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## Area fire departments fight two simultaneous house fires

Hoopeston Fire Department, as well as several other area departments, braced bitter cold temperatures Thursday night fighting two simultaneous house fires on opposite sides of the city.

The first call came in at 10:17 p.m., when first responders were called to the 800 block of South Fifth St. Rankin-East Lynn, Rossville and Bismarck departments were also summoned to the fire, which destroyed the home.

At 10:25 p.m., the second fire was reported in the 600 block of East Young. Hoopeston police and fire department answered the call, along with Wellington-Greer and Milford fire departments. That home, too, was destroyed.

Fire and police personnel not only had to split manpower between the two fires, but do so in sub-zero temperatures, with wind gusts of up to 50 m.p.h. and wind chills of -50 degrees. Pictures taken at the scene show firemen in frozen gear with ice covered mustaches and beards. A photo taken at one of the fire scenes displays water that froze as it dripped on out-



*Photo submitted*  
**The fire in the house on South Fifth St. continues to smolder Friday morning.**

side steps.

In a post on social media, Fire Chief Joel Bird reflected on 2022 fire statistics, writing that this year's call volume is the highest the department has ever seen. The normal average is 120-130 calls per year, but this year, HFD responded to 175 calls as of Christmas Eve. The department averages six to eight structure fires per year, but are at 30 for the year, Bird wrote.

Both fires remain under investigation.

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# Obituaries

**REDDEN** - Susan Joann Redden, 63, of Hoopeston, passed away at 8:40 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. She was born September 29, 1959, in Danville, the daughter of William T. and Patricia J. (Gooden) Dooley. She married Dean H. Redden on November 30, 1980, at the First Christian Church in Hoopeston. He survives in Hoopeston.



SUSAN REDDEN

She is also survived by one daughter, Bobbi Redden (Richard) Harbacek, of Hoopeston; one son, Billy (Carissa) Redden, of Hoopeston; one stepson, Jeremiah (Amy) Redden, of Lafayette, IN; five grandchildren, Madison Barnes, Macy Ray, Keagan Hall, Sawyer Redden, and Jordan (Morgan) Harbacek; one aunt, Kay Williams; a special cousin, Doug Vailes; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Timothy Dooley and Jerry Dooley; one infant granddaughter, Serenity Rayne Redden; a special aunt, Judy (Gooden) King; one uncle, Jimmy Gooden; and a special cousin, Debbie Vailes.

Susan was the Assistant Director of the Hoopeston Multi Agency for 18 years, where she and Chalmers Flint started the Teen Reach program. She attended the First Church of God in Hoopeston and was a member of the United Fund. She enjoyed watching crime documentaries, drinking a cup of coffee, and talking with her friends on the telephone. Susan's children and grandchildren were her life, and she was always there to support them in all their activities.

A visitation will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will follow, beginning at 1 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home, with Pastor Gary Milton officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorials may be made to the Hoopeston Area Project Success, 615 E. Orange St. Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view

Susan's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**BROWN** - Vera "Marie" "Ma" Brown, 95, of Hoopeston, died at 8:49 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. A celebration of her life will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston American Legion Auxiliary. Condolences may be shared at [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

**EIGNER** - Richard Wayne "Rick" Eighner, 72, of Watseka, died at 1:18 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022, at home. He will be cremated and no service held. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

**QUAKENBUSH** - Nancy L. (Ailey) Quakenbush, 85, of Watseka, formerly of Woodland, died Wednesday,

## From the Blotter

**Skyler T. Burke**, 33, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 10:22 p.m. Saturday on an Illinois Department of Corrections warrant issued for an undisclosed incident on December 23.

**Christopher C. Staats**, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 9:25 a.m. Sunday to the 600 block of East Maple for a report of a domestic battery.

He was charged with assault on a complaint from a 24-year-old Hoopeston woman and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court.

## Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:44 a.m. Sunday to Parkview Court for a report of a malfunctioning furnace. Department personnel determined it was actually a hot water heater and told the person reporting to contact maintenance.

## Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 27. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 23. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, then sunny, breezy. High 42, low 36.

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Hoopeston Police Department is accepting applications until December 31, 2022 for a full time Dispatcher. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W. Main St., or online at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

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