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Toole: derby-goers now in best window for COVID testing; tests more difficult to come by

There's good news and bad news for people who attended Sunday's demo derby in Hoopeston and are now concerned about COVID-19.

The good news is health officials now say the best time to be tested for the novel coronavirus is three to five days after exposure, said Doug Toole, Vermilion County Public Health Administrator.

The bad news it is that many places that have been testing are cutting back on the number of tests they do. According to published reports, the material used in the test is limited. Last week, the Illinois Department of Public Health processed more than 61,900 specimens in 24 hours, but due to limited material, that rate is not sustaina-

The Hoopeston area likely has at least two active cases at this time. Hoopeston Area Supt. Robert Richardson announced last week that a positive case was identified in the high school. Also last week, Toole announced that four college students - all county residents - tested positive.

He would not confirm reports that two of those students are from Hoopeston and are supposed to be in home isolation. Just the Facts has received reports that at least one of the students was in public over the weekend.

"We are in regular touch with all of the active cases and

if we don't talk to them daily, we talk to them two or three times during the week," Toole said. "We always stress the importance of continuing to isolate and to identify other people they have been around that we may have to quarantine."

In what may be good news for employees and employers, Toole said that after doing studies, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced that of those who have been strongly affected by the virus - to the point of requiring hospitalization - only five percent are contagious after 15 days and no positive cases were contagious

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Keeping the tradition going

There was no National Sweetcorn Festival this year, but that didn't stop Hoopeston Area High School art students from the annual tradition of freshening up Jerky at the intersection of Market and Main. Brightening the Jerky this vear were, from left, Elecia Acosta, high school art teacher Natalie Rayfield, Samantha Cade and Sierra Deck,

Sports

Hoopeston Area High School linkmen took third place in their August 24 meet against Fisher, Rantoul and Westville.

Rantoul Township High School led scoring with 210, followed by Westville with 212, Hoopeston Area with 215 and Fisher with 229. The score gave HA a record of two wins and five losses.

Kenny Clarkston of Westville was meet medalist with a 44. Ben Brown was low-scorer and team medalist for the event, shooting a 49 on the par 36 course.

Other Comjerker golfers and their scores were: Kayden Wallace, 53; Trevor Swartz, 56; Nick Hofer, 57; and Owen Johnson and Wyatt Eisenmann, 61.

Kylie Brown's 59 earned her team medalist when the Lady Comjerkers faced Milford on August 31 at Hubbard Trail. Brown was edged out of meet medalist by Emmaleah Marshino's 58.

Brown's teammates and scores were: Payton Armstrong, 62; Kaydence Bailey, 68; and at 70, Tori Burge and Macy Hayes.

The score put the Lady Cornjerkers at 1-2 for the season.

Cornjerker men took on Milford and Schlarman on the



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same day, where Ben Brown again was team medalist, shooting a 52.

Fellow golfers and their scores were: Kayden Wallace 61; Wyatt Eisenmann, 62; Trevor Swartz, 63; Nick Hofer, 64; and Owen Johnson, 66.

The match left the Cornjerker men at 2-7.

Hoopeston Area came in third at the match, with a 238. First place went to Schlarman with a and Milford with 151

From the Blotter

Haley Edwards, 24, of Hoopeston, was arrested when police were called at 6 a.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of West Chestnut. Wanted on two Vermilion County warrants, she was released on recognizance bonds.

Edwards was charged Tuesday with two counts of theft on a report from a 66-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged she stole plants from the 300 block of South Third St. The alleged incidents happened at 11:30 p.m. August 23 and 4 a.m. August 31.

Edwards was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

COVID continued from other side

after 20 days.

Those people may still have trace amounts of the virus in their bodies, and may still test positive, but are no longer able to transmit the disease to others, Toole said.

This is good news for employers, who have been insisting on employees getting a negative test before returning to work. "It can be tricky to get a COVID test and someone could be testing positive weeks after they're no longer contagious," Toole said.

Based on the CDS results, the health department will issue a release saying a person is no longer contagious, rather than waiting for a positive test result.

As of Tuesday, Toole reported a total of 382 positive cases and 21,489 negative tests. Of those who tested positive, 323 recovered, 51 are isolated, four hospitalized and four have died: 60942 was still at 31 cases.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 74, low 57. Tomorrow, high 74, low 59.

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Gabe Huddleston of Schlarman was meet medalist with a 37.

The team's meet on September 1 at Ironhorse was rained out.

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