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Clean up continues on diesel fuel spill near Wellington

WELLINGTON—Cleanup is still underway from a July 6 diesel spill near here, a spill a local official said could have been better contained.

The spill happened on July 6, after fuel tanks on two CSX locomotives were pierced by pieces of metal at the Bismarck crossing and leaked fuel from Bismarck to just south of Wellington, said Wellington fire chief Ross Butzow.

Access to the cleanup site, on a siding near the village, has been difficult. Butzow said an access road had to be constructed to allow crews to reach the spill.

As of Tuesday, 220 yards of soil had been excavated from along the tracks, said Dennis McMurray, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency spokesman. Tiling must still be done and an environmental consulting firm hired by the railroad must submit a remediation plan to the EPA, he said.

The plan is expected to call for bio-remediation, using microbes or an oxygen-releasing solution to remove petroleum from the area, he said.

But fire chief Ross Butzow said the spill was made larger than necessary thanks to a decision made by an environmental contractor. The Wellington Fire Department, called to the leak at 1:58 a.m. used sticks and rags, to plug holes in the tanks, Butzow said.

Although Butzow wanted the train backed up to an area accessible to heavy equipment that could empty the remaining fuel, the unidentified Chicago-area environmental contractor had the plugs removed and the fuel dumped along the track, he said.

Butzow said he is not sure how much fuel leaked, but estimated the locomotive tanks held approximately 4,500 gallons each. "They're not little tanks," he said The locomotives were filled at Evansville, Ind., before traveling to Bismarck where they were damaged, he added.

That the fuel was ordered dumped is news to the McMurray. "Our people didn't mention that," he said.

Butzow is unsure why the contractor decided to dump the fuel. "I think he could see dollars in his pockets," he said.

This is the first – and last – time in Butzow's 26 years

See FUEL SPILL on other side

Fuel spill continued from other side

Local residents appear in Danville dinner production

DANVILLE—Some local talent is getting experience acting and singing as part of a Danville production.

Jill Ritter of Rossville is performing in "Moon Over Buffalo," a production of Sunshine II, while Hoopeston's Scot Danner, son of Linda Danner and Dan Danner and Xan Park, son of Barb and Dan Park, and Sarah Woodard, granddaughter of Marg Shouffler, are members of the Sunshiners, high school and college students who greet and entertain guests during the dinner portion of the event.

Three performances of the comedy remain, tonight, Friday and Saturday, all at the Bremer Conference Center on the Danville Area Community College campus.

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Police News



Leon D. Deck, 22, of 525 S. Fifth St., was arrested at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday charged with retail theft after police said he took a pack of cigarettes from Jerry's

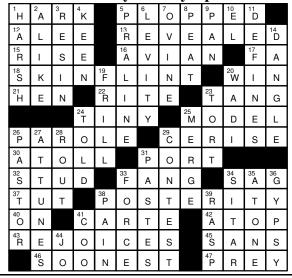
Deck was also found to be wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant.

He was released on a notice to appear on the theft charge and \$95 cash bond on the warrant.

Matthew L. Goble, 25, of Wellington turned himself in to police at noon Wednesday. Goble, wanted on a warrant, was released on \$400 cash bond.

Steve M. Long, 715 E. Washington, reported Wednesday that someone jumped into three bushes

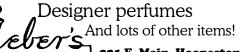
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at his home, breaking branches. Five night lights along the driveway were also disturbed.

Eugene Warner of the city parks department, reported Wednesday that someone broke four trees at McFerren Park and broken beer bottles inside the swimming pool.

Court Dispositions



July 23: Cleofas Garcia, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, pleaded not guilty; bench trial.

Maria Furlong, Hoopeston, three counts deceptive practice, \$175.75 restitution; summons issued.

on the department that fuel has spilled near the village. "Experience is a good teacher," he said. "It will be over my dead body next time they pull that stuff. We're not going to tolerate it."

CSX officials did not return telephone calls.

Obituaries

SMITH - Irene P. Smith, 93, of Chicago, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, 1998, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Private burial will be in Floral Hill Cemeterv. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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