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Burning trash leads to blaze at pallet company

A burning trash pile is being blamed for a blaze at M&N Pallet Thursday afternoon.

More than 100 firefighters from five fire departments battled for approximately three hours Thursday to extinguish the fire, which consumed a large storage shed at the pallet company's 900 S. Second Ave. site.

Four firemen were taken from the scene by Hoopeston Ambulance to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, where they were treated for heat exhaustion, said Hoopeston fire chief Brian Laird.

Embers from a trash fire near the shed apparently were carried by the wind and started the fire, Laird said. The Illinois Fire Marshall's office is not expected to be called to investigate the fire.

Inside the shed were several vehicles, an antique sweetcorn husker and empty barrels.

Residents near the fire scene reported hearing

explosions after the fire started, but Laird said he had not investigated those reports yet.

The shed approximately 200' by 60' shed was destroyed, but firemen managed to save a second structure next to the ruined building.

Piece of history caught in blaze

A piece of Hoopeston history was caught in Thursday's fire at M&N Pallet Co.

A 1942 FMC double head corn husker was stored on a hay rack in the shed. The husker is owned by the Hoopeston Jaycees and used annually during the National Sweet Corn Festival.

The machine, with its cast iron frame and electric motor, is no longer produced by the company.

The extent of damage to the husker was not known at press time.

School board discusses extra-curricular policy changes

"Birds of a feather flock together" sums up proposed changes in the extra-curricular policy for Hoopeston Area schools.

Changes, developed by a newly-formed extra-curricular council, was discussed at Thursday's Hoopeston Area school board meeting.

Under the biggest policy change, would punish not only students who drink or take drugs at "road parties" would be punished, but students who attend such parties would face punishment, as well.

The drug/alcohol proposal would be a two-step process, according to Mark Conolly, Hoopeston Area High School principal.

Under the first step, a student found guilty of using at a party or attending a party where drugs or alcohol is used would be suspended from 30 percent of his extra-curricular activity. For non-athletic activities, such as drama club, the council would designate a time period equal to the 30 percent.

Penalties would carry over to the next extra-curricular activity or next school year.

The proposed change came under fire from some board members and was defended by school coaches and activity sponsors.

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Changes continued from other side

Board president Ed Layden Jr. argued that parents and police are responsible for students during off-school hours, while member Gary Miller said the policy might go to far.

"I don't think we can take on the responsibility of kids' actions 24 hours a day," Miller said. "We're basically eliminating any due process for a kid who's there. Under this rule, we're going to sacrifice good kids to catch the bad ones."

But Quentin Ryder, girls track coach, disagreed, saying students who choose to attend such parties "lose their innocence."

Obituaries

McCord - Zola M. McCord, 83, of East Lynn, died at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, 1995, at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the East Lynn Methodist Church. Burial will be in the East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the East Lynn Methodist Church.

Up & Coming Meetings

The Rossville village board and Rossville-Alvin school board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, June 19.

The Hoopeston city council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20.

Wiggle and Jiggle

The children's Summer Reading Program at the Hoopeston Public Library will host a Jello social at 6:30 p.m. Monday. The social is open to reading program participants, their parents and grandparents. Friends of the Library will supply Jello, but guests may also bring their favorite flavor.

For more information, contact children's librarian Carol Arnold at (217) 283-6711.

"We have a unique opportunity to do something about a pervasive problem in our community," Ryder said. "It's not parents or us, it's parents and us and the police."

The board is expected to vote on the policy at its July 20 meeting.

Police News



Marion Harper, 501 W. Elm, reported Wednesday that someone pried open the door of his 1993 Ford Dutch Star mobile home. Taken were an H&R .38 special and 50 rounds of ammunition, binoculars, brief case with miscellaneous papers and some cash.

Brian E. Morlan, 18, of 17219E 4000N Rd., was arrested at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, charged with disorderly conduct. Morlan was arrested on a complaint from Norma J. Deck, 314 E. Maple. Deck alleged Morlan nearly ran her over in the IGA parking lot, then yelled obscenities at her.

He was released on a notice to appear.

Gene Hanson, 525 E. Main, reported Wednesday that someone broke into the First Church of God, 1004 E. Orange. Doors, a filing cabinet and desk drawers were gone through, but nothing was reported missing.

Tim Schwartz, 618 S. third St., reported Thursday that someone took his blue Huffy mountain bike from his home.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
June 14, 1995

Admitted: Emily Deck, Rossville.

Discharged: none.

Weather



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