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Hoopeston gets wind, water, lightning damage from back-to-back storms Sunday afternoon

In what some on social media called “goose-drowners,” back-to-back severe thunderstorms caused damage around the area Sunday afternoon.

The National Weather Service issued special weather statements for a strong storm in the area at 1 p.m. and a second at 2:08 p.m. Between the two, rain totals in Hoopeston varied on either side of three inches of rain. High winds shook feeble branches from trees around Hoopeston, while lightning hit others.

An emotional Paul Kelnhofer surveyed a section of missing foundation wall pushed into the basement of a house he owns at 112 E. Lincoln. “I don’t know what I’m going to do,” he said.

His daughter, Julie, who formerly lived in the house, pointed to a window just above the damage. “My kids used to sleep there,” she said.

Kelnhofer, who has complained to the city council and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency about problems caused by Silver Brothers’ concrete runoff, is blaming the company for recent changes it made in handling runoff, claiming they changed the flow of water so more comes on his property.

Across town, Chad and Amy Coffey cleaned the mess caused by high winds on their patio. As he tried to open a patio umbrella, only to see it had been broken by the wind, she picked up debris that had blown in.

Living at Third St. and McCracken, the couple is no stranger to flooding. Like Kelnhofer’s house, the Coffey home is in a low area. The intersection on each end of their block of McCracken was barricaded to keep motorists from driving through the water.

Having lived in their house for years, they’ve seen many floods and heard from many city councils how the problem would be fixed, none of which have worked. Still, they admit in the last couple of years, the problem has improved somewhat.

Power outages caused by lightning strikes affected residents, businesses and the city both immediately

and into Monday.

Hoopeston water employees worked Monday morning to repair problems to the swimming pool monitoring system caused by power failures. Pool opening was not expected to be delayed by the problem.

At Just the Facts, a lightning strike damaged the business’ modem. Because of special nature of the modem, it will not be replaced until next week. No incoming or outgoing faxing will be possible this week.



Ductwork is exposed after part of the foundation wall at 112 E. Lincoln was pushed into the basement during Sunday’s torrential rain from back-to-back severe thunderstorms.

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From the Blotter

Police are investigating three incidents of criminal damage to property (vehicle) reported Thursday morning.

Two reports were received at 4:36 a.m., from a 23-year-old Hoopeston woman and a 22-year-old Hoopeston woman, of damage in the 500 block of East Main. The third report was made at 8:40 a.m. by a 23-year-old Hoopeston man, for damage in the 200 block of North Fourth St.

Bridget B. Strawser, 25, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for dogs running at large after her dogs were found running loose at 8:50 a.m. Thursday in the 400 block of East Washington. She is scheduled to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Lauren Sheppard, 18, of Milford, was ticketed for operating an uninsured vehicle following an accident at 6:03 p.m. Thursday at Tedd's Beverage Shop, 101 W. Main.

Police said Israel Layden, 17, of Hoopeston, in a 2003 Chevrolet, was exiting the drive-up area and pulled in front of Sheppard, eastbound in a 2007 Kia.

EMS was called to the scene for minor injuries,

Briefly

At the library

Upcoming activities at Hoopeston Public Library are:

Little Ninjas, 10-11 a.m. Tuesday. For kids ages 4-6. Training with Mike Webb and Miss Janell.

Stitchin' Time, 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet instruction provided or bring your own projects.

The Gathering

Rossville area senior citizens are invited to The Gathering, a monthly get-together. It will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station and is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

Garden Share

Hoopeston Multi Agency is partnering with Faith in Action for Garden Share, a fresh produce sharing program for senior citizens age 55 or older.

Gardeners may drop off donated produce from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

Seniors who are unable to garden or don't have access to fresh produce are invited to the distribution, held Wednesdays fro 2-3 p.m. at the Multi Agency.

The program will run from July 24 to October 9.

Faith in Action is an outreach of OSF Healthcare.

police said.

A 13-year-old boy was arrested for a hit-and-run accident at 3:58 a.m. Friday at West Chestnut and South Dixie Hwy. An unknown vehicle hit an Ameren Illinois pole, breaking it at ground level. A lighting head was also damaged because of the accident. The driver fled north on Rt. 1, leaving behind about \$3,000 in damage.

The boy was arrested at 9:52 a.m. Friday in the 300 block of West Penn, on preliminary charges of theft over \$500, resisting arrest, no valid driver's license, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to report an accident, improper lane usage and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

He was taken to the Juvenile Detention Center in Danville.

Andrew Cordova, 24, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 5:28 p.m. Friday at 511 W. Main. He was charged with driving with no valid Illinois license and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an acci-

dent at 2:22 p.m. Friday in the 400 block of North Dixie Hwy. Police said Alvin Lynn, of Citrus Springs, Fla., in a 2014 semi, turned right onto West McCracken. The trailer caught a power line, damaging an Ameren power pole.

Darren M. Wood, 35, of Paxton, was arrested after he was seen driving at 2:24 a.m. Saturday. He was charged with driving on a suspended license and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Timothy P. Bryan, 24, of Ambia, Ind., was arrested after a traffic stop at 7:26 p.m. Saturday at McFerren Park. A computer check showed the plate on the vehicle he was driving did not match vehicle and that he was driving while license suspended and had no proof of insurance. He was charged with false display of registration and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Police are investigating a fraud report made by a representative of Hoopeston IGA at 7:10 p.m. Saturday regarding a counterfeit \$100 bill passed at the store.

Court Dispositions

June 6

Andrew McKelvey, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to general nuisance; trial July 11.

Ronald Howe, Hoopeston, general nuisances case dismissed.

Codi King, Hoopeston, general nuisances case dismissed.

George Riskus, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, found guilty, fined \$230; status hearing July 11.

Jason Simonton, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to battery, sentencing July 11.

Joseph Cannon, Hoopeston, failed to appear on unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct, found guilty, fined \$230; status check July 11.

Sandy Zarate, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to general nuisance; trial July 11.

Sandy Zarate, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to preparation and placement of garbage and refuse; trial July 11.

Richard Smith, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disobeying police; trial July 11.

Brian Kinnaird, Hoopeston, failed to appear for unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct, found

guilty, fined \$230; status check July 11.

Brian Kinnaird, Hoopeston, failed to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, found guilty, fined \$230; status check July 11.

Jennifer Morgeson, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, fined \$180; status check July 11.

Danyel Fink, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to battery, fined \$200; status check July 11.

Alfred Layton, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$200; status hearing July 11.

Lori Thrower, Hoopeston, general nuisances case dismissed.

July 11

Rogelio Rivera Jr., Hoopeston, three cases sent to state for further enforcement.

Joshua Hasbargen, Hoopeston, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Weather

Sunny today. High 80. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 58. Tomorrow, sunny. High 82, low 60.

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