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Hoopeston youth credited with saving youngster's life

An 8-year-old Hoopeston boy is being credited with saving a 3-year-old from drowning.

Ryan Bane, 8, and Tate Compton, 3½, were playing catch by the Compton family pool last Friday.

Ryan, son of Steve Bane and Joan Bane, was in the 18' by 33' by 4' pool, while Tate, son of Steve and Verna Compton, was on the deck. Tate was throwing the ball into the water and Ryan was retrieving it.

Tate stepped closer to the end of the deck. "He thought he could throw the ball farther, and he did," Mrs. Compton said. "He threw it to the other end of the pool." It was then that the 40½-inch child fell into 48 inches of water.

Ryan said he "heard a splash, splash, splash, like (Tate) was swimming. His head was sticking out and he was trying to reach up, but his arm wasn't long enough."

Ryan, who has had only one year of swimming

lessons, swam the length of the pool underwater, taking only two breaths, and dragged Tate to safety before calling adults in the house.

Had Ryan done things differently, the end result might have been tragic, Mrs. Compton said. "He could've panicked or he could've gotten out and come to us. Either one would've been too late for Tate. Thank God Ryan used his head."

That Tate ended up in the pool was accidental, said Mrs. Compton. "He knew not to go in the pool from watching Rescue 911. That's his favorite show."

And the children were being supervised, as adults took turns checking on them. "I was just out there," Mrs. Compton said. "It happened in a matter of seconds."

Ryan was, at first, unaware of what he'd done. "He didn't think it was a big deal until adults made it a big deal," said Mrs. Bane. "He just thought it was something he had to do."

Hotter than a firecracker

Temperature at week's end hot but not record-setting

Temperatures reached triple digits late last week and although it was hot, it was not hot enough to break any records.

Temperatures on Thursday and Friday peaked at 100 degrees, according to Hoopeston weather recorder John Mushrush.

But that was not hot enough to break the record for July 13 and 14, of 110 and 111 degrees, respectively, set in 1936.

The Hoopeston area was, for 14 days in July 1936, an oven. From July 4-17, 1936, tempera-

tures were over the century mark. "I remember we lived in the country and didn't have electricity," Mushrush said. "We didn't have any fans. You'd just bear it and like it."

Weather



Partly cloudy and warm today with a slight chance of showers. High near 90. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the low 70s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 86, low near 65.

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Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:40 p.m. Thursday.

Katherine V. Bobis, 833 E. Penn, was backing from a parking space at Price Less when she struck a parked 1987 Nissan Pulsar NX owned by Donna and William Sexton, 108 Mansfield, Milford.

Kim Snively, 816 W. Young, reported Thursday that someone took gold jewelry from her home.

Robert L. Clayburn, 23, of 321 W. Main, was arrested at 3 p.m. Thursday, charged with criminal damage to auto.

Clayburn allegedly broke the windshield of a vehicle owned by Cathy Smith, 321 W. Main.

Letter to the editor



Editor:

This is an answer to Matthew Parsons' letter: When I was a little girl, Fourth of July was the place to go (with) a big celebration in McFerren Park. Well, now there's nothing, only (the) Sweetcorn Festival and all they really think about is (the) **beer tent**. Years ago, there was **no charge** and **no beer allowed** in McFerren Park. If the poor man knew all this was going on, he probably would turn over in his grave.

So don't think it just started as public betrayals. It started back when I was a kid.

Joyce Brookwalter
Wellington

Obituaries

SMITH - Lois M. Smith, 84, of Gifford, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 11:10 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 1995, at the County Health Care Center, Gifford. Funeral services were Saturday at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Rossville. Burial was in Rossville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Clayburn was released on a notice to appear.

Wayne Rutledge, 101 E. Main, reported Friday that someone spray painted his residence. Police are investigating.

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called to a truck fire at 5:28 p.m. Friday. The truck was at 225 E. Orange.

Samantha S. Coppola, 710 E. Wyman B3, reported Sunday that someone took her 1985 Buick Regal from her home.

The car was later found by Benton County sheriff's police in a cornfield near Ambia, Ind.

The passenger's window and rear window had been broken and a set of speakers and an amplifier were missing.

Court dispositions



July 6 - Jose Cardenas, Hoopeston, paid \$95 in full.

Steven Compton, Caldwell TX., speeding, pleaded guilty, \$75 total.

Barry Conrad, Hoopeston, speeding, failed to appear, rule to show cause to be issued.

Jason Fairchild, 23 hours public service work, failed to appear, rule to show cause to be issued.

Mary Fenstermacher, Hoopeston, to pay \$43, failed to appear, rule to show cause to be issued.

Jeremy Furrow, illegal squealing, failed to appear, rule to show cause to be issued.

Maria Furlong, Hoopeston, uninsured, speeding, failed to appear, rule to show cause to be issued.

Christopher Gress, Hoopeston, paid \$337.

Steven Howell, Hoopeston, too fast, \$95.

Brent Johnson, Boswell, IN., illegal transportation, failed to appear, rule to show cause to be issued.

Aaron Kirts, Hoopeston, to pay \$95, failed to appear, rule to show cause to be issued.

Daniel Miller, East Lynn, to pay \$95, converted to 22 hours public service work.

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