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## Health department planning in case of worsened H1N1 flu

Vermilion County Health Department is meeting with local leaders this week to discuss planning for the H1N1 flu virus, should it reappear in a more hazardous form next fall.

"With the World Health Organization declaring a full pandemic, we believe it is only sensible to begin talking about what the community may face in the fall and winter months," said public health administrator Steve Laker.

The WHO raised the worldwide pandemic alert level June 11 to [Phase 6](#) in response to the ongoing global spread of the novel influenza A (H1N1) virus. A Phase 6

designation indicates that a global pandemic is underway.

Historically, the emergence of novel viruses like H1N1 that result in global pandemics often first surface during the spring in a milder form, continue to mutate, and then reappear during the fall and winter months with a much higher mortality rate. "It is simply too early right now to know what will happen in the fall and winter," Laker said, "But we know that we cannot wait until later to talk with our community stakeholders and partners about how we will handle the situation."

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#### Tuesday and Thursday Afternoon Return Trip

1:10pm – Danville Mass Transit Transfer Zone  
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## *Indoors and Outdoors*

By Molly Culbert

Wonderful things happen on our corner, miracles happen in the gardens where we surely, in this area, have the greatest, most sharing gardeners. I wish you could have all seen the cauliflower John Bray grew. It was solid as a rock, as the saying goes - a beautiful creamy white without a single blemish and the protective greens around it were a strong, healthy green. When it was cooked, it stayed that white and delicious, fresh out of the garden. We ate some raw, too, and it was awesome.

The gardenias love this heat. We, and nature, have

poured the water to them and they have rewarded us with the shiny green foliage only they have and fragrance everyone loves. Something about a warm summer evening lifts that fragrance all through the garden. A garden without fragrance misses the mark somehow.

I sowed some heirloom tomato seeds late and I have an abundance of extra plants. Come get some to have fresh tomatoes about Labor Day. I'd like to give you some to try.

Specials on red blooming plants for the Fourth of July - geraniums and hanging baskets.

### *Briefly*

#### **VBS**

First Church of God, 1004 East Orange, Hoopeston, will host Trek – Ex Vacation Bible School from 6-8 p.m. June 24-26th 6-8pm

#### **Time To Register For Fall Soccer**

Children ages Toddler-13 can register to play fall soccer at [www.danvillesoccer.org](http://www.danvillesoccer.org). If you do not have internet access you can contact Bob Brown at 217-283-5475 to

#### ***Flu* continued from other side**

The health department will host a meeting of its community partners and stakeholders at 1:30 Wednesday, in the County Board Room of the Courthouse Annex. Laker said the meeting will provide an opportunity to let the invitees get a better understanding of the current situation, including the potential for vaccine development and delivery, as well as initiating the discussions and planning that will be necessary for community leaders to be prepared, should the situation worsen in a few months. "We do not have the answers to all the questions this situation is creating, but we do know some of the information our partners will need to put their plans in place, and we want to share that with them," Laker said.

There have been over 21,000 confirmed cases of H1N1 worldwide, with less than 1,000 deaths. Illinois has had over 2,500 confirmed cases of H1N1, and 12 deaths since the virus emerged in early April.

get registered. The deadline for registering is July 25.

#### **Hydrant flushing**

Residents are reminded that Rossville will flush hydrants on Thursdays, while Hoopeston flushes hydrants on Fridays.

#### **Class of '79 sets reunion**

Hoopeston-East Lynn Class of 1979 will have a 30th year reunion on July 11 at Turtle Run in Danville. Contact Margaret Watson Norris at (217) 474-2081 to RSVP and get further details.

#### **Mowing into street**

Residents are reminded that it is against city ordinance to mow grass into city streets so that it can be carried by rain into sewers. Violators may be cited.

#### **Library closings**

Hoopeston Public Library will be closed on Saturday, July 4 for Independence Day and again July 11, when library staff travel to the American Library Association's annual conference.

#### **Weather**



Heat advisory through 7 p.m. Wednesday. Sunny today. High 92. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 71. Tomorrow, slight chance of thunderstorms. High 89, low 69.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

### **Police News**



A representative of Haga's Party Supplies, 210 N. Market, reported at 7:19 a.m. Monday that someone forced entry into the business and took an undisclosed amount of cash and other items.

**Gail D. Savage**, 50, of Hoopeston, was charged with criminal damage to property after he was charged by a representative of the Downtown Motel, 200 N. Main, with throwing a rock threw a window there. He was released on a recognizance bond.

### **Court Dispositions**



#### **April 16**

**Timothy Burke**, Hoopeston, two cases continued to July 16.

**Adena Rossolillo**, Oglesby, failed to appear at sentencing for two cases, fined \$460 total; status hearing May 21.

**Kory Johnson**, Hoopeston, failed to appear, found guilty by default; sentencing May 21.

#### **May 7**

**Kenneth W. Murray II**, Hoopeston, cases continued to July 16.

**Gary W. Johnson**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$180; status hearing June 4.

**Bryan Houmes**, Rankin, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial May 21.

**Matthew S. Ray**, Rossville, new status hearing August 6.

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