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An Illinois State Fire Marshall and Hoopeston firemen sort through rubble in the aftermath of a fire early Sunday at 406 E. Main.

## State fire officials seek cause of blaze Sunday morning

An investigator from the Illinois State Fire Marshall's office was in Hoopeston Monday, poking through rubble left by a fire early Sunday morning.

The fire, at 406 E. Main, left little of that structure standing and resulted in the evacuation of an apartment house next door.

Hoopeston firemen were called to the blaze at the

vacant house at 12:03 a.m. Sunday. Residents next door evacuated shortly after as heat from the flames cracked windows in the apartment house and caused the light green siding to melt, running like melted ice cream.

Fire officials said Monday afternoon that the cause and starting point of the fire are still undetermined.

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# Chief warns of local scam

Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger is warning residents of a telephone scam first reported Monday. A resident reported that a person called, claiming to be calling for the Hoopeston Police Department, seeking donations for a policemen’s ball. The department does not solicit donations or host a policemen’s ball, he said. Anyone receiving such a call is asked to contact the department at 283-5196.


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## Shoe in

Hannah Gregory and Graham Eighner, left, color shoe cutouts, while right, Kelly Ankenbrand and Katie Dixon use the colored cutouts to decorate boxes containing used shoes. The students were part of the Reuse a Shoe project, sponsored by Nike and WCIA, to collect old shoes, which will be ground up and used for playground surfaces.



## Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:01 a.m. Monday in the 200 block of East Orange. Police said Janell Sechriest of Rossville, in a 1999 Honda Accord, was stopped eastbound on Orange, wait-

### Briefly

**Preschool screening**  
A free preschool screening for all 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds will be held Thursday, April 24 at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange, Hoopeston. The screening will determine each child’s knowledge of general concepts, motor, speech and language skills and hearing and vision. Parents should bring their child’s Social Security card. Birth-age three screenings will also be available on the same day. Call (217) 283-6668 for an appointment.

ing for a vehicle to make a left turn, when she was hit by an eastbound 1995 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Jordan R. Crabtree of Hoopeston.

A 64-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 8:17 a.m. Monday that someone took a license plate from a trailer belonging to her.

Manuel Reyes Jr., 41, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:30 p.m. Monday after an incident in the 300 block of East Lincoln.

He was charged with unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 42-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged that at about 5 p.m. March 21

### Weather



Breezy today and tonight. High 69, low 48. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 70, low 51. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

and again at 5 p.m. Monday, Reyes approached her in a threatening manner. He was released on a notice to appear.

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