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## County in low COVID-19 transmission rate; clinic canceled

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Vermilion County is in the Low Transmission rate for COVID-19.

Doug Toole, Vermilion County Public Health Administrator, announced the change Friday. "At the Low Community Level, we are all advised to get up-to-date on our COVID-19 vaccines or get our second booster, if eligible," he said.

The Low Transmission designation resulted from statistics released by the Illinois Department of Public Health. For Friday's release, the county had a seven-day rolling average of 24.4 cases per 100,000 residents. The percentage of ICU beds available in the region was 37 percent. One COVID-19-diagnosed

hospital admission was recorded. Weekly Deaths Reported was one, bringing the county's total COVID-related deaths to 301 since the pandemic began.

Toole also announced that the SHIELD Illinois team will continue to offer free COVID testing at the health department from 19 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The department office is located at 200 South College, Danville.

The third Moderna booster clinic scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15, has been cancelled, he added. The department will schedule and announce a COVID vaccination clinic after it receives the bi-valent Omicron vaccine.

## HFD to order new rescue truck, hope to take delivery next year

Hoopeston Fire Department is ordering a new rescue truck, with hopes of getting it next year.

The new truck will replace a 1996 model, said Chief Joel Bird at the September 6 Hoopeston City Council meeting.

The truck will have a 12' bed, smaller than the current one, but Bird said the smaller size will be more efficient at fire scenes. It will be built on an International chassis, he said.

The company building the truck originally quoted \$191,425 for the vehicle, but when Bird said he'd hoped to get one for \$190,000, they agreed.

Currently, the fire department has \$121,714 in accruals and will get extra money from the increase in what Grant Township pays for fire coverage, Bird said.

The department accepted a \$20,000 offer for the 1996 truck from Bluegrass Fire District in Potomac. Asked by Ald. Bob Porth if the department should have waited until the new one arrives, Bird answered, "We can adapt for a little while."

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## Briefly

### Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!

### Women's Donut Group

Women's Morning Donut Group meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

### Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast

## HFD continued from other side

Some equipment will go to Bluegrass with the truck, he added.

On a motion by Ald. Robin Lawson, seconded by Ey-rich, the council voted 5-0 to approve the purchase. Aldermen Carl Ankenbrand and Kyle Richards were absent and Joe Garrett arrived late.

In other business, the council approved the complete closing of the CSX rail crossing on Lincoln St. and will get \$35,000 for doing so.

Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be September 15. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

### Card showers

- Longtime teacher and former alderman, John Haughee will turn 96 on September 15. Cards and well wishes may be sent to John Haughee, St. Mary's Healthcare, 2201 Cason St., Lafayette, IN 47904.
- Joan Mershon, of Hoopeston, will be 90 on Septem-

In his report, Mayor Jeff Wise said the only thing the city has to do is install a permanent barrier at the crossing, which will cost far less than the \$35,000.

At a previous meeting Wise said had the city handled the issue differently, Hoopeston could have received several hundred thousand dollars.

On a request from Teasdale Foods and a recommendation from the Hoopeston Planning Commission, the crossing closure was approved by the council in 2018.



## Bricks and...more bricks?

The ivy from the Bricks and Ivy Sports building was recently removed, exposing the clean-shaven wall. Bricks and Ivy owners Bob and Emily Brown, announced last week that the store is moving from 201 E. Main to the Bricks and Ivy Event Center at 207 E. Main. Bricks and Ivy was closed Saturday for the move and reopened Monday in the new location. The Browns announced that they will be bringing a new business to 201 E. Main.

ber 19 and is being honored with a card shower. Organizers hope she receives 90 cards for the milestone birthday. Well wishes and cards may be sent to: Joan Mershon, 431 W. Lincoln St., Hoopeston IL 60942

### Vendor fair

Hoopeston Area Women Making A Difference will hold their annual Vendor Fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at the First Church of God, 1004 E Orange St. Admission is a donation of cash or canned goods.

### Bible drive

First Church of God is partnering with Project Bible Runners to gather and run bibles to every nation, tribe and person until every faithful follower of Christ Je-

## Obituaries

**CHESNUT** - Robert Eugene "Bo" Chesnut, 92, of Danville, formerly of Collison died at 9:55 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. celebration of his life Tuesday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. Burial will follow in Collison Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Parkinson's Foundation. Condolences may be shared at [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

**HOFFER** - Diane M. Hoffer, 77, of Cissna Park, died Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, at Carle BroMenn Medical Center, Normal. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to Grace Anna Rodgers Irrevocable Trust Fund or donor's choice. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

**STONECIPHER** - Mary Alice (Light) Stonecipher, 48, of Bismarck, died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, Danville. Memorial visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville. Service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset. Urn committal will follow in Gundy Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Douglas Discovery Garden. Condolences may be shared at [www.sunsetfuneralhome.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralhome.com).

## Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 75. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 53. Tomorrow, sunny. High 80, low 55..

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sus has a bible.

We encourage every church to place a box in their church to collect bibles until the bible drive we will have from 12-2 on October 16 at First Church of God.

We also take monetary donations to purchase bibles in native languages.

For more information or to get involved, contact Nikki Wilson at 217-495-2274 for more information.

### Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot.

Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring some-one to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

## Classifieds

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

Fall help wanted at United Prairie, 18979 E 2850 N Rd., Hoopeston. Call Jordan Reese, (217) 888-0164 (office) or (217) 918-2876 (cell).

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