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Federal assistance offered to local flood victims

Local residents will be able to apply for federal assistance to cover losses caused by flooding earlier this month.

Federal emergency relief workers will be at the David S. Palmer Civic Center from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday through Tuesday, according to information from Gov. Jim Edgar's office.

Workers will assist flood victims in applying for low interest loans, grants, food stamps and temporary housing benefits.

The action comes after President Clinton on Tuesday declared five Illinois counties as federal disaster areas.

Those counties include Vermilion and Iroquois.

Those requesting assistance must provide proof of address, Social Security number, a list of dam-

ages and losses suffered, directions to the damaged property and insurance policy numbers, if available.

Flood victims may also call a toll-free number, established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The number, 1-800-462-9029, will be available seven days a week from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Telephone workers will require the same information as the emergency relief site in Danville.

Also, state Treasurer Patrick Quinn is expected to be in Danville today to explain to local officials the types of low-interest loans available to residents.

While federal assistance will be available, local See ASSISTANCE on other side

City approves \$4,090,000 budget for new fiscal year

Hoopeston officials will spend approximately 18 percent less next year than they have this year.

In a special meeting Wednesday night, the council unanimously approved a \$4,090,121 expensebudget and a \$3,908,337 income budget for fiscal year 1994-95, which begins May 1.

Under the new budget, expenditures will drop 17.72 percent, while income will drop approximately seven percent.

Despite lower expenditures, city employees will still receive raises this year, said Bill Goodwine, chairman of the city's finance committee.

Goodwine said raises average 3.5 percent. Employees making less than midpoint for their salary range will receive larger increases, while those over midpoint will get less.

The raises are the result of recommendations made by a consultant last year. The consultant studied each employee's job, then provided the city with up-to-date job descriptions and pay scales, Goodwine said.

Once employees are paid more adequately, Goodwine said, the city will go to a merit system for raises. That will take about two years, he said.

Goodwine said the new budget shows discipline on the city's part because aldermen were willing to cut or postpone projects in each of their departments.

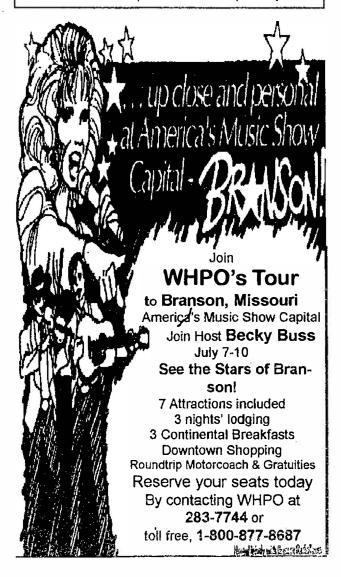
The new figures also reflect progress for Hoopeston, he said, because many needed projects, such as the new city hall, southwest sewer project and Fifth St. project, will be completed this year.

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Assistance continued from other side

residents continue to help their neighbors.

A total of \$1,230 in cash has been donated to the flood relief fund so far. More is expected to be turned in next week.

One woman, Penny Blakey, a local TupperwareTM dealer, is donating a portion of her profits to flood victims.

Money is not the only thing being donated to help local victims.

The Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center at 206 S. First Ave., is accepting material donations, which so far have including bedding, a television and some furniture.

Those who have items to donate may drop them off at the center. Large items will be picked up by volunteers who call Just the Facts at 283-9348 or attorney Calvin Hultquist's office, 283-7711.

Dorothy Metz, EIMPC director, said those needing household items may register at the center. Then, as items are brought in, they will be matched with those who need them.

Floods hit after 5.34 inches of rain fell late April 11 and early April 12. Residents of Front Street and Seminary were especially hard hit.

Countywide, damage from the flood is estimated at almost \$3 million.

Briefly...

Hospital forum tonight

Don't forget the annual Hoopeston Community Hospital and Nursing Home public forum, which will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at the Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center, 206 S. First Ave.

Cots needed

If you find usable cots while doing spring cleaning this year, don't throw them away.

The Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center is looking for cots or other portable beds to use during emergencies, said center director Dorothy Metz.

Cots may be taken to the center at 206 S. First Ave.

Court dispositions

April 7

Dustin Riddle, Hoopeston, completed public service work.

Michael Anderson, Hoopeston, completed 165 hours of public service work.

Michael Abbott, Hoopeston, rule to show cause and 155 hours of public service work, comtinued to May 5 for completion.

Jacque Fenwick, Hoopeston, contempt hearing, 155 hours of public service work. Found in contempt. Warrant to be issued.

Greg Mershon, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing. \$202 paid in full.

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:52 p.m. Tuesday.

Sherlynn L. Johnson, 38393 N. 990 East Road, was backing from a parking space at Schuler's Flower Shop when she struck a vehicle driven by Bradley D. burton, 823 W. Main,

Police are investigating a theft reported Wednesday.

Albert J. Pate, rural Rossville, told police someone removed four wheel covers and lights from his 1988 GMC truck while it was parked in the Pamida parking lot.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital April 26, 1994

Admitted: Don Pence, Rankin.

Discharged: none.

Weather

Sixty percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today. High around 60. Tonight, showers. Low in the upper 50s. Tomorrow, morning showers. High near 72, low near 54.

Do you need an attorney to settle your injury case with the insurance company?

No. But you could also take out your own tonsils without a doctor.

Before settling directly with an insurance carrier, consult your attorney. He or she will tell you whether the offer appears fair or whether you are being shortchanged. Most attorneys handle injury cases on a percentage basis with no risk to you, if the settlement offer is reasonable, your attorney will tell you to take the offer. You have nothing to lose if you talk with your attorney and a lot to lose if you don't.

Calvin Hultquist Attorney at Law

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in the Just the Facts Thursday Trivia/Friday Feast contest

> Be the first one to call 283-9348 between 8 and 8:30 a.m. to win a FREE Friday lunch.

Today's question: Name 10 of 13 states which have a community named Milford.

Tomorrow's lunch provided by Hot Stuff, Milford

Last week's winner: No one knew the normal body temperature of a cat.