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## School bus 'wreck' tests skills of area emergency personnel

ROSSVILLE—Agonizing screams and muffled giggles emanated from a flipped school bus Saturday at Heaton Grain Company in rural Rossville.

Twenty-one youngsters, including five members of the Hoopeston Explorers post, participated in a mock bus accident, a training exercise for Rossville and Hoopeston firemen, ambulance personnel and emergency room staff at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospi-

The exercise was planned by the Rossville Fire Department, said Fire Chief Lloyd Smith. The bus was donated by Geiger Truck Parts in Watseka, and prior to emergency personnel responding, Smith poured substances simulating antifreeze and other liquids around the bus.

suffers from a "severe eve iniury" below, firemen cut open a school bus used in a mock bus accident Saturday. The was a training session for Rossville and Hoopeston emergency medical personnel.





Rossville emergency personnel were paged at about 1 p.m., with Hoopeston personnel receiving a page about two minutes later. Ambulances, fire trucks and rescue vehicles converged on the site and began working to rescue the "injured."

Using a ladder to reach the windows, emergency personnel entered the bus to assess injuries, while other firemen used saws and the Jaws of Life to cut openings in the bus roof. Firefighter coats were duct taped to the openings and youngsters were brought from the wreckage.

Some of the "victims" were taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, allowing emergency room staff to take part in the exercise.

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#### **Police News**

**A scooter** found March 31 in the 700 block of West Orange was claimed by the owner Thursday.

**A 17-year-old** woman reported Thursday that she lost her wallet Thursday in the 700 block of West Main. The wallet contains personal papers, driver's license and money.

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:40 p.m. Thursday in the 1000 block of West Penn.

Police said Todd L. Beatty of Hoopeston, in a 1998 Peterbuilt semi, was backing into a driveway at 1018 W. Penn when people started honking and yelling at him to hurry up. Beatty pulled too far forward and hit a sign, knocking the sign pole over. Beatty also created ruts in the lawn when he pulled onto the grass.

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:20 p.m. Friday south of Rt. 9 on 1550 East Rd.

Police said Lillian L. Perkins of 501 Dice, was leaving

the parking lot behind Hoopeston Community Nursing Home, turning northbound on 1550 East Rd. when she saw a 1987 International truck driven by Gary Buhrmester of 407 E. Oak, Watseka, who was southbound. Perkins struck the truck in the tires.

Perkins was at fault for making an improper right turn.

**Kristy L. Glenn,** 23, of #34 Parkview Court, was arrested at 9:42 p.m. Friday in the 200 block of South First Ave. She was charged with battery on a complaint from an 18-year-old woman who told police Glenn hit her in the mouth.

Glenn was released on a notice to appear.

**Police are** investigating a report made Saturday that someone cut the brake line of a truck owned by Rent Way, 208 E. Main. The truck was parked behind the building.

ment; Wednesday, arts and crafts; Thursday, Jumpstart Anger Control (Ice Breakers) Friday, movie, games and karaoke.

#### Calendar winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: April 15, Scott and Suzzette Hesser; April 16, Kristy Garrison; April 17, Drollinger Insurance; April 18, David and Tiffani Dugle; April 19, Mary Mathis.

#### **Obituaries**

**BLAKEY**—Lewis R. Blakey, 66, of Venice, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 11:46 a.m. Monday, April 8, 2002 at bon Secours Venice Hospital, Venise. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Brown-alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

#### Weather



Partly sunny today. High 85. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 62. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 80, low 60.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.



A 41-year-old Paxton woman reported Saturday that someone damaged the windshield of her vehicle and a window back door window of the home in which she was

staying. The damage occurred in the 600 block of West Maple.

A 17-year-old Hoopeston man reported Saturday that someone broke the driver's side window of his vehicle while it was parked in the 700 block of East Wyman.

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#### Multi Agency van schedule

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

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., , men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

Teen Reach activities for the week include:Monday, Life Skills; Tuesday, Mark Drollinger, Hoopeston Police Depart-

#### **Wreck** continued from other side

"I think it went real well," Smith said as the scenario wound down. "We learned what things won't work, what you can cut a bus with and what you can't and how to stage our equipment. We also learned how to make our guys tired and ready to quit."

Along with teaching skills, the exercise was a lesson in teamwork, said Rossville Ambulance coordinator JoAnn Mahorney. "We wanted everybody to work together," she said. "We got them out in 50 minutes. For what (equipment) we had, it went off very good."