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National Weather Service sets March 1-7 as Illinois Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Illinois is no stranger to strong storms and tornadoes and the National Weather Service is reminding people to prepare during Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 1-7.

During the week, Illinois residents are encouraged to consider thunderstorms, tornados and flooding and what they and their families should do in each event.

Tornadoes are the most severe of Illinois storms. The National Weather Service recommends thinking now about how to deal with a tornado, if one should occur.

Beforehand, make sure family members know the safe location in your home. Store an emergency kit, with food and medicine for family and pets, water, lights, medical supplies, pet supplies and an emergency radio in the safe location. Identify where to go if you are at work or school and make a family communication plan.

During a tornado, go to your safe location or storm shelter if you are in a mobile home. Stay away from windows on the lowest level of the building. If caught outside, get in a car, buckle up and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. Never seek shelter under a bridge and only lie flat in a ditch as a last resort.

After a tornado, beware of downed power lines, broken gas lines and sharp/dangerous debris. Avoid damaged areas. Stay off roads to allow rescue workers to clear passage and follow instructions from local officials.

Severe thunderstorms can also be deadly, with lightning, high winds and hail.

Lightning is the most formidable hazard during storms. There is no safe place outdoors during a thunderstorm, according to the NWS, so the best place to be is indoors. To slightly minimize the risk of being struck by light-

ning, recommendations include avoiding open fields; the tops of ridges and hills; tall, isolated trees; water; wet items and metal objects.

Tents and open air buildings like picnic shelters will not protect people from lightning.

Indoors, do not touch electrical equipment or electronics plugged into the wall; stay off corded phones and avoid plumbing; stay away from windows and doors and stay off porches; and do not lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls.

Motorists in a hardtop car are safe from lightning if they close all windows and do not touch metal objects in the car. NWS recommends pulling to the side of the road and turning on hazard lights for safety.

Both tornados and thunderstorms can result in flooding, the final warm weather severe weather hazard. People are advised not to drive through floodwaters, around barricades on flooded streets and not walk into floodwaters.

Residents should also know severe storm terminology, including

Watch: whether for a tornado or severe thunderstorm, a watch means conditions could lead to the formation of severe weather. This is the time to prepare to take action in case the situation escalates to a

Warning: in the case of a tornado, one has been spotted or indicated by radar. There is imminent danger and action should be taken immediately to seek safe shelter. In the case of a severe thunderstorm

See STORM on other side



Animals in the air

Hoopeston resident Ron Lacy saw and photographed a pair eagles, left, perched in trees Sunday at Northfork Conservation Club. Last month, he shot the sundog, above, caused when sunlight reflects off of ice crystals in the atmosphere.

Letters to the Editor

FFA Alumni respond to board meeting

Due to the incredible amount of feedback Alumni members have received concerning publications surrounding the last school board meeting, we felt it necessary to issue a public response.

Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni was created in September 2015 to support the Hoopeston FFA program. Since its inception, we have had tremendous support from members and businesses in our community and many outside of our local community. Due to this support, we have had the opportunity to offer over \$50,000 in scholarships and have been able to provide opportunities for FFA members by ensuring out-of-pocket expenses do not prohibit members from participation. We also cover various costs for the FFA chapter and advisors that are not covered by the school district.

In 2016, the Hoopeston school board and Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni signed a contract that transferred all field plot responsibility to the Alumni. All land contracts were then updated to reflect the Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni as tenant. The Alumni created a farm management committee that began oversight of these plots. As a result of the incredibly successful Alumni auctions, the committee decided to repurpose the plots as a learning tool for FFA members to understand the real world economics of crop production. A planter was also purchased

by the Alumni to provide the opportunity at hands-on work instead of local farmers planting the field plots. We are excited about the future and what these opportunities will lead to for current and future FFA members.

2019 proved absolutely difficult for all farmers to get farmland fertilized, planted and sprayed. There was a record amount of acreage that farmers did not get planted. Planting was delayed by nearly two months for many of the fields that were planted. This also affected many of our alumni members as most were busy with their own condensed season and were not available as usual.

Despite the challenging season, Zach Carter took the initiative to get the crops planted. He, along with his grandfather, donated time and equipment, installed parts necessary for the planter to be operational and got seed in the ground. After the crops emerged, a mechanical issue was discovered. Mr. Carter acquired the use of equipment to fill in rows that did not plant. This is exactly what the Alumni wanted to see. We saw an FFA member step up to plant fields and take action to correct a mistake. He engaged in a learning opportunity!

In 2013, the board approved installing a greenhouse for the FFA chapter at a cost of \$64,095. With the decrease in crop prices, the school board acknowledged that the original payment schedule was unattainable. The payment schedule was adjusted and the FFA chapter has been able to continue making payments to reduce the balance.

The FFA Alumni was made aware of the intent by the school board to have the science department and horticulture club take over the greenhouse from the FFA chapter. Since that move would fall outside the scope of the Alumni's purpose to support the FFA chapter, the Alumni deemed it unnecessary to use Alumni funds to

Storm continued from other side

warning, action should be taken to keep away from hazards both inside and outdoors.

Tornado Emergency: an exceedingly rare situation with a severe threat to human life and catastrophic damage due to a confirmed violent tornado. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

Weather

Mostly sunny, breezy today. High 52. Tonight, clear. Low 33. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 50, low 32.

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contribute to any future greenhouse payments.

We are shocked to hear that a routine meeting with the school board resulted in the interrogation of Mr. Carter. As previously explained, the plots are the responsibility of the Alumni. We struggle to understand the intentions of the school board to make an example out of Mr. Carter when the plot agreements are with the Alumni. If the intent of the school board was to discuss their displeasure with field plots, they should have requested the presence of an Alumni farm manager or officer instead of publicly interrogating the student.

We are disappointed with the school board for their treatment of Mr. Carter and their handling of the situa-

tion. The mechanism the school board used to show their displeasure was viewed as the harassment of a student. Nothing short of a public apology to Mr. Carter and his family by the school board and individual apologies by Mr. Craig Lee and Mr. Lawrence Jahn will be considered appropriate.

We hope the future intent of the school board and the administration is to be encouragers of students engaging in learning opportunities, like Mr. Carter. The FFA Alumni has reached out to the school board to ensure what transpired with Mr. Carter does not happen again.

Mary Bushong, President
Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni

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