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Rod Loosemor of Sunpro, a Shererville, Ind., hazardous materials cleanup company, shovels diesel-soaked sand into a Bobcat Monday morning in the Schumacher Electric parking lot. A semi truck lost fuel along Thompson Ave. and into the parking lot, resulting in the cleanup effort.

Hoopeston crews give up Super Bowl for super cleanup effort

While much of Hoopeston was engrossed in the surprise upset of the New England Patriots by the New York Giants, Hoopeston city workers were trying to keep diesel fuel out of the city's storm water drainage system.

A semi truck owned by Driveline International of

McAllen, Tex., spilled diesel fuel along Thompson Ave. and into the Schumacher Electric parking lot.

Hoopeston Fire Department was called to the scene shortly before 3 p.m. Sunday, said Fire Chief Greg Shipman. Firemen secured the scene, containing the spill to

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Briefly

Siren testing

The monthly test of Hoopeston emergency sirens will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots story program meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Financial aid seminar

Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning seniors and parents of seniors are invited to a college financial aid seminar at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 in the Hoopeston Area High School computer lab. Danville Area Community College will discuss and help parents and students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

Before the meeting, parents and students may apply for a PIN number at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Both parent and student will need a PIN number that will act as their signatures.

Pack-the-Place

Want a free Cornjerker t-shirt? Be one of the first 500 fans to Friday's boys basketball game against Schlarman during Pack the Place! Doors open at 5 p.m.

Coffee and Conversation

Dr. Alice Jacobs, Danville Community College president, will meet with residents of the Bismarck-Henning and Rossville-Alvin school districts for *Coffee and Conversation with the President*, a program that allows

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keep diesel from going into storm drains, then called the Vermilion County Hazmat team for assistance.

Shipman said early reports indicated that 10 gallons of diesel had spilled but firemen found "quite a bit more than 10 gallons."

An estimated 75-100 gallons was spilled, said Dave Finch of Sunpro, the Schererville, Ind., hazardous materials cleanup company that was called to the site Sunday.

Finch said the semi's passenger side tank leaked the fuel along the roadway and into the parking lot.

Sunpro employees arrived at about 10:30 p.m. Sunday and placed absorbent pillows along the south side of the road to soak up the diesel. Sand had already been placed in the area to blot the diesel.

Firemen also built a dike next to Hoopeston Convenience to catch any diesel that might have spilled into the storm drainage system.

Water Superintendent Steve Baker said Monday morning that tests Sunday night and Monday morning showed no sign of fuel in the storm system.

DACC to get input from communities it serves. The free event will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Bismarck-Henning High School cafeteria. Everyone is invited.

Church to hold concert

Jim & Shirley Tubbs will be in concert Sunday, Feb 10 at Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene, 402 E. Honeywell. Concert is free; a freewill offering will be taken. Be sure to be here for an evening of southern gospel blessings! And bring a friend!

Youth football meeting

Hoopeston Youth Football League board will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston Public Library. A regular meeting plus election of officers will be held. Anyone interested in joining the board is welcome to attend.

GED classes

Danville Area Community College will offer Adult Basic Education/GED classes in Hoopeston. Classes will be held from 3:30-6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Hoopeston Multi Agency and 6:30-9 p.m. at Hoopeston Area High School. For more information, call (217)

Firefighters remained on the scene until after 11 p.m., Shipman said. "The guys did an excellent job," he said, also giving kudos to the Vermilion County Hazmat team for their efforts.

Sunpro workers hoped to have the site cleaned by Monday afternoon. A Bobcat was brought in to scoop up diesel-soaked sand and a vacuuming machine was scheduled to arrive to complete the project.

Still unclear is what time the diesel spill occurred. While fire officials were notified Sunday, unconfirmed reports indicate the spill may have happened as early as Friday without proper notification being given. Officials are investigating those reports.

Weather



Thunderstorms likely today. High 50. Tonight, rain or snow. Low 27. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 31, low 19.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

443-8782.

Classes begin Feb. 11.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in Monday's edition that the Hoopeston City Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Due to the primary election, the meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Police News



Vanessa R. From, 18, of Hoopeston was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 9:27 p.m. Sunday. Police said From, in a 2000 Chrysler, slid into the intersection of Third St. and Penn, striking a 2004 Dodge Intrepid driven by Bryan D. Livingston, also of Hoopeston.

No injuries were reported.

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