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Vermilion County teen birth rate drops to lowest level recorded

The birth rate for teens in Vermilion County has dropped to its lowest level since the state began collecting data in 1970.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, out of 1,021 births recorded in Vermilion County in 2016, only 97 were born to teen mothers – a rate of 9.5 percent.

That rate is still almost twice the statewide average of 5.1 percent – and the teen birth rate has been decreasing across Illinois and throughout the country. But this is the first time that Vermilion County's teen birth rate is in the single digits.

"We have been moving in that direction for years, but it still came as a surprise," said Public Health Administrator Douglas Toole. "The rate remains higher than it should be, but this is a milestone."

The teen birth rate in Vermilion County has always been higher than the statewide rate, but both rates have been decreasing in recent years.

At its highest, in 1975, 24.0 percent of all births in Vermilion County – almost one in four – were to teens.

According to the state report, the teen birth rate in Vermilion County dropped to 19.0 in 1980, rose to 19.1 in 1990, dropped to 17.6 in 2000, went to 13.4 in 2010, and was at 11.5 in 2015.

Statewide, the teen birth rate was 15.7 in 1980, 13.1 in 1990, 11.4 in 2000, 9.1 in 2010, and 5.6 in 2015.

Starting in 2005, the state report began counting the number of teen births to those who are 18 and 19, and to those who are under the age of 18.

In 2015, of the 124 births to teens in Vermilion County, See BIRTH on other side

County women seek fewer abortions

As Vermilion County's teen birth rate has dropped, so, too have the number of abortions.

According to Illinois Department of Public Health Data, in 2016, 65 women reporting Vermilion County as their residence had abortions. The number is down from 117 in 2015 and significantly less than the totals in 2013 and 2014 of 123.

The number of women terminating pregnancies in 2012 was 72, down from 92 in 2011 but up from 70 abortions in 2012.

Illinois' birthrate dropped by roughly 10,000 between 2010 and 2016, from 164,998 to 154,467.

During the same period, the number of Vermilion County births has fallen and risen, with 1,099 in 2010; 1,043 in 2011; 1,087 in 2012; 1,068 in 2013; 947 in 2014; 1,079 in 2015 and 1,021 in 2016.

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Briefly

Representative wanted

Lake Vermilion Water Quality Commission is looking for a representative from the Hoopeston area to serve on the commission. Any area resident who is environmentally conscious and interested in serving is asked to call Hoopeston City Hall, 283-5833.

Easter activities

• Hoopeston First Church of God, 1004 E. Orange, will host a Maundy Thursday Dinner from 4:30-7:30 p.m. March 29. The dinner will include chicken & noodles

Walk off takes HA over D'ville

Hoopeston Area Girls Softball won their second straight game of the season Thursday, defeating Danville, 7-6.

A walk off by senior Olivia Montez gave the Lady Cornjerkers the win and a 2-1 record.

Although HA students are currently on their Easter break, the ladies have four games scheduled this week, including hosting Champaign Central on Monday and Armstrong-Potomac Tuesday. On Thursday, the team will be at Paxton-Buckley Loda before returning home Saturday for a double header with Urbana.

with sides, dessert and drink. Carry outs are available. A freewill offering will be accepted.

• Community Good Friday services, sponsored by Hoopeston Ministerial Association, will begin at noon Friday at Wellington United Methodist Church, 410 Main St. All are invited to attend.

• Hoopeston city offices (except police) will be closed Friday.

• Just the Facts will not be printed Monday, April 2 due to the Easter holiday. Publication will resume April 3.

Kindergarten registration

Maple School will hold registration Monday, April 30 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Tuesday, May 1 from 1-5:30 p.m. at the school. This is for children who will turn 5 on or before Sept 1.

Birth continued from other side

80 were to older teens and 44 were to teens under the age of 18. In 2016, of the 97 teen births to teens in Vermilion County, 74 were to older teens, and 23 were to teens under the age of 18.

"I don't think there is a single reason why teen birth rates in Illinois are decreasing," said Melissa Rome,

Incoming kindergarten students must go through a screening that will last approximately 30 minutes. Screenings must be done before a child is assigned to a class. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

To schedule an appointment, call Maple School, (217) 283-6665.

From the Blotter

David Cannon, 38, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after police and Hoopeston Fire Department were called to an illegal burn at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the 400 block of North Market. The fire was extinguished and Cannon was ticketed for illegal burning of trash or refuse and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Community Liaison for the Vermilion County Health Department. "Locally, we have fewer uninsured, so teens have better access to healthcare and birth control. Teens can get answers to many of their health questions privately, through their phones. And community leaders are developing youth activities and programs. All of those factors contribute."

Every five years, local health departments in Illinois conduct Community Health Needs Assessments to identify which concerns will be priorities over the next five years. County's plans have included teen pregnancy as a priority for years.

Starting in 2015, the Vermilion County Health Department partnered with Presence Hospital (now OSF Healthcare), Carle Hospital and the local United Way to support a Regional Community Plan Coordinator and to develop a Teen Pregnancy Workgroup, which still meets regularly.

The 2016 teen birth rate in Champaign County was 4.3 percent. The rate in Edgar County was 4.3 percent. The rate in Iroquois County was 7.2 percent.

"It is encouraging to see our rate decreasing" Toole said. "Lower teen birth rates can lead to higher high-school graduation rates and fewer children living in poverty, and that can benefit the entire community."

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 58. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 42. Tomorrow, chance of rain, cloudy late. High 52, low 33.

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Sealed bids will be received by the City of Hoopeston Illinois for planting the perpetual car urns and pots for Floral Hill Cemetery. Specifications may be picked up at the City Municipal Building. Bids will be opened April 3, 2018 at the City Municipal Building.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive technicalities in bidding.

Gail Lane

City Clerk

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