today. High 74. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 52. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of rain late. High 76, low 53. Sunday, showers likely. High 69, low 50.

work very hard to work with adopters and rescues to make sure they all get homes.

Unfortunately until we have responsible pet owners that understand the importance of a spay/neuter program, there will be a pet overpopulation.

Until we have responsible pet owners that vaccinate their pets and keep them home, we will have sick animals that run the streets, end up at the shelter, and spread disease.

Any and all of these questions would be gladly answered if you contact the shelter. It has been my experience that it is best to get information from the source and not via third party.

Paige Brown, Director
Vermilion County Animal Shelter

Cans may be dropped off on the north side of the Church of God, 1004 E Orange, Hoopeston.

For those who have cans to be picked up, that can be arranged by calling 217-283-9330.

First Church of God Summer Camp provides a wonderful experience for children and youth to grow in their faith, make new friends, and have fun in a positive Christian atmosphere.

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