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**County health department does annual West Nile Virus testing**

Now that warmer weather is finally here, Vermilion County Health Department (VCHD) is asking the public's assistance with the collection of dead birds to test for West Nile Virus (WNV).

Each summer, VCHD collects dead birds and mosquitoes around the county to determine the prevalence of WNV in the county.

Birds are collected May 1, 2023 through October 15, 2023. VCHD will be accepting five birds for testing. Crows and blue jays are preferred but finches, sparrows and robins will also be accepted.

Birds submitted for testing must be intact and dead for no more than 24 hours. Birds must not have any signs of decomposition (maggots, ants, strong odor, bloated or deflated eyes) and must not show any obvious signs of trauma.

In 2022, VCHD set 20 mosquito traps throughout the county. The department collected 53 mosquito samples and two samples tested positive for the virus. The department collected five birds and submitted them for laboratory testing. One tested positive.

In 2022, the Illinois Department of Public Health, with the help of local health departments, reported that there were 32 human cases of the virus and seven human deaths. No Vermilion County deaths resulted from the virus.

The Illinois Department of Public Health says most people are not affected when bitten 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.

To decrease the chance of contracting WNV, it is recommended that residents 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. It's also important to ensure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. In order to

control mosquito populations, it is important to remove their breeding grounds by removing empty planters and containers (tires), keeping gutters clean, removing abandoned swimming pools and removing any ponding or accumulating standing water. Ensure bird baths are properly maintained.

To report a dead bird, found in Vermilion County, call the Vermilion County Health Department at (217) 431-2662, Ext. 5. Please call 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Additional information is available on the health department's website, [www.vchd.org](http://www.vchd.org).

Environmental Health staff will also conduct five to six tick drags in locations throughout the county to determine the distribution of specific tick species in the county.

**Online Auctions**  
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## Obituaries

**GREEN** - Lynn "Cookie" Green, 81, of Rossville, passed away at 1:50 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

She was born January 30, 1942, in Danville, the daughter of E.H. and Bonnie (Eastburn) Dubea. She married John Green on December 21, 1961, at the Rossville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, John Green of Rossville; two daughters, Paula Green of Rossville and Kristi (Tony) Maged of Rossville; one son, Michael (Emy) Green of Rossville; one sister, Lois Peterson of Rossville; seven grandchildren, Kelly Kruger, Kaylynn Kruger, Lorna (Tyler) Farmer, Layne (Sam) Daugherty, Ross (Chyanna) Lange, Kai Maged, and Cataleya Cordova; and seven great-grandchildren and one on the way. She is also survived by her foster children, Holly, Ashley, and Neil and several others along with foreign exchange students, Kay, Mikko, Flavien, and Laura and special tour guide, Maria.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Lynn's nickname came from the comic strip Dagwood and Blondie Bumstead. The Chicago Tribune held a national contest to name the comic strip's expected baby.

## Briefly

### Community blood drive

First Presbyterian Church of Hoopeston will hold a blood drive at the church, at 915 E. Orange, from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, May 12. For appointments, call 1-800-733-27867 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

**STEAM Lab for Kids**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. This week, it's Science: Leak proof bag/Magic Water/Dry Paper Towel/Traveling Water.

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The winning name, Cookie, was revealed the same week as Lynn's birth. She has been Cookie ever since.

Cookie was a homemaker, caring for her family. She was also a devoted foster parent and foreign exchange student host. She was a fantastic cook, great baker, and accomplished candy maker. She operated the Corner Bakery in Rossville with her friends, for several years.

Cookie loved sports and was a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Chicago White Sox fan. She also loved the Chicago Bears, the Fighting Illini, March Madness, and the Rossville Bobcats.

She enjoyed playing cards. She was a self-taught bridge player and a fierce competitor.

Cookie was a member of the Rossville United Methodist Church. She was also a member of Hubbard Trail Country Club and belonged to the Hoopeston Sweet Corners and Danville Friendly Mixers Square Dance Clubs.

Cookie and her family were world travelers. She visited five continents and almost every state in the United States. She loved Rossville and cherished her life-long friendships there. Most of all, Cookie loved her family.

Cremation rites will be accorded, and a visitation will be held 4 - 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2023, at the Rossville

**HPL and History In Your Own Backyard** have collaborated to produce a video highlighting the story of Hoopeston. It is available to view for free at [historyinyourownbackyard.com](http://historyinyourownbackyard.com), and [hooplib.org](http://hooplib.org).

For more information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or visit 110 N. Fourth St.

### Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be May 18. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

### Resident reminders

Residents are asked to not mow grass into city streets. Doing two or three passes discharging cut grass into your yard, instead of the street, will keep streets safe for motorcyclists and bicyclists and will keep grass out of city sewers.

Those who mow into the street may be issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

United Methodist Church, 116 Maple St. Rossville. No burial will be held.

Memorial donations may be made to the Rossville Historical Society or Mustard Seed Christian Daycare.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Cookie's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**LAIRD** - Bessie Leah "Lee" (Sprague) Laird, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 4:08 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. A memorial service will be planned at a future date at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

## Death Notices

**DRULLINGER** - Sandra Drullinger, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 11:20 a.m. Saturday, May 6, 2023, at her home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

**REDDEN** - Myrtle "Dolly" Redden, 102, of Bloomington, died at 11:11 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2023, at Carriage Crossing in Bloomington. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

## From the Blotter

**Production at Teasdale Foods** was disrupted after a semi truck a power pole at South First Ave. and West Lincoln.

Police said Kevin L. Barnes, 58, of Richmond, VA, was baking a 2020 Volvo semi at 11:32 a.m. Tuesday, did not see the pole and struck it. The impact damaged the cross members at the top, supporting the transformers and fuse links. No tickets or injuries were reported.

**Jacob S. Cordes** turned himself in to police at 11:38 p.m. in the area of the 500 block of West Elm. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was taken to the police station for processing and was released on bond with a new date in Vermilion County Court.

## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 84. Tonight, cloudy, chance of thunderstorms. Low 54. Tomorrow, showers. High 78, low 62.

For real time Hoopeston weather information, go to [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Hubbard Trail Golf Course is accepting applications for a part time bartender. Daytime, evening and weekends. Must have basset and food handlers or obtain within 120 days after employment. Applications can be picked up at Hubbard Trail or send resume to [hubbardtrail.1925@gmail.com](mailto:hubbardtrail.1925@gmail.com)

Hubbard Trail Golf Course is looking for a part time golf course attendant approximately 20 hours a week. If interested call Justin Davis @ 765-299-9651

Aquality Solutions is looking for men or women to deliver its products to area businesses and residential customers. This position offers benefits and incentive bonuses. Apply in person at 102 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

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The Vermilion Housing Authority in Hoopeston is hiring a Maintenance Mechanic, starting pay \$20/hr. Applications available online at [www.vermilionhousing.org](http://www.vermilionhousing.org).

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

### NOTICES

The City of Hoopeston is accepting bids for the 50/50 sidewalk program. Bid specs may be picked up at City Hall, 301 W Main St., or the Street and Alley Department, 434 W Penn St. Bids must be dropped off at City Hall and are due by 10 am Tuesday, May 16th 2023. Bid openings will be held at City Hall on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 at 10 am. For questions, please call City Hall at 217-283-5833.

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