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Rossville man seriously injured while trying to save cousin

ROSSVILLE—A Rossville man was listed in serious condition Wednesday in the Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, suffering injuries sustained trying to save his cousin.

Larry Hughes, 27, was shocked by a downed power line following an accident at 1950E 33609N Road near Rossville.

Hughes' cousin, Lindsey Keith Downing, 27, of Danville, was electrocuted after his 1995 Dodge Neon ran off the road, struck and snapped a power pole. Downing got out of his car after it struck the pole and came in contact with a power line, said Capt. John How-

ard of the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department

Downing was pronounced dead at the scene, said Vermilion County Coroner Peggy Johnson.

Hughes came upon the scene and was injured as he tried to assist Downing. Hughes was "severely burned" in the rescue attempt, then drove to a nearby home to summon help, Howard said.

Hughes was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and was later transferred to the Springfield burn center.

Johnson said an inquest for Downing will be scheduled at a later date.

Finance expert pitches economic development plan to city

Housing, historic rehabilitation and pharmaceutical price reductions could be available to Hoopeston residents, according to a pitch made at Tuesday's city council meeting.

Looking at a bleak economy is "a kind of sickness that will encroach itself in every community unless you step back and look (at options)," said Jack Heller of Jack L. Heller Co., of Buffalo Grove, a private investment banking and finance company.

"If you want economic development, you put up some housing," Heller said. Increasing housing would improve the economy by putting contractors to work and by bringing in new residents, expanding the tax base, he said.

Heller's company finds investors for such projects and, he said, can bring to the table 30 to 40 percent of a \$40 million project.

To accomplish this, city officials would have to float a pass-through bond issue which would allow investors to take advantage of tax credits at no cost to the city, Heller said. "It doesn't cost you ten cents," he

said. "I bring cash to the transaction."

In return, the project could include apartments or lease-to-own housing in which residents rent a home for three years before payments become a traditional mortgage. That program is for those who cannot afford a down payment, he said.

Such things are done frequently in other states, such as California, Virginia and Oklahoma but Illinois has not taken advantage of such programs, which can combine several small towns in one bigger project.

Other areas where funding is possible are rehabilitating historic sites, "anything in your city limits that smacks of historical or anything that could be made historical," Heller said, and assisted living facilities for senior citizens.

Another option Heller suggested is a program that could save residents 20 to 30 percent on brand-name drugs and 30-40 percent on generic equivalents. "Those are big savings for people on Social Security or (those who must take several medications)," he said.

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3. Hot Shots

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3 4
23

5. Pin Snappers

32
25

30

6. No Limit Soljuz

20
37

7. Shibby 2

14½

8. The Simpsons

42½

12
45

Team Scratch Game: Shibby 660, Pin Snappers 651, Hot Shots 640; **Team Scratch Series:** Pin Snappers 1,871, Shibby 1,838, Hot Shots 1,675; **Team Handicap Game:** Hot Shots 910, Shibby 845, Lopsotoy 839; **Team Handicap Series:** Hot Shots 2,485, Shibby 2,393, Pin Snappers 2,339. **Boys Scratch Game:** Chris Huddelston 222, Anthony Cappellano 222, Ronald Cappellano 215; **Scratch Series:** Chris Huddelston 552, Jeremy Dobkins 550, Ronald Cappellano 538; **Handicap Game:** Chris Huddelston 256, Anthony Cappellano 255, Daniel Franklin/Jeremy Dobkins 252; **Handicap Series:** Jeremy Dobkins 688, Chris Huddelston 654, Ronald Cappellano 646. **Girls Scratch Game:** Michelle Garner 145, Brittany Rowe 99; **Scratch Series:** Michelle Garner 403, Brittany Rowe 240; **Handicap Game:** Michelle Garner 212, Brittany Rowe 197; **Handicap Series:** Michelle Garner 604, Brittany Rowe 538.



Police News



A 34-year-old woman reported Tuesday that someone scratched the paint from her car while it was parked in the 400 block of South Third St. The damage occurred between 8:30 p.m. last Thursday and 7:30 a.m. Friday.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:02 p.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of South

Market.

Police said Grace P. Musk of Hoopeston, in a 1983 Buick coupe, was parked next to a 1984 Dodge, backed out, turned too sharply and hit the vehicle.

William M. Halcom, 47, of 101 S. Fifth St., Apt. 3, was arrested Sunday, charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle and no valid driver's license in

City continued from other side

The council took no action on Heller's presentation.

In unrelated action, the council approved the 2002-03 Motor Fuel Tax road plan, which includes a new \$60,000 dump truck. Engineer Jay Dingee said \$25,000 of the cost will come from a reserve fund.

The plan also includes \$7,500 for tree removal, \$9,000 for a sidewalk program in which costs are split between homeowners and the city; and \$138,000 to overlay Main St. from Fourth St. east and Fourth St. between Honeywell and Seminary.

The city will also apply for federal money to repair South Market from Main to Rt. 9. Under the STU

program, \$100,000 of MFT funds will be used for the project, with a matching amount of federal money, Dingee said. The plan will include milling and resurfacing the street, adjusting manholes, widening intersections and putting in new curb, gutters, drains and handi-

Weather



Mostly cloudy, chance of snow showers today. High 35. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 22. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 37, low 24

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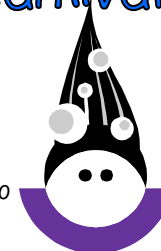
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