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High winds Sunday evening snapped power poles on Rt. 1 near Olympic Hardware, cutting off power in the area and closing the road to traffic. Power was not expected to be restored until Monday afternoon, while traffic was rerouted through downtown. See related pictures on other side.

Severe storm knocks out power, downs trees in Hoopeston

For many Hoopeston residents, Father's Day 2008 was going along well until shortly after 5 p.m.

It was then that a severe storm hit Hoopeston, downing power poles, lines and trees.

Hardest hit was the city's north side. Winds in excess of 70 m.p.h. - along with rain and hail - hit the city, snapping power poles along Rt. 1 near Olympic Hardware.

Hoopeston Police, auxiliary police and fire personnel were called out to block the highway, keeping motorists from live power lines

Power in the area was still off Monday morning

and was not expected to be restored until the afternoon. As crews worked, traffic was rerouted downtown.

Floral Hill Cemetery was hit hard, with limbs large and small strewn across roadways and graves. Meanwhile, many residents were left to clean up limbs and cut fallen trees left behind by the storm.

City crews were called out Sunday to begin cleaning up the damage, a task which began again Monday morning.

Unofficial reports indicated that East Lynn and Paxton also received damage in the storm.

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Aftermath

Sunday evening's storm felled a tree in the 400 block of East Seminary, above, while the Main Street rail crossing arm was sheared off by high winds. Along with wind, the storm also featured rain and hail.

Police News



Jacqueline T. Ashby, 36, of Hoopeston, was issued a notice to appear on a complaint from a 38-year-old Hoopeston man, who alleged her dogs barked long enough and loudly enough to keep him awake.

The complaint was made at 11:39 p.m. Sunday.

Lunch Menus



CRIS/SAMS meals

TUESDAY: Chicken tetrazzini, peas, apple juice, oatmeal raisin cookie, white bread

WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib patty, sweet potato casserole, peas, raisins, white bread

THURSDAY: Breaded fish, rosemary roasted potatoes, Italian vegetables, apple juice, wheat bread

FRIDAY: BBQ pork, baked potato, green bean casserole, pineapple, chocolate pudding, wheat bread All meals include milk.

Hoopeston Main Street to host core training June 25, 26

Residents and business people are invited to take part in training for a program aimed at revitalizing Hoopeston's downtown.

June 25 and 26, the Springfield staff from the Illinois Main Street office will provide a two-day training seminar in Hoopeston. Workshops include information and materials that address specific training objectives in each of Main Street's four points and Board responsibilities. Core training is geared toward those just beginning their involvement in a Main Street Program.

The audience has the opportunity to thoroughly learn about Main Street's recommended organizational strategies, staff and volunteer roles; committee operations and projects; and "best practices" examples from other Main Street communities.

Core training participants also receive extensive training and reference materials. Each attendee will receive a comprehensive set of handout materials as well as the appropriate committee handbook from the National Main Street Center.

Hoopeston Main Street is continually seeking area volunteers. Volunteers are needed on all four committees and can choose the degree of involvement. Feel free to select a single committee project or become totally involved in the planning and scheduling of your committees' annual events.

The four committees and functions are:

- •Design (commercial district revitalization, streetscape projects):
- •Economic Restructuring (strengthens the district's economic base while finding ways to grow and attract new opportunities);
- Organization (strategic planning, fundraising, volunteer development);
- •Promotions (attracts new customers, investors, visitors through special events and marketing).

If you would like to attend the complete two-day training session or just one of the committee training

Weather



Sunny today. High 76. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, sunny. High 79, low 56.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

sessions please contact Judi Benjamin, program coordinator, at 217-283-7873.

The regular fee to attend the core training is \$35/session or \$100 for the full two-day event. However, for community residents only, Hoopeston Main Street will reduce the fees to \$10/session or \$35 for the full seminar. The resident fees are necessary to cover the expense of handout materials and committee handbooks.

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