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## Health department seeks public's help in combatting WNV

Vermilion County Health Department is once again asking the public for assistance with the collection of dead birds to test for West Nile Virus (WNV).

Each summer, the department collects dead birds and mosquitoes to test 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 2017, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) with the help of the local health departments, reported 89 human cases of WNV and one death. Sixtythree of the 102 counties in Illinois were found positive for the virus in humans, birds and mosquitoes.

In 2017, VCHD placed mosquito traps throughout the county. Trapped mosquitoes were tested for the virus. Mosquitoes collected in July from the Hoopeston area tested positive for WNV. A crow collected in Danville was found positive for the virus.

From May 1 to October 15, VCHD will accept five dead birds for testing for the West Nile Virus. The state of Illinois has prioritized the type of birds that should be collected for testing. Those priorities are:

First: crows and blue jays Second: finches, sparrows and robins

May Market Weekend Thursday 3-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Mother's Day Market Saturday, May 12 10-3 The Blossom Basket 16 E. Lyle St. Sue Crawford Milford, IL Ph. 815 471-5289

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Third: cardinals, black birds, starlings and wrens Not all dead birds will be accepted for testing. The

Illinois Department of Public Health recommends that the caller assure the following are true:

•The bird is dead no longer than 24 hours. There are no signs of decomposition (maggots, strong odor, bloated or deflated eves).

•The bird shows no sign it died of causes other than disease: no obvious wounds, missing parts or crushed carcass.

•Birds are of the types listed under the three priorities.

Most people are not affected when bitten by a West See WNV on other side





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## *Dispatch fee will cause hardship* Hoopestonians,

I want to express my thankfulness to the City Council for wiping out my Social Security cost of living increase I received for the year 2018 and, keeping me farther below

### -Briefly Foodmobile to be in Hoopeston

Eastern Illinois Foodbank's foodmobile will be at First Baptist Church, 323 E. Seminary, from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5. More information is available <u>here</u>.

### Alley cleanup to begin

Hoopeston Street and Alley Department will begin alley cleanup May 14, weather permitting. Cleanup will start in the northwest corner of town. This is for yard waste only. No plastic, lumber, landscape materials, concrete or brick will be picked up. Piles that have those materials will not be picked up.

## $W\!NV$ continued from other side

Nile-infected mosquito, but some people, including those older than 50 and those with chronic health problems are most at risk.

Now is the time to survey property to identify areas where standing water may accumulate. To keep the mosquito population down, water must not be allowed to stand for more than five days. To accomplish this, invert or drill holes in bottoms of containers left outside to prevent water from accumulating. Also, keep gutters cleared.

To report a dead bird, found in Vermilion County, call the VCHD at 431 -2662, ext. 247. Calls are taken from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday. Additional information is available at www.vchd.org.



## Letters to the Editor

the poverty level. I see no other recourse but to cut back my spending - something that this City Council has no concept of, evidently.

In the future, I will be doing my commerce outside of Taxton. This will affect, although in a small way, these business in Taxton: IGA, Marathon, Casey's, Dollar General, Henning's, CVS, Ted's, Subway, Olympic Hardware and Monical's. I must protect my interest.

Anytime one can travel all the way to Lafayette, Danville or Watseka and still save money, there is a problem.

## From the Blotter

**Bailee Cannon**, 18, and Andrew Cordova, 23, both of Hoopeston, were arrested after officers were called at 12:02 p.m. Tuesday for a dispute in the 500 block of East Honeywell.

Each was charged with domestic battery and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Police are investigating** a reported made at 3:38 a.m. Tuesday by a 23-year-old Hoopeston woman. She said someone took items from her home in the 700 block of South Sixth Ave.

**Jason R. Reyes**, 30, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a domestic incident at 1:57 a.m. Wednesday in the 300 block of West Elm. He was charged with domestic battery and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

## Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 76. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 51. Tomorrow, sunny. High 79, low 53. Sunday, mostly sunny, then chance of thunderstorms. High 74, low 46.

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Vote, people. It will be a matter of time before they will be back for more money. If you look at the pie chart, this tax, defined as a fee, has been created in the guise of securing dispatch - 12 percent of a 100 percent pie. That is one pie made out of Chameleon meat.

> John Palmer Taxton

# Classifieds

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flea market Saturday, May 5. McFerren Park Jaycee Pavilion 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Local vendors. Something for everyone!

### APARTMENTS FOR RENT

HOOPESTON: 2 Bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Handicap Accessible. Full basement. Clean, great neighborhood. Yard w/patio. W/D hookup. Walk to stores. NON SMOKING. No pets. Text 217-260-8762. Available June 1. \$485.

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Farm help needed. CDL required. Ravens Farms. (217) 304-1943.

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### HOUSES FOR SALE

703 S. Third Ave., Hoopeston. (217) 304-7751

### MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

6" Rockwell Delta Jointer. Model 37-220, 6", Deluxe. Call Harry Johnson at 217-283-7138. Asking \$350.

### RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: In alley behind 905 E. Young . Sat., 8-?, Sun. 10-2. Hunting gear, desk & chair, nice men's clothes, primitive decor

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