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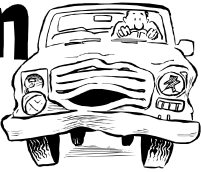
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Mother recants story, says boyfriend backed over toddler

A woman who claimed she accidentally ran over her child with a van has recanted her story.

Connie Lynn Donnelly, who told police she ran over her 17-month-old son on Sept. 17 said Monday that her boyfriend was driving the vehicle at the time of the accident.

Gary Miller, Vermilion County sheriff's department chief investigator, said Donnelly admitted her boyfriend, Gary Halstead, was driving the van at the time of the accident.

Halstead, 25, of Kingman, Ind., admitted Tuesday that he backed the van over the boy, Miller said.

Jakob Matthew Donnelly died of massive head and internal injuries after he was hit by the van at his rural Rossville home.

The boy's father, Nelson Gene Donnelly, was not

home at the time of the accident.

Donnelly's original story, that she was driving the van, conflicted with what police found at the scene. "We felt the evidence gathered at the scene was not coinciding with the stories we've been getting from the mother and the boyfriend," Miller said.

Officials are not commenting on why Donnelly changed her story. "We're not commenting on the motive," Miller said.

While the case appears to be an accident, Miller said Donnelly and Halstead could face charges of obstructing justice. That decision will be made by the state's attorney's office, he said.

Sheriff's police are continuing the investigation into the boy's death. The investigation should be completed next week, Miller said.

Rossville Women of Today observe annual Women of Today week

ROSSVILLE—A group of local women are celebrating the good works they do in their community.

The Rossville Women of Today are taking part in national Women of Today week, Sept. 20-29, by taking a look at past projects and encouraging women to join the organization.

The Rossville chapter, founded in July 1985, has helped their community in many ways, including fundraisers for the Rossville Ambulance Service, Rossville Volunteer Fire Department, Rossville-Alvin school district, Little League, Rossville Park District, several local charities and donations to residents in times of need.

In addition, the local group has remembered senior citizens and shut-ins by delivering balloons, cookies and garden plants throughout the year.

Members volunteered to work with Red Cross bloodmobiles, the Women's Crisis Shelter and the homeless shelter.

The group sponsors scholarships for graduating seniors and the Danville Area Community College for Kids. Other organizations sponsored by the group include Cystic Fibrosis, March of Dimes, Arthritis Foundation, Special Olympics and Carle Heart Foundation.

The group is not only about work. Members have fun and make friends while participating in local celebrations, including the National Sweetcorn festival parade.

Membership is open to women 18 and older. Dues are \$20 annually and meetings are the third Tuesday of each month.

For more information, call membership vice

Have a romantic weekend



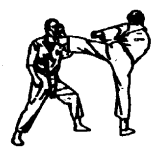
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Police News



A girl's brown J.C. Penny 5-speed was found Wednesday in the alley between Penn and Washington in the 300 block. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Alicia M. McNeil, 17, of 39 S. Second Ave., turned herself in to police at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. McNeil, wanted on a warrant, was released on a \$2,000 recognizance bond.

Briefly

Tiny Tots to meet

Tiny Tots story time will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. The program is open to children ages 1 to 4. This week's theme is "Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

Flu shots available

The Vermilion County Health Department has scheduled flu shots throughout the county. Cost for the shot is \$7.75 per dose. People on Medicare B will receive the shot free.

The schedule is: Oct. 8, Hoopeston United Methodist

Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Oct. 10, Centennial Manor, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Oct. 23, Hoopeston Multi Agency, 9 a.m.-noon.

In Rossville, shots will be given Oct. 21 at the Church of Christ, 9-11 a.m.

Bag sale

The Multi Agency thrift shop, 206 S. First Ave. is having a bag sale. Load up a grocery bag of items for just \$1. Hours are 9-12 and 1-4 Monday-Friday.



Lunch menus



Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, margarine, pears, cookie.

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, applesauce.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, tri tator, slaw, bread, margarine, fruit cocktail.

THURSDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, corn, salad, bread, margarine, orange.

FRIDAY: Z rib/bun, tator tots, macaroni salad, pineapple.

Hoopeston Area High/Middle Schools

MONDAY: Chicken steak or hamburger/bun, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, butter, pears, cake.

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza or corn dog, salad, applesauce.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese/bun, tri tator, slaw, bread, margarine, fruit cocktail.

THURSDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce or fish/bun, corn, salad, bread, margarine.

FRIDAY: Z rib/bun or hot dog/bun, tator tots, macaroni salad, pineapple.

Rossville-Alvin Schools

MONDAY: Breaded tenderloin/bun, buttered corn,

rosy applesauce.

TUESDAY: Tacos, Spanish rice, cherry crisp.

WEDNESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, macaroni salad, fresh fruit.

THURSDAY: Chicken & noodles, seasoned gren beans, chilled peaches, homemade biscuit.

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, crispy fries, chilled fruit.

All menus include milk.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Sept. 25, 1996

Admitted: William Green, Hoopeston.

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Weather



Forty percent chance of thunderstorms today. High in the mid 60s. Tonight, 50 percent chance of storms. High in the upper 40s. Tomorrow, variably cloudy. High near 56, low near 50. Sunday, partly cloudy. High near 69, low near 45.

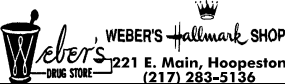
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