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Roughly four inches of rain between Monday and Tuesday flood much of Hoopeston's northeast side. Here, floodwater is yards at McCracken and Fifth St. See related picture on other side.

## Hoopeston's north side covered in water after heavy rains

Most of Vermilion County received more than four inches of rain between Monday and Tuesday and Hoopeston was no exception.

Northside residents spent much of Tuesday checking basements and crawl spaces for signs of water and hoping their sump pumps would win the race against the rain.

By mid-morning Wednesday, flooding had receded from many areas, leaving in its wake leaves, stray beer cans and other debris. On East McCracken, however, water went from puddles to pools from Eighth St. to Market.

Flooding has plagued the area for many years. City  
See RAINS on other side

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***These boots are made for water***  
Hoopeston Post Office mail carrier Heather Coffey dressed appropriately for work Wednesday, wearing waders over her postal uniform. Coffey is the post office's newest employee, starting training in December. A resident of Watseka, she is no stranger to flooding.

# Social media post claiming armed robbers posing as utility workers locally is fake news

A post making the rounds on social media that says three or four men may visit homes claiming to be from utility companies trying to get into residents' homes before robbing people at gunpoint is not true, according to

## Obituaries

**RIECHES** - Verna Jean Rieches, 67, of Cissna Park died Monday, Feb. 19, 2018 at home. Visitation will be 2 -7 p.m. Sunday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to the church, Cissna Park Fire Department, Cissna Park Booster Club or donor's choice.

## Rains continued from other side

officials are working on a plan to lessen the problem by lining sanitary sewers on Sixth St. between McCracken and Thompson. Officials hope to receive a low-interest loan for the work but funding is not expected to be available until July, with work scheduled for the fall or winter months.

Hoopeston Police Department.  
The beginning of the post tries to lend credence to the post, saying it was "sent from my brother who works for H.P.D."  
The post says some men may claim to be from the "water company, to install shower caps, to save water." However, there is no water company serving Hoopeston.

## Fire Calls

**Hoopeston Fire Department** was called at 5:44 p.m. Tuesday to the smell of smoke in a home in the 800 block of West Main. Firemen found water in the basement.  
**Firemen were called** at 10:23 p.m. Tuesday to the 800 block of East Maple for the smell of smoke in a home. Firemen found water in the basement and all pilot lights extinguished.

## Weather

Chance of wintry mix, cloudy today. High 41. Tonight, rain. Low 36. tomorrow, rain likely. High 49, low 37.

The city waterworks is owned by the city, which has no program to install shower caps.  
The post goes on to say the men may pose as being from the electric company to "change energy-saving light bulbs for free as part of a government lay down program."  
Hoopeston Police Department alerts residents to scams in the city via Nixle, for which residents may sign up, and on its web page, [www.hoopestonpolice.org](http://www.hoopestonpolice.org).

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