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Firefighters, others receive thanks, praise from officials

Hoopeston firemen received thanks and a round of heartfelt applause from Hoopeston officials and guests at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Firemen, along with city workers who helped in various ways, were recognized by Mayor Bill Crusinberry. "I was involved enough to observe everything that happened," Crusinberry said, including communication between the 32 fire departments that responded to the call, as well as between city departments. "It was just remarkable how it worked out."

"Not only did we have our darkest hour, but also. I think, our finest hour," he said, expressing thanks that no other buildings were damaged or lives lost.

Fire Chief Cliff Crabtree again thanked the community for its support. "Everything we asked for, we got." People from Hoopeston and surrounding communities provided food, water and other supplies for as many as 750 firemen who were on the scene, Crabtree said.

Hoopeston firefighters spent the better part of 60 hours at the fire after it was first found, getting by with very little sleep, and have returned to the scene at least once a day since the fire, Crabtree said.

He compared Hoopeston's tire fire with a recent one

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Gretchen F. Bluege, 48, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 5:26 p.m. Wednesday in the 300 block of South Market. She was charged with battery on a complaint from a 60-year-old Hoopeston man and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A **20-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 3:14 p.m. Thursday that someone burglarized his vehicle while it was in the 300 block of Front. Police are investigating.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 2 p.m. Thursday at Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 2003 Chevrolet owned by Sharon K. Baker, of Hoopeston.

A **26-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 10:10 a.m. Saturday that someone forced entry into her home in the 100 block of east Lincoln and stole several items.

Perry D. Carswell, 50, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 5:35 p.m. Saturday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, he was released on \$575 bond with a new court date.

A **20-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 5:38 p.m. Saturday that someone damaged his vehicle in the 300

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block of West Penn.

Vicki Ford, 55, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 9:08 p.m. Saturday in the 800 block of East Seminary. She

Obituaries

BAUGH - Michael Scott Baugh, 48, of Milford, died Tuesday, July 2, 2013. He will be cremated and private memorial service held at a later date. Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, is in charge of arrangements.

FOUREZ - Dee Ann (Gehrke) Fourez, 50, of Rankin, died at 9:40 a.m. Thursday, July 4, 2013, at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Grace Lutheran Church, Rankin. Burial will be in Partlow Cemetery, Armstrong. Memorials are suggested Grace Lutheran Church, 102 S. Johnson St., Rankin IL 60960 or One Children's Place, St. Louis MO 63110-1002.

JOHNSON - Sue (Murray) Johnson, 76, of Hoopeston, died at 1:40 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at Heritage Health Care, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

Weather



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was charged with disorderly conduct after allegedly making negative comments about a 33 year-old Hoopeston woman's children.

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

Firefighters continued from other side

in Indianapolis, which was half the size of Hoopeston's but blazed for 12 days, while Hoopeston's inferno was basically extinguished within 24 hours, except for the occasional flare up.

The fire took its toll on equipment, however. Hoopeston's aerial truck lost its hydraulic line, which was replaced, but then blew a head gasket, Crabtree said. Firemen are looking at the cost analysis of repairing the truck versus purchasing a different one.

Fire hoses were also damaged. The department will have to purchase 2,500 feet of five-inch hose. Smaller hoses are also being examined for damage and will need to be replaced. Bismarck Fire Department reported 500 feet of damaged three-inch hose, which will be included in Hoopeston's order for new hose, he said.

Firemen will also have to have new personal gear. Crabtree said some experts have said that the chemicals released in tire fires damage the fireproof qualities of firemen's uniforms.

As of June 30, more than 7 million gallons of water had been pumped on the fire, with more than 3 million of that within the first day, said water Superintendent Steve Baker. No boil order was issued because of the fire.

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Briefly

'Mummies in the Library' July 9

Unwrapping its summer teen program, Hoopeston Public Library presents "Mummies in the Library." The comic melodrama will be performed at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 9 in the library meeting room. Tickets are free but patrons are asked to secure an advance ticket at the main desk due to a first come, first serve availability.

VBS

First Church of God, 1004 E. Orange, will hold "Operation Overboard Dare to Go Deep with God" vacation bible school from 6-8 p.m. July 15-19 for youngsters ages 5-11.

Mega-reunion scheduled

Hoopeston High school classes of 1967, 1968 and 1969 will hold a three-day reunion the weekend of July 19-21. Information can be found and reservations made at cornjerkers676869.org. A mega-reunion t-shirt is also available and may be ordered by anyone.

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