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Severe Weather Preparedness Week observed March 1-7

LINCOLN—Severe weather impacted nearly every corner of Illinois in 2008. Tornadoes touched down 48 times, injuring 11 people and causing tens of millions in damage. Flooding ravaged many parts of the state on four separate occasions during the year. Six people were killed and property losses were in the hundreds of millions of dollars. The bottom line: Illinoisans must be prepared for the impacts of severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and flooding.

To help the citizens of Illinois be more aware of the dangers of severe storms and flooding, the National Weather Service (NWS), in cooperation with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), has declared the week of March 1 – 7, 2009 Severe Weather Preparedness Week in the state of Illinois.

“Being ready for the hazards created by severe thunderstorms is essential each and every year” said Chris Miller, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the NWS in Lincoln. “People need to know where to seek safe shelter when damaging winds or tornadoes are expected. They need to know that it is not safe to cross a flooded road in a vehicle or by foot in any circumstance. The weather the past several years has proven that no part of Illinois is immune to the threat of severe storms or flooding” said Miller.

The state of Illinois experiences more than 40 tornadoes, 170 flooding events, 200 reports of large hail, and more than 300 reports of severe wind or wind damage each year. The following information will help you stay safe from these inevitable forces of nature:

NEVER cross a flooded road or bridge in a vehicle.

More than 75% of all flood related deaths are due to people attempting to drive into a flooded area. If the water is 12” deep or more – back up and take a different route. NEVER let children play in or near flood waters or drainage ditches.

Develop a severe weather safety plan for use at home, in the workplace, at schools, in your vehicle, and for outdoor activities

Storm spotter training
 A storm spotter class will be offered from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Saturday, Mar. 21 at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main. The class is free and open to anyone wanting to be a volunteer storm spotter in Hoopeston and Vermilion County.**

In a home with a basement, take shelter under a sturdy table or workbench. In homes without a basement, go to the lowest floor possible, and seek shelter in an interior hallway, closet, or bathroom without windows.

In mobile homes, seek shelter well before the storm approaches. Go to a sturdy building. Do not try to ride out the storm in a mobile home.

In the workplace, go to the designated storm shelters on the lowest floor possible. If your employer has not assigned storm shelters, or you are not sure where they are, ask your company’s safety manager.

In schools, the safest place to go is in an interior hallway on the lowest floor, away from windows and doors.

In your vehicle, if a tornado is bearing down on you, take shelter in a sturdy building. If no building is nearby, then lie flat in a ditch or ravine, and cover your head. Do not seek shelter under a bridge or highway overpass.

Outdoors, try to get into a sturdy building. If there is no building nearby, then lie flat in a ditch or low spot and cover your head.

Know the terms related to tornadoes and severe storms.

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Weather continued from other side

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air that extends from the base of the thunderstorm cloud to the ground.

A severe thunderstorm can produce large hail ¾" in diameter or larger, and/or wind gusts around 60 mph or higher that can result in damage to trees, structures, or power lines. Severe thunderstorm winds can be stronger, and produce more damage, than 70% of the tornadoes that affect Illinois.

A watch means that tornadoes or severe thunderstorms

are possible, and you need to watch the weather closely.

A warning means that a tornado or severe thunderstorm has been detected by radar, or has been reported by a trained storm spotter. Seek safe shelter immediately if your location is in the path of the storm.

Have multiple sources at hand to monitor threatening weather conditions.

It is critical to monitor watches, warnings and other storm information. A tone alert weather radio is the most efficient way to do this. Most weather radios can be

easily programmed, so you only receive the watches and warnings for your county, or any other nearby counties you choose. Monitoring local television and radio stations that are participating members of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) is another good way to keep abreast of approaching storms.

Don't just rely on outdoor warning sirens. They may not be heard indoors, and may not wake you up. If you hear an outdoor warning siren, turn on your weather radio, or other radio or TV station for more information.

For more information about being adequately prepared for severe weather, visit the NWS Lincoln "Severe Weather Safety" web page at: www.weather.gov/Lincoln/?n=svr-prep

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Police News

William H. Baker, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 3:33 p.m. Thursday in the 800 block of South Market. He was charged with driving while license suspended and was released on \$100 bond and his license.

A **45-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 11:19 p.m. Friday that he came home to find his front door broken in and the hinges on the front porch. The bur-

glary occurred in the 600 block of West Main.

A **55-year-old** man reported at 11:15 a.m. Saturday that his front license plate is gone from his car.

Kevin A. Fink, 50, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 3:38 p.m. Saturday at Sixth Ave. and Rt. 9. He was charged with driving under the influence, resisting arrest, improper lane usage and criminal damage to state supported property.

Fink was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A **62-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 4:36 p.m. Saturday that someone damaged her fence in the 400 block of East Washington.

Obituaries

ALESHIRE - Elsabee K. (Kimble) Aleshire, 79, of Hoopeston, died at 7:49 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2009 at home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Hamilton Funeral Home, Plymouth, with visitation one hour before service. Burial will be in Rosemont Cemetery, Plymouth. Local visitation was 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 25. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 12. Tomorrow, sunny. High 37, low 25.

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

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Hoopeston-Newer Adult complex. 2 bedroom 1 bath. Full basement. Washing machine, refrigerator, stove. Walk to stores. Quiet surroundings. Immediate occupancy. \$475 + deposit, references required. No pets. 217-260-2546.

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start is accepting applications for Director. Applicants need an Early Childhood bachelors degree or higher preferred but not required. Spanish preferred but not required for the position. Applicant must have a minimum of 2 years director experience in a early childhood setting. Interested applicants please send resume with college transcripts to Hoopeston Migrant Head Start, P.O. Box 136, Wellington, IL 60973. Fax to 815-984-4500 or you may email to hmhs136@yahoo.com. Please respond by March 10, 2009.

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Briefly

Youth football fundraiser

Hoopeston Youth Football and Cheerleading Board will sell cookie dough and butter braids from March 2-25. If you're interested in ordering, please contact Carrie Feeney at (217) 495-0992 or another board member to place your order. Delivery will be the first week of April just in time for Easter. Thank you for your continued support of youth football and cheerleading.

Lifeguard certification course

Danville Family YMCA will offer a lifeguarding course starting Tuesday, Mar. 31. Class schedule can be picked up at the front desk or online at www.danvilleyymca.org. Cost is \$190 and includes class/pool time for First Aid, CPR, oxygen administration, AED, lifeguarding, book(s), CPR mask and certification cards. Register at the YMCA, 1111 N. Vermilion St., Danville. For more information, call Angie Hack, (217) 442-0563, ext. 19.

Meetings

• Hoopeston City Council meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall