

First aid for storm-damaged trees

Glaze ice build-up caused by recent winter storms can increase the weight of tree branches to damaging levels.

The accumulation of snow or glaze ice in the crown of trees causes compression stress on stems and may result in bending or breaking if the stem isn't perfectly straight.

In addition, glaze ice causes significant loss of twigs and buds resulting in slowed spring growth.

Extreme cold, drying winds, bright sunlight or sudden drops in temperature commonly cause winter injury to trees and shrubs.

The frequency and severity of winter damage is determined by a number of factors, including plant species and weather extremes during the dormant period.

Damage includes misshapen plants, broken branches and split trunks. Breakage is usually caused by the weight of snow and ice and carelessly snow removal.

Multi-stemmed evergreens are often damaged by heavy accumulations of snow or ice.

The soft, brittle branches of many hardwoods, such as silver maple, Bradford pear and birch,



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may be seriously damaged in ice storms.

Improper removal of ice or snow from the tree or shrub might increase the damage.

Carefully assess each iced tree situation before you do anything.

Sometimes, it's better to do nothing. Obviously, making contact with a power line is always unsafe. Be cautious, and leave tree and power-line problems to the pros. When in doubt about a tangled or bent iced tree, get help from a certified arborist.

Where trees and branches are bent or tangled in other trees and the whole mess is still glazed, it is difficult to see all the hazards. If part of a tree has fallen into another, and all of it is ice-coated and ready to fall, be especially cautious.

Never cut bent-over trees. Additionally, cutting bent and broken tree parts in sub-zero conditions means cut pieces may ricochet off adjacent ice-coated surfaces. Careful hazard assessment, a cautious attitude, and wearing a hard hat, face screen and steel-toed boots can help prevent a disabling injury.

Get help from a certified arborist or experienced woods worker. Obtain several estimates and references from others who have used a tree service before signing a contract for work.

Remove snow on shrubs with a broom using an upward motion. This will lift the snow off and reduce downward pressure, which can result in limb breakage. If the branches are frozen and brittle, avoid disturbing them until a warmer day or until ice naturally melts away.

Prune up trees and shrubs with accumulated ice to prevent breakage. Never break ice off trees or shrubs by beating the ice-covered branches. This only increases the damage and causes further breakage.

Prune branch stubs caused by severe breakage to the main stem to promote rapid healing

and callus formation before growth resumes in the spring.

If some of your trees are a total loss after this bout of freezing rain, consider planting more ice-tolerant trees such as sugar or red maples, white spruce, hickory, red oak and white pine.

In the future, correctly prune woody plants at the appropriate time throughout the year to effectively reduce ice and snow damage. Remove any weak, narrow-angled, V-shaped areas.

Additionally, avoid late-summer pruning, which stimulates new, tender growth, thereby reducing the supply of nutrients available to the plant through the winter.

Near power lines, choose species that grow less than 20 feet tall at maturity. Remember that some utility lines are only 12 feet high, such as those that connect directly to a home.

Avoid planting directly below utility lines; maintain a distance of at least 10 to 20 feet.

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ON THE HORIZON

Event
Bethany Lutheran Church, 5702 S. East St. in Indianapolis, will host a pre-Lenten tea at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. A Christian musical program will be presented. Fellowship and refreshments will follow.

The concert is free, but an offering will be taken.

Classes
Mount Pleasant Christian Church, 381 Bluff Road, will offer Divorce Care classes from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays through May 9. Materials cost \$15 per person, and child care will be provided for a nominal fee. Each Divorce Care session has two elements: a seminar with experts and time spent in a support group. Mount Pleasant also will offer a Dynamic Marriage class from 5:30 to 7:30 Sundays through May 6. Cost is \$160 per couple.

Information: divorcecare.com, 881-6727 Ext. 238 or familydynamics.net

Services
Greenwood Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Main St., will hold an Ash

Wednesday service at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Morning Star Baptist Church, 1 mile north of Tragalgar on State Road 135, will have new meeting times beginning March 4. They are: 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 and 11 a.m. worship services, 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer and Bible study and 7 p.m. Wednesday youth group meetings for young people 13 and older.

Meetings
Johnson County Ministerial Association will conduct the following meetings at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

- March 13: Providence Christian Church, Bargersville
- April 10: Americare Office, 1150 N. Main St., Franklin. The nominating committee will be appointed.

Send information on church events in the form of news releases, not newsletters or bulletins, to the Daily Journal by e-mail at ajones@thejournalnet.com, by mail at P.O. Box 699, Franklin, IN 46131, or by fax at 736-2766.

• Art

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Festival will be screened in the museum's IMAX theater.

The juried film festival received more than 50 submissions of films less than 30 minutes long from Indiana filmmakers.

The three winning films will premier at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday, 12 other films selected for the festival will be screened.

Audience members can meet film directors at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, and a family-friendly bloc of films will air at 2 p.m., 3:20 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.

The juried Indiana Art Fair usually draws about 3,000 people, said Chris Krok, coordinator for the fair.

Competition for this year's show was high, she says. Last year, 100 artists participated, but exhibit space is limited this year.

About 65 percent of the artists this year have shown their work at the fair before. That allows the remaining spaces to be filled by newer Indiana artists, Krok said.

The art fair will fill all three floors of the museum.

One of the artists will be Sister Jody O'Neil of the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute.

O'Neil recently joined other nuns from the religious order who traveled to Rome for the canonization of St. Theodore Guerin, who founded

St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

She sent Krok a note on a card she designed with Guerin's image on the front. Krok was so impressed she asked O'Neil to make cards to sell at the art fair.

O'Neil also does mixed-media paintings.

The fair will feature various art forms, including ceramics, decorative and wearable fiber, quilts, glass, metalwork, painting, drawing, print-making, photography, sculpture, surface decoration and wood.

Original jewelry is a big seller, Krok said.

It is usually less expensive than other art work, which makes it more accessible.

There are always crowds of people looking for something unique at the jewelry booths, she said.

One of the more unusual jewelry artists this year is a couple who make accessories from broken porcelain pieces.

Judges of the show are art professionals. Two are from the Indianapolis Museum of Art and five judges are from outside the museum.

During the fair, guests also will be able to view an exhibit called "Curator's Choice: Highlighting Indiana Art and Our Own Artist — The Paintings of William Edouard Scott."

Scott (1884 to 1964), born in Indianapolis, was an abstractist/ impressionist.

He has exhibited at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Hoosier Salon in Indianapolis and the Royal Academy of London.

SOUTH SIDE COLLEGE NOTES

Dean's list
Anderson University
 Greenwood: Natalie Stiles
Bluffton University, Ohio
 Greenwood: Jordan Scifres
Hanover College
 Greenwood: Kelli McGuire
Indiana University
 Franklin: Lindsay Bayne, Judy Moser
 New Whiteland: Leah Stanley
Marian College
 Edinburgh: Megan Fitzpatrick
Murray State University
 Greenwood: Jennifer Reynolds, Meagan Richeson
Taylor University
 Greenwood: Valerie Long
University of Evansville
 Franklin: Garric Henry, Laura Schletzer, Kyle Shatto, Denee Wischmeier

Greenwood: Ryan Cummings, Zannah Harbert, Angela Kettler, Alexander Kopko, Ashley Werner
 Whiteland: Alicia Laraway
University of Northwestern Ohio
 Franklin: Casey Davis

Graduates
Indiana Wesleyan University
 Franklin: Brian Anderson, Kevin Anderson, Denise Brown, Carla Smith
 Greenwood: Christine Adkins, James Bryant, Nicholas Camin, Michael E. Campbell, Damon Gobel, Misty Irvin, Michael McKnight, Kelli Parham, Dena Petty, Brent Ritchotte, Joseph Royer, James Silvers, Mark Spenny, Brian Watson, Laura Winscott
 Indianapolis: Donna Street
 Trafalgar: Bradley Hobbs
 Whiteland: Shari McElyea, Rebekah Secrest

IN THE MILITARY

William S. Layton of Bargersville recently enlisted in the U.S. Army's delayed entry program and will report for active duty Tuesday. A 1992 Center Grove High School graduate who has previously served with the Army, Army Reserve, and Indiana National Guard, Layton will be assigned to Fort Riley, Kan., as a cavalry scout. He has volunteered to serve a three-year tour of duty.

DeJuan M. Sharp, Edinburgh, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army's delayed entry program and will report for active duty July 26. A senior at the Atterbury Job Corps, Sharp will take

basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and advanced individual training at Fort Lee, Va. He has chosen the position of unit supply specialist as his military occupation.

Air Force Staff Sgt. **Stephen A. Lusk** is deployed overseas at a forward-operating location. He is the son of Gerald R. and Sharon L. Lusk of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Nicholas S. Harrington** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Harrington is the son of Donald Harrington of Greenwood and stepson of Paul Lambert of Indianapolis.

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