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Lourdine Florek, owner



Hoopeston Area student Allie Smith "cries" and Jaren West is distraught as they view Kade Ramos, a victim in a mock crash held Friday at Hoopeston Area High School. Used as a community disaster drill, the exercise served as an assembly to remind upperclassmen of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Students see the horrors of drunk driving at mock crash

The back lot of Hoopeston Area High School on Friday looked like the aftermath of a scene from an action movie. Two smashed vehicles, filled with the injured and dead were surrounded by fire, ambulance and police vehicles as others looked on. As emergency personnel worked, an Air Life helicopter descended on the scene.

Fortunately, while the vehicles and emergency personnel were real, the blood, injuries and death were not.

The scene was a community disaster drill, featuring a

mock crash and was the brainchild of Charlotte Strawser, BSN, emergency management specialist at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

As well as being a training exercise for first responders, it also served as a reminder for Hoopeston Area High School students - whose prom was Saturday - of the dangers of drinking and driving.

In Strawser's scenario, emergency personnel were

See CRASH on other side



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helicopter lands at the school Friday as part of a mock crash drill.

Hoopeston Area High School students watch as an Air Life

Crash continued from other side

called to the scene of a drunk driving accident with several injured and two fatalities. As paramedics worked to remove those injured who were not trapped, firemen used extrication equipment to cut apart cars and free those trapped inside.

Meanwhile, police interviewed victims and made an "arrest," hauling Maya Webber from the scene in handcuffs.

Ryan Anderson, of Anderson Funeral Home, and Vermilion County deputy coroner Steve Cornett were also on hand.

As the action unfolded, Strawser, along with other Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center emergency personnel, were on scene to participate and critique the event.

While some "victims" were placed in an ambu-

From the Blotter

Nicholas J. Pascoe, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 9:40 a.m. Thursday at City Hall, 301 W. Main. He was charged with criminal damage to state supported property after he allegedly damaged the

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, corn, applesauce, Tropical Twist juice, milk

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches,

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, pears, celery sticks, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Beefy fiestada, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Ham & cheese sandwich, Sun Chips, cucumber slices, sliced apples, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

MONDAY: Chicken wrap or ham & cheese, salad bar, c, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Pork roast/gravy or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli or BBQ rib, Max Stix, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Grilled cheese or cheeseburger, soup, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

lance, victim Kade Ramos' "injuries" were severe enough for him experience a trip in the Air Lift heli-

Cornett addressed students before the mock event started and again as it wrapped up. In mock training for emergency personnel, "the most important thing...is reality," he said, adding that for students, "the meaning of today is don't drink and drive."

copter.

Vermilion County has 15 to 20 fatal crashes each year, about half of which involve alcohol, he said, encouraging students not be part of that statistic.

Weather

Sunny today. High 80. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 53. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 74, low 51.

front entry door. Pascoe was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to appear before a judge on the felony charge.

A silver key was found on a bench by the main play area inside the park entrance. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Gary D. Franklin, 30, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 2:28 p.m. Friday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was released on bond with a new court date.

Obituaries

MASENGALE - Donna (Miles) Masengale, 70, of Rossville, died April 13, 2016, at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Visitation was 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville, A celebration of her life will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston; First United Methodist Church, Rossville: or Sharon L. Bassett Foundation.

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