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Local man seriously injured in early morning fire Sunday

Fundraising efforts are underway to help the families

An account has been established at First Farmers Bank

and Trust for the Alwardt family, who lost their home

and possessions in the fire. Donations may be taken to

the bank or mailed to First Farmers Bank & Trust, P.O.

Box 70, Hoopeston IL 60942. Online donations for the

family may be made to daughter Alexandra using PayPal

A GoFundMe has been set up to help the Matthews

family as they deal with costs associated with their son.

Sam's care and rehabilitation. Donations may be made at

at www.paypal.com/paypalme/.

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affected by a devastating house fire Sunday morning.

A Rossville man is being treated at an Indianapolis hospital after being burned in a house fire early Sunday morning in rural Hoopeston.

Sam Matthews, son of Bruce and Kari Matthews, of Rossville, was airlifted to the Eskenazi Health Burn

Center with burns on 80 percent of his body after he Fundraisers started for families reportedly ran through the flames to escape the inferno. He has been sedated most of the time, although the sedation level was lowered for a while on Monday, and is expected to spend several months in the intensive care unit, according to reports.

Hoopeston Fire Chief Joel Bird reported that the young man had been in surgery Sunday and was in serious condition.

More surgery is currently scheduled for Wednesday and Friday.

Homeowner Micah Alwardt, along with daughter Alyssa, and two others, were also in the home at the time of the fire Alyssa reportedly jumped from a second story window to escape the flames. No serious injuries were reported.

One fireman received minor injuries, burns suffered while he was watering a propane tank that was heating up from the fire, Bird said.

Bird said the department was called to the scene -

on Conservation Club Rd., 1/4 mile north of Thompson - at about 3:05 a.m. Sunday. En route, firefighters got a report that people were trapped in the house. However, when crews arrived, all occupants were outside.

The fire is still under investigation, but Bird said it started in a garage, then engulfed the house. Asked if the garage was attached to the house, Bird said it used to be unattached but that perhaps a breezeway

had been added to connect the two structures.

The family lost their home and all their possessions, as well as their three dogs.

Hoopeston firefighters were on the scene for four hours and were joined by Rankin, East Lynn, Wellington and Rossville departments.

Library offers Take & Make crafts with Valentine theme

Hoopeston Public Library is sharing the love with some Valentine-themed crafts.

For preschoolers through children in second grade, Foamy Hearts is the craft, while for students in grades 3-5, the craft is Valentine's popsicle stick wall art.

A hanging heart necklace/ornament is this month's teen craft, while adults can make a no-sew heart pillow.

Each kit contains everything necessary to complete the

Kits are available at the library, 110 N. Fourth St.

Through February 14, the library is offering three different Move Night packages: Girls Night Out, Family Night and Date Night. Each package includes one audience-appropriate DVD, popcorn and some other goodies. There is a limit of one grab-and-go bag per household. For more information, call (217) 283-6711.

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Obituaries

CHERRY - Martha Cherry, 92, of Hoopeston, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

MARTINEZ - Mollie Martinez, 76, of Watseka, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 1:13 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

MATTA - James Edward Matta, 82, formerly Hoopeston coach and teacher, died January 13, 2022 in Bluffton SC. He is survived by his wife, Ellanat, two sons, Greg, of Kennesaw GA and Thad, of Indianapolis; and a daughter, Karah Viola of Mt. Pleasant, SC. He was cremated and services held January 22, arranged by Sauls Funeral Home, Bluffton.

McGINLEY - Marilyn McGinley, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending a Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

STEINER - Betty Steiner, 95, of Cissna Park, died at 7:01 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

WILSON - Rex E. Wilson, 83, of Hoopeston, passed

away at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at Arbor Rose of Monticello. He was born during a big snowstorm on March 6, 1938, at the family home in Bismarck, the son of Ray C. and Grace Belle (White) Wilson. He married Orla L. Roberts on October 7, 1960, in Iroquois County, IL. She survives.

He is also survived by one daughter, Renee (Tim) Noice of Monticello; one son, Bob (Connie) Wilson of Hoopeston;



REX WILSON

three granddaughters, Andrea (Josh) Stark of Armstrong, Alex (Matt) Endres of Sauk City, WI, and Natalia Noice of Monticello; three greatgrandchildren, Jocelyn and Jonah Stark and Roman Ray Endres; and one brother, Alvin (Leona) Wilson of Bismarck.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Darla Renee Wilson; four sisters, Catherine, Ruth, Elsie, and June; and two brothers, Dean and George. Rex graduated from John Greer High School in 1956 where he later served on the reunion planning committee for many years. He worked at Radio Condenser/TRW and later at FMC in Hoopeston for 30 years. After retirement, he worked as a janitor for Hoopeston schools for 19 years.

Rex was a member of the Chestnut Street Church of Christ since 1967 where he performed every Sunday night for over 20 years at the Sunday night gospel service. He also served on many church committees, as well as president of the board for multiple terms throughout his time there. He was instrumental in the completion of the original plans for the church structure by overseeing the construction of the fellowship hall and classrooms.

Throughout the years, Rex shared his talent of singing and playing his guitar at over 75 funerals. Devoted to helping others, he and Orla volunteered their time delivering "Meals on Wheels."

He was a member of the National Birmingham Roller Club, raising Domesticated Roller Pigeons since the age of six. He appreciated all wildlife and enjoyed feeding and watching birds. Rex was an avid antique marble collector and loved growing flowers and gardening.

A visitation will be held 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will follow, beginning at 12 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Gary Milton and Rev. Bud McMasters officiating. Burial will follow in Gundy Cemetery in Bismarck.

Memorials may be made to H.A.R.T (Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team), 901 W. Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Rex's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

Court Dispositions

December 8

Carl R. Houser, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for restrictions for burning trash; status hearing January 12.

January 12

Tarah F. Hinton, Hoopeston, case dismissed by hearing officer.

Jerry D. Sisk, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance; new status hearing February 9.

-Briefly

No bulk garbage this week

Bulk garbage collection will not be held Saturday due to the Presidents Day holiday.

The next collection will be March 5.

Breast cancer support meeting

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting is February 17.

Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

Letters to the Editor

Snow help appreciated

I want to personally thank all the City employees and others who helped the Street and Alley Department during the snowstorm last week. Everyone worked hard and did an amazing job cleaning the streets and alleys.

Wade Gocking Hoopeston Street/Alley Superintendent

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:01 a.m. Monday to Teasdale Foods, Building #131, for an activated water flow alarm.

Firemen said the alarm was malfunctioning and cleared the scene at 8:06 a.m.

From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:24 p.m. Sunday in the 600 block of East Thompson.

Police said Jose Rodriquez, 67, of Hoopeston, was pulling a 2004 Ford F250 into a driveway when he was struck by a 2020 Honda Civic driven by Logan Robinson, 19, also of Hoopeston. Robinson was unable to stop on the snow and ice, according to the police report.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight. High 37, low 23. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of snow late. High 29, low 23.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

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City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a full time water department employee. Must have CDL or the ability to get one. Potential for eventual supervisory role with proper training and certification. Applications are available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St., or at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

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