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More than 10" of rain flood Hoopeston in three days

Three days down, 37 to go.

Three days of rain, totaling 10.17 inches, left many Hoopeston residents wondering whether ark building might be a good idea.

Rain started Thursday, when Hoopeston received 3.92 inches, said local weather observer Audrey Mushrush. Friday's total was 3.96, followed by 2.29 inches Saturday. By 11 a.m. Sunday, Hoopeston had received a few sprinkles but the forecast called for more thunderstorms.

Hoopeston's northeast side was especially hard-hit by the rain. Saturday morning, children on McCracken between Third and Fourth streets were enjoying the standing water, playing with inflatable pool toys. Saturday night, that block, along with most streets on the northeast side, was flooded and closed. By Sunday morning, most of the water had receded and streets were open except McCracken.

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called twice for evacuations. The first was in the 800 block of North Market when water surrounded a home there. Firemen arrived to find the residents had been removed by friends.

The second incident occurred on Front St., when someone was evacuated for medical reasons.

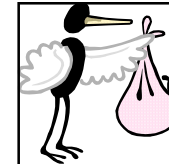
Many city employees were called into service Saturday night. Police and firemen checked the streets for flooding and ESDA volunteers kept their eyes on the sky before joining officers and firefighters blocking streets. Street and alley and water department workers were also out trying to keep traffic



Ron Cade, Hoopeston Water Department, taps through murky water Sunday morning looking for a catch basin cover at the corner of McCracken and Third St.

off some streets.

Sunday morning found city workers starting cleaning up from not only the water but high winds which accompanied the storms. Floral Hill Cemetery and Northside (Cheese) Park were littered with limbs. Market Street from the city limits to Floral Hill was littered with cornstalks swept out of nearby fields. On McCracken, Ron Cade, a water department employee, waded through water still several inches deep



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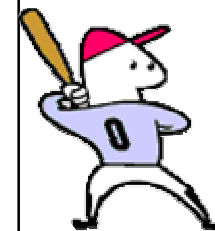
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Police News



Floyd G. Edmonds, 46, of 715 E. Thompson, was arrested at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the 700 block of East Thompson. He was charged with theft of services/interference with public utility after police allege he took an electric meter from a residence on South Fourth St. and used it on his home.

Edmonds was released on \$100 cash bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:16 a.m. Thursday at McCracken and North Third St.

Police said Juan Morales of Danville, in a 1997 Dodge truck, was westbound, stopped at the intersection and decided to back up to go to a residence. He backed into a 1993 Ford driven by Robin L. Coffey of Hoopeston.

Morales was at fault for improper backing.

Tammie A. Martin, 31, of #33 Parkview Court, was arrested at 2:52 p.m. Thursday at her home. Martin, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Arik D. Bruens, 18, of 211 N. Fourth St., was ticketed for failure to yield turning left after an accident at 4:54 p.m. Thursday.

Police said Bruens, in a 2002 Ford Mustang, failed to yield as he turned left from South Fifth St. onto East Penn and hit a northbound 1994 Chevrolet pickup owned by Jackie L. Morris.

No injuries were

reported.

Donald J. Lewis, 41, of Hoopeston was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle after an accident at 10:11 p.m. Thursday at North Market and East Honeywell.

Police said Lewis, in a 1991 Cadillac, was along the west side of North Market facing south and started to turn into a driveway when he hit a 1999 Ford F250 driven by Clifford Crabtree II of Hoopeston.

No injuries were reported.

A 39-year-old Hoopeston man reported Friday that someone took his daughter’s bicycle from the Girls Softball Park on east Wyman. The bike is a pink Schwinn.

A 16-year-old girl was arrested at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the 300 block of North Eighth Ave. The girl, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was released on a recognizance bond with a new court date.

Hugo Lug, 23, of 514 W. Lincoln, was arrested at 3 p.m. Friday at his home. Lugo, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$300 cash bond.

Adam K. Birch, 21, of 702 S. Second Ave.,

was arrested at 6:16 p.m. Friday at 705 S. Second Ave. Birch, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$47 cash bond.

Victoriano Martinez, 18, of 859 E. Seminary, was arrested at 6:45 p.m. Friday in the 300 block of East Penn. Martinez, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of bond.

Timothy A. Burke, 36, of 416 S. Market, was arrested at 7:05 p.m. Friday at #39 Parkview Court. Burke, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear for pay or appear was released on \$135 cash bond.

Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10:11 p.m. Thursday to Crop Production Service, 19052 St. Rt. 9, for a report of smoke coming from barrels. Firemen found anhydrous ammonia leaking from a tank. The tank was secured.

Firemen were called at 2:57 p.m. Saturday to 428 E. Main for smoke coming from the rear of a home. No injuries were reported.

Obituaries

COY - Theodore Samuel Coy, 51, of Ross-ville died at 7:55 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at home. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Saturday at Renner-Wikoff Chapel, Urbana. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Urbana. There was no visitation.

KEY - Bessie Key, 86, of Hoopeston died at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Graveside services on McCracken searching for a submerged catch ba-

See FLOOD on other side

Flood continued from other side

sin cover. “You can’t see, it’s so murky,” he said. “It’s like looking for a needle in a haystack.”

City workers may get little else done this week than dealing with storm-related issues. The

will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Lawrence County Memorial Garden Cemetery, Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston, was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAMS - Pearl Williams, 84, of Hoopeston died at 2:44 a.m. Friday, June 11, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston, was in charge of arrangements.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. Highs 86, lows near 65.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopes-ton Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Markisha R. Pierce, 24, of 905 E. Penn, was arrested at 8:05 p.m. Friday at her home. Pierce, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to ap-

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