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Hoopeston area mosquito tests positive for West Nile virus

DANVILLE—A mosquito from the Hoopeston area has tested positive for West Nile Virus.

The Vermilion County Health Department has collected 57 samples of mosquitoes since May, but the batch from Hoopeston has been the first to test positive for the West Nile virus this year in Vermilion County.

During the months of May through the end of September, Environmental Health staff members set mosquito traps throughout the county. The trapped mosquito are then collected and tested for the West Nile virus. Currently, the department has 15 traps setup throughout the county.

During the mosquito season, the Environmental Health Division asks the public's assistance in reporting birds that appear to have died of natural causes, and which may have West Nile Virus, by calling (217) 431-2662, ext. 5. These birds are collected and submitted to the University of Illinois' Veterinary School laboratory to be tested for the virus. One bird has been collected so far this season, and the laboratory results are pending.

The virus can be transferred to humans by the bite of the Culex mosquito if the mosquito has bitten an infected bird.

Symptoms of West Nile Virus can include a fever, body aches, joint pains, headaches, vomiting, diarrhea, or a rash, and can last up to several weeks. The Center for Disease Control says that only 1 in 5 people infected with the virus develop symptoms, and less than 1 percent of them develop severe or fatal neurological illness.

The Illinois Department of Public Health reports that, in 2016, there were total of 155 human cases of West Nile Virus in Illinois, and six disease-related deaths. That year, West Nile Virus was found in 61 counties in the

See MOSQUITO on other side

Lourdine Florek, Owner

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—Briefly

Cheer cards

Kevin Martin, of Hoopeston, is undergoing rehabilitation at Heritage Health Nursing Home and would appreciate cards and letters. They may be sent to him at Kevin Martin, Room 211, Heritage Health, 620 E. First St., Gibson City IL 60936.

School supply signup

Hoopeston Multi Agency is having preregistration for its school supply drive. Parents/guardians may sign up from 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-4 p.m. through August 4 at the agency, 206 S. First Ave.

Bring proof of residency, picture ID of parent/guardian, proof of income for the last two weeks or proof of public assistance.

Supplies will be distributed August 9 and 16. When registered, parents/guardians will be given a date and time to pick up their students' supplies.

For more information or to donate to the supply drive, email director@hoopestonmultiagency.com or call (217) 283-5544.

At the library

Upcoming activities at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Teen Fun, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday in the teen room.

Builders Club, 2-3 p.m. Thursday in the lower level meeting room, where kids ages 5 and older can build cool stuff with Legos and other building materials.

Coffee and Coloring, 10 a.m. Monday. Materials provided or bring your own. For adults only.

Mary Hartwell Catherwood book club, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday. Discussion on "The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman.

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Mosquito continued from other side

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Taking some simple precautions can help avoid mosquito bites, regardless of the type of mosquito or the diseases they carry. Precautions that the Illinois Department of Public Health recommends include the practice of the three "R"s – reduce, repel, report.

REDUCE exposure - avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.

• Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting



Strike one

This lightning strike north of Hoopeston proved lucky for Myrna Morales, the first winner in this year's Summer Snaps photo contest sponsored by Just the Facts. For her effort, Morales wins \$25 and her photo will be one of three finalists for the top prize of \$100. The contest is open through September 20.

screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.

• Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles.

REPEL - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

REPORT - In communities where there are organized mosquito control programs, contact your municipal government to report areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:51 p.m. Monday to investigate smoke in the area of 1700 East Road at 4200 North. Smoke was the result of a trash fire.

Obituaries

BUSH - Jane Elizabeth (Chadwick) Bush, 96, of Edmunds, Wash., formerly of Rossville, died September 5, 2016. Interment will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Rossville. Memorials are suggested to Rossville Historical Society or Hoopeston Public Library. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

COBERLY - Patrick Eugene "Pat" Coberly, 61, of Hoopeston, formerly of Chrisman and Paris, IL, died at 3:40 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2017 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. He will be cremated. No service will be held. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. fourth St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 82. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 65. Tomorrow, mostly sunny then storms likely. High 83, low 58.

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Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has an opening a Part-time Cafeteria Aide (2 1/2 hours per day; 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) Applications are available online only at Hoopeston Area CUSD's website, www.hoopeston.k12.il.us

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