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County health department seeks help in West Nile Virus testing

DANVILLE—Vermilion County Health Department is asking for public help with collecting dead birds to test for West Nile Virus (WNV). Each summer, the department collects dead birds and mosquitoes for testing for the presence of the virus. "Finding out if the virus is present in Vermilion County allows us to alert residents to take precautions when they are outside and make sure their homes are free of places where mosquitoes breed," said Public Health Administrator Douglas Toole.

In 2016, the Illinois Department of Public Health, with the help of local health departments, conducted more than 13,000 mosquito surveys. Of those, 18% were found positive for WNV. A large percentage of the positive tests originated in the Chicago area. Vermilion County Health Department mosquito survey resulted in no positive test for WNV.

Starting May 1 and ending October 15, the health department will accept five dead birds for testing for West Nile Virus. Birds that will be accepted include crows, robins and blue jays.

Not all dead birds will be accepted. To be eligible, birds submitted for testing must be intact and dead for no more than 24 hours. Dead birds which appear to have been attached, partially eaten or damaged by other animals, are

decomposing or bloated, or are missing their eyes, cannot be tested.

The Illinois Department of Public Health says most people are not affected when bitten by a West Nile-infested mosquito, but some people - including those over age 50 and who have chronic health problems - are most at risk from WNV.

To report a dead bird found in Vermilion County, call the Vermilion County Health Department, (217) 431-2662, ext. 247, between 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Additional information is available on the health department's website, www.vchd.org.

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Dawn Rogers, Hoopeston, case turned over to state comptroller for collection.

Kyle Ponton, Hoopeston, two cases turned over to state comptroller for collection.

Tonya Edwards, Hoopeston, two cases turned over to state comptroller for collection.

Rodney Franklin, Champaign, case turned over to state comptroller for collection.

Frances Arce, Hoopeston, status check April 6.

Lacey Simpson, Hoopeston, status check April 6.

Amanda Figueroa, Las Vegas, Nev., status check

From the Blotter

A 62-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 11:10 a.m. Tuesday that someone took items from his mailbox in the 200 block of West Lincoln. Police are investigating.

Obituaries

NEAL - Gary Neal, 61, of Hoopeston, died Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Chance of showers today. High 58. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 46. Tomorrow, chance of showers, chance of rain late. High 67, low 52.

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April 6.

Tasha Uppinghouse, Hoopeston, status check April 6.

Nathaniel Perkins, Hoopeston, status check April 6.



Photo submitted

Kata champs

Silas Yates and Cathy Alinovi competed in the ninth annual Open Karate Championship in Kankakee on April 2. Silas earned first place in Kata and third place in Weapons Kata in the Junior Black Belt division. Cathy came home with third place in both Kata and Weapons Kata in the Women's Black Belt Division. Both students train at the Okinawan School of Karate in Hoopeston under the instruction of Mike Webb.

Deanna Smithers, Hoopeston, status check April 6.

Tammy Coon, Hoopeston, status check April 6.

Alexis De La Rosa, Hoopeston, status check April 6.



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