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Hoopeston workers clean up trees damaged by high winds in Sunday's storms. High winds damaged not only trees, but utility poles and buildings.

Storm causes minor damage, major inconvenience locally

Storms that devastated central Illinois on Sunday caused minimal damage locally, but the inconvenience caused by the storm lingered into Monday.

Two Illinois communities - Gifford and Washington - suffered catastrophic damage. Illinois National Guard personnel were sent to Washington to search for survivors amid the wreckage. Three deaths were linked to the storm in and around Washington.

Several homes were reported damaged in southern Vermilion County, especially in Belgium, while locally, Hoopeston police received reports of damaged sheds and power poles and downed trees in

the area.

Much of Vermilion County was without power for hours on Sunday afternoon. In Hoopeston, most power was restored shortly before dark.

Frontier telephone service was knocked out by cut cables. Cables were cut and in Gifford, the central office was damaged by a falling tree, which allowed rain to fall on sensitive phone equipment.

The phone outage affected Frontier internet customers, who remained without service Monday.

See STORM on other side

Collection underway for storm victims

Crown Ford in Hoopeston is collecting items this week to take to storm-ravaged Gifford. Anyone who would like to donate is asked to take items to the dealership.

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Letters to the Editor



Veteran's Day awesome event

I sure hope you had the pleasure of attending the salute to Veterans at our local Middle School on Veteran's Day. If not you really missed a wonderful program.

We were graced with several performances by the high school band and varsity chorus that were fantastic. Watching the students file in and sit respectfully to take in the presentation made me proud to say, "what fine young people we are raising right here in Hoopeston."

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The gymnasium filled with people from all walks of life to say "Thank You" to all those who served and all those who gave their life. I had such a warm loving feeling.

Thank you to all who made this Veteran's Day recognition so special. A bonus was being invited for chili, soup and salads prepared by super volunteers at the American Legion after the program. Everything was delicious. The Legion is the perfect place for parties and

celebrations. Everything you need for a small affair or a big event! Just give them a call.

"Thank You" hardly seems like enough for making me proud once again of our hometown, Hoopeston, and the fine people who live here.

God bless you all.

Bertha Parsons
Hoopeston

Thank you, schools, for honoring vets

I read Just the Facts daily via the internet and it made me so proud that our schools took the time and used their talent to honor our veterans. That is something that is missing from most schools today. If it weren't for our veterans, we would not be living the life we choose. Thank you, Vets!

Terri Sinclair

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called Sunday for storm-related reports, including:

At 2 p.m. to 3800 North 670 East Rd. for a power lined down on a tractor with a man inside. No injuries were reported.

At 2:26 p.m. to 990 East Rd., between Rt. 9 and Thompson, for a downed power pole.

At 4:44 p.m. to the 600 block of East Young for arcing power lines.



Trusses to be used in building an addition to Autumn Fields were knocked over like so many dominoes in Sunday's storm.

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***Storm* continued from other side**

Sunday's outage was the second time in about a week that local Frontier customers were without internet service.

New Wave cable customers fared better, with service lasting through the storm. Cable internet service was cut when, according to unsubstantiated reports, New Wave equipment was damaged while crews were restoring power.

Weather



Sunny today. High 50. Tonight, cloudy. Low 28. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 50, low 33.

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