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# EIF food distribution to be held at McFerren Park June 4

Eastern Illinois Foodbank (EIF) will distributing food to area families from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 4 in Hoopeston. The distribution will be held at McFerren Park Civic Center (1 McFerren Way) in Hoopeston. It is open to residents of Vermilion County. Those attending are asked to bring boxes or bags to transport food.

The distribution is part of the Foodbank's Foodmobile Program, a system of mobile food pantries designed to help bring nutritious food to rural or underserved areas. Those planning to attend should pre-register at www.EIFclient.com, although doing so does not guaran-

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tee a place in line.

Updates regarding future food distributions can be found at the Foodbank's website at www.eifoodbank.org. Income guidelines are as follows. For each additional member, add \$747.

#### Maximum monthly income per eligible household Household Size \$3,620 \$5,113 \$7,353 **Monthly Income** \$2,127 \$2,873 \$4,367 \$5,860 \$6,607

#### **LOST DOG**

Last seen around 800 block of East Washington, Hoopeston 8-year-old, friendly Yellow Lab. Bailey! Call 217-474-4715



Bertha wants to hear from you! Future Topics Your response to an article Comments e-mail

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## VCHD seeks help with virus testing, offers tips on mosquitos

Time again to remove those empty planters, clean the gutters, empty or remove abandoned swimming pools and remove any ponding or accumulating standing water. Warm weather has finally reached Vermilion County which means here comes the mosquitoes.

The Vermilion County Health Department (VCHD) is 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 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health, with the help of the local health departments, reported that there were 56 human cases of the virus, a 39% increase from 34 reported in 2020. Of the total number tested, 15.8% of birds and 14% of mosquitos were found positive for WNV compared to 7.5% and 12.7%, respective-See MOSOUITOS on other side

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## Mosquitos continued from other side

lv. in 2020.

In 2020, due to COVID, VCHD was not active in the WNV testing. No mosquitoes were collected for testing and one bird was collected. The bird was not found to have the virus.

In 2021, VCHD was active in dispersing mosquito traps (19) throughout the county. The department collected 111 mosquito samples to test for the WNV. Two samples were found positive for the virus. The department collected five birds and submitted them for laboratory testing. Two were found positive for the virus.

Until October 15, 2022, VCHD will accept a limited number up to 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, with crows and blue jays as the top priority, followed by finches, sparrows and robins.

Not all dead birds will be accepted for testing. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends that the public 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 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 under the priorities.

#### **Obituaries**

**DAVIS** - Mary E. (Karsgaard) Davis, 75, of Cissna Park, died Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. She will be cremated. A celebration of her life will start at 3 p.m. Friday at the Chebanse Community Building. Burial will be at a later date in Evergreen Cemetery, Chebanse. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

# -Briefly

#### The Gathering

Rossville Community Organization will hold The Gathering from 1-3 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. Everyone is welcome.

## **Memorial Day closings**

- Just the Facts will not be printed Tuesday due to the holiday Monday.
- Hoopeston city offices will be closed Monday. The police station will be open.

The Illinois Department of Public Health states most people will not feel the effect of a bite by a West Nile-infected mosquito. Individuals who are over the age of 50 and who may have chronic health problems are most at risk from the 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 your home and neighborhood 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 all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires, and any 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 the Vermilion County Health department at 431 -2662, ext. 247. Please call Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Additional information is available on the health department's website, vchd.org.

#### Weather

Chance of thunderstorms, then showers likely today. High 72. Tonight, showers likely. Low 56. Tomorrow, showers likely, partly cloudy late. High 67, low 49.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

## **Classifieds**

#### HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a full-time water department employee.

Requirements:

Valid Driver's License

Class B CDL with airbrake endorsement or ability to obtain one

High School diploma or equivalent

A positive attitude and willingness to learn

Strong work ethic

Punctuality and attendance is important for this position. There is opportunity for advancement with the proper training and certification Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment

#### CITY OF HOOPESTON Chief of Police

The City of Hoopeston is seeking candidates to fill the position of Chief of Police. Hoopeston is a community of 4,915 residents located at the junction of Illinois highways 1 and 9, approximately 100 miles south of Chicago. For more information about Hoopeston, visit our website at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

The City currently has 8 full time officers and is in the process of hiring 1 to 2 more full time officers.

Oualified candidates will have:

- •10 plus years of experience in municipal law enforcement •Ability to lead coach, and train staff in a focused and effective manner
- Community oriented and able to maintain positive relationships with residents, schools, and the business community
- A degree in criminal justice or related field is desired
- Equivalent training or experience will be considered
- •Excellent interpersonal/communication skills are essential

The City of Hoopeston is an EOE, offering a comprehensive wage and benefit package with a starting salary range of \$65,000 to \$70,000.

Candidates may submit a confidential reply to the City of Hoopeston; Administration Office, 301 W Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942 or online to hoopestoncityjobs@cityofhoopeston.com Submissions should include resume and cover letter

First review of candidates will occur by Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Frederick Community Bank in Cissna Park is in need of a Customer Account Representative. Applicant must have skills interacting with customers, ability to handle various transactions accurately, and be part of a team environment. The position available may be part-time or full-time. If you are interested, please mail your resume to The Frederick Community Bank, PO Box 36, Cissna Park, IL 60924, or pick up an application from the receptionist in Cissna Park.

Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1<sup>st</sup> St. in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

Seeking a bartender for weekdays and nights. Possibly a weekend day. Our hours are from 7a-7p. Must have a Bassett and Food handlers Cert within 30 days. Stop by Hubbard Trail Country Club or call 217-748-6521.

Homekeeper, errands and occasional out of town appointments for senior lady. CNA certified a plus. 8 to 10 hours weekly to start. Please supply experience and two work references. Non-smoker. Email resume to publish@justthefacts.net.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: silgancontainers. mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0

Silgan Containers is hiring for an Electrician-Industrial/Maintenance position. Please apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12406/0

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is HIRING! Apply at www.full-fill.com/employmentopportunities Applications available onsite. EOE

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#### **RUMMAGE SALES**

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HOOPESTON: 705 S. Fifth St. Fri., 8-5, Sat., 8-noon. John Deere toys, tools, hardware, holiday decorations, china, clothes, something for everyone!

WELLINGTON 489 E. First North St., 450 Second North St., Fri. & Sat., 8-? Lots of yard deco, new canning jars.

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