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Program shows how prom activities can be 'wrecked'

ROSSVILLE—Jamie Burk, a Rossville-Alvin High School, must have looked stunning Monday in a silver prom dress.

It was hard to tell, however, because Burk's upper body was extended through the windshield of a Dodge Sable, covered with the coat of a Rossville fireman.

Burk and fellow students Adam Fritz, Felicia Mahorney and Mike Bray were part of a demonstration on the possible consequences of drinking and driving.

The demonstration was conducted by the village's fire, ambulance, rescue squad and police departments, as well as the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department and coroner's office.

According to the scenario, Fritz, who had too much to drink at prom, decided to take a few laps around the track in his car. After driving at an excessive speed, Fritz rolled the car, and his date, Burk, went through the windshield.

Fake blood covered the scene as members of the Rossville Rescue Squad cut the car apart to extricate the students.

Using the story outline, emergency medical technicians discovered both girls had "died." After they were taken from the wreckage, they were taken from the scene in a Wolfe Funeral Home hearse.

Bray, severely "injured," was taken by ambulance and was expected to be transferred.

Fritz, the driver, flunked a field sobriety test. He was "charged" with driving under the influence of alcohol and faced the prospect of vehicular manslaughter charges, as well.

Playing a drunk driver was "not too fun," said Fritz after the drama finished. "I was wonderin' what it would be like if it really happened. It's scary. Being in a fake setting is scary."

Fritz, who plans to attend the prom this weekend, said Monday's dramatization will be on his mind while he parties. "I'll be thinking about it a lot," he said.

That is the response hoped for by those who put on
See PROM on other side

Prom continued from other side

Rossville seeks residents' help to receive state grants

Residents to receive survey forms in mail

ROSSVILLE—Village officials are requesting assistance from residents receiving state grants.

The village plans to apply for a state Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to upgrade the sewer and/or water system.

In order to apply for the grant, officials must first determine if village residents meet certain income eligibility requirements.

Within the next week, the Champaign County Re-

gional Planning Commission (CCRPC) will mail income surveys to residents to determine if the village is eligible to receive the grant.

Village officials stress that resident responses are very important and will be kept confidential.

In order to qualify for the grant, a certain percentage of the community must respond; the more responses, the greater chance the village has of being accepted.

Anyone with questions about the income survey may call Tom Mason at the CCRPC at (217) 328-3313 or the village office, 748-6914.

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Briefly

Royalty crowned

Chad Allen and Jamie Watson were crowned king and queen of the Hoopeston Area High School prom Saturday night.

"From This Moment On" was the theme of the prom, held Saturday night at Honeywell School.

Beanie Baby winner

Marla Gilbert of Hoopeston won the Valentino Beanie Baby drawing at the Hoopeston Public Library.

The drawing was part of National Library Week.

Items needed

Hoopeston Community Nursing Home is asking area residents for contributions of craft supplies and potential bingo prizes.

Items needed include felt, sequins, yard, fabric and other craft materials, and small bingo prizes such as plants (African violets), jewelry, perfume, toiletries and knickknacks.

Volunteers are also needed at the nursing home. For more information, call (217) 283-5531.

the demonstration.

~~"Hopefully, it will make (students) stop and think and hopefully be a little more cautious,"~~ said Ross-ville fire chief Lloyd Smith.

Looking at the students gathered in the bleachers, Smith noted their near-silence. "There's a little bit of chatter but that's probably as quiet as you've ever seen a bunch of high school kids," he said.

This is the second dramatization of an auto accident sponsored by village organizations, said Joanne Mahorney of the Rossville Ambulance Service. "Every year, we fine-tune it," she said.

The first enactment was four years ago, Smith said. "We try to do it every four years so every student

can see it while they're in high school," he said.

Although targeted for juniors and seniors, the entire student body witnessed the dramatization. "A lot of underclassmen attend our prom," said Phil Smith, Rossville-Alvin High School superintendent.

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 9 a.m. Sunday. Police said Karla Coon, Hoopeston, was crossing the Thompson Ave. railroad tracks in a 1992 Pontiac when a crossing gate hit the car.

Police are investigating three burglaries reported Sunday. The first was at an unidentified Hoopeston Plaza business; buildings in the 300 block of West Washington and 700 block of West Orange were also entered.

A white 1992 Cadillac with a blue cloth top was reported stolen Monday from the 600 block of South Market. The license plate is JDSCAD1.

Police reported Monday that a window was broken at Routes 1 and 9.

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
April 22

Admitted: Kimberly Ross, Rankin; Hazel Haire, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

April 23

Admitted: Mildred Weger, Doris Trombley, Hoopes-ton.

Discharged: Grady Bell, Bernard Reetz, Helen Job-son.

April 24

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Kimberly Ross.

April 25

Admitted: Harold Wood, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Mildred Weger.

Weather

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