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Winter storms call for special plans: HA superintendent

For the second time this week, a winter storm watch has been issued for the Hoopeston area, prompting Hoopeston Area's superintendent to ask parents to take special precautions for winter weather.

Winter presents a unique set of challenges, said Supt. Mark Conolly. A storm may prompt closing of school during the day and students—and parents—should be prepared.

Conolly suggested parents make sure their children are dressed warmly in case they must walk home from school and that families develop a contingency plan should school be dismissed while parents are at work. Conolly suggested the plan might include a secondary place for children to go should they be unable to get into their homes in case of an early dismissal. "Our fear is not the child who is on the bus and warm but the one who has to walk across town who might find no one at home," he said.

Weather-related closings during the school day take at least one hour of preparation time, Conolly said. In that time, police departments are notified, as are local factories and radio and television stations, all before children are dismissed.

Storms that cause before-school cancellations are no

less active. Days like Tuesday, when classes were cancelled, begin early. Before 5 a.m., Conolly, transportation director Darrell Brown and building and grounds director Ron Lewis were traveling country roads to determine whether it is safe to bus the approximately 40 percent of students who need transportation to school.

Input is also sought from Grant Township Road Commissioner Jim Crouch and those bus drivers who live in rural areas. However, there is not a set formula for closing school. "There are no definitive criteria," Conolly said. "We do the best we can with the information we have available."

Once the decision has been made to cancel classes, calls again go out to police, factories and media, including WHPO, WIAI, WITY and WGFA radio stations and television stations WICD, Channel 15 and WCIA Channel 3. Conolly said he tries to make his decision before 6 a.m. so it may be broadcast on news programs.

While many things go into deciding if school should be closed, some things do not. Each district is allowed five snow days annually. Days missed during the year must be made up at the end of the year "but that never comes into play when you're considering a safety issue," Conolly said.

Missed state aid for closing school is also not considered, simply because it is not an issue, he said. The amount received for state aid is not based on day-to-day attendance but on the three best months of attendance, traditionally September, October and November.

There are always some more adversely affected by bad weather. "We always have at least one person whose lane has drifted closed," Conolly said. Then it is the parent's call. "If they feel because of weather conditions that it's a more judicious decision to keep their child at home then by all means, they should keep their child home," he said.

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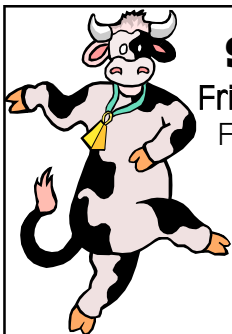
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sweetie bears, milk.

THURSDAY: Taco meat/soft shell, salad, salsa, fruit cock-
tail, milk.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks,
oranges, milk.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY-TUESDAY: No school.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Caterpillars and Butterflies" is the theme of this
week's Hoopeston Public Library Tiny Tots program.
Children will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Multi
Agency. The program is open to children ages 1-4 who
are accompanied by an adult.

Baseball signup

Signup for the Hoopeston Summer Baseball Associa-
tion (Colt/Pony Leagues) will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mar. 2

Lunch Menus

WEDNESDAY: Chicken patty or BBQ rib/bun, tator tots,
peaches, milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken & noodles/roll or hamburger/bun,
mashed potatoes, corn, fruit cocktail, milk.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, chili or broccoli soup, crackers,
oranges, milk.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY-TUESDAY: No school..

WEDNESDAY: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, ap-
ple slices, no bake cookie, milk.

and 9 and noon-2 p.m. Mar. 3 and 10 at the Multi Agency,
206 S. First Ave. Fee is \$25. For more information, con-
tact Tom Spear, 283-9529 or Vickie Means, 283-6372.

Neighborhood Watch

Peer Court will be the topic of Monday's Neighbor-
hood Watch meeting at 6 p.m. at Country Terrace.

Police News



A **19-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Thursday that
a stereo was stolen from his 1993 Chevrolet while it was
parked in the 700 block of South First Ave. The stereo
was later found, identified and claimed.

Weather



Winter storm watch through Saturday. Mostly cloudy
today, late afternoon snow. High 32. Tonight, snow,
possibly heavy, with significant accumulation. Low 25.
Tomorrow, windy, periods of snow. High 23, low 15.
Sunday, decreasing clouds. High 32, low 24.

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FRIDAY: Pizza squares, salad, trail mix, strawberry apple-
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