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# Just the Facts

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## As models predict worst case 2 feet of snow, local officials asks for residents help

There's no better barometer for how serious residents think a storm will be than the local grocery store. That was true Monday night at Hoopeston IGA, where the parking lot was full and inside, five check stands were open with a checker and bagger manning each.

Perhaps a less-trusted barometer is the meteorologists, who often get it wrong. Prognosticators are calling for anywhere from eight to 18 inches, but according to National Weather Service information Tuesday morning, Vermilion County can expect a minimum of 13 inches of snow - and a maximum of 23 inches - between late Tuesday night and Thursday. Snow will be coupled with winds gusting to 30 m.p.h. during the storm.

Officials are asking for residents' help in making sure snow can be cleaned as quickly as possible.

- A snow emergency is likely to be called early, implementing the city's snow route restrictions. Vehicles not moved from these streets will be towed at the owners' expense.
- Additionally, Mayor Jeff Wise is asking that all residents who have access to off street parking get

### Need help shoveling? Just call!

Residents in Hoopeston and some surrounding towns can get shoveling assistance for the pending storm. On its Facebook page, Just the Facts asked those willing to perform the service. Respondent contact information and town is below:

#### Hoopeston:

- Aden and Kyle Cadle, shovel, (217) 495-2982
- Clay Goodrum 217-260-8619
- Zaine Robinson and Jordan Cordaro, (217) 597-2718

#### Rankin:

- Josh DeMoss, plow snow (217) 249-0160

#### Rossville:

- Daniel Laird 217-597-3506



*File photo*  
 A city employee plows Fourth St. after a snow in 2020. Crews will be out in force to remove snow predicted for Wednesday through Friday

their cars off the street. These vehicles will not be towed, but removing them will accomplish two things: plows will be able to clear streets more quickly and residents' vehicles will not be snowed in by plowing. Residents are also asked to keep garbage cans, trailers and campers off all streets.

- Fire Chief Joel Bird is asking residents who live near fire hydrants to clear snow and ice from around the hydrants. The clear-away zone should be about three feet around the hydrant to allow firefighters to work. He also asks that residents clear a path from the hydrant to the street.

- "We're going to do our utmost to keep your road open," Grant Township Road Commissioner Dale Lithgow said, of those living in the country. Roads on which no one lives will probably not be plowed, he said, advising people to stay off the roads unless absolutely necessary. If someone gets stuck on a county road, the person should call the road district office, (217) 283-6931 and leave a message where the stuck vehicle is so road crews can avoid the vehicle while plowing. "They say this could be another blizzard of 1978," Lithgow said. "Everyone be safe."

See HELP on other side

## Obituaries

**CRIPPIN** - Gloria M. (Mockbee) Crippin, 62, of Danville, died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, at home. Visitation will be noon until the 2 p.m. celebration of her life Sunday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. Burial will follow in Potomac Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Condolences may be shared at [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

**MORGAN** - Felix Morgan, 102, of Hoopeston, died at 1:35 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

**WADE** - Gertrude Emma (Hubner) Wade, 90, of Milford, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022 at Iroquois Resident Home, Watseka. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11:30 a.m. funeral Saturday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford. Burial will follow in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Audio stream of the service will be available at the Media tab at [www.oursaviormilford.com](http://www.oursaviormilford.com). Memorials are suggested to the church or Iroquois Resident Home. Knapp Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

**WILKEN** - Mary E. Wilken, 69, of Milford, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022 at OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center, Urbana. She will be cremated. Graveside memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

## Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 1 p.m. Monday to Teasdale Foods, Building #313 for an activated water flow alarm.

Firemen said the alarm was malfunctioning and cleared the scene at 1:10 p.m.

## From the Blotter

Jonny Holt, 41, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 2:53 p.m. Monday at South Market and East Lincoln. He was charged with driving on a suspended license and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court.

## Briefly

### Health department cancels testing

Out of an abundance of caution, COVID testing will not be offered at Vermilion County Health Department on Wednesday of this week.

### Food cupboard to be closed

Grant Township Food Cupboard will be closed Thursday and asks everyone to stay home and stay safe. It is planned to reopen Monday, Feb. 7.

### Library reopens...

Hoopeston Public Library reopened to the community Tuesday. Masks are required in the building at all times for all patrons. Use of public computers is limited to 30 minutes per day. No inside programs are being scheduled and patrons are asked to make their visits as brief as possible.

Curbside service is available for patrons who desire it. To arrange a pickup, call (217) 283-6711.

### ...but may close for storm

Severe weather conditions may cause the library to close for the safety of patrons and staff. Closing information will be posted on the library Facebook page and sent to WHPO, Just the Facts and The Chronicle.

When in doubt, call first. If you get the answering machine, the library is closed.

### Bulk recycling canceled

Due to the expected severity of this week's winter storm, Hoopeston's bulk garbage collection is cancelled.

The next one is set for February 19.

## Help continued from other side

- Heavy snow and high winds could result in power outages. Make sure you have a safe alternative heat source or warm clothing and blankets and emergency lighting. Check on your relatives, neighbors and friends.
- Stay home, if at all possible.

## Weather

WINTER STORM WARNING until 6 p.m. Thursday. Today, heavy snow, areas of blowing snow. High 27. Tonight, snow, patchy blowing snow. Low 17. New snow accumulation 9-15 inches. Tomorrow, snow, patchy blowing snow. High 21, low 7. New snow accumulation 2-4 inches.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a full time water department employee. Must have CDL or the ability to get one. Potential for eventual supervisory role with proper training and certification. Applications are available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St., or at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 is accepting applications for Computer Department summer help. Online applications can be found on the school's website or applications may be picked up at the District Office and dropped off no later than February 18, 2022.

Hoopeston Multi Agency is looking for a substitute van driver. You must hold a valid driver's license. Please contact Beth at 217-283-5544 for more information.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for swimming pool assistant manager and lifeguards. Application and job description are available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) or at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St. Deadline is February 4, 2022.

KS i is looking for qualified candidates for the seasonal position of Production Associate in our Cissna Park facility. This position is primarily responsible for mechanical assembly of conveyors and final units. Potential candidates should possess a beginner level of mechanical skills and have a strong work ethic. Position would be M-F workweeks up to 45 hours per week. Majority of work would be in heated shop for cold winter months. Fill out an application from our website, [www.ksiedge.com](http://www.ksiedge.com), send inquiries to [hr@ksiedge.com](mailto:hr@ksiedge.com), or call 785-284-0600 ext. 1422. Applications may also be picked up at our location: 454 N State Route 49, Cissna Park, IL 60924.

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East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking a full time applicator. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

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