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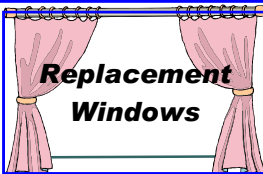


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Area drivers to crash for cash in benefit demolition derby

Members of the Hoopeston and Wellington-Greer fire departments expect to see many car crashes Aug. 7 but not at an exercise in extrication.

The two departments are sponsoring a demolition derby to raise money for equipment.

Firemen will officiate the derby, which will feature area drivers. Organizers hope to have 50 participants and, based on that number, the winning driver will receive a \$1,000 purse, said Phil Vines of the Wellington-Greer Department.

Second through fifth places will earn \$500,

\$300, \$200 and \$100 respectively.

The top winners will also receive "real nice trophies," said Vines, adding the first place trophy is 5 feet tall. "We're trying to make a legit show of it," he said.

Vines is no stranger to demo derbies having started driving in them in 1978. He quit about two years ago. "The mind is still willing but the body isn't," he said.

The show will feature compact and full-size cars and pickup trucks. "Trucks are a new thing and they



Phil Vines of the Wellington-Greer Fire Department and Jon Rayls of the Hoopeston Fire Department, check out demo derby car owned by Luke Swartz of Hoopeston. The departments are co-sponsoring an Aug. 7 derby. event to raise money for equipment.

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For information, call Pat Bailey, (217) 283-4243.

Meteorologist to speak

The public is invited to hear WILL meteorologist Ed Kieser will give a presentation at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Hoopeston Public Library. Refreshments will be served.

Football clinic

The Hoopeston Area Youth Club is hosting a

always put on a good show," he said. Spectators might also see

See DERBY on other side

Derby continued from other side

a rollover or two during the event.

The idea for the show came from the Cayuga Fire Department, which has held several derbies to raise money. "They make lots of money," Vines said.

The derby will start at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at the McFerren Park annex. Rain date is Aug. 8.

Tickets will be available at the gate and are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Children under five will be admitted free. "That way we can have a nice family outing," Vines said.

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Trash Walkers

If you need to get the garbage out of your car, Saturday's the day to do it. Hoopeston Trash Walkers will collect trash from passing motorists Saturday at the intersection of Main and Market. Volunteers will also hand out garbage bags for use at the National Sweetcorn Festival parade.

The group will not be asking for money while they collect trash.

Youth football signup

Hoopeston Youth Football will hold signups

Concessions will be available from the Hoopeston Jaycees.

Anyone interested in driving in the derby may contact Vines at (217) 339-2200 or Greg Bertam at (217) 283-4680. There is a \$20 early entry fee for those

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