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A boarded up window and tarped roof show outward signs of a house fire that caused major damage for a Hoopeston family Wednesday evening.

Family seeks donations after fire sends belongings up in smoke

It's hard to tell from the outside the devastation that a local family is going through after their home caught on fire Wednesday.

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 6:04 p.m. to a fire at 321 S. Fourth St. Wellington-Greer Fire Department was quickly called to assist local firefighters, who were on the scene for about two hours, said Hoopeston Fire Chief Joel Bird.

Blaiz Burton and Jhance Marshall, along with three young girls, reportedly lost all their possessions in the fire

and are seeking donations from residents.

Clothing needed are sizes 3/4t, 4/5t and 7/8 in girls, with shoe sizes 2, 8 and 10. Marshall wears a medium/size 8 and shoe size 9. Burton needs medium shirts, 30x32 pants and shoe size 10.5. Toys for the girls and household items are also needed.

Jennifer Burton Garrett, Blaiz' mom, said people have dropped off clothing donations and pet supplies at her house. After Mary Morgan, owner of Mary's Clothesline, See FIRE on other side

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Obituaries

WAGONER - Alice Louise "Sug" Wagoner, 87, of Hoopeston, passed away at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Living in Hoopeston. She was born December 3, 1936, in Ross Township, IL, the daughter of Lawrence and Dorothy (Creamer) Matthews. She married William Oscar "Bill" Wagoner April 2, 1955, in Hoopeston. He preceded her in death.



ALICE WAGONER

She is survived by one son, Doug (Sue) Wagoner of Hoopeston; two sisters, Rose Watson of Alvin, and Judy Johnson of Danville; two granddaughters, Susan (Doug) Goble and Jessica (Nathan) Alliss; three great-

grandchildren, Shania Goble, Kayla (Trenton) Woodby, and Seth Goble; and two great-great-grandchildren, Harmonie and Shailee Warren.

In addition to her husband, Sug was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Loretta Gail; four sisters, Geraldine Anderson, Betty Buhmester, Irma "Punk" Norris, and Barb Hiser; and three brothers, Henry, Charles "Bud", and Harry Matthews.

Throughout her life, Sug worked several jobs including Carps Department Store, A & P Grocery, and IGA. For the past several years, she enjoyed cooking at her son's restaurant, The Pit Stop, in Hoopeston. Her hobbies included crocheting, fishing, going to rummage sales, and playing euchre and slot machines. Sug especially loved her family and enjoyed cooking for family get-togethers.

A visitation will be held 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday, July 8, 2024, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will follow the visitation, beginning at 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with

Shawon Wise officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Alice to HART (Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team), 901 W. Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942 or Hoopeston American Legion Honor Guard, 502 E. Penn St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

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

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

THEESFELD - Herbert A. Theesfeld, 86, of Paxton, formerly of Rankin, died Monday, July 1, 2-24, at home. Visitation was held Saturday at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin, and 2 p.m. until the 3 p.m. funeral service Sunday, also at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rankin United Methodist Church, Paxton Area Down Syndrome Awareness Group, Alzheimer's Association or donor's choice. Condolences may be shared at coxknapp.com.

From the Blotter

Stacy Brant, 49, of Rossville, was arrested at 9 a.m. Tuesday, charged with retail theft from Kirby Foods and Dollar General. She was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Huyen Crouch, 42, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for a traffic violation at 3:57 a.m. Thursday at Rtes. 1 and 9. Cited for disobeying a stop sign, she was released from the scene with a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

A set of keys was found at the entrance to the Kirby Foods parking lot off of Rt. 1. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:15 a.m. Thursday to the area of 1700 East/4200 North for a report of a traffic accident. Fire personnel cleared when Vermilion County deputies arrived.

Firefighters were called at 7:38 a.m. Friday to the 300 block of Larkspur Lane for an activated carbon monoxide detector.

A faulty carbon monoxide detector was blamed for a call at 9:37 a.m. Friday to the 900 block of South Fifth Ave.

The department was called at 12:32 p.m. Friday to Kirby Foods, 1030 W. Chestnut, for a report of a fire alarm. The alarm proved to be false.

Fire continued from other side

suggested people who have clothes to consign to the shop donate them instead to the family. Donations may be taken to Mary's Clothesline, 305 E. Main, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Cash may be donated via Cash App at \$jhance13 or Venmo, @jhance-marshall.

Additionally, Hoopeston Area Softball Association will hold a Steak Night Benefit for the family from 4 p.m. until sold out on Friday, July 12 at Kirby Foods. The dinner includes steak, baked potato and roll for \$12. All profits will be donated to the family.

Marshall serves on the HASA board and was coaching a game when the house caught on fire. No other family members were home and the family dog was safe, according to reports.

The preliminary cause of the fire is electrical, Bird said, adding a damage estimate could not be made at this time.

Weather

Mostly sunny early, then chance of thunderstorms. High 87, low 68. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 79, low 66.

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