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Spread of positive Covid-19 cases in local communities slows

The number of new cases of Covid-19 is slowing - and in some cases, at a standstill - in area communities over the last week.

Hoopeston, which has seen increases by dozens some weeks, added 11 to its total number of positive cases in the last week and is now at 610.

Most gains in other communities followed by Just

the Facts remained in the low single digits: Alvin gained 3, Potomac gained 1, Rossville gained six and Rankin lost one - most likely a person counted in Rankin's total who was later found not to live in the village.

Bismarck gained no new positive cases, holding steady at 123.

Public Health Administrator Doug Toole on Sunday announced another 52 new cases in Vermilion County, bringing the total number since the pandemic started to 7,158. Of those, 22 are currently hospitalized, 91 have died.

There has been a total 85,508 negative tests, he added.

State Mobile Testing Teams will have four upcoming visits at the Vermilion County Health Department. Drive-through/walk up testing will be available at the department from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday this week and on Saturday and Sunday, February 6-7, next week.

No appointment is necessary. Testing is open to Illinois or Indiana residents, adults and children, with or without symptoms. There is no cost for testing but insurance information will be collected for billing. Insurance is not required for testing.

With the state online appointment system not working, VCHD is requesting that those who wish to receive Covid-19 vaccines call the health department, (217) 431-2662, ext. 243. Callers will be placed on a waiting list for the limited supply of vaccine available to Vermilion County.

The health department is currently administering second doses to those who received their first vaccine in early January and first vaccines to county educators.

Three vaccination clinics will be held at the Fischer Theater on February 11, 18, and 25 which will be open to seniors ages 65 and older. March vaccination sessions have not yet been announced.

Cases by Community/Zip Code		
Community/ Zip Code	Positives 1/17/2021	Positives 1/24/21
Alvin	72	75
Bismarck	123	123
Danville 61832	2851	2982
Danville 61834	1459	1537
Hoopeston	599	610
Potomac	123	124
Rankin	63	62
Rossville	156	162
Cissna Park	172	173
Milford	191	191
Wellington	43	45
Watseka	526	540



By
BERTHA PARSONS

If you ask my hubby or children, they may tell you I like control. I like to say I just want everything right and my way. You know you cannot have everything your way. Just in case a few of you reading this are like me, wanting it your way. Let's try for it...

Then why not make beautiful days in our town? Take a walk or drive around the town you call home. Go slowly, look carefully at the older homes with beautiful ornate front porches and doors. See the small, cozy homes that say, "Come in and warm up." Look at businesses that have stood the test of time and are still with us! Perhaps visit the new business, giving it a chance to succeed.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, Mother would say. Beauty on the inside is as important as beauty on the outside. So, your town, wherever you live, can be beautiful. Your presence in the community makes a beautiful difference in your town. Never doubt the importance or beauty of you! You help make and keep your town beautiful! You make a difference!

See CORNER on other side

A Beautiful Day in Our Town

Here we are together starting a brand-new year! I love it! So much to do and so much to see, plus, all the world seems upside down! Can you believe it is 2021? Where oh where have the days, weeks, months, and year gone?

As I sit here and think about my age (whatever that is) I wonder how on earth did we - yes, you're along for the ride - get to 2021? Seems like 1983 or 2016 were only yesterday. A new year makes me excited for our future.

So, I am going to say every day will be beautiful! Now don't shake your finger at me or explain how we are in a pandemic and it isn't beautiful. Today I might say you may be right! I'm not giving in yet! So much is happening so fast that I need a notebook to jot down what's going on and what it does to our lives. The news is frightening, the wind blows, and the cold comes. All things we have no control over. So, what is the answer?

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Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 11:55 p.m. Saturday for smoke and flames coming from a home in the 500 block of West Maple. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the attic. No injuries were reported.

The department was called at 8:48 p.m. Sunday for a garage on fire in the 600 block of East Thompson. Rossville and Wellington fire departments were called for mutual aid. No injuries were reported.

From the Blotter

Police responded at 11:05 p.m. Sunday to an attempted burglary in the 700 block of South Second Ave. Property was damaged but entry to the home was not made. An investigation is ongoing.

Obituaries

HERRON - Alta Mae (Rumble) Herron, 71, of Potomac, died at 9:23 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 at Le Conte Medical Center, Sevierville, Tenn. Visitation will be noon until the 2 p.m. celebration of her life Thursday at Alvin Church of God. Burial will follow in Gundy Cemetery, Bismarck. Memorials are suggested to the church. Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

Corner continued from other side

Beauty is really a state of mind. When someone asks where you live, just say, "I live in beautiful Hoopeston, Rossville, Milford" or wherever it is. If you think it is beautiful and say so, soon others will see the beauty too!

It's a beautiful day in our town Hoopeston!

SHOP - EAT - SPEND - ENJOY -
THINK LOCAL FIRST

Weather

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY until noon today. Chance of wintry mix today. High 33. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 25. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 31, low 14.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Briefly

Calling All Men!

Hoopeston Historic Preservation Commission has announced its first resident contest for Hoopeston's 150th birthday celebration later this year.

Men, put away your razors and start growing your

facial hair for Hoopeston's Sesquicentennial June 27th - July 3rd, 2021

Judging will be done in four categories: Most Unique Beard and Mustache, Longest Beard, Fullest Beard & Most Well Kept Beard.

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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HELP WANTED

Accepting applications for Cook, prep Cook, and dishwasher positions. Pick up application in person. Rossville Family Restaurant, 715 S. Chicago St., Rossville, IL

Wagner's, LLC, Milford, is hiring production workers, forklift drivers. Apply at 2812 E. 1100 N Rd., or call (815)-889-4101.

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a Code Enforcement Officer. This is a part-time position with flexible hours working approximately 40 hours per month. Applications are available on our website www.cityofhoopeston.com under the Services link then Employment. Contact City Hall, 217-283-5833, for more information.

Mustard Seed Christian Daycare has an opening for a full time cook. Requirements: Must be 19 years old, must be able to follow recipes and successfully cook/bake according to the recipe, must be able to pass a background check, must be willing to obtain Food Service Manager License, must be available from 6:30am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday, must be able to lift objects up to 20lbs and stand for most of the shift. Application information can be requested by emailing Terri Bush at mustardseed.kitchenstaff@gmail.com.

Silgan Containers is hiring Press Line Mechanics. Interested candidates can apply online at silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/11205/0

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East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking full time and seasonal help. Requirements include at least a Class B CDL and ability to pass a drug test. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings on 2nd shift in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay to be determined based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington Street, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

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