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Severe weather sirens to be tested Saturday afternoon

New severe weather sirens will be put through their paces at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) will test the sirens, which are located at the corner of West Elm and South Fourth Ave. and on North Fifth Ave., in the alley between Main and Seminary.

Tones will ring for 30 seconds, rather than the normal three-minute blast, said Earl Drollinger, Hoopeston ESDA coordinator.

The new warning system cost nearly \$20,000 and was purchased with money from a state grant. Droll-

inger said state Sen. Judy Myers was instrumental in getting money for the system.

New sirens will be used solely in case of tornadoes, Drollinger said. They will not be sounded for fire calls.

The purpose of the test is to determine if the sirens can be heard at the outer edges of Hoopeston. Manufacturers said the blast should be heard one mile from the location of each siren. Drollinger will have spotters on the outskirts of the city to make sure the sirens can be heard that far. "If it doesn't make it out that far, we'll try to get to more through a grant," he said.

Residents asked to take part in social services focus group

Hoopeston residents may take part in a Vermilion County needs assessment survey of the county's alcohol and drug, mental health and developmental disability services.

The survey should result in improved services to members of the community.

Focus groups will meet at the Hoopeston Multi

Agency, 206 S. First Ave., at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28. Senior citizens and other interested adults are asked to come to the first session. All Teen Reach parents and participants are invited to the second session.

The survey will take about 60 minutes. All responses will be kept confidential.

Briefly

Library to be closed

The Hoopeston Public Library will be closed during the day Wednesday due to construction. It is expected to open at approximately 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., but patrons should call the library at (217) 283-6711 to make sure it is open.

Sweetheart Banquet

The 11th annual senior citizen Sweetheart Banquet will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15 in the Hoopeston Area High School gym.

The event is sponsored by the high school Drama De-

partment, S.A.A.D., Authors' Society and Student Council.

Any Hoopeston Area senior citizen who wants to attend is asked to call (217) 283-6668 to make a reservation on or before Feb. 4.

Neighborhood Watch

Judge Claudia Anderson will be the featured speaker at the Hoopeston Police Department's Neighborhood Watch program Feb. 4. She will speak on juvenile issues and problems facing Hoopeston and Vermilion County.

The program will be held at 6 p.m. at Country Terrace.

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Jorge Casillas, 32, of 710 E. Wyman, was arrested at 10:34 a.m. Sunday in the 400 block of North Market. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 29-year-old woman who said Casillas battered her and tore up several items in the home.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A **16-year-old** Ambia, Ind., boy was arrested at 12:10 p.m. Sunday at Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy. The

boy was charged with theft under \$300 after police said he took batteries from the store.

The youth was released on a notice to appear.

Franklin R. Brookwalter, 36, of 409 E. Young, was arrested at 5:40 p.m. Sunday in the 400 block of East Young. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 17-year-old Hoopeston woman who accused him of pushing and kicking her during an argument.

Brookwalter was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Hoopeston man wins at home in Bud Tourney Saturday

The home field advantage paid off for Hoopeston bowler Tony Gress as he won the traveling Budweiser Bowling Tournament Saturday.

Fifty-eight bowlers competed for the top prize.

On the high side, 33 bowlers fought for the right to advance into the five match roll-off. After four games of elimination, fifth seed Art Wagoner fourth seed Eddie Whiteland 192-160 and moved on to face number three Tom Cavenile. In a hotly-contested match, Cavenile prevailed 256-234. Cavenile then met second seed Mike White. While the scores dropped, the closeness did not as Cavenile won 187-180.

Cavenile advanced to face Gress, the tournament top

overall qualifier. In a tight contest, Gress came out on top, 199-193.

On the low side, 25 competitors were whittled down to five, with fifth seed Roy Kohl winning over Carl Paine before losing 199-191 to third seed Gary Oaks. Oaks went on to face Bill Reik, who won 167-160, moving on to top qualifier Don Miller. Miller showed the affects of a layoff and could never get up to speed, losing to Reik 176-127, setting up the showdown between Reik and Gress. Reik turned up the heat and strung a series of strikes before Gress found the mark and pulled out a 248-232 score and the championship.

The next tourney will be held Feb. 17 at Ridge Farm.

Healthcare Foundation to give away ‘pamper package’

Reducing stress can help fight cardiovascular disease and the Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation wants to help one lucky winner reduce that stress level.

In honor of American Heart Month in February, the foundation is sponsoring a Pamper Package giveaway. Prizes include items of relaxation, including a haircut, shampoo and style, manicure, pedicure, facial, Swedish massage, lunch delivered to Classic Details on the day of beauty, candles, a bottle of wine, goblets, a box of chocolates, a relaxing CD and a few more surprises.

Tickets are \$1 and are available at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center, Classic Details Salon and Hands on Massage.

The drawing will be held Feb. 14.

Classic Details Salon donated much of the items for the package, with Weber Drugs donating the chocolates.

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of an on-site cholesterol testing machine.

Weather

Mostly sunny, breezy today. High 50. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 35. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of rain. High 47, low 31.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

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