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Propane shortage prompts regional emergency declaration

SPRINGFIELD - At the request of Gov. JB Pritzker, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has granted a Regional Emergency Declaration to help keep homes warm and dry wet grain.

Illinois is one of seven states now under the disaster declaration, which permits the transportation of propane, natural gas and heating oil used for heating homes and businesses and drying wet grain. Demand is high and supplies are low due to delivery issues caused by early winter weather conditions and high moisture grain.

"Farmers are struggling to dry high moisture grain caused by wet weather and delayed harvest," said John Sullivan, Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. "Propane is an essential fuel for corn dryers in Illinois and across the Midwest. 2019 has already been a stressful growing and harvest season for farmers. Governor Pritzker, as well as the Illinois Propane Gas Association have made sure we have the

resources to help farmers with this declaration."

Those who use propane and fuel oil to heat their homes also are at risk in a shortage, particularly with the early onset of winter temperatures. November is winter preparedness month and there is no better time than now to prepare your home for the upcoming winter months.

"Being unprepared for winter weather is not just inconvenient, it can be dangerous," said Alicia Tate-Nadeau, Acting Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. "In Illinois, there are more fatalities related to cold temperatures than heat, tornadoes and floods combined. We encourage everyone to prepare for winter today by adding a winter survival kit to your car, changing your furnace filter at home and stocking your family's emergency supply kit."

Other states that are affected by the emergency declaration include: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

City police, fire departments compete to stock food shelves

For the second year in a row, Hoopeston Fire Department and Hoopeston Police Department are duking it out to see who can collect the most food for Grant Township Food Cupboard.

Food Fight For Hunger runs through November 25. Nonperishable food items may be dropped in boxes at Hoopeston IGA, First Farmers Bank and Trust, First Financial Bank, Iroquois Federal and Hoopeston City Hall.

Hoopeston Police Department won last year's competition by two cans, said Joel Bird, Hoopeston Fire Chief.

Items most needed by the food cupboard are: any kind of cereal, Jiffy cornbread mix, canned peas, peanut butter, spaghetti and sauce. Other items are also welcome.

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- Friday:** Cod sandwiches or dinners or Rib eyes
- Saturday:** Prime Rib and Rib eyes

Warm up with some chili or vegetable soup!

Wednesday, Nov. 27, we're having a

9 Pin Doubles Tournament

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Briefly

Hospital lab staff holds coloring contest

The lab staff at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center is hosting a coloring contest in the month of November.

All kids are welcome to stop by the lab or registration desk to pick up a coloring sheet. If you return it to the hospital before November 30, you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card to a local business. Winners will be drawn at random, and the coloring sheets will be displayed in the front windows of the hospital all month!

If you have any questions please contact the lab department at (217) 283-8432.

Koffee & Konversation

Come join us at Hoopeston Methodist for Koffee & Konversation! We start at 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday with coffee and donuts or rolls. There is always laughter and sometimes some very interesting conversation. We do not meet on holidays or during blizzards, ice storms or -10 degree days. All are welcome.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **STEM Design Squad**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. A free program sponsored by WILL Illinois Public Media

where kids get involved with creative problem solving and inventing. For third grade and up.

Vermilion County Crafters, 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Open to all crafters. Bring projects to work on individually.

Littles @ the Library, 10:30-11 a.m. every Friday. For kids 0-5 and their caretakers. Features stories, songs, crafts, learning and movement activities.

Breast cancer support group

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be at

Obituaries

COLLIER - Jerry Lee Collier, 74, of Hoopeston, died at 9:02 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 at VA Illiana Health Care System, Danville. He was cremated. Graveside service will be at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Public Library or Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

COFFMAN - Marjorie A. "Ann" Coffman, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 9:51 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Farm Bureau to kick off year of celebration at annual meeting

Vermilion County Farm Bureau will hold its 101st Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 at the Beef House Banquet Center in Covington, Ind. Doors will open for registration at 6 pm (IL time), with dinner beginning at 6:30 pm.

During the registration period, members will have the opportunity to bid on items in the Vermilion County Farm Bureau Foundation's Silent Auction. The foundation is also conducting a rifle raffle, with the winners' names to be drawn that evening. These fundraisers help support the Ag in the Classroom program in Vermilion County.

The business portion of the evening will include recognition of the Ag in the Classroom Teacher of the Year, Farm Bureau Spokesperson of the Year, and the Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award winner.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Rob Sharkey, a fifth-generation farmer from Bradford, IL. Known in digital circles as "SharkFarmer," he is unwavering in his ability to directly address controversial topics.

November 21.

Spread the word and join us for a meeting to support past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9824.

HA coat drive underway

Hoopeston Area school district is holding its annual coat drive to help keep students warm this winter. Only

October 3

Joshua E. Edwards, Hoopeston, failed to appear for trespassing, found guilty by default, fined \$220; status check November 7.

Joshua E. Edwards, Hoopeston, failed to appear for possession of cannabis prohibited, found guilty by default, fined \$300; status check November 7.

Joshua W. Wessels, Sheldon, pleaded not guilty to

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 9:09 p.m. Friday for mutual aid with Rossville Fire Department for a grain dryer on fire. The fire was near 3300 N and 1950 E roads.

children through young adult coats will be accepted. New and clean, gently used coats may be dropped off at the middle school during regular school hours. No tears, stains, broken zippers or missing buttons, please.

WMD winners

October winners in the Women Making a Difference drawing were \$50, Hoopeston Multi Agency; \$30, Rebecca Witvoet; and \$20, Sandy Kaag.

Court Dispositions

battery, grail date November 7.

Timothy J. Schroeder Jr., Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to carrying conceal weapon; trial date November 7.

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