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Area firemen hold training practice Sunday at an abandoned house at 426 E. Main, Hoopeston.

Fire training exercise may lead to new Hoopeston ordinance

Residents of the 400 block of East Main St. might wonder why, in less than a week, a building in their midst has been the site of two visits from local fire departments, each lasting several hours.

Was the abandoned house at 424 E. Main used as a meth lab?

Had squatters moved in and created a possible fire hazard?

The reason firefighters were so attentive is not so nefarious.

First, the house provided a place for firemen to get some training. Hoopeston Fire Department invited local departments to get additional practice, too.

On April 9, "breathable smoke" was released in the structure, which allowed less-experienced firemen to get
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Briefly

Breast cancer support group

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meeting will meet at 6 p.m. April 19 at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes. All past and present breast cancer survivors are welcome. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040. or (309) 208-9828.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Poetry reading and discussion by Hoopeston poet

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Bonnie Manion. 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Tiny Tots story program, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. For kids ages 0-4 and their caregivers.

Cooking the Books, Thursday, April 26. This month, it's "Incredible Eggs." Choose a recipe from our special cookbook collection. We'll make a copy for you to take home. Bring the finished dish back to share with others from 6-7 p.m.

Kindergarten registration

Maple School will hold registration Monday, April 30 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Tuesday, May 1 from 1-5:30 p.m. at the school. This is for children who will turn 5 on or before Sept 1.

All incoming kindergarten students must go through a screening process that will last approximately 30 minutes. Screenings must be done before a child is assigned to a class. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

Fire continued from other side

a real feel for being in a discombobulating situation where vision can be limited. "If they start freaking out, they can take their masks off, unlike today," said Joel Bird, Hoopeston Fire Chief on Sunday. "It's invaluable."

Sunday's training, which started at 7:30 a.m. and was still going on three hours later, used real smoke and fire and included a second story rescue of a dummy "victim."

While long-time firefighters used the exercise to keep their skills honed, the activity provided possible life-saving training for less-seasoned firemen.

Sunday's drill included a 15-year-old cadet - not old enough to fight fires but old enough to start learning - and a couple of Rossville Area Fire Department members who joined about a month ago. "You can actually stop and talk about what you're doing when you're training," said RAFD member Toby Brown.

The fire activity was a training grounds, of sorts, for the procedures involved in a possible Hoopeston ordinance which would allow the fire department to use vacated buildings as practice for structure fires, Bird said.

Last month, Ald. Carl Ankenbrand, Hoopeston fire committee chairman, said the committee and department were working on a possible ordinance that could help with abandoned buildings.

Sunday's fire was a test run for that, Bird said, adding there is more to the process than just setting a fire.

Training burns are regulated by Illinois Environmental

To schedule an appointment for a screening, call Maple School, (217) 283-6665.

Obituaries

KLOTZBACH - Rebecca Klotzbach, 68, of Rossville, died at 4:15 a.m. Monday, April 16, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

OWEN - Mildred Susan (Page) Owen, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 3:07 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church, 323 E. Seminary Ave., Hoopeston IL 60942 or Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Protection Agency and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. In order to burn a structure, a fire department must get approval from the owner, then get an open burning permit from IEPA's Bureau of Air. Structures must be free standing and must be inspected for asbestos. If asbestos is found, it must be removed before the intentional burn.

Another criterion is that the building must be structurally sound. "Houses that have holes in floors or roofs will not be eligible," Ankenbrand said, adding it is those properties that are in the worst shape that make Hoopeston look run down.

Not being able to make use of Hoopeston's those properties is a downside of the ordinance, but overall, "I believe it will be a useful tool to help with the demolition of vacant homes," he said.

Another part of the proposed ordinance will be that debris from the burned home must be removed within seven days, Bird said.

Firemen and the fire committee are working with city attorney Charles Mockbee IV to draft the ordinance, which Ankenbrand hopes will be ready for approval by summer.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 55. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 34. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 49, low 31.

From the Blotter

Bridget Strawser, 23, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 1:49 a.m. Monday at Seventh St. and Main. She was charged with driving while license suspended, she was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Haley M. Edwards, 21, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 11:28 a.m. Monday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for violation of probation, she was released on \$500 cash bond with a new court date.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Farm help needed. CDL required. Ravens Farms. (217) 304-1943.

Small Wonders Preschool is accepting applications for a Preschool Director. The school serves 3- and 4-year-old children in a half-day program, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The Preschool Director serves as lead teacher and is responsible for all lesson plans, scheduling, calendars, newsletters, programs, field trips and scheduling duties for the assistant teacher. Candidates must be preschool director-qualified by DCFS standards.

If you are qualified and love kids (!), please send resume by April 20 to First Presbyterian Church, Preschool Director Position, P.O. Box 297, Hoopeston IL 60942. Email or call for further information, (217) 283-7396, church@fpchoopeston.com.

Silver Brothers hiring workers. CDL-B license needed. Must pass a drug test. Apply in person at 105 E. Washington St., Hoopeston IL

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