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Nobles Cooperative Electric linemen repair power lines on Sundberg Avenue south of 320th Street Friday afternoon in high winds and blowing snow west of Round Lake.
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LEFT IN THE DARK



Above: Ice and high winds broke off tree limbs in Olson Park Thursday as an April ice storm and blizzard blasted the area. **Above right:** High winds push the tail feathers of a Ringneck pheasant as he looks for cover in a field along 270th Street during Thursday's ice storm. **Right:** Ice buildup on a road sign on Nobles County 9, west of Worthington.



Ice storm snaps poles, damages transmission lines across area

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Worthington

Homes and businesses who have been on rolling blackouts since Thursday morning were expected to be back to full power restoration by midnight Friday, according to Worthington Public Utilities General Manager Scott Hain.

"We're ready to go once transmission is up," Hain said late Friday afternoon. "We've got information from Great River Energy and ITC that we could have access to transmission from the outside world by 9 p.m. It could be limited."

"What we're hoping is if we can get a feed from either of those (power providers) ... we can cease rolling blackouts," he added.

That's great news for Worthington residents, businesses and local manufacturing companies who have lost two days of production.

JBS and Bedford are planning full production shifts on Saturday, he said.

While Worthington appears to be getting power in time for the weekend, rural residents will have to wait a bit longer.

With winds gusting up to more than 30 miles per hour Friday afternoon, linemen from Nobles Cooperative Electric and several other agencies were making repairs to utility poles as more than 4,000 of its customers remained without power — some since 4 p.m. Wednesday.

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Benefit is Sunday for Marten family

Pancake feed to help offset costs for infant son with heart defect

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ADRIAN — A benefit for the Eric and Marissa Marten family will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Adrian Elementary School to help with expenses as one of their newborn twins recovers from his first open heart surgery.

The Martens welcomed twin boys to their family on March 29 — Thielen James and Tucker Kenneth. Tucker was born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS), a defect in which the left side of his heart didn't form correctly. On April 1, three days after his birth at St. Marys Hospital in Rochester, the first of three anticipated open heart surgeries was performed.

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Runnings employee Lori Klassen hands a customer a flashlight to shop in the darkened store Friday during the rolling blackout.

Generators, sump pumps in demand

Local stores try to accommodate needs during rolling blackouts

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WORTHINGTON — There was a frenzy on generators Friday morning at the Runnings store in Worthington, with a shipment of 15 — in a variety of sizes — selling

out within 10 or 15 minutes, according to store manager John Aanenson.

The farm and home store sold out of generators Thursday, but began taking names and phone numbers of customers who came in looking for the alternative-power suppliers to run their sump pumps, appliances, lights and farm operations.

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