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Rain, rain go away

Weather causes delays in pumpkin, corn planting

Rain, the life's blood in a farming community such as Hoopeston, is putting a damper on local farming efforts.

Stokely USA is 30 percent behind schedule in corn planting and has only five percent of it pumpkin crop in the ground, said production manager Cliff Luke.

"At present, we've got about 70 percent planted on sweet corn," Luke said. "In a normal year, we'd be done - or close to it - by now."

As for pumpkins, "we're not too good," Luke said. "If we get in any time in the next five days - and we should - we should be in pretty good shape."

According to Stokely totals, the local area, which normally receives 6.32 inches of rain in April and May, has received 10.74 inches, nearly

170 percent above normal.

Heat units are running about normal, Luke said.

"Quite a bit" of early corn is already up, Luke said, adding the company plants that in a 100-mile radius. Late corn, planted about a week ago, "is just sitting there."

Planting on time is more important for sweet corn than pumpkins, Luke said. Corn has a short maturity level and must be picked when ready. Pumpkins, however, can "sort of lay there and sun themselves until we're ready to pick them," he said.

The longer maturity level of pumpkins means the company can ride out more rain expected this week and still have a fairly good crop. "Hopefully, we can get a bunch of them planted before (Thurs-
See PLANTING on other side

Hoopeston Area announces summer sports, band camps

Hoopeston Area schools have announced summer camps for athletes and musicians.

Girls basketball: Camp began May 30 and will run through June 3.

Girls in grades three to five will meet from 8-9:30 a.m. Girls in grades six through eight will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m., while girls in grades nine to 12 will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Boys basketball: Camp runs June 12-16. Youngsters in grades three to five will meet from 8-10 a.m.; grades 6-8, 10 a.m.-noon; grades nine

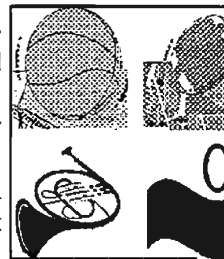
to 12, noon-2 p.m.

Volleyball: Camp will be June 5-9. Grades four to six will meet from 10-11 a.m.; grades seven and eight, 11 a.m.-noon; grades nine to 12, 6-9 p.m.

Cornjerker football: Camp will be 6-8 p.m. July 17-21.

Marching band: Musicians will practice from July 31 to Aug. 4. Times will be announced.

For more information on any of the camps, contact the HA superintendent's office at (217) 283-6668.



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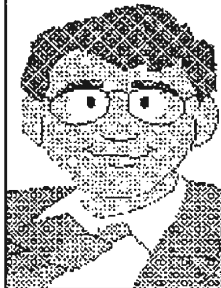
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Police News



Man charged, 23 youth brought in on alcohol-related incident

A Milford man was arrested and 23 minors face possible charges after they were apprehended Saturday by Iroquois County Sheriff's police.

Arrested was Duane M. Seggebruch, 42, of rural Milford. He was charged with making a gift of alcoholic liquor to persons under 21 and was released on bond.

Police also transported 23 underaged people to the Iroquois County jail, where breath analysis tests were given to the youth prior to releasing them to their parents or guardians.

According to a press release, sheriff's deputies, on routine patrol, saw the group of youngsters near county roads 1900 E and 600 N. Some of the youth were on the roadway, while others were in a field adjacent to the road and Seggebruch's home.

Milford and Wellington police assisted deputies in transporting the youngsters.

Hoopeston police are investigating three incidents of criminal damage to auto reported Tuesday.

Ruby Clayborn, 602 E. Main, reported that someone broke the mirror from her 1989 Mercury while it was parked at her home.

Meanwhile, Esther Blackaby, 426 E. Honeywell, reported that someone cut the right front tire of her 1980 Pontiac while it was parked at her home.

Cleo Munn, 211 N. Fourth St., reported that someone cut a tire on her 1989 Chevrolet while it was parked at her home.

Motorists are reminded that under state law, when they use windshield wipers, headlights are also supposed to be used.

Failure to use lights could result in a ticket, police said.



In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

May 25, 1995

Admitted: Hazel Wilson, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

May 26, 1995

Admitted: Patty Carter and Erma Hurt, both of Hoopeston.

Planting continued from other side

day's predicted rain)." Luke said. "We can catch up in a hurry."

Acreage for both crops is at normal levels this year. Luke said.

The company will have 4,404 acres of corn and approximately 3,000 acres of pumpkins - if the weather cooperates.

"We want it to stop raining as much as the average farmer does," Luke said.

Discharged: Edna Richardson and Samuel Simpson, both of Hoopeston.

May 27, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Berniece Lawrence and Hazel Wilson, both of Hoopeston.

May 28, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

May 29, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High in the low 80s. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low in the mid to upper 50s. Tomorrow, scattered thunderstorms. High near 76, low near 59.

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