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Outbuildings damaged in Saturday morning storm

A storm early Saturday morning left less than an inch of rain and an incredible mess for a rural Hoopeston farmer.

Alan Decker and his neighbors spent much of the weekend picking up pieces of tin strewn near rural Wellington after a storm demolished a tool shed and flipped a pole barn where horses were usually kept. No horses in the barn when the storm hit.

According to a friend of Decker's, who was at the house, the storm hit about 12:15 a.m. Saturday. "It was here and gone before we knew it hit," the friend said. "We didn't even make it to the


basement."

A tractor and planter in the tool shed were hit by a falling I-beam. "They're probably trashed, too," the friend said.


Whether the storm was a tornado or a strong blast of wind has not been determined.

Decker and his neighbors spent part of yesterday cleaning up what was left of the buildings. "The tin's over at all the neighbors," the friend said.

Despite the damage, the friend is optimistic. "The animals and we are fine and that's all that matters."



Police News



John W. Williams, 18, 210 E. Thompson, was arrested at 5:22 p.m. Thursday on a Vermilion County traffic warrant. He was released on \$100

cash bond.

Ruth Rutledge, 409½ E. Washington, reported

See **POLICE** on other side

Obituaries

GEYER - Lillian Geyer, 91, of Cissna Park, died at 11:35 p.m. Friday, April 7, 1995, at Fairview Haven Nursing Home in Fairbury. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fairview Haven Nursing Home.

RAMSEY - Ruth Evelyn Ramsey, 87, of Covington, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 10:55 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 1995, at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, in Danville. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday at the

Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church, Hoopeston.

WELLS - Hazel Marie Wells, 71, of Hoopeston, died at 10:40 a.m. Thursday, April 6, 1995, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Columns versus news pieces: when a story isn't a story

Last Monday's column on what voters should think about before casting ballots generated some interesting phone calls.

In fact, after talking to some people, I felt like I'd spent the day in the proctologist's office.

"Your reporting is one-sided and biased," I was told. "That story wasn't fair at all. You're a \$#!*@!"

And those were some of the milder comments.

I tried explaining the difference between types of reading material, but most callers weren't interested in hearing what I had to say about that.

So I'm taking this opportunity to discuss the three main types of stories, for those callers who might be more interested in reading than in listening.

Monday's brouhaha was caused by a **column**.

A column is not a story, but is the writer's opinion. Since most writers don't have two opinions on an issue, it can be hard to write an objective column.

In columns, writers say things they would not

say in a news story. For example, if an elected official makes a complete ninny of himself at a meeting, a reporter would report the facts and allow the public to draw their own conclusions.

In a column, however, a writer can editorialize, expounding on the writer's opinion of such behavior.

News stories are just what the name says: stories about news, whether the news be "hard," as in city council meetings, "breaking," like the Stokely fire

was, or "soft," like a feature about something interesting.

News stories are not about the writer's opinion. In all fairness, however, some reporters find a way to "slant" stories toward their personal biases. This is not good reporting.

The final type of writing in most publications is called an **editorial**. Like the column, the editorial is an opinion piece, written as the official position of the publication, not necessarily the writer.

Editorials, like columns, may be based in fact but are not meant to be taken as news stories.

There is a final form of writing in most publications. This form is not generated by staff writers, but comes from the public.

Letters to the editor, like columns and editorials, are the writer's opinion.

And if you disagree with something I write, feel free to send a letter to P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston, IL. 60942.

Because while I reserve the right to express my opinion on just about anything, I think you have the same right, too.



Weather

Warmer today with a 60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the low 60s. Tonight, chance of showers. Low in the low 40s. Tomorrow, continued chance of rain. High near 65, low near 44.

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