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Dead crow in county tests positive for West Nile Virus

A dead crow found in Danville last week has tested positive for West Nile Virus.

Four birds, two crows and two blue jays, have been collected by the Vermilion County Health Department and sent for testing.

Preliminary planning is now underway to begin collecting mosquitoes in Danville. Mosquitoes carry the disease from infected birds. Humans cannot get the disease directly from a dead crow and there have been no reported human cases of West Nile virus in Illinois.

Virus symptoms range from mild, such as fever and headache, to serious, including muscle weakness, encephalitis, coma and death.

To reduce the risk of contracting the virus, residents are urged to follow precautions, including:

• wearing light colored clothing with long sleeves and long pants;

Hoopeston man still critical

A Hoopeston man remains in critical condition at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Jason Gaddis, 19, was injured when his Chevrolet Cavalier struck a stand of trees on County Road 2600N last Sunday.

Rumors surrounding the accident have surfaced and need to be dispelled, said Jason's father, Rod Gaddis. The young man was not thrown from the vehicle, was not traveling at a high rate of speed and alcohol was not involved, Gaddis said.

Both Gaddis and Jason's mother, Annette, are keeping a vigil at their son's bedside. "We're taking this day by day, hour by hour," Gaddis said. "I want to let everyone know Annette and I appreciate the support and prayers of everyone."

- using mosquito repellent with 25-35 percent DEET;
- •checking residential screens
- •eliminating stagnant water in places such as bird baths, where mosquitoes breed.

For more information on the virus, visit www.vchd.org or www.idph.state.il.us.

Male review show cancelled

An ordinance covering circuses, carnivals and exhibitions has halted the Hoopeston American Legion from featuring a male dance review Friday.

The Ultimate Male Review was scheduled to perform from 8-11 p.m., but the act, which city officials believe fall under the ordinance covering exhibitions, was cancelled because the Legion did not receive a permit under the ordinance.

The ordinance states that anyone wanting to have a circus, carnival or exhibition must purchase a license for \$50 per day, said Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger. Once granted, the license may be revoked by the city council if it finds issuing such a license would be "detrimental to the best interest of the city..." if the exhibition would violate any of the provisions of the city ordinances, laws of the state or so as to injure the morals of the community or so as to be otherwise detrimental to the best interest of the city," according to the ordinance.

City attorney William Nelson concurred that the planned show falls under the ordinance.

A second liquor license holder recently planned a similar show which was also cancelled because the holder did not realize a license was needed.

Drollinger said he has no personal opinion on such shows. "It makes no difference to me either way," he said. "My only issue is that a license would be necessary."

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Summer Reading Club

Jerry Urich will be a special guest at the Hoopeston Public Library Summer Reading Club Friday. Urich will play his guitar and have a sing-along with children.

Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger will be a spe-



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Let's stroll

Emma Stocking, 2, of Paxton, gets situated by her mother, Shannon, while Grandma Sandra Hughes of Hoopeston, gathers their belongings. The trio was at Milford Fun Days last Saturday.

cial guest at 2 p.m. Monday. He will talk with youngsters about bicycle safety.

Games, anyone?

County Terrace hosts area seniors for an afternoon of euchre and other games, the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The fun begins at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and is open to the public. For more information, call Charlene Ervin at 283-9215.

Tickets available

The Hoopeston Multi Agency has tickets available for the Sunday performance of "Never Too Late" at the Country Theatre Workshop in Cissna Park. The tickets are for front row seats.

Anyone interested in seeing the show may call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Screenings

Hoopeston Regional Health Center will offer cholesterol and blood pressure screenings in the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital lobby from 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday, June 23. The test is virtually painless and will provide cholesterol numbers within five minutes.

For more information, call (217) 283-4243.

City slab to close

The Hoopeston city slab will be closed July 6 so residents can enjoy the holiday with their families.

Trip sign-up

Teens who wish to take a free trip to the Shedd Aquarium and Field Museum in Chicago are asked to sign up at the Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

The trip will be Wednesday, July 24. A chartered bus will leave Hoopeston at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 9 p.m. Forty teens will be allowed to go. Preference will be given to Teen Reach members and former members.

For more information, call (217) 283-5544.

Neighborhood Watch

Lois Welling of the Police Training Institute will be the speaker at the July 1 Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting. She will speak on police training offered at the University of Illinois.

The program will meet at 6 p.m. at Country Terrace. Everyone is invited to attend.



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