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Greg Samet Bob Marshall

County receives several inches of snow in first big storm

Mother Nature has obviously not looked at her calendar.

The Hoopeston area was blanketed by its second helping of snow in three days, despite the fact that winter is still a week away.

The snow began in early morning, causing Vermilion County schools to close along with some government offices such as Grant Township offices and the Vermilion County courthouse.

Hoopeston police were kept busy Tuesday night and Wednesday, pushing stuck cars from intersections and handling accidents caused by slick roads.

at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday, police were called to East Thompson and Eighth St.

Colby A. Thompson of Hoopeston, in a 1995 Chevrolet 210, was turning when his truck spun and struck a 1997 Dodge Dakota driven by Donald L. Anderson, also of Hoopeston.

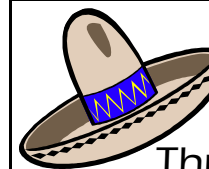
At 12:52 p.m. Wednesday, police were called to the Hoopeston Plaza parking lot where Darin M. Coon of Hoopeston, in a 1987 Mazda, slid and hit a pole.

No tickets or injuries were reported in either accident.

Police urged motorists to stay off the roads if possible, not only to avoid accidents but to allow snowplows access to local streets. Motorists who had to drive were urged to use extreme caution.

The snow was expected to last into the evening hours with accumulations estimated at six to 10 inches.

The area is expected to get a reprieve Thursday with partly sunny skies but the National Weather Service is calling for a chance of freezing rain and light snow Friday followed by more snow Saturday. No accumulation totals for that storm were given.



Tacos

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Thursdays at the

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Hoopeston Jaycees

Christmas

Yard Decorating

Contest

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Choose your favorite decorated yard then call 283-9348 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20.

No early calls!

\$25 first place, \$15 second place,

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Healthcare Foundation seeks donations for aviary addition at nursing home

You might say the Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation is for the birds—literally.

The foundation is asking residents to contribute to the final touch of the nursing home renovation project by contributing towards two aviary units.

The units—special bird houses—will be a home for several different types of small birds, such as finches and doves that nest in pairs. Each unit is designed for birds to build nests, lay eggs and raise young birds.

Thirteen styles of aviaries are being considered. All are made by Living Design of South Dakota.

The nearly \$90,000 nursing home renovation project was approved by the board of directors in 1999.

Those who wish to contribute to the aviary project may send donations to Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation, 701 E. Orange, Hoopeston, IL 60942.



This gazebo-style aviary is one being considered for the Hoopeston Community Nursing Home.

Friday, Dec. 15

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Briefly

Toys for Tots
The Hoopeston Jaycees are collecting Toys for Tots for Hoopeston area children. Collection boxes are at Pamida, Jerry's IGA, CVS, Weber Drugs, Polson Insurance and Brown's Cash & Carry.
New and like-new toys may be placed in the boxes until Dec. 15.

Christmas party
The Hoopeston Multi Agency's third annual area children's Christmas party will be Dec. 16 at the agency, 206 S. First Ave.
Maple School students will attend from 1-2 p.m., followed by Honeywell and John Greer students from 2-3 p.m.

For more information, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by the Multi Agency.

Food for Fines
The Hoopeston Public Library will accept canned goods and paper products as payment for fines during December.
Items will be donated to the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

Tiny Tots
Mr. and Mrs. Claus will visit youngsters this week at Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library in the children's room.
The program begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

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The Classical Child at Play

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Icebound by Dean Koontz
If Life is a Game, These are the Rules by Cherie Carter-Scott

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RUMMAGE SALES
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Police News 

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday in the Pamida parking lot. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1992 Ford F150 owned by John D. Mason of Rossville.

In the Hospital 

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Dec. 12
Admitted: Robert Gocking, Hoopeston; Sarah Schmid, Rankin.
Discharged: none.

Weather 

Partly sunny today. High 20. Tonight partly cloudy. Low 15. Tomorrow, chance of light snow or freezing drizzle. High 25, low 18.
For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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