

Burning desire to learn

Three local fire departments take part in live burn training exercise on Old Mission Peninsula



Peninsula Township Fire Department firefighters John Jensen, kneeling, and Grant Blackmer, right, serve as back up water supply as they watch a fire started in a corner of the living room grow in intensity. Thirty-two firefighters from Peninsula Township, Elmwood Township and Traverse City Fire Department took part in a live burn exercise at a home donated by Howard Fouch.



Lt. Jim Tuller takes a quick photo of two fellow Traverse City Fire Department firefighters during a live burn training session Saturday on Old Mission Peninsula. Firefighters from the city of Traverse City, Elmwood Township and Peninsula Township took part in the all-day training exercise at a donated house on North Bluff Road. The live burn provided a unique chance to study a blaze from origination to total engulfment.



Traverse City Fire Department firefighter Chris Jackson exits a smoked-filled room.



Right: Two firefighters inspect a room for potential hot spots after the bedroom was set on fire numerous times for a visual demonstration on how a fire changes from start to finish.

Right: Firefighters discuss the nature of a fire burning in a room 12 feet away during a training exercise.



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Left: A trio of firefighters inspect a room after dousing the final training blaze. Firefighters from three departments took part in a number of exercises that included ventilation, search and rescue, training at night and work with ladders.

TC HAPPENINGS

Things to do, places to go, people to see

Singles dance

TC Singles will host a dance featuring Second Wind from Manistee from 7 to 11 p.m., Sunday, at Streeters Entertainment Center, 1669 S. Garfield. Admission is \$5 for singles 21 and older. A cash bar will be available. Dances are held the third Sunday of every month. For more information, call Char at 946-1553.

Organically Grown Babies

Oryana Natural Foods Market continues their series of free classes for pregnant women, nursing mothers and parents of young children with "Organically Grown Babies" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday at Central United Methodist Church, 222 Cass St. The class will focus on healthy foods for infants six months to one year and includes when, what and how to introduce solid foods. Classes are free and open to the public. For more information, call 947-0191