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Fourth Street, in front of Hoopeston Public Library, gets plowed early Thursday morning after the Hoopeston area received about 3 inches of snow. More snow was predicted into Friday, along with high winds to cause blowing and drifting.

## First big winter storm of the season blankets Hoopeston

Hoopeston area residents got the first big taste of winter weather Thursday morning as they awoke to about three inches of snow.

City crews were out plowing early, getting a head start on keeping streets passable. Not seen on local streets were school buses as Hoopeston Area, as well

as neighboring districts, cancelled school for the day.

Alderman Jeff Johnson, chairman of Hoopeston's street and alley committee, said the city is well-positioned for winter, with a good supply of road salt.

See WINTER on other side

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## Winter continued from other side

He outlined the city's procedures for snow removal, saying employees begin plowing after the city has received one inch of snow, and will continue as long as is needed. Priority is given to snow routes and downtown.

Salt is applied on roads and intersections, provided temperatures are warm enough for it to be effective.

Johnson asked that residents who live along snow routes not park on the street when snow is predicted. However, he added, if cars are parked on the roadway, attempts will be made to contact the owners. If officials receive no response or vehicles remain, they will be towed at the owner's expense.

Meteorologists said Friday's forecast is not supposed to improve. Additional snow, combined with winds of up to 25 miles per hour, is expected, along with colder temperatures.



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## Health department makes cuts to H1N1 vaccine schedule

Vermilion County Health Department is scaling back announced plans for H1N1 vaccination clinics. "We are doing this in part to cut costs and save money in light of our current budget challenges; but also, we are just not experiencing a great demand right now from the public for the vaccine," said Community Health Director Jenny Trimmell.

The health department announced this week it will cut programs and staff by the end of the month due to state budget shortfalls.

The health department is canceling announced H1N1 clinics that were scheduled for Monday January 11 and Monday, February 1. The clinic set for Monday January 25 will be held as planned, but the hours are being reduced to 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Following the clinic on January 25, no additional public clinics are scheduled until further notice. "If we see an increase in demand, that could change, but as of February 1, we will do H1N1 vaccinations by appointment only," according to Trimmell. Begin-

ning Monday, Feb. 1, anyone wanting an H1N1 vaccination can call the health department at (217) 431-2662 to make an appointment.

The health department has given nearly 8,000 H1N1 vaccinations since opening their clinics in early November. Early clinics targeted those priority groups most at risk from the new H1N1 virus, including children. "We know we still have several hundred children who received their first dose of H1N1 vaccine 28 or more days ago and need their second vaccination to have full immunity," Trimmell said. Vaccination clinics were opened to the general public by mid December.

Vaccinations at the health department are free. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Pregnant and breastfeeding women are required to bring a signed order from their physicians. Legal guardians of foster children must provide a signed consent from DCFS.

More information is available on the health department's website at [www.vchd.org](http://www.vchd.org).

## New Books at the Library



### Fiction:

The Scarpetta Factor by Patricia Cornwell (large print)

The Merry Misogynist by Colin Cotterill (mystery)

The Wrecker by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott (regular & large print)

The Arms Maker of Berlin by Dan Fesperman

Home in Time for Christmas by Heather Graham

Ford County: Stories by John Grisham

The Case of the Missing Servant: From the Files of Vish Puri by Tarquin Hall (mystery)

Merry, Merry Ghost by Carolyn Hart (mystery)

## Weather



Winter storm warning through 6 a.m. today. Chance of snow today. High 16. Tonight, flurries. Low 2. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 12, low -1. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 18, low 8.

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

## Briefly

### Blood drive

Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will host an American Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. For an appointment, call Yolanda Woods, (217) 283-9556. You are eligible if you have not donated since November 13.

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