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Smoking barrel at former foundry results in hazmat call

Representatives of Vermilion County Health Department, Foth Environmental and Vermilion Advantage toured the former Vermilion Iron plant Monday. The tour was shortened when officials noticed something that required a call to the county's hazardous materials team.

While doing a walk-through of the building, the group saw a steel barrel that was leaking an unidentified vapor, said Douglas Toole, health department director of environmental health. The unlabeled barrel had wisps of smoke coming from the top bung area.

Hoopeston Fire Department was called to the scene at 11:09 a.m., where they stayed until the county hazmat team responded.

Vermilion Iron is among five Hoopeston sites receiving Phase 1 inspections as part of a \$400,000 Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program grant

received by the health department in 2010.

After receiving the grant, health department officials, with public input, identified potential sites which might meet brownfields standards of being abandoned or underutilized property which has or is believed to have hazardous substances or pollutants on it, such as old gas stations or auto yards, foundries, manufacturing facilities or dump-sites.

Hoopeston sites include Vermilion Iron, Dixie Business Plaza on Route 1, the former NAPA building on Market, the old Shell gas station on West Main and a former gas station that had been in what is now Silgan Containers parking lot, Toole said.

Although selected as a potential site, getting a look at Vermilion Iron has not been easy. A clear owner has not been identified. An administrative search warrant was

See FOUNDRY on other side

City's Fall Festival to feature pumpkin, costume contests

The traditions of fall will be celebrated when Hoopeston holds the 2012 Fall Festival Tuesday.

The event will be held from 5-7 p.m. along Main Street in Hoopeston, which will be closed for the event.

Pumpkins—carved, decorated and painted—should be brought to Main and Market, where they will be judged by Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce members. Categories will include most original, scariest, funniest and best overall.

A costume contest will also be held, with judging done by Hoopeston Jaycees and an adult scavenger hunt is also scheduled.

Several downtown businesses will be open during the festival for trick-or-treaters.

Many businesses have banded together to work with the Hoopeston Chamber, sponsor of the event.

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Barrels inside and out of the former Vermilion Iron foundry caused concern this week.

Foundry continued from other side

received from Vermilion County Circuit Court to allow health department officials and others to enter.

Monday was supposed to be the start of a complete examination of the facility, which Toole estimated would take a day and a half. He called Hoopeston Police Department before entering the building so an officer could inspect it for possible dangerous situations, then the group started its walk-through.

The smoking barrel was found in the southwest corner of the building; additionally, a cluster of five barrels, including one on its side and leaking, was found outside the facility.

A representative of Illinois EPA's Champaign office will test the substances before Toole will return to finish the inspection.

Once Phase 1 evaluations have been done on the list of properties, health department officials assess the list and cut it. Those remaining will have soil borings done. The list will eventually be whittled down to eight properties for cleanup planning and grant searches for remediation.

Toole said Vermilion Iron stands a good chance of making the cuts because of the possibility of contamina-

tion, the lack of security to keep people off of the property and the building, and the site's proximity to Vermilion Iron ball fields and John Greer Grade School.

Many sites are simple, Toole said. A former gas station is "pretty simple" but "this one has a lot of questions," he said.

Toole praised both police and fire departments, which cooperated quickly and willingly on Monday, as well as city officials who have provided information on all sites under consideration.

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★ **Police News** ★

Donald E. Underwood, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 12:21 a.m. Wednesday on complaints from two Hoopeston men. Underwood was allegedly on property he was banned from, then reportedly took a vehicle without the owner's permission and struck a mailbox.

He was charged with motor vehicle theft, criminal trespass to property, leaving the scene of an accident and driving while license suspended and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Elbert W. Cannon, 46, of Hoopeston, was arrested at

6:25 p.m. Wednesday in the 200 block of West Maple. He was charged with theft from public utility under city ordinance.

He was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

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— **Briefly** —

Birthday card shower

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Miracle Tree signup

Sign ups for Miracle Tree, Santa Cares Too, Toys for Kids and Lion's Club food baskets will be November 5-8 from 9-11 am. Bring proof of each child, proof of address and proof of income. Parents ONLY are eligible to sign their children up. No late sign ups will be allowed!

Obituaries

BRUENS - Donald E. Bruens, 84, of Milford, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, at Heritage Woods of Watseka. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church, Schwer. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, and one hour before service at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association or donor's choice.

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