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Birds sought for WNV testing

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). The department each summer 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 2020, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) with the help of local health departments reported 34 human cases of the virus, a 21% increase from the

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Bill Goodwine, right and Carl Ankenbrand pose with a cake to mark the end of their careers as Hoopeston aldermen at a reception Friday at city hall.

Retiring city councilmen celebrated at reception Friday

Two men who, between them, have nearly 50 years of service to Hoopeston, were honored at a reception Friday.

The gathering was held to honor retiring aldermen Bill Goodwine and Carl Ankenbrand, and Bill McElhaney, who did not attend.

Goodwine is one of, if not the longest-serving aldermen in Hoopeston's history. He was appointed by then-Mayor Bob Ault in October 1991, replacing Dennis Catron as Ward IV representative.

He has spent most of his tenure as chairman of the city's finance committee, guiding city spending through good and lean years. He has overseen the city's revolving loan and tax increment financing programs.

Goodwine has not always followed the crowd when it came to voting on issues and was not shy about stating his opinions. In the 1990s, he stood in favor of the Hoopeston landfill expansion and in 2002, he voted against Sunday alcohol sales in Hoopeston. Most recently, he was opposed to implementing the International Property Maintenance Code for dilapidated buildings.

He decided some time ago that he would retire from the council when he turned 80, which he did in April 2020. This year marked the last year in the term to which he was elected in 2017.

Ankenbrand joined the council in 2002, appointed by

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number reported in 2019 (28). The total number of positive birds tested, and the total number of mosquitos tested for WNV and found positive in 2020 were up by 5% and 6% respectively from 2019.

Starting April 1 and ending on October 15, VCHD will accept a limited number of dead birds (5) 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 and third, cardinals, black birds, starlings and wrens

IDPH recommends that the caller assure the following are true for a bird to be tested:

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

Obituaries

HUCKLEBY - Margaret “Meg” (Rape) Huckleby, 63, of Hoopeston, died at 5:35 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at home. Her family members invite everyone to come celebrate her life at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2021, at the Girl Scout House in McFerren Park.



PRITCHARD - Peggy Lee “Peg” (Kissack) Pritchard, 65, of Racine, Wis., formerly of the Milford area, died March 19, 2021 at Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care in Oak Creek, Wis. She was cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. Memorial service Saturday at Milford Christian Church. Private family burial will be at a later date. Among her survivors is a daughter and granddaughter, Michelle and Alexa Bailey, of Hoopeston. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is assisting the family. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

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

Birds are one of the types listed, above.
To prevent West Nile disease or other mosquito-borne illness, reduce the number of mosquitoes around homes and neighborhoods and to take precautions to avoid mos-

From the Blotter

Police are investigating a report made at 9:48 p.m. Sunday, of a pickup truck stolen from the 500 block of North Seventh Ave.

Hoopeston Police were called at 12:37 a.m. Sunday to the 400 block of East Honeywell where an unidentified resident reported a theft from inside a vehicle. Police are investigating.

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then-Mayor Chalmers Flint and taking the oath of office in October of that year. He replaced Mike Eckersley, who moved from Ward II.

Ankenbrand served most of his tenure as parks committee chairman. Early in his time as chairman, Ankenbrand expressed willingness to help garner a skate park for the city with the caveat that those who wanted it needed to raise funds for the unbudgeted expense. Ankenbrand even donated to the project but after raising a fraction of the projected \$30,000-\$50,000 - in 2004 dollars - the effort fell flat as skater interest waned.

More recently, he served as fire/ambulance committee chairman and, in 2019, was named police committee chairman.

Ankenbrand sought reelection this year but was defeated by Kellie Ferrell.

McElhaney was appointed to the Ward I seat in September 2008 by then-Mayor Bill DeWitt. During his years as alderman, he served as cemetery, then water chairman and most recently served as civic improvement chairman since 2017.

He, too, ran for re-election but was lost to Kyle Richards.

Weather

Showers today, tonight. High 60, low 42. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 61, low 42..

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quito bites by:

- 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

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Small Wonders Preschool is accepting applications for its Preschool Director position for the 2021-22 school year. Candidates must be Director qualified with DCFS. Send cover letter and resume to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 297, Hoopeston, IL 60942 by May 15.

The Legion, formerly the American Legion, will be opening soon and is now hiring bar tenders. Call 217-260-5630 for inquiries.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for seasonal employees. Applications are available at www.cityofhoopeston.com or at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

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Full-Fill Industries Henning, is offering many job opportunities for full-time applicants, with a full benefit package, or part-time positions. 1st and 2nd shifts available. We offer a part-time flexible

openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.

Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding, bird baths and ponds.

To report a dead bird, found in Vermilion County, call VCHD at (217) 431-2662, ext. 247. Please call Monday - Thursday, hours 8 am. to 3 pm.

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

work schedule from 8 am-4:30 pm M-F for Moms & Dads. Graduating seniors that are 18 looking for a summer job or not pursuing a college career, we offer career opportunities.

Apply on-line at www.full-fill.com go to employment or Employment opportunities and apply as indicated. EOE

Mustard Seed Christian Daycare is looking to hire 2-3 part time assistant teachers. Requirements include: 18 or older, high school diploma or GED, college credits are preferred but not mandatory for the right candidate, willing to undergo a background check and fingerprinting, flexible and able to work as early as 6:30 a.m. and as late as 5:30 p.m., and have reliable transportation. Please email Nicole Gregory at mustardseed.christiandaycare@gmail.com for application information.

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