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First heavy snow of the season envelopes Hoopeston area

If it doesn't feel like Christmas to you until it snows, you can't help but be in the spirit now.

Snow started falling Thursday afternoon and didn't let up until more than five inches of the powdery substance covered the Hoopeston area.

Snow quickly turned roads that had been clear into skating rinks. Travelers on Rt. 1 between Hoopeston and Danville reported slow going due to slick conditions and limited visibility.

Slick conditions impacted Thursday's Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner at the former Rossville-Alvin High School. Student volunteers escorted seniors to their cars

after the dinner to avoid accidents. Rossville-Alvin Grade School dismissed early Thursday and Danville Area Community College canceled evening classes. All other schools in the county followed suit Friday.

From Thursday night into the daytime hours Friday, Hoopeston's city workers plowed streets, then plowed them again as winds picked up Friday.

The forecast calls for more snow this week. Flurries were expected Sunday, followed in the evening hours by a mix of flurries and freezing rain. A chance of snow is also predicted for Tuesday night and Wednesday.



Taking advantage of a snow day from school, Jimmy Pitrowski, 12, helps seven-year-old Gage Foster, left, snow-board down a pile of snow at Third St. and Seminary. Right, Pitrowski does a 360 off the same pile of snow.

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Police News



Holly D. Robinson, 17, of 203 S. West St., Woodland, turned herself in to police at 9:20 a.m. Saturday. Wanted on warrants for failure to appear, she was released on \$300 cash bond on each warrant.

Claude A. Bridgman, 18, of 515 N. Sixth St. was arrested at 9:07 p.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of West Elm.

Police reported seeing a vehicle without registration and, when officers tried to stop the vehicle, a man jumped out and fled eastbound on foot. Officers pursued and caught him just east of the old CVS building.

Bridgman was taken into custody on a Department of Corrections warrant for violation of probation. He was also charged with resisting arrest.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident at 9:08 p.m. Saturday at West Chestnut and South Dixie Hwy. Officers saw a blue Pontiac strike a stop sign, then leave the scene.

A **24-year-old** woman reported Sunday that while she was away from her home in the 700 block of East Wyman, someone entered without permission and took a Playstation video game.

Briefly

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Boosters calendar drawing are: Dec. 12, Tracy Verley; Dec. 13, concert winner to be announced; Dec. 14, Nancy O'Donnell; Dec. 15, Jane Dickman; Dec. 16, American Legion Post 384 (donated back).

Tiny Tots

"Christmas" is the theme for this week's Tiny Tots at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children will decorate Christmas cookies. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Toys for Kids

Toys for Kids donation boxes are located at the following Hoopeston businesses: Brown's Cash & Carry, Global Fashions, The Chronicle, Rod's Home and Auto, IGA, Pamida and CVS Pharmacy.

Donations of new and gently used toys are accepted at these locations through December 14.


The program is sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees.

Christmas tour of lights


The Hoopeston Multi Agency annual Christmas Tour of Lights will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15. The tour is for senior citizens and the disabled. The Multi Agency van will take participants around Hoopeston. Reservations are on a first come-first served basis. Call 283-5544 to reserve a seat.

Meetings

Grant Township Board, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Grant Township office.



Lunch Menus



Rossville-Alvin Grade School

MONDAY: Lasagna, green beans & potatoes, peaches, garlic bread.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger, pickles, tater tots, oranges.

WEDNESDAY: Corn dog, baked beans, banana, banana/vanilla pudding.

THURSDAY: Turkey, mashed potatoes, peas, pineapple, roll/butter, peanut butter crinkle.

FRIDAY: Chicken BBQ/bun, baked potato, fruit cocktail, gogurt.

All meals include milk.

CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Chop steak, baked potato, green beans, wheat bread, tropical fruit.


TUESDAY: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, white bread, oranges.

WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib patty, sweet potato casserole, peas, raisins, white bread.

THURSDAY: Breaded fish, rosemary roasted potatoes, Italian vegetables, apple juice, wheat bread.

FRIDAY: Roast pork w/cranberry glaze, parsley buttered potatoes, glazed carrots, dinner roll, Christmas cookies.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 27. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 17. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of snow late. High 32, low 25.

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

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