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Hundreds of fifth, sixth graders learn about farm safety

A recent Agriculture Safety Day taught hundreds of fifth and sixth graders about farm safety - and so much more.

Students from John Greer, along with those from Rossville-Alvin, Potomac and Bismarck-Henning attended the safety day at McFerren Park. The event, held April 30, was sponsored by the Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety at Carle Foundation Hospital and Bunge.

Children often view farm and livestock operations as exciting playgrounds, providing endless hours of fun and adventure, said Amy Rademaker, farm safety specialist at Carle Foundation Hospital. But these facilities, and the livestock and equipment on them, can set the stage for tragedy. Many children are killed or injured on America's farms and ranches each year.

"Safety days, such as this one in Hoopeston, are taking place this year in more than 350 locations across the U.S., Canada, Virgin Islands and Samoa to teach rural children how to prevent injuries and reduce the risk of farm incidents," Rademaker said.

During the safety days, children participate in interactive activities that reinforce the importance of taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents'



Sgt. Bill Emery of the Illinois State Police displays the department's rollover simulator to fifth and sixth grade students during Agriculture Safety Day at McFerren Park. Students from John Greer, along with those from Rossville-Alvin, Bismarck-Henning and Potomac attended the event.

safety rules and sharing safety tips with family and friends.

Hands-on demonstrations teach participants lifesaving first-aid techniques and reveal hidden hazards of farm surroundings. Demonstrations focus on farm hazards associated with electrical safety, roadway and seatbelt safety, firearm safety, farm equipment safety, meth awareness, fire safety, grain safety, railway safety, chemical look-alikes and food safety.

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Briefly

Correction

Sherri Smith’s last name was inadvertently omitted from a photo cutline in Wednesday’s issue. Smith is assistant manager at MainSource Bank in Hoopeston. Just the Facts regrets the error.

Fundraisers

Hoopeston Cruisers Relay for Life team is sponsoring fundraisers Saturday to raise money for their cause. A bake sale will begin at 9 a.m. at Pamida. In conjunction, volunteers will hold a car wash at Crown Ford, also beginning at 9 a.m..

All proceeds donated to Relay for Life 2008, American Cancer Society

Volunteer opportunities

- Hoopeston American Legion and VFW will place flags on graves at Floral Hill Cemetery of members of the military that have passed. Those who would like to assist need to be at the cemetery at 8:30 a.m. on May 23. Questions may be directed to Bob Duffin, 283-9241.
- Hoopeston Main Street Program is still in need of volunteers for the Organization Committee and the Eco-

conomic Restructuring Committee. Please contact Judi Benjamin at 217-283-7873 if you would like to be involved.

Main Street Core training will be held in Hoopeston on June 25-26. This training will be for committee members and the board.

More information regarding the training will follow soon.

Sports physicals

Sports physicals will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20 at Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center. Cost is \$15.


Incoming sixth and ninth grade students need a complete physical.

Obituaries

BRILEY - Annamae Jacob Briley died March 28, 2008 in Yuma, Ariz. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left at knapfuneralhomes.com

HASBARGEN - Frances M. (Ault) Hasbargen, 62, of Hoopeston died at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at home. Funeral service will be at noon Thursday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 10 a.m.-noon at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society.

PITZER - Brenda Sue (Verkler) Pitzer, 65, of Cissna Park died at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2008 at Northwestern Hospital, Chicago. Funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Cissna Park Cemetery. Visitation will be 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Weather 

Chance of showers today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 62, low 43. Tomorrow, high 67, low 49.

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