A batch of mosquitoes collected in the Danville area has been the first to test positive for the West Nile virus (WNV) this year in Vermilion County.

The Vermilion County Health Department (VCHD) has 19 mosquito traps throughout the county and has collected 53 samples of mosquito batches since May.

During mosquito season, the Environmental Health Division asks the public’s assistance in reporting births that appear to have died of natural causes, and which may have WNV, by calling (217) 431-2662, ext. 5. Birds are collected and sent to the University of Illinois’ Veterinary School laboratory to be tested for the virus. Four birds have been collected this season. Three tested negative and results for the fourth bird have not been reported yet.

WNV can be transferred to humans by the bite of the Culex mosquito if the mosquito has bitten an infected bird. Symptoms can include a fever, body aches, joint pains, headaches, vomiting, diarrhea, or a rash, and can last up to several weeks. The Center for Disease Control says that only one in five people infected with the virus develop symptoms, and less than one percent of them develop severe or fatal neurological illness.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) reports that as of September 8, there have been two human cases of WNV and one death with the virus listed as a contributing factor.

Taking simple precautions can help people avoid mosquito bites, regardless of the type of mosquito or the diseases they carry. IDPH recommended precautions include:

**REDUCE** exposure - avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn. 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 where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles.

**REPEL** - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

**REPORT** - In communities with 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.

**WEATHER**


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Obituaries

EVANS - The Rev. Karen Lee Evans, 78, of Hoopeston, died at 7:24 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, at home. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, 200 Laird Lane, Watseka IL 60970 or First Church of God, 1001 E. Orange, Hoopeston IL 60942. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

BADGLEY - Brenda Badgley, 65, of Hoopeston, died at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, at her son’s home in Paxton. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

CABLE - Robert Cable III, 54, of Rankin, died at 6:18 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

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Hoopeston business is looking for an employee with data entry and telephone skills and multiple other office duties. Send resume to publish@justthefacts.net.

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.

Fall help wanted at United Prairie, 18979 E 2850 N Rd., Hoopeston. Call Jordan Reese, (217) 888-0164 (office) or (217) 918-2876 (cell).

Fast Lanes is looking for experienced cooks for some breakfasts, days and evenings. If interested come to Fast Lanes, 719 W. Elm. NO PHONE CALLS.

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