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Health department to test dead birds, mosquitos for WNV

It's that time again to remove those empty planters, clean the gutters, empty and remove abandoned swimming pools. Warm weather has finally reached Vermilion County which means here comes the mosquitoes.

Vermilion County Health Department (VCHD) 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 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 2018, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) - with the help of local health departments - reported 137 human cases of the virus, a 52% increase from the number of cases (90) in 2017. Seventy-five percent of the human cases were reported in the Cook county area and 13% reported in the DuPage county. 63 of the 102 counties in Illinois were found positive for the virus in humans, birds and mosquitoes.

Monday is last day to enter HPL Summer Art Show

Monday is the last day to enter Hoopeston Public Library's Summer Art Show.

The contest is open to artists of all ages. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in age categories of preschool, 5-8, 9-12, 13,17 and adult.

Entries are limited to two-dimensional works only, such as painting, drawing, photography, etc. No sculptures or models will be accepted.

Works must be framed or mounted for hanging and labeled on back with artist's name, address, phone number and age category.

Works may be taken by 5 p.m. today to the upstairs circulation desk at the library, at 110 N. Fourth St.

In 2018, VCHD placed 11 mosquito traps throughout the county. All collected mosquitoes tested negative for the virus. Three birds collected by the department also tested negative.

Starting June 1 and ending on October 15, VCHD will accept five dead birds for testing for WNV. 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; and third, cardinals, black birds, starlings and wrens.

Not all dead birds will be accepted for testing. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends that those calling about dead birds assure the following are true:

- The bird is dead no longer than 24 hours. There are no signs of decomposition (maggots, strong odor, bloating or deflated eyes).
- The bird shows no sign it died of causes other than disease: no obvious wounds, missing parts or crushed carcass.
- The birds are one of the types listed, above, under the three priorities.

IDPH reported that most people are not affected when bitten by a West Nile-infected mosquito, but some, including those over age of 50 and who may have chronic health problems, are most at risk from the
See WNV on other side

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At the library

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From the Blotter

A 28-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 5:32 p.m. Tuesday that her home in the 900 block of East Wyman had been burgled. Police are investigating.

Police are investigating a report made at 11:42 a.m. Wednesday by a 50-year-old Hoopeston man. He reported broke into his home at Parkview Court and removed items.

"Rockin" & Reading" concert kickoff with Parents Choice Award-winning musician LEONARDO. Interactive show with sing-alongs, dance moves. For all ages, abilities.

WMD winners

Winners in the Women Making A Difference May drawing are \$50, Elaine Tyler; \$30, Liz German; ad \$20, Nikki Trueblood.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:44 a.m. Tuesday for a garage on fire in the 700 block of East Penn. Rossville and Wellington fire departments also responded for mutual aid. No injuries were reported.

Obituaries

HOLLIS - Benjamin H. Hollis, 72, of Stockland, died Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at his daughter's home in Watseka. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, and 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. funeral Saturday at John W. German Funeral Home, Hayti, Mo. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Hayti. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

MORRIS - Meghan E. Morris, 30, of Mendota, died Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at OSF Medical Center, Peoria. Visitation was 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Saturday

WNV continued from other side

West Nile virus.

The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around homes and neighborhoods and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Suggestions include:

- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.
- When outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that includes DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.
- Eliminate sources of standing water that can support

at Rankin United Methodist Church. Burial was in Rankin Union Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to her daughter, Charlotte's education fund. Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin, is handling arrangements.

LYNCH - Jaylyn M. (Beane) Lynch, 64, of Cissna Park, died Thursday, May 30, 2019 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation was 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cissna Park Fire Department or American Cancer Society.

mosquito breeding, including bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and other receptacles. 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.

Now is the time to survey your property to identify areas where standing water may accumulate. The standing water must be eliminated and not allowed to stand more than five days. Invert, drill holes in bottom of containers left expose to the weather to prevent water from accumulating and stand for over five days. Keep gutters cleared.

To report a dead bird, found in Vermilion County, call VCHD at (217) 431-2662, ext. 247. Please call Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Feed My Lambs summer lunch program to begin Monday

Hoopeston Area students in grades pre-K through 12 who have qualified for free or reduced lunches during the school year may participate in the Feed My Lambs summer lunch program.

Lunches will be available from 11 a.m.-noon Monday - Friday at Hoopeston First United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main (across from the Lorraine).

Lunches may be picked up and taken or eaten in the air-conditioned fellowship hall.

Students must register for the program at the church prior to receiving the first lunch. Proof of age is re-

quired for each student, such as a school report card or birth certificate.

For more information, call (217) 283-6738.



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- * Classroom Paraprofessional Aide at Hoopeston Area Middle School (Paraprofessional license recommended or 60 college credit hours)
- * Part-Time (18 hours per week) Special Education Paraprofessional Aide at Maple Elementary School (Paraprofessional license recommended or 60 college credit hours)

Applications are available online at Hoopeston Area CUSD's website, www.hoopeston.k12.il.us

Silver Brothers Construction needs worker with concrete experience. Apply at office 105 E. Washington St

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

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