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**Iroquois, Vermilion counties set storm spotter training**

Emergency groups in Iroquois and Vermilion counties will hold free severe weather storm spotter training to residents ahead of this year's spring storm season. Iroquois County Emergency Management Agency is hosting National Weather Service Chicago storm spotter training from 6:30-8:30 p.m. February 15 at The HUB, 114 N. Third St. in Watseka. Training is open to the public and classes are appropriate for all ages. The class will cover the ABCs of thunderstorms, what to report and how to report it and basic severe weather safety. The training meets the requirements to become a spotter for the SKYWARN® program.

Following the training, Danny Neal, of Illinois Storm Chasers, will present a special program. Neal has 26 years of in-the-field weather experiences and has documented 133 tornadoes across the country. He boasts more than 350,000 followers on his *Illinois Storm Chasers* Facebook page. Registration is not required but preferred. Registration and more information is available at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

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 Vermilion County Emergency Management Agency

**From the Blotter**

**Kayla R. Waddell**, 27, of Hoopeston, was mailed a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court for restraint of dog by owner or keeper after she was identified as the owner of several dogs running at large at 2:22 a.m. Tuesday in the 500 block of South Second Ave. A purse was found Wednesday at the corner of Bank and East Penn. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**Fire Calls**

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:35 p.m. Tuesday for a lift assist with Arrow Ambulance in the 400 block of East Honeywell.

and Vermilionweather.com will offer free spotter training on April 2 in the second floor council chambers of the Vermilion County Administration Building, 201 N. Vermilion, in Danville. Trailing will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Severe storm spotters are a vital part of the warning process. Spotters provide critical, potentially life saving information to their communities and surrounding locations and to National Weather Service forecasters who use the reports to help issue warnings and keep the public updated during severe weather events.

Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend the class. Children (under the age of 18) are welcome to attend the class, however, they will not be considered official spotters.

The spotter training class is designed for people new to severe storm spotting, as well as those that need refresher training. The training is comprised of all of the information that spotters need to be effective and stay safe. For more information, visit [vermilionweather.com](http://vermilionweather.com).

**Briefly**

**At the library**  
 Don't forget to bring in your donations this week for HPL's free Craft Swap, February 13-17. Those who contribute will get a ticket for early admission to the swap.

**Breast cancer support**  
 Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 15, at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

**Addiction recovery group**  
 Men's addiction recovery group meeting. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

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## Sports

### Boys Basketball

Wyatt Eisenmann led scoring when Hoopeston Area traveled to Gilman to take on Iroquois West on January 30, but the Cornjerker effort came up short, 52-46. His total included four three pointers of nine attempts. Trenton Montez contributed 11 points and hit two treys on six tries. Rounding out scoring were Mason Rush with six, Owen Root with five, Ethan Steiner, three and Dylan Judy, two.

In JV action, it was Hoopeston Area 40 and Iroquois West 26. Nick Cardenas led with 12 points.

The Cornjerkers broke a four-game losing streak with a 59-56 home win over Armstrong -Potomac on February 2. Owen Root took command of the hardwood, leading HA with 20 points and six rebounds, followed by Kendall Sigerill with 13, Montex with nine, Eisenmann, eight, Rush, six, and Steiner, three. Root made two of six three-point attempts, Rush was 2 of 4 and Montez 1 for 1.

The Cornjerker JV team also added a win, beating the Trojans, 38-32. Zach Huchel led with 14 and Cardenas had 12 for the night.

The freshman/sophomore team hosted Watseka Mon-

day, losing to the Warriors, 35-31. Cy Tuggle had 14 points for the Cornjerkers.

Tuesday, it was the varsity's turn to host Watseka, where the Cornjerkers were victorious, 60-53. Sigerill had 12 points and 11 rebounds and Eisenmann added 19. Rush contributed 12 and Montez, six. Rush and Root each had three from uptown.

The win puts Hoopeston Area at 18-10 overall and 6-3 in the Vermilion Valley Conference.

The JV fell short, losing 40-33. Huchel had nine points and Dylan Judy had eight.

Hoopeston Area will be on the road Friday to face Georgetown-Ridge Farm.

### Girls Basketball

The Lady Cornjerkers hosted Armstrong on January 29, edging the Lady Trojans 53-50. Brylie Cox led with 19 points, followed by Claire Dixon with 14 and Addyson Kelnhofer with 10.

Hoopeston Area hosted Watseka on February 1, losing 35-28. Maddie Barnes had 12 points and Kelnhofer, eight.

The ladies added a win Saturday, defeating Heritage, 62-25 at home for a "Pack the Place" game. Maddie Barnes had 25 points and Claire Dixon 22, including six treys from each girl.

Claire Dixon scored 17 points in Monday's game against Georgetown-Ridge Farm, but HA lost, 46-35. The loss put the ladies at 15-14 overall and 6-5 in the VVC.

The Lady Cornjerkers were scheduled to host Chrisman Thursday for the team's senior night and will have home court advantage when they face Oakwood in the regional quarterfinal game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hoopeston Area Middle School.

### Wrestling

Three Hoopeston Area wrestlers will head to sectionals this weekend after making the grade in their weight categories last week at regionals at Tolono (Unity High).

Angel Zamora, Charlie Flores, and Ayden Larkin will wrestle Friday and Saturday at the IHSA Class 1A Wrestling Sectional at Olympia High School.

Zamora, with a 45-2 record, placed first in the 175 lb. class. Receiving a bye in the first round, Zamora won by fall (0:16) over Kamden Gaither of Warrensburg-Latham. In the semi-final, he won by fall (0:58) over Kristan Hibbard, of Clinton. In the final round, Zamora again won by fall (1:40) over August Christhif of St. Thomas More.

Charlie Flores (36-11) placed second in the 106 lb. class, winning by fall (1:15) in the quarterfinal over Landon Nieslawski, of Heyworth, then won by fall (4:37)

over Ezekiel Young of Monticello. In the first place match Flores lost by decision (6-0) to Emmitt Holt of St. Joe-Ogden.

Ayden Larkin (36-9) placed second in the 157 lb. class. In the quarterfinal, he won by fall (1:23) over Nathan Daly of St. Joe Ogden, and in the semifinal, won by sudden victory (SV-1 10-8) over Phillip Christhif of St. Thomas More. In the first place match, Larkin lost by decision (6-4) to Abram Davidson of Tolono (Unity).

Other Cornjerker wrestlers placing were:

Talan Nelson, 4th, 126 lbs.

Aiden Bell, 4th 132 lbs.

David Bell, 4th, 144 lbs.

Bryson Brewer, 4th, 215 lbs.

Tucker Deck, 4th, 285 lbs.

Rounding out the team were Damien Salinas 138 lbs., Ceasar Espinoza, 150 lbs., and Earl Kelnhofer, 190 lbs.

## Obituaries

**BLACKWELL** - Lloyd Eugene Blackwell, 81, of Byrdstown, Tenn., formerly of Hoopeston, died Sunday, February 4, 2024, at Livingston Regional Hospital. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the noon funeral Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

## Court Dispositions

**December 13, 2023**

**Brittney L. Lanie**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$180; new status hearing January 10.

**Paul L. Dailing**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for trespassing, default entered; case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Brandyn S. Wallace**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to general nuisance at initial appearance. He complied and was fined costs only of \$80; status hearing January 10.

## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 61. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 40. Tomorrow, chance of showers, then sunny. High 47, low 27. Sunday, partly sunny, chance of snow late. High 42, low 29.

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

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for the temporary positions of Assistant Manager and Lifeguard for the 2024 swim season for the McFerren Park Public Swimming Pool. Applications and job descriptions are available online at [www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/) and at City Hall, 301 W Main St. Please contact Kristi Hudson, 217-663-9617 or City Hall, 217-283-5833 for questions. Application deadline is Friday, February 23rd, 2023.

The City of Hoopeston is seeking applicants for the position of dispatcher. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or on our website at [www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/). For questions, please contact the police department at 217-283-5196.

### 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 you are interested, please mail your resume to The Frederick Community Bank, PO Box 36, Cissna Park, IL 60924, or pick up an application from the receptionist in Cissna Park.

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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.

### NOTICES

Rossville Public Health and Safety Committee  
Public Hearing,

6:00 p.m. Thursday February 15, 2024, 120 E. Attica Street, Rossville regarding Compensation and Waiver of Siting Authority Agreement between the Village of Rossville and Invenegy concerning wind energy turbines and other ancillary Project improvements located within the potential zoning and siting jurisdiction of the Village and Hubbard Trail Country Club 3.0 mile jurisdiction.

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