Organizers have pulled the plug on two upcoming special events due to increases in positive COVID-19 tests in the area.

The vendor fair sponsored by 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe, will not be held Saturday, as scheduled. Organizer Emily Brown said the decision was made after talking to county health officials.

“Our county is experiencing a high positivity rate and large events are discouraged,” she posted on 112 social media. “We have been so looking forward to this event and are heartbroken to cancel it, but we want to do our part to stop the spread and keep our community safe.” She plans to hold the event next year.

Another event, Spooktacular, set for October 26, is also canceled. Sponsored by Hoopeston Jaycees, the annual event is a pre-Halloween staple, allowing youngsters to trick-or-treat at Hoopeston merchants.

When this year’s Spooktacular was announced, the Jaycees requested businesses hand out individually-wrapped candy and the annual costume contest was canceled. Now, the entire event is a no-go. The social media posting for the change said, “we were informed by the City of Hoopeston that the Spooktacular would have to be cancelled.”

Trick-or-treating on Halloween has not been canceled, and youngsters may go door-to-door from 5:30 -7 p.m. on Halloween night. Participants are asked to follow COVID-19 guidelines regarding social distancing and face coverings.

In a final closing, Save the Lorraine officials have announced no movies will be shown at the Little Lorraine until further notice. Public Health Administrator Doug Toole on Tuesday announced that Vermilion County had 17 new positive tests. Five of the new cases are family-related to previously reported positive cases. The additions brings the county total of positives to 1,112. Of those, 224 cases are active, with 10 hospitalized. Forty-three people were released/recovered Tuesday.

In Wednesday morning numbers posted by Illinois Department of Pubic Health, a cumulative total of 65 positive cases was reported in the 60942 zip code, which includes Hoopeston and Cheneyville. That is up from 58 on Sunday. Other communities and total positive cases include:

- Alvin 8
- Bismarck 18
- Cissna Park 22
- Milford 21
- Potomac 25
- Rankin 12
- Rossville 17
- Wellington 9
Obituaries

**FOSTER** - Euna Bray Foster, 85, of Rossville, died at 7:12 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at Heritage Health Hoopeston. Per her wishes, she will be cremated and no service held. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

**PAYNE** - Rick Edwin Payne, 70, of Hoopeston, died at 11:20 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, at home. He will be cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Those who attend are asked to wear face coverings and socially distance. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City OK 73123. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

**PRATHER** - John David “Dave” Cass Prather, of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Rossville, died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2020, at home. He was cremated. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Shriners Hospitals for Children, P.O. Box 863765, Orlando, Fl. 32886. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

**RHOADES** - Anne M. (Tubbs) Rhoades, 84, of Rossville, formerly of Milford, died at 4:25 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at Gibson Area Hospital in Gibson City. She will be cremated. Public visitation will be 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Private memorial service and burial will be held. Memorials are suggested to Grand Township Food Cupboard, 525 S. Market St., Hoopeston IL 60942 or Save the Lorraine Foundation, P.O. Box 247, Hoopeston IL 60942. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

**STRAWSER** - Robert Wayne “Bob” Strawser, 88, of Rossville, died at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at Heritage Health Hoopeston. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Rossville Cemetery with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion Post #584. Memorials are suggested to Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Living, 23 N. Dixie Hwy., Hoopeston IL 60942 or Rossville Church of Christ, 514 E. Attica St., Rossville IL 60963. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

**From the Blotter**

**Floyd Shanks** - 33, of Danville, was arrested after a traffic stop at 3:08 a.m. Tuesday in the alley just west of the 200 block of Market. He was charged with driving while license revoked and operating an uninsured vehicle and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

**Gage M. Fouse** - 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 5:20 a.m. Tuesday to the 900 block of East McNeil for someone standing in the road and who was almost hit. Police said Fouse was found with lawn equipment that was not his. The owner was identified and wished to press charges. Fouse was charged with theft under $500 and was released on a notice to appear.

**Cody D. Coon** - 23, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 1030 a.m. Tuesday at the police station after he went there to clear up a situation that occurred Saturday. Police were called at 3 a.m. Saturday to the 600 block of East Seminary, where a 20-year-old Hoopeston man alleged Coon trespassed, damaged property and committed battery. When Coon went to the police station, he was charged with those offenses and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**August 12**

**RVFM 13 Series LLC, Columbia, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance; sentencing September 8.**

**Eric Russell** - Hoopeston, general nuisance case dismissed by hearing officer.

**Stephen Spivey** - Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for trespassing; sentencing September 9.

**Raymond Lazaridou** - Bourbonnais, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance; case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Tyler C. Griffin** - Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for theft; sentencing October 14.

**Brandon R. Irvin** - Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for unlawful acts constituting disorder; case sent to state for further enforcement.

**James R. Roof** - Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for battery; case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Vicki L. Ford** - Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for disorderly battery; sentencing October 14.

**Vicki L. Ford** - Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for battery; sentencing October 14.

**Court Dispositions**

**Weather**

Chance of showers today. High 57. Tonight, clear, patchy frost. Low 32. Tomorrow, sunny. High 57, low 34. For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather.

**HELP WANTED**

**Autumn Fields of Hoopeston is looking for CNAs part time hours every other weekend and shared holidays. Please call Autumn Fields at 217-283-2222.**

**Greene Galvanized Stairs is looking for personnel to work in our sheet metal manufacturing facility. Applicants should have their high school diploma or equivalent, be able to comply with appropriate dress and safety protocols for a manufacturing environment and pass an arithmetic screening and pre-employment drug screening. Apply in person at Greene Galvanized Stairs, 41774 Main St., East Lynn, Mon. – Fri. 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**KSI in Cisna Park is seeking a qualified Controls Technician for project site startups and in-field customer training for control systems. The ideal candidate will possess excellent communication, electrical, technical, and troubleshooting skills. An understanding of PLCs and HMI applications is preferred. Travel is required. Apply online at www.ksaode.com or send resume to hr@ksaode.com for consideration and more knowledge to help learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1st Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.**

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**United Prairie-Hoopeston has openings for full help for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL. Please pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd, Hoopeston, IL 60942. For more information, please call the office, 217-888-0164 or Jordan Reese, manager, 217-918-2876.**

**McMechan wanted. Experience with heavy truck, construction, and agricultural machinery preferred. Call 217-474-8349.**

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