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Semi truck break-down scraps Main Street traffic movement

Hoopeston residents could scrap any idea of getting down Main Street between Second and Third Avenue Tuesday.

A trailer of scrap metal, became disconnected from a semi tractor in front of Silgan Containers, blocking the street most of the day.

The unit came apart at about 3:30 a.m., said Jerry Northam, Silgan human resources manager. Repairs to the tractor-trailer were completed nearly 12 hours later.

Northam said the truck came apart as the driver pulled from the loading dock on the east side of the building. The driver turned to go west on main when the trailer and tractor separated.

Northam said reports that the pin to the fifth wheel broke were incorrect. "The pin on the trailer got bent when it hit the pavement," he said. "We don't know what caused it to come apart. We know what happened, but we don't know why."

Officials had hoped to lift the truck and either reconnect the parts or use a wrecker to move them but the trailer's weight made it impossible to move, Northam said.

Instead a crane from Silver Brothers Construction was brought to the scene to lift the trailer. Then, an outside company was called in to weld a new plate and pin, Northam said.

Although the incident was an inconvenience, Northam said it could have been worse. "Fortunately, nobody was hurt and there was no other equipment damaged," he said.

Briefly

Street to be closed

South Sixth Ave. will be closed past Southgate to Lover's Lane Road beginning Wednesday afternoon until futher notice.

Baseball sign-up

Colt and Pony League sign-up will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16 at the Hoopeston American Legion.

Cost is \$25 per person with a \$50 maximum per family.

Softball registration set

Registration for girls' softball will be held from 10 a. m. to 2 p.m. March 15 and 1-3 p.m. March 16 at the Hoopeston American Legion.

For more information, contact Allan Baker, (217) 283-5416.

Fun night set

Hoopeston Area High School and middle school students will have fun while they raise money for new equipment.

Fun Night will be held March 18 at the school. Middle school students activities will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. followed by high school activities from 7-8:30 p. m.

Students are now accepting pledges for various fund-raising activities. Those who are not contacted may send a donation to Dana Kuntz, president, 623 E. Penn, Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Tiny Tots story program

The Tiny Tots story program will be held at 10:30 a. m. Friday in the children's room of the Hoopeston Public Library. This week's theme will be "Max's Chocolate Chicken."

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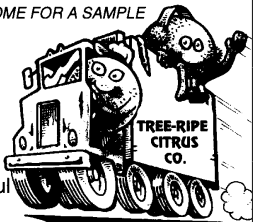
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Rossville family to be featured on Wednesday talk show

ROSSVILLE—A popular talk show will have some familiar faces on it.

Wednesday's "Oprah" show will feature Daniel Huffman and his grandparents, Shirlee and Danny Allison, all of Rossville.

Huffman, 18, who last year donated a kidney to his grandmother, Mrs. Allison, will be featured on the show, whose theme is "Stories from Your Hometown."

The segment featuring Daniel "is not very long," Mrs. Allison said. "It's close to the end of the show."

The Allisons and Huffman were seated in the first row during taping, Mrs. Allison said. The show's host, Oprah Winfrey, asked Huffman why he gave up his last year of football to donate his kidney. "(Daniel) had to do all the talking," Mrs. Allison said. "He was floored. He had no idea he was going to do that."

Huffman told Winfrey "it was an easy decision to make and that he didn't regret it," Mrs. Allison said.

The family's appearance on the show was prompted by a friend's grandmother.

Chad Smith, a close friend of Daniel's, talked about the transplant with his grandmother from Wisconsin, Mrs. Allison said. The grandmother then began a letter-writing campaign to the Oprah show to have the family featured.

Ironically, Smith's grandmother was unable to attend the taping, although Smith and his parents attended.

Also attending were Kara Douglas, Zeb

Stephenson, Teresa Thornton, the Allisons' daughter, Michele Pickett and Mrs. Allison's sisters, Lorene Green and Betty Warf.

The Allisons and Huffman traveled to the show in style, riding in a limousine. "They said they would send a driver," Mrs. Allison said. "I thought they'd send a mini van, but this limo pulled up. On the way up, (Stephenson) got mad because I wouldn't let him open the sun roof."

While the Allisons rode up in the limousine, on the return trip, the students had the auto all to themselves. "They had a great time pushing all the buttons," Mrs. Allison said.

The show also picked up the lunch tab for the Allisons and Huffman. "It was really nice," Mrs. Allison said.

The show will air at 4 p.m. Wednesday on WCIA Channel 3.

The taping is done but Huffman's celebrity is far from over. He and his grandparents will travel to Los Angeles in early May where he will attend a black tie dinner and receive an award from the Children's Transplant Fund, Mrs. Allison said.

Police News



Paul H. Combs of East Lynn reported Tuesday that someone took a gray tool box and tools from the back of his pickup truck while the truck was parked in the Jerry's IGA lot.

Classifieds

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In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
March 10, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High in the mid 50s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the low 40s. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High near 50, low near 42.

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Noon-4 p.m. Sunday, March 16

McFerren Park Civic Center, Hoopeston

Entertainment

Saturday:

○Hoopeston Area 5th & 6th grade
band & chorus - 10:30-11:30

○Fashion Show, Global Fashions - Noon

○Academy for the Performing Arts - 1 p.m.

○Magician Deon Hackely - 2 p.m.

○Comedian Randy Jones - 3 p.m.

Sunday:

○Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

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