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County COVID-19 cases holding at five, city parks to remain open

No new confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Vermilion County, leaving the total at five.

Doug Toole, Public Health Administrator, reported Sunday afternoon that no new cases were confirmed. Additionally, the Vermilion County Health Department received six negative lab results, all collected in Vermilion County, including one resident each in the 30s and 40s and four over age 60.

Interviews are continuing with the five who tested positive. It still does not appear that any of those cases are connected, Toole said.

In Hoopeston, the emergency managers group - made up of EMA, police, fire and the mayor - have decided to leave city parks open.

See COVID on other side

Several options available for residents to pay water bills

Residents wondering how they can pay their water bills while the Hoopeston water office is closed have their choice of options, including:

- Putting a check or money order in the drop box outside the front of city hall.
- Residents may call the water office, at 217-283-5631, to make a payment over the phone with a checking account, debit or credit card.
- Payment may be mailed to Hoopeston Water Department, 301 W. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.
- Online payments can be made through the city's website, www.cityofhoopeston.com. Look for the green PSN logo halfway down the homepage, click to pay. You will need your water account number listed on the water bill, along with the name the account is under.



New managers get trial by fire as virus fallout affects store

Lucas Switzer seems to be in a good mood all the time. The Bismarck native credits his parents for that. "They drilled that into me - to be in a good mood," he said.

That trait has been put to the test recently, as Switzer, who was named manager of Hoopeston IGA on February 1, has had to deal with the fallout of COVID-19 on the grocery industry.

In March, stores were picked clean of toilet paper, bread, milk and other items. Since then, the entire industry has faced shortages as suppliers scurry to meet the new demand. Some days, eggs are on the delivery truck, other days, they're not.

Switzer rolls with the flow, calming customers, keeping shoppers updated on social media, keeping on top of orders.

In an interview before the virus became a pandemic, Switzer said he enjoys the grocery business because "there's something new every day." The downside of the business? "There's something new every day."

Since 2012, the 30-year-old Switzer has worked for Kirby Foods, working as assistant manager at the Danville Save-A-Lot store before coming to Hoopeston IGA four years ago as assistant manager.

Switzer's promotion created a vacancy in his old job, which was filled by longtime IGA employee Rodney Ramos. He started at what was then Jerry's IGA as a carryout in 1986 and has continued to work at the store ever since. During his tenure, he served as frozen food manager for a while, and stock crew manager. After be-



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RAMOS

ing selected as assistant manager, Ramos quit his day job, which he'd held for 24 years: working with the local garbage company, most recently Republic Services.

As manager, Switzer said he oversees all store departments, making sure things run smoothly and the store is profitable. He learned some of the manager's duties as assistant manager when he filled in for manager Bob Porth.

Porth retired January 30 after 44 years in the business.

Ramos came to his new position with a good grasp of what happens in the front part of the store and is now "learning behind-the-scenes kind of stuff," from Switzer.

Ramos is also educating, "teaching the younger kids" to develop a good work ethic and customer service skills.

Switzer has no major changes planned for the store but

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"In an effort to allow residents to enjoy the few amenities allowed, the emergency managers group has decided to allow McFerren Park, Northside (Cheese) Park and Union Park to remain open to walkers," said EMA Director Brad Hardcastle in a press release issued Sunday.

While the parks are open, play ground areas, basketball and tennis courts and the pavilions remain closed. Hoopeston Police Department will monitor gatherings in the park. Residents are asked to practice social distancing while walking in the park.

The emergency managers group will monitor the parks situation and will take further measures, if warranted, including shutting the parks down.

Also, the police department window has been closed. An intercom system has been installed in front of city hall that will connect residents who need help with the police department dispatcher.

The Illinois Department of Public Health last week released guidelines for grocery shopping during the Chinese coronavirus pandemic. Guidelines include:

- Stay home if you're sick
- Shop at a time that's less busy.
- Maintain social distance in the store (6' or two arms' length from other shoppers and grocery store staff)
- Use sanitizing wipes to clean and disinfect stores and shopping baskets.
- Bring a germicide to wipe your hands before and after shopping.
- Use tap and pay or credit/debit cards for payment to reduce the risk of transmission through money.
- Use self-checkout lanes, where possible.
- Use curbside pickup or grocery delivery services.
- Don't use reusable bags.
- When you return home, wash your hands after handling packages and when finished putting items away.

Managers continued from other side

will "reset some minor stuff."

Both men expect to put in long days. Salaried, the minimum is nine hours each day, Switzer said.

That doesn't dampen their enthusiasm, however. "We're going to do our best," Ramos added.

Ramos lives in Hoopeston, and is father of four adult children, Samantha and Jesse, who live in Gibson City, Taylor, of Hoopeston and Lauren, of Champaign.

Switzer and his wife, Sarah, live in West Lebanon, Ind., with their two-year-old daughter, Kinsley.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has rescinded its earlier recommendation about facemasks and is now suggesting everyone who is out in public should wear one.

According to CDC guidelines, people could spread COVID-19 to others, even if they don't feel sick. A cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in those cases.

Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, like the grocery store or to pick up other necessities. Cloth face coverings should not be put on children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious.

CDC advises not to use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker and to keep about 6 feet between oneself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for

social distancing.

CDC is still recommending handwashing with soap for 20 seconds, especially after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose or after being in a public place. If soap is not available, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol may be used. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.,

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 74. Tonight, thunderstorms likely. Low 52. Tomorrow, sunny, chance of storms. High 69, low 39.

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