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Brandon Umbanhowar, on a backboard, gets a lift from Hoopeston emergency personnel at Thursday's mock accident at Hoopeston Area High School. Umbanhowar's "injuries" were deemed serious enough that he got a short Air Lift helicopter ride.

Upperclassmen get lesson in aftermath of drinking, driving

Hoopeston emergency medical personnel were called Thursday afternoon to Hoopeston Area High School, where a car rear-ended and went under a van. Four students were taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, one was air lifted and a sixth was pronounced

dead at the scene.

Luckily for all of them, they were able to peel off their stick-on "injuries," wash their faces and head back to class after the demonstration of a post-Prom drunk driv-

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Alex Golladay, portraying a drunk driver in Thursday's mock accident at Hoopeston Area High School, struggles with Illinois State Trooper Robert Woodard as part of the demonstration.



Police News



Todd L. Beatty, 45, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 3:25 p.m. to the 300 block of East Washington where a 44-year-old Hoopeston woman alleged Beatty raised his fist and threatened to punch her.

Beatty was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Jeremiah Dailey, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 2:32 a.m. Friday in the 400 block of East Wyman. He was charged with driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle and was released on notices to appear.

Isidro Pablo, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested in connection with a hit-and-run accident reported at 11 p.m. Friday in the 300 block of West Main.

Obituaries

HARDISON - Brenda P. (Boucher) Hardison, 63, of Hoopeston, formerly of Gardner, Mass., died at 10:45 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2012, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Her body will be cremated. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the family, c/o Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Lesson continued from other side

ing accident, sponsored by the school district.

In the scenario, Alex Golladay and some friends were heading back to Hoopeston after a Prom dinner in Danville when Golladay rear-ended a van. Golladay's car ran underneath the van, causing serious "injuries" to people in both vehicles, including Holly Mullen, Gabby Carter, Gina Werkheiser, Brandon Umbanhowar, and Ross Lange, who "died."

HA juniors and seniors watched the scene unfold, as ambulances and Hoopeston Fire Department rescue vehicles raced to the bus area behind the high school. As firemen used the Jaws of Life to cut open the vehicles, paramedics readied backboards and other equipment to treat the victims. Most were taken by ambulance to the local hospital, but Umbanhowar was treated to a helicopter ride after his "injuries" were deemed serious enough to require

trauma center care.

Once the injuries were tended to, Golladay, portraying the drunk driver, performed—and failed—field sobriety tests administered by Illinois State Trooper R.L. Woodard as Vermilion County Sheriff's Deputy Dan Auterman explained the processes of the field tests and subsequent arrest.

Paramedic Joe Garrett, of Hoopeston Emergency Medical Service, outlined the scene for students at the beginning of the demonstration, then summed it up at the end. "Our goal is for you to have a safe Prom, an alcohol-free Prom," he said. "Have a good time...and don't forget to wear your seatbelts."

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