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Drug overdose prevention program sites now available throughout county

By Dominik Stallings

Several organizations across Douglas County County have partnered with Recovery Orientated System of Care (ROSC) to provide Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP) sites.

So far, six sites in Douglas County are participating in the program. Arthur Public Library District, Newman Regional Library District, Atwood-Hammond Public Library, Tuscola United Methodist Church, Camargo Township District Library and Rural Grace Food Pantry in Murdock.

Narcan and Narcan training is also available through the Douglas County Health Dept under a separate program. The Health Department has a "harm-reduction box" which includes a variety of items that can help people, including Narcan.

The sites serve the communities by providing free and confidential access to Narcan nasal sprays, which reverse overdoses caused by opioids.

According to the California Department of Public Health, Narcan, the FDA-approved nasal spray form of naloxone, is an essential tool in responding to the opioid crisis. Narcan does not require medical training to administer and has no harmful effects if given to someone who is

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THE STRAWBERRY SOCIAL committee moved their annual event from Saturday to Friday this year at the Otto Center and is held in conjunction with the Strawberry Jam Festival in downtown Arthur. An all-day bake sale took place, shortcake, strawberries, soft serve ice cream, and those famous strawberry pies were served starting at 11 a.m. till closing followed by dinner which began at 4 p.m. and the mini-auction kicked-off shortly after 6 p.m. According to organizers, 630 meals were served and the auction total was not quite finalized as of late Saturday but the overall total amount raised was higher than last year. They also had a stand downtown both days selling whole pies, slices of pies, min-pies, and quarts of fresh strawberries which they completely sold out before noon on Saturday. Proceeds from the Social help defray expenses for the Haiti Benefit Auction to be held October 27-28, 2023 at the Otto Center.

BRIEFS

Trap shoot and golf outing

The Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association (ILICA) is hosting its 12th annual Area 6 - Trap Shoot & Golf Outing on June 16, in Lerna/Mattoon. For over a decade, Illinois LICA has hosted golf outings throughout the state, now paired with trap shoots, to bring local contractors, businesses, and landowners together for some friendly competition, with a chance to win prizes, and for networking within the conservation construction industry.

The event kicks off with a morning trap shoot (50 clays) at McKillip Farm in Lerna followed by lunch at Meadowview Golf Course in Mattoon. At 1 p.m., the 18-hole golf outing begins with a chance to win door prizes, cash hole prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. After golf, the event wraps up at the clubhouse with awards announcements and a steak dinner. Full event registration costs include the trap shoot, lunch, golf, and dinner. Partial registration options are available, as well. Any individual or 4-some is eligible to participate; ILICA membership not required.

Not a trap shooter or golfer? Consider attending Illinois LICA's Backhoe Rodeo & Picnic hosted by Birkey's on the following day, Saturday, June 17, at Lake Land College in Mattoon. The competition is sure to challenge operators' skills as they compete for the title of Rodeo Champ.

For more information about any of these events and to register, please visit illica.net/events or call Illinois LICA at (309) 932-1230.

Upcoming dates

June 14 Flag Day
June 18 Father's Day
June 19 Juneteenth
July 4 Independence Day

Blood drive

The Tuscola United Methodist Church, 901 N. Prairie St., Tuscola, hosts a blood drive from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. Appointments are required. Call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 or visit online: bloodcenter.org/group, grp #71203.

Free laundry

The Douglas County Health Department and Lighten Your Load Laundromat in Tuscola have teamed up with the Laundry Love organization to hold free laundry events for people struggling to make ends meet. To learn more and to put on the list, email Colleen Lehmann at clehmann@dchealthil.org or call 217-253-4137 ext. 1225.

STD testing

The Douglas County Health Department now offers free, confidential testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea at its Tuscola Outlet Mall location. For info, call 217-253-4137 ext. 1200..

Rodeo, picnic

Sponsored by Birkey's, the Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association (ILICA) is hosting a Backhoe Rodeo & Annual Picnic at Lake Land College in Mattoon, on Saturday, June 17. This year's event kicks off at 8 a.m. at Lake Land College with breakfast, followed by some friendly competition at the Backhoe Rodeo that will challenge even the most experienced operators as they battle for the title of Rodeo Champ. At noon, a catered picnic lunch will be served onsite followed by a brief Members' Meeting, during which time spouses can opt to explore and shop in Arthur.

Illinois LICA invites anyone engaged in conservation construction or resource management, members and non-members, to attend this event to challenge your skills and expand your network and business opportunties. For more information and to register, please visit illica.net/events or call Illinois LICA at (309) 932-1230.

Free sunscreen

Sarah Bush Lincoln continues its tradition this year of providing sunscreen to local pools and recreation areas for people to use this summer.

Forecast

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 81. Northeast wind 6 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. North northeast wind 10 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 81.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 52.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 84.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 87.

Saturday Night: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Sunday: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79.

Sharing the Good News in a Bad News World

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Saturday, August 26 @9am Tuscola Community Building

Please join us for a one-day conference entitled Not Ashamed: Sharing the Good News in a Bad News World, held Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9:00am to 1:30pm (doors open at 8:30 am) at the Tuscola Community Building.
Come hear Pastor Adam Koontz, an engaging speaker and well-known podcaster, speak on the topic of A Hope and a Home: Proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel to Today's America.
Event attendance is free but limited. Complimentary lunch is included in the registration. This event is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Illinois, and made possible in part by a grant from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.

Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz

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