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Bobby Pierce directs Alex Houmes as he maneuvers an all terrain vehicle to plow a downtown sidewalk after Saturday's snow.

Widespread storm brings first major snowstorm of season

A storm system provided a weekend workout for much of the U.S., including Hoopeston.

A major winter storm buffeted central Illinois Saturday, dropping eight inches of snow on Hoopeston, while Jacksonville had 13" by noon and ended with 15" total.

Hoopeston was on top of the storm, activating snow routes shortly after 8 p.m. Friday. City crews plowed streets throughout Saturday, getting major arteries and side streets passable. Snow removal providers - both See STORM on other side

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Storm continued from other side

motorized and people with shovels - were kept busy, as well.

Hoopeston police reported one accident Saturday evening but did not indicate it was caused by the weather.

That was not true at the state level, however, as Illinois State Police posts reported hundreds of accidents across Illinois.

ISP District 10 at Pesotum took to social media Friday, advising motorists to #stayhomesaturday in anticipation of winter storm Gia.

On Saturday, ISP posts detailed accidents, including a semi rollover between Tilton and Oakwood on I-74, numerous slide-offs and many fender benders.

As the snow kept falling and vehicles kept wrecking, Ashkum's ISP District 21 joined the social media posting, asking college students and parents of college students to postpone their return to central and southern Illinois colleges until Sunday, by which time the roads would be cleared.

The first part of this week is forecast to be dry but a chance of precipitation returns at week's end with a possible rain/snow Thursday night and a chance of snow Friday and Saturday.

From the Blotter

The credit card that was turned in was claimed by the owner Thursday.

Charles Jones, 41, of Rantoul, was arrested after a traffic stop at 5:49 p.m. Saturday at First Ave. and Main. He was charged with driving while license suspended and operating a vehicle with expired registration and was released on bond with notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Terrance Irvin, 25, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle after police were called at 11:51 p.m. Saturday to Seminary and Eighth St., where he allegedly backed a 2011 Ford into a fence.

Court Dispositions

December 6

Mona Perez, Hoopeston, status check January 3.

Nathanial Perkins, Hoopeston, status check January 3.

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HPL to celebrate weird, wacky, fun special days in 2019

If you've ever checked your calendar, you know that each month is filled with a variety of fun, serious and sometimes just plain wacky special days and observances... everything from National Hobby Month (January) to National Deviled Egg Day (November 2). And Hoopeston Public Library has plans to celebrate some of these special days all year long!

To kick things off, the library is celebrating **National Hat Day** on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Every patron (child, teen or adult) who wears a hat into the library on that day can be entered into a prize drawing to win a free

Cornjerker hat.

Each month during 2019, HPL plans to highlight one or two of these special days (or weeks) with a fun, interactive promotion to draw people into the library. Each event may feature prize drawings or small treats. All the activities will be free, and you don't have to have a library card to participate! Of course, when you're visiting the library to enter a contest, it's a great time to sign up for a library card, too!

Be watching and listening for announcements each month of which special day we'll be celebrating!

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Mini corndogs, green beans, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza,, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, bread & butter, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Taco, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, tater tots, Wango Mango juice, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, green beans, salad bar, applesauce, milk,

TUESDAY: Biscuit & gravy, scrambled eggs, hash brown, salad bar, mandarin orange, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken pot pie, salad bar, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Tacos, refried beans, chips & salsa, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad bar, mixed fruit milk

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, green beans, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Biscuit & gravy or Hot Pocket, scrambled eggs, hash brown, salad bar, mandarin orange, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Chicken pot pie or BBQ rib, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Tacos or pork BBQ, refried beans, ships & salsa, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

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Briefly

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Adult Craft "East Stained Glass," 1-2 p.m. Monday. Make "Stained Glass" with Sharpie markers. Free and supplies are provided.

Free tech assistance, 4:30-7 p.m. Monday. For anyone who wants help learning how to operate or set up their devices. My Media Mall, RB Digital and Cloud Library are three choices to add to your device to be used to check out titles for free with a valid HPL card.

Weather

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