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City workers, volunteers praised by city for cleanup efforts

Hoopeston officials had high praise for city workers who restored normalcy to the community after the July 7 storm.

The praise was given at Tuesday's city council meeting, along with a list of damaged city buildings which include fire station 2/ambulance barn and a water department building.

Earl Drollinger, Emergency Services and Disaster Agency coordinator, said a "windshield inspection" of Hoop showed approximately 50 trees destroyed and 150 houses and warehouses damaged. More than 850 meals were served to volunteers cleaning up after the storm, he added.

Alderman Ed Lotz said the city will investigate grants to replant trees damaged in the storm.

In unrelated business, the council:

- approved a \$2,937.77 bid from Lawrence Engstrom for a 1996 Crown Victoria formerly used as a squad car.

Alderman Kevin Davis voted against accepting the bid

after saying the city should investigate selling the car to a neighboring police department. Mayor Chalmers Flint responded that interested municipalities could have bid on the car.

• tabled bids on the city sidewalk program. Two bids were received, for \$3.40 per square foot from Silver Brothers and \$2.86 per square foot from Deb Construction. The council considered approving the low bid but Alderman Don York said Deb Construction has not done work at the fire station that they were awarded a year ago.

• approved refinancing water/sewer \$3,150,000 in water/sewer bonds at a lower interest rate which will save the city about \$320,000 annually until the bonds are due in 2012.

• accepted Teri Warf's resignation as water department clerk after 15 years' service.

• heard a resident complaint about excessive noise in the alley near Rosewood Terrace.

Briefly

Church services changed

The Hoop United Methodist Church has changed worship service hours to accommodate Sunday's go-cart races

Services will be held at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. rather than 8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Midget Football signup

Signup for Hoop Midget Football will be 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Midget Football field.

Sports physicals

Sports physicals for Hoop Area students in grades 7-12 will be given from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday,

July 31 at the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center. Cost is \$10 per student.

Reunion meeting set

The Hoop High School class of 1967 will hold an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 23 at the Hoop American Legion to begin planning a 35th class reunion in 2002. A reunion date and tentative agenda will be set at the meeting. Anyone who has current addresses of former classmates is asked to bring them to the meeting.

Those unable to attend but who would like to help should call Randy or Rita Carter at 283-5131 (day) or 283-5895 (evening).

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 **Police News** 

A 33-year-old woman reported Monday that she lost or someone stole a cell phone from her vehicle.
Robert J. Bennett, 17, of 1005 W. Main, was arrested at 12:47 a.m. Tuesday, charged with burglary and crimi-



nal damage to property after police received an alarm call at BJ's Pump, 1023 W. Main.
Bennett was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Robert P. Staley Sr., 60, of 1018 W. Penn, was arrested Tuesday, charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse stemming from a June 25 incident.
He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.
Amy Grove, 20, of 218 W. Chestnut, was arrested at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the 200 block of West Chestnut, charged with battery on a complaint from a 73-year-old Hoopeston man.
Grove was released on a notice to appear.

EDC seeks nominees for outstanding business awards

The Economic Development Corporation is accepting nominations for the Vermilion County Business of Distinction Award. The award is used to recognize local business success stories.
The categories are: small business employing up to 75 people; medium-sized firms with 76-200 employees and large employers with more than 200 workers. Manufacturing (any size), distribution (any size) and back-office/professional operations (50 or more employees) are eligible.
This year, a number of optional benefits have been

added, including VIP gifts for all employees, city or county names week honoring each business; a celebration at the business organized and sponsored by the EDC; one month of radio ads for the company; and a wide variety of media coverage.
Deadline to receive nominations is Aug. 10. Nomination forms may be received by calling the EDC office at (217) 442-6201 or at 28 W. North St., Danville. Nominations may be mailed or faxed to (217) 442-6228. There is also a link on the EDC web page at www.daedc.il.com.

 **Letter to the Editor** 

Editor:
There should be many thanks given to the numerous volunteers who came forth after the windy tragedy on Sunday.
I am thinking back to Monday when I had four volunteers on my team, picking up and saving trees. It was hot, dirty work but someone had to do it. They worked from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. without complaint. These men


were more fortunate than others who had extensive damage to their property yet they were willing to assist in the cleanup. Guys, if you read this, you did a heck of a job!

Jim Crouch
Grant Township Highway Dept.

P.S. The cold water and pop certainly boosted the spirit of the workers. Thanks again to these volunteers!


Local wrestler finishes seventh

Zack Crabtree finished seventh in the 85 pound weight class of the middle school division of the National Open Wrestling Championships in Birmingham, Ala.
He was also named to the National All American Wrestling Team at the event, held July 1-2.
Crabtree defeated David Malcolm of Florida, 9-5, to win the seventh place slot.
Ohio took the team title in the division with 500 overall entries. Illinois scored 143.5 points.
Crabtree is the son of Cliff and Michelle Crabtree of Hoopeston.

In the Hospital 

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
July 16

Admitted: Nellie Ludwig, Hoopeston.
Discharged: Elmer Unger.

Weather 

Partly cloudy, isolated thunderstorms today. High 88. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 72. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 90, low 69.
For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

50% off Kids summer, Boyd's Bears, \$2 picture frames & light house stuff, \$1 Lincoln votives. Brianna's Baby Shop.

HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is taking applications for a full time office position. Applications may be picked up at City Hall between the hours of 8 and 5 Monday through Friday. Applications to be returned by July 27, 2001. Computer Knowledge helpful.

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