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Cheeseburgers for Paradise
 From 5 p.m. - close every Tuesday, we're donating \$5
 of each dine-in cheeseburger to a local church.
 This week's church is
Morningstar Ministries of Rossville
 Kids Meals not included, Limited to 1 cheeseburger/person
Rossville Family Restaurant
 715 S. Chicago, Rossville (217) 748-6201

NWS confirms Rankin to Wellington, Stockland tornadoes

The National Weather Service (NWS) confirmed two tornadoes occurred in northern Vermilion and southern Iroquois counties Friday night.



An EF-1 tornado traveled on a 16.6 mile arced path from rural Rankin to Wellington, with a maximum path width of 300 yards, according to NWS reports.

Estimated time of the twister was 7:57 to 8:15 p.m., with maximum winds of 97 m.p.h.

Wind speeds encompassed by EF-1 range from 86 to 110 m.p.h.

The tornado damaged farm buildings and trees and downed power poles along its path.

According to Director Russell Rudd of Vermilion County Emergency Management Agency, damage caused to a machine shed just north of Hoopeston was not part of the tornado's path.

The National Weather Service is
 See **TORNADOES** on other side

National Weather Service/Chicago
 The path of Friday's tornado from Rankin to Wellington

Join us Easter Sunday at
Rossville Family Restaurant
 Serving a special Easter dinner
 10:30 a.m. until close 3 p.m.
 Reservations not necessary
 but suggested

EASTER
Egg Hunt
 sponsored by Hoopeston Jaycees
Saturday 10:30 a.m. Ages 0-10
McFerren Park Legion Shelter
 1000s of eggs, candy, prizes
 & the Easter Bunny

Council could have husband/wife team after Tuesday vote

Hoopeston City Council could have its first husband and wife members after Tuesday's election.

the fire and ambulance committee and is overseeing McFerren Park Civic Center improvements in the wake

Michael Ferrell, husband of Ward 2 Ald. Kellie Ferrell, is seeking election to the seat vacated by Carl Ankenbrand when he moved out of the city.

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In order to do that, Ferrell will have to unseat incumbent Rachelle Miller, who was appointed to the seat in January.

Miller is currently chairman of

Area Polling Places			
<i>Polls open 6 a.m.-7 p.m.</i>			
BUTLER 1	Rankin Fire Station	511 S. Main	Rankin
GRANT 1-6	St. Anthony Parish Hall	423 S. Third St.	Hoopeston
ROSS 1-2	Rossville Church of Christ	514 E. Attica	Rossville

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 501 S. Third St., Hoopeston

Mass Schedule:
 Sat. 5 p.m.
 Sun. 9 a.m.
 11 a.m. Spanish/English

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 Holy Saturday April 8
 7:30 Easter Vigil Mass
 Easter Sunday, April 9 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston City Council, special meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Items include Bid acceptance on 2003 truck and budget discussion Agenda and Zoom link: www.cityofhoopeston.com.

Food cupboard needs help

Grant Township Food Cupboard needs help unloading a truck from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. The truck comes at 6:15 a.m. the first Tuesday of every

month. Anyone willing to help is asked to be come to the Grant Township Building, 525 South Market St. Hoopeston on April 4.

Retirement open house

An open house for retiring Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce President Valarie Hinkle will be held from 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston. Everyone is invited to come wish her well on her retirement.



High winds Friday night blew trampolines, damaging them. These landed in the area of Seventh St. and Seminary.

Tornadoes continued from other side

investigating whether that damage was caused by straight line winds in excess of 70 m.p.h., he said.

According to NWS, a second tornado tracked south of Stockland from 8:20-8:24 p.m. The maximum width was 300 yards for 4.8 miles, with estimated peak winds of 95 m.p.h. The tornado downed power poles, damaged trees and destroyed at least one small farm outbuilding, NWS reported.

Hoopeston did not bear the brunt of a tornado, but residents felt the effects of the storm. A tree was downed in the 800 block of East Orange and branches were downed around the city. Trampolines were blown to yards where they didn't belong and a shed at the Marten Portable Sheds display south of Casey's was found flipped upside down Saturday morning.

For many residents, a power outage meant no heat from Friday evening to Saturday morning and Saturday's spring breakfast at the Masonic Lodge was canceled for the same reason.

The National Weather Service is forecasting another round of possibly severe storms Tuesday and Tuesday evening.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms, breezy today, tonight. High 76, low 63. Tomorrow, showers, breezy then clear, breezy late. High 70, low 34.

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

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

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Littles @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and playtime 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!

From the Blotter

Brian P. Root, 52, of Hoopeston, was charged with disorderly conduct after an incident at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, at Tedd's Beverage, 101 W. Main. Police were advised of his location, found him and released him on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 9:09 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of South Third St.

Police said Logan Garrett, 22, of Hoopeston, backed a 2013 Ford utility vehicle from a driveway into a parked 2020 Hyundai utility, owned by Leah Mendez, also of Hoopeston.

Death Notices

GONZALEZ - Dennis Gonzalez, 68, of Rossville, died at 9:47 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2023, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home.

Team continued from other side

of Ald. Kyle Richards' recent resignation from the council and his role as parks committee chairman.

Mayor Jeff Wise is seeking letters of interest from Ward 1 residents interested in filling that seat.

The other alderman for Ward 1 will finally be elected to his seat. Stephen Eyrych was appointed to the seat in February 2021, before the April 2021 election, and was sworn in again after the election, in May 2021.

Other officials on Tuesday's ballot include:

Mayor Jeff Wise, for an unexpired two-year term.
Ald. Joe Garrett, four-year term, Ward 3.
Jesse Gonzalez, two-year unexpired term, Ward 3.
Robin Lawson, four-year term, Ward 4.

Builders Club, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. For kids of all ages. Free building, challenges, buddy builds and more!

For more information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or visit 110 N. Fourth St.

HMA activities

Women's Morning Donut Group meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

Card group meets Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

Sports booster club seeks members

Hoopeston Area Cornjerker Sports Booster Club is getting a reboot and is looking for members. The first meeting will be at 6 p.m. April 5 at 112 Wine & Coffee Shop, 112 E. Main. The purpose of the group is to help the Cornjerker Athletic Department.

For more information, email Michl Kearney at kearneml@hoopeston.k12.il.us.

Classifieds

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The Vermilion Housing Authority in Hoopeston is hiring a Maintenance Mechanic, starting pay \$20/hr. Applications available online at www.vermilionhousing.com.

Silgan Containers is hiring Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/13293

Silgan Containers is hiring an Electrician - Industrial/Maintenance Technician. Please apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/13392

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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