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Hoopeston police arrest two on methamphetamine charges

Two people were arrested Tuesday after police found methamphetamine-manufacturing materials in a Hoopeston home.

Imogene Fink, 22, of 309 W. Penn and James A. Bridgman, 25, of 3479 N. County Rd. 020 E., Gays, Ill., were arrested at 9:27 a.m. at Fink's home.

Police were called to the area after a peculiar odor was reported in the neighborhood. An initial investigation revealed evidence of the possible manufacture of meth, enough to warrant further search of the home. The search turned up what police called "considerable amounts" of anhydrous ammonia, methamphetamine and equipment and other chemicals used to manufacture

the drug.

Bridgman was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver.

Fink was charged with possession of a controlled substance, unlawful transport of anhydrous ammonia in an unauthorized container and permitting the unlawful usage of a building for the manufacture of a controlled substance.

Fink and Bridgman were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A hazardous materials unit was called to make the building safe.

Township officials mull fire department request for funds

Grant Township officials are looking at ways to help the Hoopeston Fire Department without straining their budget.

Officials of the department, which provides fire coverage in rural Grant Township, were at Tuesday's township board meeting to ask for funds to help purchase a brush truck.

The truck, estimated at \$87,000 to \$90,000, would include 4-wheel drive and have a Jaws of Life set

and would have a foam system to extinguish field fires.

Last year, the department purchased a 3,500-gallon tanker and are awaiting a new pumper, expected to be available in early May. The brush truck "is the last big thing and this is for the township," Shipman said.

At previous meetings, trustees discussed the how increased property tax exemptions will affect township finances and that was a concern voiced at the meeting about the fire department's request for funds.

Both owner-occupied and senior citizen exemptions will go up this year but how much that will cut into property taxes paid to governing bodies will not be known until new equalized assessed valuations are released in the fall, said Assessor Susie Sheppard.

One option trustees had discussed is putting aside \$10,000 annually for three years, earmarking the money for capital assets for the fire truck. Trustees also suggested looking into the state bidding pool to perhaps purchase the vehicle with a low or no-interest loan.

See TOWNSHIP on other side

Fire chief expects better ISO rate in rural Grant Township

The Hoopeston Fire Department expects a lower rating from a national standards organization which will be a boon for rural homeowners.

At Tuesday's Grant Township meeting, Chief Greg Shipman told trustees that the department ex-

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Plenty of Valentine's Day balloons.
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Spaghetti Dinner
Friday, Feb. 11 5-7 p.m.
Hoopeston Multi Agency
206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston
Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread,
dessert & drink
\$6 per person, \$6.50 carry out

Hubbard Trail Country Club
Valentine's Special

2 Ribeye Dinners, 2 drinks
2 glasses of Champagne
\$30
Friday night, Feb. 11

See **RATE** on other side

Rate continued from other side

pects a new Insurance Services Organization rating in the rural area.

The ISO is a national safety rating organization. Their ratings are used to determine insurance rates for things such as fire coverage.

Currently, the ISO ranks Hoopeston at 5 and the rural area at a 9 but that number is expected to drop.


In order to receive the lower, better rating, the department had to submit to an ISO inspection and while final results are not in yet, "all indications

Township continued from other side

"There's other opportunities we can look at," said Trustee Dale Lithgow.

Supervisor Bill Boose asked how many of last year's fire calls were in the rural area. Shipman answered that of 141 calls, 28 were outside Hoopeston city limits. The number is a little less than 20 percent of the total, Shipman said, adding that 20 percent of the depart-

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say our ratings are going to go down," he said. "It looks like it could be a 6."

Insurance agent Todd Harris, who attended the meeting with Shipman and other firefighters, said the new rate is expected to be "a nice jump." If the department lowers its rating to anywhere between 8 and 5, many property owners may see a sizeable drop in the insurance rates they pay for fire protection. Savings could be "probably at least a couple hundred dollars, if not more," Harris said.

The rating will put rural Grant Township residents about on par with Hoopeston residents for

ment's budget is \$25,000.


Currently, Grant Township pays \$13,000 annually to Hoopeston for fire protection.

Boose suggested another source of revenue might be to bill rural residents for fire calls. Residents would then be able to submit the bills to their property insurers for payment.

Shipman said that in the past, the city did bill rural residents but that the bills often went unpaid.

Trustees plan to get more information on the brush truck before they make a decision on the request for funds.

Weather



Decreasing clouds today. High 29. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 19. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 36, low 23.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

Sweetheart Dance
Saturday, Feb. 12 **DJ**
8:30-1
Sweetheart pictures will be taken
Door Prizes
Main Street Inn

insurance premiums. Savings will depend on individual insurance company policies, he said.

Department members spent hours preparing

Police News



Police reported Tuesday that items were taken from Hoopeston Convenience Foods, 714 W. Orange. The theft occurred at 10:41 p.m. Sunday.

Watseka police contacted local police Tuesday regarding a theft at CVS Pharmacy in Watseka. Based on that information, Hoopeston CVS employees took inventory and found a large quantity of baby formula gone from the shelves.

Classifieds

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Part time delivery driver needed at Hoopeston Coin Laundry. Apply in person, Mon.-Fri., at 209 S. First Ave.

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