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An unidentified NewWave employee walks among service trucks Wednesday in rural Hoopeston. Crews spent all day and into the evening repairing a fiber cut that kept NewWave customers, along with Metro and Verizon customers in Rossville, Hoopeston, Wellington and Rossville without internet cable or phone for most of the day.

Raised dump bed blamed for internet outage for thousands

A Grant Township dump truck is reportedly the tool that cut fiber optic cable early Wednesday morning, leaving thousands of customers without internet, cable and phone service Wednesday.

NewWave customers in Rossville, Hoopeston, Wellington and Milford were without service for approximately 12 hours, starting at about 7:20 a.m. The fiber cut also affected service for Metro Communications and Verizon, Blakeney said.

It was about 7:30 a.m. when technical supervisor Todd Blakeney, who lives in Covington, Ind., and works out of NewWave's Westville office, got a page about the break. He immediately headed to county roads 4000 North and 1130 East, where he saw the cut cable.

A lineman before he became a supervisor, Blakeney said he is familiar with the area as he drives the route often to check the condition of cables in his area.

Blakeney said an unidentified Grant Township Road employee took responsibility for the break, telling him he was "tailgating" - putting gravel on a road-

way from the back end of a raised dump truck bed - when the bed struck and cut the cable.

According to Blakeney, the cable was 15' 8" up, eight inches above the required 15'.

An inconvenience for everyone affected, for many businesses, it was a problem, as credit card machines couldn't be used and internet and phone communication was impossible.

Perhaps one of the most affected entities was Hoopeston Area schools. With its 1:1 Chromebook program, education in the district is tech-centered. But Wednesday, "we had to take it back old school," said Supt. Robert Richardson. Computers were out and markers were back in vogue as teachers taught and students learned without the use of technology.

The incident did give Richardson a reason to praise his staff. From being thrown into remote learning when schools were shuttered in the spring to losing technology Wednesday, "2020 has been an amazingly difficult year," he said. "They've been very adaptive. I'm pretty pleased with how they did."

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Briefly

Labor Day closings

- Just the Facts will not be printed Monday. Publication will resume Tuesday.
- Hoopeston Public Library will be closed Saturday and Monday.
- Hoopeston's bulk garbage day will not be held Saturday. The next one will be September 19.

Car show to be held Saturday

All area car enthusiasts are invited to attend a car show beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at 217 N. Ninth Ave., Hoopeston. There is no entry fee and no trophies will be awarded. Trucks, golf carts, tractors, are welcome and a taco food truck will be on site. There will be a few games to play and there will be a DJ. Come by and have some fun with great people!

Weather

Sunny today. High 76. Tonight, clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, sunny. High 81, low 59. Sunday and Monday, partly sunny. Highs 81, low 62.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Located on McNeil Street in Hoopeston, this two bedroom apartment has plenty to offer. With recent updates, parking and friendly neighbors you will feel right at home in this complex. You can find our application online at www.bkmgmt.com and call our office at 765-637-0208 for a showing!

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Mechanic wanted. Experience with heavy truck, construction, and agricultural machinery preferred. Call 217-474-8349.

Cade's Heating and Air HVAC installer/ service tech. must have valid IL drivers license and EPA freon license. Please send resume to ramcade@frontier.com or 101 E Penn St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Private in home caregiver 5 days/week from 7 to 11 for female with dementia. Hoopeston area. Must be able to use lift equipment for transfers. Call Tracey at 765 490 9642. May text for contact.

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking full time and seasonal help. Requirements include at least a Class B CDL and ability to pass a drug test. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings on 2nd shift in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay to be determined based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington Street, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

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RUMMAGE SALES

RANKIN: 211 W. 5th Ave. Fri. 9-5, Sat., 9-1. Women's clothing, size 1-2X, books, linens, home décor, furniture, holiday decorations & more!

ROSSVILLE: 113 Benton. Sat., Sun. & Mon. Christmas items, records, VHS movies, beads, angel kits, cassettes, too much to list!

HOOPESTON: 803 Euclid. Fri., 8-2. Men's, women's size small -1X, girls -10 shoes, knickknacks, bedding, Christmas, wooden bench, microwave, cage for lizard, tools, area rug (8x10 & 5x7) old gas cans, kids' pinball machine. Come rain or shine!

HOOPESTON: 3 mi. W of Hoopeston on Rt. 9 Fri. & Sat., 9-4. International combine parts, tools, miscellaneous parts, quilt tops, books, clothes, & lots of stuff.

HOOPESTON: 601 W. Penn. Thurs., Fri., Sat., 8:30-? Everything I would have had at the Sweetcorn Festival plus a yard full of so much, much more!

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