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**Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

*Hoopeston's only locally-owned daily news publication!*

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## Storm threatens area with bitter cold, high winds, drifting snow

A winter storm could pack a wallop for central Illinois later this week.

The National Weather Service (NWS) on Monday issued a special weather statement for several central Illinois counties, including Vermilion, warning that a very strong storm system is expected to bring "significant weather impacts" to central and southeast Illinois beginning Wednesday night and Thursday morning and continuing through Saturday.

Wind chills of -10 to -30 are possible, along with strong winds and accumulating and blowing and drifting snow are possible with the storm system.

Forecasters are confident of the bitter cold and high

## Can you dig it?

Just the Facts will run a list of people willing to shovel/snow blow side-walks in Hoopeston or surrounding towns.

Those willing to do so are asked to email [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net) whether you shovel or plow, and in what town(s).

Information received by 9 a.m. Tuesday will be published in Wednesday's Just the Facts and Facebook.

winds (with wind gusts of more than 45-55 m.p.h. Thursday through Saturday) but are less confident of the amount of snow that will hit the area.

NWS is urging residents to get necessary supplies through Wednesday to protect themselves from the effects of the storm and to consider alternate travel plans for late this week.

Suggestions include staying indoors or, if you must go outside, dress in layers and take breaks to warm up.

See STORM on other side

## SNOW REMOVAL



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## Hoopeston Area High School lists new members to Hall of Fame

Hoopeston Area High School plans to induct 10 individuals into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

The class of 2023 induction ceremony will take place between the JV and Varsity boys' basketball games versus Bismarck-Henning/Rossville-Alvin on Friday, January 27.

Inductees include former athletes Jon Drollinger, Lowell Hall, Barney Kirts, Lauren (Houmes) Leigh, Ernie Linares, Kristin McBride, Kristi (Shaffer) Phillips, and Donald Warner. Former coach Rich Stipp and fan/contributor Mark Swim are also being inducted.

A reception will be held in the high school cafeteria to meet the new Inductees following the ceremony. The public is invited to attend this celebration of the Hoopeston Area High School Athletic Hall of Fame class of 2023.

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## Briefly

### Christmas Eve service

Please join us at First Church of God, 1004 E Orange St Hoopeston, for our Christmas Eve Service Saturday, Dec. 24 at 3 p.m. We will have our children singing songs, Christmas carols and a brief message from Pastor Carlos Sanchez.

Hope to see you there!

### Obituaries

**POWELL** - Carol Ann (Gauthier) Powell, 69, of Potomac, died at 8:54 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, at OSD St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon celebration of her life Thursday at Potomac Church of the Nazarene. She will be cremated. Memorials are suggested to the church. Blurton Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

**SHIELDS** - James R. "Jim" Shields, 73, formerly of Hoopeston, died December 14, 2022, at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Niebur Funeral Home, 530 W. Adams St., Pittsfield. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pike County Crossing, with burial at Greenpond Cemetery near Pearl. Memorials are suggested to the family. Condolences may be shared at [www.niebur.fh.com](http://www.niebur.fh.com).

### Storm continued from other side

Watch for signs of frostbit or hypothermia. If you need to shovel, take breaks often and push, rather than lift, snow. Other tips include:

- Have non-perishable food and bottled water on hand.
- Have a secondary heat source in case the power goes out
- Keep a fire extinguisher and smoke/carbon monoxide detector on hand.
- Bring pets indoors or provide shelter and fresh water. Keep salt away from paws.
- If you must travel, check your vehicle's battery, coolant and tires and make sure to have jumper cables and a blanket.
- Check on elderly neighbors and friends, especially those who live alone.

For those who need it, Hoopeston City Hall will be open as a warming center when the temperature drops below 0. Residents may stay in the courtroom and will have access to a restroom. Those who seek shelter must

### Community blood drive

A Hoopeston blood drive will be held from noon-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30 at First Presbyterian Church community room, 915 E. Orange.

For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

### Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!

### At the library

**Littles @ The Library** 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Preschool story, craft and play time for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts are inviting to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

**Kids Steam Lab**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Christmas edition. Magic toothpick Christmas star, candy mint experiment, Fluffy Christmas slime.

### HMA activities

**Women's Morning Donut Group** meets at 8:15 a.m. Wednesdays in the large room at Multi Agency

**Card group meets** Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

check in at the Hoopeston Police Department window.

If Hoopeston receives more than 1.5" of snow, a snow emergency may be declared and snow routes put into effect. If that happens, all vehicles parked on streets on the list must be moved off the street promptly. Vehicles not removed may be towed at the owner's expense. Streets on designated snow route include:

Second Ave., from Main to Rt. 9.  
Penn from Rt. 1 to Euclid;  
Main from Rt. 1 to Eighth St. and Euclid,  
Fifth from Rt. 9 to Honeywell,  
Maple from Fifth St. to Third St.  
Third St. from Maple to Lincoln  
Lincoln from Third St. to Fifth St.  
Market from Rt. 9 to north of Hoopeston  
Sixth Ave. from Rt. 9 to Main  
Eighth St. from Penn to Main

The list is available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

## Sports

### Boys Basketball

Hoopeston Area defeated St. Anne, 67-48, Friday night Kendrick Sigerill led the Cornjerkers with 21 points, followed by Anthony Zamora with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Owen Root finished the night with 17 points and Preston VanDeVeer with six, Mason Rush and Ethan Steiner each added two points and Wyatt Eisenmann and Trenton Montez with one point each.

Montez and VanDeVeer each had four assists.

The Cornjerkers traveled north for the Watseka Holiday Tourney on Saturday, where they defeated Horizon Science Academy Southwest, 69-48.

Montez and Zamora each finished with 16 points each, followed by Eisenman with nine, VanDeVeer eight, Root seven, Sigrill six and Steiner, two.

Sigrill had a team-leading seven rebounds followed by Eisenman with five.

Hoopeston Area will take on Westville for fifth place in tourney action Tuesday.

## Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 1:58 p.m. Sunday for a report of a dryer fire in the 400 block of East Seminary. No injuries were reported.

## From the Blotter

**Iroquois County Sheriff's Police** arrested Michelle N. Rogers, 31, of Rankin, on December 17. She was charged with possession of methamphetamine less than 5 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rogers was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where she was released on bond.

**Joshua W. Searcy**, 35, of Milford, was arrested by ICSD on December 17. He was charged with possession of methamphetamine less than 5 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Searcy was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where he was released on bond.

## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 37. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 21. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of snow late. High 32, low 28.

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

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

MILFORD CROSSROADS YOUTH CENTER is seeking a DIRECTOR., Flexible Hours. Working with youth in grades 2-10. Applications available at Milford Building & Loan, Milford Village Hall or on Facebook at Milford Crossroads Youth Center . Contact Rod at (815) 471-4634. Immediate start date.

Hoopeston Police Department is accepting applications until December 31, 2022 for a full time Dispatcher. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W. Main St., or online at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

Fast Lanes looking for weekend Breakfast waitress and cooks. May lead into other days or nights! We also need night waitresses. MUST be available for weekend shifts. Experience helpful! Stop in and get an application! No phone calls/FB messages.

Hoopeston Public Library is seeking a dependable individual to shovel and salt sidewalks this winter. Must be able and available to keep walks clear for library operating hours, 10-6, Monday-Friday, and 10-3, Saturdays. Contact Library Director Tricia Freeland, 217-283-6711.

First Christian Church has immediate opening for a secretary, Tuesday-Thursday 8 am-noon. Send a Resume to FCC, PO Box 115, Hoopeston, IL. 60942

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

Cade's Heating and Air seeks a HVAC service/ installer tech. IL DR license required and Freon license preferred. Must have mechanical ability. HVAC experience preferred. send resume to: [ramcade@frontier.com](mailto:ramcade@frontier.com):101 E Penn St. Hoopeston, Starting pay based on experience.

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