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Local man creates equipment to save time, energy, lives

In an emergency, seconds count.

And when that emergency is in an out-of-the-way place, such as a field or wooded area, dealing with cumbersome equipment cuts into valuable time needed to save lives.

A member of the Hoopeston Ambulance Service has invented a piece of equipment that will save not only time, but wear and tear on emergency personnel responding to a call.

The KISS Carrier, designed and created by Jim

Goodrum, makes moving patients from difficult places easier for the patients and emergency personnel.

Using two 20-inch bicycle forks and some one-inch, .085 gauge square tubing, Goodrum has created a device which, when a backboard is strapped to it, can be used to transport patients to a waiting ambulance.

The carrier's parts are held together with U-shaped securing pins and can be assembled in under 30 seconds. "Everything is pinned," Goodrum said. "You can take

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— Briefly —

Music Booster drawings

Winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are:March 30, Geneva Nelson, Hoopeston; March 31, Maxine Potts, Hoopeston; April 1, Ernest and Evelyn Spaur, Hoopeston; April 2, Ellis Insurance Agency, Rankin; April 3, Helen Parker, Hoopeston.

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville.

For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Activities at the community center this week include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Thursday: men's coffee, 9:30 a.m.; men's euchre, 12:30 p.m.; and Friday, unemployed discount program, 1-3 p.m.

Book Fair scheduled

The Hoopeston Area Middle School libray will host a Spring Scholastic Book Fair from Friday, April 3

through Wednesday, April 8. Hours will be 8 a.m. to $3:30\ p.m.$ daily.

The fair is open Monday through Wednesday for anyone who would like to attend. Friday is a viewing day for students.

There are many choices of books for all ages, as well as posters, journals, cookbooks, bookmarks, book covers and more. Selections range from sports and science fiction to art/poetry and biographies. Books are available for prexchoolers to mature readers.

Rules of the Road

A Rules of the Road review course will be offered from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, April 9 at the Hoopeston municipal building conference room.

For more information, call (217) 283-5833.

Meetings

The United Community Fund of Grant Township board of directors will meet at noon Wednesday at Crunch's meeting room.

Coaches needed

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Police News

Russell Allen of Stokely USA, reported Friday that someone cut a fence to the company's property, then damaged several houses by kicking in doors and ransacking them.

The property is located at 107 N. First Ave.

A girl's 10-speed bicycle was found Friday behind 419 W. Penn. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Thomas J. Slaughter, 18, of 607 N. Seventh St., was arrested at 2:47 a.m. Saturday following a traffic stop in the 300 block of East Main.

Slaughter was wanted on a Vermilion County warrant

for failure to appear for sentencing and an Illinois Department of Corrections warrant.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Charolett M. Wilson, 22, of 520 E. McNeil, was ticketed for failure to yield turning left following an accident at 5:09 p.m. Saturday at 424 E. Penn.

Police said Wilson, in a Chevrolet, struck a 1987 Hyundai driven by Karen A. Sweet of 840 E. Elm.

Sweet was westbound when Wilson pulled into her path, according to police.

An unidentified person in Sweet's vehicle received

minor injuries, police said.

Eduardo Garcia, 29, of 518 N. Ninth Ave., was arrested at 10:48 p.m. Saturday, charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and no valid driver's license.

Garcia, arrested after police received a report of someone driving erratically, was released on \$300 cash bond.

Jim Compton of 639 E. McCracken, reported Sunday that someone shot the windshield of his 1977 Ford truck while it was parked at his home.

Joan E. Moser of 621 S. Market, reported Sunday that

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the wheels off and it's be down to nothing."

The ease at which the carrier can be assembled will be a big help to medics. "You don't have time to have an engineer out there in the field to put things together," Goodrum said.

Other advantages are that because of its large tires, the carrier is easier to maneuver in tall grass and mud than the standard gurney, and, at under 10 pounds, the carrier

The device, 16 inches wide by 40 inches long, was designed to fit under the bench seat or in a side

After the initial design was completed and the first unit built, Hoopeston EMTs tested the carrier. "It works perfect," Goodrum said, adding it may be useful for other things, such as transporting patients down stairs.

weighs significantly less than a gurney, Goodrum said.

compartment of an ambulance.

"We'll have to practice that one," he said.

The carrier was named after an operating system, KISS for Keep It Simple, Stupid. "The simpler, the better," Goodrum said.

Adding the new piece of equipment to the squad should not be a problem for Carle Emergency Medical Services, which oversees the Hoopeston service. "If you can come up with anything to make things simpler, easier, they'll go along with anything," Goodrum said.

The device is ready to be used locally and may soon be used on a broader level. Goodrum is expected to meet this week with a representative of MAB Enterprises, a division of Parr Emergency Product Sales, Inc., a medical products company, to discuss the possibility of marketing the carrier.

If national marketing doesn't pan out, Goodrum is still satisfied.

"Whether anybody else wants one or not, we've got it and we'll use it," he said. "We've needed something like this for a long time. I don't understand why someone hasn't done this before."

Bowling Scores



Wednesday Morning Ladies Bowling League

1.	Cherry Pickers	45	33
2.	Alley Cats	43	35
3.	Long Shots	411/2	361/2
4.	Hit & Miss	401/2	371/2
5.	Gutter Gussies	34	44
6	Short Pins	30	48

High Team Game: Alley Cats, 443; High Team Series: Alley Cats, 1,211; High Ind. Game: Minnie Rumble, 194; High Ind. Series: Teresa Cox, 494.

Weather



Partly sunny, windy, mild today. High near 80. Tonight, chance of showers, thunderstorms. Low, 60. Tomorrow, occasional showers, thunderstorms, High 73. low 57.

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