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**Winter weather preparedness, school-related info shared**

*Tips for dealing with snow, cold*

The National Weather Service forecast includes a chance of snow from Thursday through Sunday. What's not included in the prognostications is how much snow will accumulate in the local area, although guestimates range from inches in single to double digits. That will be followed next week by days of predicted high temperatures in single digits and lows in negative territory.

Winter weather has the ability to knock out heat, power and communications to homes and offices, sometimes for days at a time. Heavy snowfall, ice and extreme cold can bring activities to a standstill in an entire region.

Residents are urged to be prepared for whatever winter throws at them this year and have several tips to accomplish that goal.

Since fires often occur in winter, fire extinguishers should be in every home and occupants should know how to use them. Officials also suggest having an emergency kit with needed items for all family members, including:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for pets
- Important family documents stored in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash, or travelers checks and change
- Emergency reference materials, like a first aid book or information from [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- Sleeping bags or warm blankets for each person. If you've just moved to an area that experiences winter storms, consider getting additional bedding.
- Complete changes of clothing, including long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil

See COLD on other side

**Snow day vs. E-learning day info just in time for winter weather second semester calendar listed**

Submitted by  
**HA Supt. ROBERT RICHARDSON**

Good Morning Hoopeston Area Families,  
As we begin the second semester of the 2023-24 school year, I want to discuss the snow day vs. E-learning day processes.

A snow day is called due to inclement weather that could place student and staff safety at risk when traveling to school. A snow day does not require instruction or school work to be accomplished. When a snow day is called, the district is not in session due to an adverse weather event. Snow days must be made up at the end of the school year.

E-Learning days are called for the same reasons as snow days, but students are required by law to participate in five hours of instruction. Our staff have prepared packets for the students to continue learning while the district is closed due to inclement weather. E-Learning days are not required to be made up at the end of the school year.

We will make every attempt to notify families as early as possible in the event the typical school day procedures change by a snow day or E-Learning day. Administrators take student and staff safety very seriously and will always make decisions regarding snow days or E-Learning days from a viewpoint of what is best for student safety.

With the winter weather forecast for the end of the week, we will observe conditions, reach out to professionals in the area and drive district roads to check the safety of transporting students. When possible, E-learning days will be announced the day before the E-learning day to allow families the greatest amount of time to make arrangements for their children.

See SNOW on other side

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

Celebrate Recovery = Sustainable recovery  
**6 p.m. Thursdays**  
Hoopeston First Church of God  
1004 East Orange St. 217-283-6301  
*All are welcome*  
This week: Testimony Jenny Gomez  
Dinner and/or snacks served  
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**New Year, New Agent**

**Four Corners Insurance Agency**  
of Rankin and Hoopeston, IL is pleased to announce **Corey Moore** has joined our agency. He is licensed in crop insurance, as well as farm, home and auto.



Corey is a lifelong Hoopeston resident and has been in the Marine Corps for the last four years as a Corporal. He currently serves as a Sergeant in the Marine Corps Reserves. He, his wife, Jena, and daughter, Jaycie, reside outside of Hoopeston.

**Contact Corey at 217-397-2250 or 217-283-5515 for an insurance quote.**

*We are pleased to welcome Corey to Agencies.*



Photo submitted

## Lights out

Matt Stock takes the high road while Travis Field and Jason Leigh work at ground level taking down Christmas lights at McFerren Park Saturday. Volunteers also included Jim Means, Russ Leigh, Chaz Landers, and Mark Wagoner.

## Snow continued from other side

The calendar for second semester is on the district website and listed below.

January 12 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20  
 January 12 Report Cards Distributed  
 January 15 No School-Martin Luther King Holiday  
 January 26 School Improvement Day – 12:05/12:20 pm Dismissal  
 February 2 Progress Reports for 3rd Quarter Distributed  
 February 16 School Improvement Day – 12:05/12:20 pm Dismissal  
 February 19 No School – Presidents’ Day  
 March 1 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20  
 March 8 School Improvement Day – 12:05/12:20 pm Dismissal  
 March 15 End of 3rd Quarter  
 March 20 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20 pm - Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3-6:30 pm  
 March 21 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20 pm -

## Cold continued from other side

- Books, games, puzzles and games
- A secondary heat source is recommended, such as wood stove, fireplace or kerosene heater. Working carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are both mandated in Illinois.
- One gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight/weather radio and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle
- Moist towelettes for sanitation. Hoopeston Water Department asks these be disposed of in the garbage and not be flushed.
- Wrench/pliers to turn off utilities
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Garbage bags and plastic ties

For those who must be outside in frigid temperatures, there are these guidelines:

- Be alert for signs of hypothermia, which include dizziness, numbness, confusion and impaired vision. Seek medical help if you experience these symptoms.
- When doing strenuous activities, wear layers of clothing.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3-6:30 pm  
 March 22 No School - No Student Attendance  
 March 25 – March 29 Spring Break  
 April 1 School Resumes  
 April 19 School Improvement Day – 12:05/12:20 pm Dismissal  
 April 19 Progress Reports for 4th Quarter Distributed  
 May 3 Early Dismissal 2:05/2:20  
 May 20 Early Dismissal at 2:05/2:20 pm (HS Final Exams)  
 May 21 Early Dismissal at 2:05/2:20 pm (HS Final Exams)  
 May 22 Report Card Day/Early Dismissal at 12:05/12:20 pm and School Improvement Day  
 May 23 Teacher Institute – No school (8-3:30 pm)

If you should have questions, contact Supt. Robert Richardson at [richarre@hoopeston.k12.il.us](mailto:richarre@hoopeston.k12.il.us) or by phone 283-6668.

Also, make sure outdoor pets have shelter from wind, warm bedding material and sufficient food and water. Consider bringing them inside.

Snow routes are activated when snow reaches 1.5” or more and a snow emergency is declared. Streets on the snow route are:

- 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 at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

In snow emergencies, vehicles parked on these streets must be moved to allow for plowing. Failure to move a vehicle may result in it being towed at the owner’s expense and the owner fined. Emergencies will be announced on social and other media. Residents not on the list who have driveways are asked to park vehicles there, instead of in the street to allow for quicker and cleaner plowing.

## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 35. Tonight, cloudy, snow likely. Low 28. Tomorrow, rain/snow/breezy, blustery, snow likely late. High 36, low 17.

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

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Customer Account Representative  
 The Frederick Community Bank in Cissna Park has a position available for a part-time Customer Account Representative. Applicant must have skills interacting with customers, ability to handle various transactions accurately, and be part of a team environment. If interested, please mail your resume to The Frederick Community Bank, PO Box 36, Cissna Park, IL 60924, or get an application from the receptionist in Cissna Park.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at [silgancontainers.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/silgan/job/Mechanic\\_R174](http://silgancontainers.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/silgan/job/Mechanic_R174).

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring for 2<sup>nd</sup> Production Machine Operators, \$18/hour. Apply at [www.full-fill.com](http://www.full-fill.com) Applications available onsite. EOE

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Aquality Solutions is looking for men or women to deliver its products to area businesses and residential customers. This position offers benefits and incentive bonuses. Apply in person at 102 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

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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