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SECOND BAT EVENT AT JACKSON MILLS
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A bat was reported inside one of the cabins at Jackson Mills this morning at 4:30 AM. The event was reported to the proper authorities and the health department. Unlike the previous bat event at Jackson Mills, a bat was captured. The local health department is currently in the process of making arrangements to have the bat transported to the Office of Laboratory Services (OLS) in Charleston, West Virginia for rabies testing.

The bat will be tested by the OLS Rabies Laboratory. The Rabies Laboratory is responsible for screening animal brain tissue for the presence of the rabies virus. This is the only facility in the state of West Virginia that can screen animal brain tissue for the presence of the rabies virus. The results of the laboratory testing will play an important role on how this event is resolved.

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