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Illinois marks Severe Weather Preparedness Week March 6-10

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 6-10.

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 build-
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Multi Agency to host free health risk assessments Friday

Three organizations are joining forces to provide free health risk assessments for local residents.

Community Health Partnership of Illinois, Immigrant Services of Champaign County and the NAACP Danville branch are sponsoring the assessments at the Hoopston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The event will run from noon until 3 p.m.

A bilingual nurse will check blood pressure and glucose levels and will provide a Health Risk Assessment-
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ing. 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 lightning, 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 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.

For more tips, visit www.weather.gov/ilx/severe-prep.

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Obituaries

COOK - Luella (Murdock) Cook, 80, of Hoopeston, died Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 2 p.m. funeral Friday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial will be in Body Cemetery near Woodland. Condolences may be shared at www.baierfuneralhome.com.

Court Dispositions

February 8

Joseph D. Hart, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Tonya K. Edwards, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for theft, found guilty by default, fined \$230 plus \$12 restitution; new status hearing March 8.

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ment in English and Spanish.

Free COVID-19 kits will be provided with home tests and sanitary supplies for those who participate in the health risk assessments.

HMA evaluaciones gratuitas de riesgos para la salud el viernes

Tres organizaciones están uniendo fuerzas para proporcionar evaluaciones gratuitas de riesgos de salud para los residentes locales.

Community Health Partnership of Illinois, Immigrant Services of Champaign County y la sucursal de NAACP Danville están patrocinando las evaluaciones en Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. El evento se extenderá desde el mediodía hasta las 3 p.m.

Una enfermera bilingüe revisará la presión arterial y los niveles de glucosa y proporcionará una Evaluación de Riesgos para la Salud en inglés y español.

Se proporcionarán kits gratuitos de COVID-19 con pruebas caseras y suministros sanitarios para quienes participen en las evaluaciones de riesgos para la salud.

Weather

Mostly cloudy, chance of rain today. High 46. Tonight, rain likely. Low 33. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, breezy. High 38, low 26.

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

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

City of Hoopeston Parks Department is accepting applications for dependable seasonal employees. Candidates must have a valid Driver's License and the ability to operate a lawn mower and other lawn equipment. You may apply for the position at cityofhoopeston.com/employment/ or at the City Hall Administration Office, 301 W Main St. Questions, please call 217-283-5833.

Needed CDL drivers and general labor for spring help at United Prairie-Hoopeston. Please call Jordan Reese/Manager 217/918-2876 or office 217/888-1064

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

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NOTICES

The City of Hoopeston Water Department is accepting sealed bids for a 2003 Chevrolet 4 Wheel Drive Pickup Truck. The truck can be viewed in the alley by the water treatment plant, 420 W Penn St., near the water tower. Bid specs are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. Sealed bids are due at City Hall on Friday, March 31, 2023 by 10:00 AM and will be opened at 10:00 AM on Friday, March 31, 2023 at City Hall. You may contact City Hall at 217-283-5833 with any questions. The City of Hoopeston reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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