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Engineers spent Thursday checking out the damage to Long Grove's iconic covered bridge, which police say occurred when a "clearly too tall" and overweight box truck bashed through it Wednesday. The bridge was added to the National Register of Historic Places earlier this month.

'The truck was clearly too tall'

Damaged Long Grove bridge examined by police, engineers

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Experts are surveying damage done to Long Grove's iconic covered bridge after police say a "clearly too tall" and overweight box truck bashed through the structure Wednesday, nearly two weeks after it was designated a national landmark.

Long Grove Village Manager David Lothspeich said the structural integrity of the cover and the bridge's foundation will be studied before temporary repairs are made to prevent any potential collapse. The bridge is closed to traffic indefinitely.

"All parts of it are being evaluated in kind of a triage format," he said.

Among those evaluating the span are Long Grove's engineer and a structural engineer who specializes in bridges.

Lake County sheriff's Sgt. Christopher Covelli said Deputy Greg Abshire was doing paperwork while parked near the bridge when he heard a loud crash that turned out to be the truck striking the top of the structure at 3:54 p.m. Wednesday. Abshire responded within seconds, Covelli said Thursday.

The truck's driver, Eriberto Orozco, 30, of the 3500 block of North Lowell Avenue in Chicago, was cited for disobeying a stop sign, disobeying a traffic control device, driving an overweight vehicle on the bridge and failure to reduce speed to avoid a crash,

police said. Orozco, who police said was uninjured, is scheduled to appear in court Aug. 1.

Covelli said Orozco violated a sign stating "no truck or buses" and warning of a \$500 fine, posted on either side of the bridge spanning Buffalo Creek. Besides not fitting under the 10-foot, 6-inch-tall bridge, police said the 15,000-pound empty rental truck exceeded a 6,000-pound limit.

"The truck was clearly too tall to enter the bridge," Covelli said.

Dating to the early 1900s, the one-lane bridge landed on the National Register of Historic Places on June 15. The official word from the National Park Service came to members of the Long Grove Historical Society about a year after the structure was recommended by the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council.

Historical society member Aaron Underwood was among the residents viewing the damage Thursday. He and Ryan Messner, vice president of the Downtown Long Grove Business Association's executive committee, pushed to get the covered bridge listed as a federal landmark.

"You have a hard time understanding what you're seeing because it's so unbelievable," Underwood said of the bridge damage.

Constructed in 1906 by the Joliet Bridge and Iron Co., the span is a rare surviving example of a pin-connected pony truss bridge built for an urban

setting, according to documents submitted to the state for the national landmark process. The "nostalgic covering" was added in 1972 to help preserve the bridge and limit traffic from trucks and other heavy vehicles.

Long Grove this year paid about \$95,000 for bridge repairs, including a new roof and abutment and drainage work, with the expectation it would be good for seven to 10 years. Cost estimates for a long-term fix have varied, with the most recent being about \$850,000.

Citing the covered bridge's poor condition, Long Grove officials in 2014 began exploring options to renovate or replace it with a one- or two-lane span at the western entry to downtown.

In late 2016, the bridge needed several weeks of repair after a Kildeer woman's SUV rolled over inside the structure.

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Costly Joint-Pain Injections Replaced By New \$2 Pill

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New pill boosts the same lubricating joint fluid as expensive and painful injections - without using a needle. Users report dramatic relief from swelling, pain and stiffness without side effects and expense.

By Jack Isler, M.D.
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HNS—A popular needle injection for people with joint pain is now available in an inexpensive nonprescription pill. The breakthrough came when researchers discovered a way to deliver the injected "relief molecule" through the digestive system.

Top US clinics have used these needle injections for years because they deliver powerful relief. Unfortunately, the shots are painful and expensive. They also only work on the joint being treated.

The new pill, called Synovia, delivers the same "relief molecule" as the injections. However, it has some impressive advantages. First, it's inexpensive and nonprescription. Also, relief is delivered to every joint in the body because it enters the bloodstream through the digestive system.

This gives it the ability to reduce a much wider variety of pain. Users report greater flexibility and less stiffness in their knees. Hands and shoulders move pain-free for the first time in years. Even neck and lower back pain improve dramatically.

All this without spending over \$600 on needle injections and taking trips to the doctor every week. The medical community is very excited about this new breakthrough. Dr. Jacob Moss says, "Synovia is a great option for those suffering from joint pain. Injections are usually a last resort because of the pain and expense. However, Synovia should be taken at the first sign of discomfort."

New Discovery

The needle injection procedure has been given to hundreds of thousands of patients over the last several years.

Doctors use the shots to boost a critical element of the joint called synovial fluid. This lubricating fluid is found between the cartilage and bones of every joint.

According to the firm's head of R&D, Mike McNeill, "Researchers have been working for years to find a way to boost this fluid noninvasively. The problem was the molecule used in the injections was too large to absorb into the bloodstream."

Top scientists conquered this obstacle by finding a smaller form of the same molecule. This new glucose form is easily absorbed by your stomach and intestines!

Now those who suffer from joint pain can get relief without painful injections. At less than \$2 per day, early users like Steve Young are impressed. He says, "I've tried more pills than I can count, without any luck. Synovia is different. My knees



NO MORE NEEDLES: A popular needle injection pain-killer for joint pain is being replaced. The key molecule in these injections can now be delivered by taking a new low-cost pill called Synovia.

and hands haven't felt this good in years!"

Impressive Clinical Results

Leading clinics use injection therapy because it works. Recent clinical trials show the pill form also delivers major relief.

One example is a landmark study out of Europe. In the study the active ingredient in Synovia was compared to a popular NSAID pain reliever. The goal was to see if it could reduce pain and swelling around the knee. The results were incredible!

After just 30 days, more than 8 out of 10 people who took Synovia's active ingredient had NO swelling. However, only 2 out of 10 people who took the NSAID experienced reduced swelling.

The study also looked at cases of severe swelling. Amazingly, zero cases of severe swelling were detected in the group taking the active ingredient found in Synovia. This means it was 100% effective for the cases of severe swelling!

In contrast, 9 out of 10 people taking the NSAID still had severe swelling. McNeill points out, "The impressive thing about this study is the active ingredient wasn't tested against a fake pill. It was up against one of the most popular NSAIDs people use every day. It's easy to see why people in pain are excited to get relief without an injection."

The New Way It Delivers Relief

Getting relief without injections has big advantages. The most obvious is avoiding being stuck by a large needle every week for 5 weeks.

Another downside of injections is the doctor can "miss". The needle needs to be inserted into a precise spot in the joint to work. Otherwise, you risk the treatment being ineffective.

However, boosting your lubricating joint fluid by taking a pill delivers relief to all your joints, not just one.

There's an additional reason the active ingredient in Synovia works so well - it nourishes the cartilage.

McNeill says, "This is vital because cartilage does not have blood vessels. The fluid in the joint serves two very important pain-relief roles: lubrication and giving the cartilage the

nutrients it needs to start re-growing."

Approved By Leading Doctors

The new delivery system for this molecule has caught the attention of leading medical doctors.

"Needle injections for joint pain have been around for years because they work. Being able to get the same relief molecule through a pill is amazing. Injections may be a last resort, but I'd recommend Synovia at the first sign of pain," said Dr. Marie Laguna.

Dr. Gerardo Pereira, a renowned surgeon from Florida says, "Injections aim to boost synovial fluid, which lubricates the joint. Those suffering from joint pain usually have very little of this fluid. Synovia helps relieve pain by boosting this key lubricant without needles."

Dr. Moss adds, "The research behind the active ingredient in Synovia is very exciting. This product is a great choice for those who haven't had success with other joint pain treatments."

110% Money Back Guarantee

Amazing feedback from users of Synovia has generated a wave of confidence at the company. So much so that they now offer Synovia with a 110% money back guarantee.

The company's president, Michael Kenneth says, "We've seen how well it works. Now we want to remove any risk for those who might think Synovia sounds too good to be true."

Simply take the pill exactly as directed. You must enjoy fast acting relief. Otherwise, return the product as directed and you'll receive 100% of your money back plus an extra 10%.

How To Get Synovia

Today marks the official release of Synovia in Illinois. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to everyone who calls within the next 48 hours.

A Regional Order Hotline has been set up for local readers to call. This is the only way to try Synovia with their "110% money back" guarantee.

Starting at 6:00 am today the order hotline will be open for 48 hours. All you have to do is call TOLL FREE 1-888-975-6554 and provide the operator with the special discount approval code: SYN18. The company will do the rest.

Current supplies of Synovia are limited, and callers that don't get through to the order hotline within the next 48 hours may have to pay more and wait until more inventory is produced. This could take as long as 6 weeks.



BEFORE: No lubricating fluid or cartilage leads to painful bone-on-bone rubbing.



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