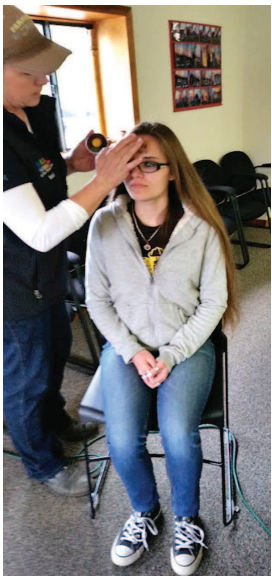


Vernonia Students Stage S.K.I.D. Reenactment

Vernonia High School students staged a S.K.I.D. (Stop Kids Intoxicated Driving) demonstration on Friday, May 3, one day prior to their high school prom. The program was organized by the National Honor Society students.

The program is a theatrical reenactment of a drunk driving collision involving local students. Student actors from the high school, some in bloody make up, play the roles of the students involved in the fatal auto accident, while the rest of the high school watches the horrific events unfold.

The incident opens immediately following the head-on collision and incorporates local police, fire and rescue, and ambulance personnel. A pre-



recorded message walks the student observers through the unfolding drama. One student is transported by ambulance as a Life Flight helicopter crew lands to evacuate another injured student. One student driver is interrogated by police and is arrested for driving drunk. The mother of the deceased student arrives on the scene and so does the hearse to remove the remains.

The reenactment is a powerful and emotional reminder that the Vernonia School District and student leaders have used to encourage the student body to be safe and make good decisions at the end of the school year as they celebrate prom and graduation.

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