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Rossville business owners bounce back from devastating fire

ROSSVILLE—Naomi Freeman has a new home.

Freeman, owner of Freeman's Folly, lost her business and personal belongings in the Feb. 27 fire that destroyed the 100 block of South Chicago St., has spent the last several months selling her antiques from Bray's General Store.

Last week, she opened her shop in a new location and has a new apartment, too.

Freeman is now in the blue building at 106 E. Attica. "You can't miss the blue building," she said.

Mike Bray renovated the building to include room for Freeman's antiques and collectibles as well as her living space. "He did a wonderful job," she said. "It's beginning to feel like home."

Freeman is not the only business owner who plans to reopen in new quarters. Dave and Monica Richardson, owners of Country Way, are expected to open at 110 E. Attica. They were unable to be reached

by telephone.

While getting her business in order, Freeman is also coordinating plans for Rossville's annual Labor Day weekend street sale. "This is my 20th and last year to manage Labor Day," she said. "That's an absolute fact. It's time to let some younger people take it over."

This event may be smaller than others. Many previous vendors thought the weekend-long sale would not be held this year. Others were unable to be contacted because the list of vendors was lost in the fire.

While Freeman plans to give up heading the Labor Day event, the 79-year-old will continue to run her shop as long as she is able. "I can't quit," she said. "I love what I do. It would break my heart to quit. As long as I'm physically able, I'll be here."

As Freeman creates a new shop and home, she is mindful of what she lost but thankful, too. Living above her old shop for 25 years, "I had everything I loved around me," she said. "Some people never have

Hoopeston Regional Health Center to offer new screening

Area residents have a new tool in the fight to stay healthy.

Hoopeston Regional Health Center is now offering arterial disease screenings at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, 701 E. Orange.

There are no symptoms to arterial disease, said Patti McCord, facility director of radiology. The screenings will allow people to make lifestyle changes or receive medical treatment to avoid strokes, the number one killer in America, or other arterial disease.

"Arterial disease screening through the use of ultrasound is one of the most effective ways to detect vascular disease, which can contribute to

strokes, coronary artery disease and aneurysms," McCord said. People concerned about stroke may want the stroke screening/carotid artery ultrasound which screens for the buildup of fatty plaque - the leading cause of strokes.

Those with a family history of aneurysms are advised to have the abdominal aortic aneurysm screening, an ultrasound that scans the abdominal aorta for an aneurism (enlargement) that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery. The vast majority of people who have an aneurysm have no symptoms.

The screenings will be performed by Kasey Moore and interpreted by a board-certified radiologist who

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New Books at the Library



Non-Fiction

Puppetmaster, the Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover by Richard Hack

Econoguide Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando 2004 by Corey Sandler

In the Ghost Country: a Lifetime Spent on the Edge by Peter Hillary

And If I Perish: Frontline U.S. Army Nurses in World War II by Evelyn Monahan

Thura's Diary: My Life in Wartime Iraq by Thura Al-Windawi (young adult)

Sons of Camelot: the Fate of an American Dynasty by Laurence Leamer

Job.. a Man of Heroic Endurance by Charles R. Swin-

Police News



Wayne S. Propes, 30, of 4163 Alma Ct., Chino, Calif., was arrested at 11:10 p.m. Sunday in the alley between the 400 block of East Main and Seminary.

Propes, wanted on a Champaign County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was taken to the

Three girls bring home honors from annual Sunburst Pageant

Three local girls represented Hoopeston well at the annual Sunburst Pageant Aug. 15 at the Village Mall in Danville.

Allie Smith, six, was crowned Miss Sunburst for her age group. She also received awards for pretties eyes and prettiest hair.

Ashlee Underwood, 16, received first runner up in her group, prettiest hair, best attire and photogenic awards.

Both girls were sponsored by their parents, Kellie and Todd Underwood.

Jacee Davis, 11, was named Miss Sunburst for her age group and also received pretties hair, prettiest smile, best attire and photogenic awards.

She was sponsored by her parents, Lonnie and Nikki Davis.

The girls will head to state competition in Springfield on May 28-29, 2005.

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A Hand to Hold: Helping Someone Through Grief by Lauraine Snelling

I Like Being a Mom: Treasured Stories, Memories, and Milestones

If I Knew It Was Going To Be This Much Fun, I Would Have Become a Grandparent First by Willard Scott

The Book of Rule: How the World is Governed

The Complete Guide to Protecting Your Financial Security When Getting a Divorce by Alan Feigenbaum

HMA van schedule change

The Hoopeston Multi Agency van will be making shuttle trips in Hoopeston Tuesday. The planned trip to the war museum in Danville was cancelled due to lack of interest.

To be picked up, call 283-5544.

Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 6:18 p.m. Sunday to a fire in a bathroom in a home in the 900 block of East Young.

See SCREENING on other side

Screening continued from other side

will provide a copy of the report to the person's personal physician within seven business days.

Individuals whose tests reveal significant findings will be notified to contact their physicians for further evaluation.

The cost for each screening is \$40. Currently, Medicare does not cover the screenings and the health center does not file insurance claims.

For more information or to schedule a

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today tonight and tomorrow. High today 83, low 66. Tomorrow's high 86, low 69.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopes-

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219-232

624 S. Eighth Ave., Hoopeston. 2 bed, 1 bath and full basement great for storage or play area. Includes refrigerator & stove. \$475/mo., \$475 deposit.

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start is now accepting applications for a bus driver. Applicants must have valid Illinois driver's license with CDL & school driver permit. This position is for approximately 4-6 weeks. Starting salary is \$11.49 per hour. Please fax resume to (815) 984-4500 or call (815) 984-3706 with questions. EOE.

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Hoopeston: 2 bedroom. Available Sept. 1. New carpet. \$375+security, references. No pets. (217) 304-3477

426 W. Maple, Hoopeston. 2 bed, 1 bath and garage. Refrigerator & stove furnished. \$400 per mo., \$400 deposit. (217) 283-7996.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Electric Maytag dryer, \$75; 2 microwaves (working) \$15 ea. (217) 283-5230.

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