

Alive Today...



DUI (Alcohol) Crashes and Injuries in Carson Country.

Fatal Crashes- 0	Other Injury Crashes- 1
Fatalities- 0	Other Injuries- 2
Serious Injury Crashes- 1	Non-Injury Crashes- 1
Serious Injuries- 1	Unknown Severity Crashes- 1

Total Crashes - 7

Know the Facts!

In 2002 alone, 3,827 drivers 15 to 20 years old were killed, and an additional 324,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes in the United States. Twenty-nine percent of these teen drivers had been drinking. About three out of ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related auto crash at some time during their lives. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people from 15 to 20 years old.



Fiction that felt too real ...

1. Sophomore Mason Miller, a participant in the program, played a passenger in the car of the drunks. He was able to walk away with minor injuries.
2. Sophomore Carson Ritter was in the car that got hit by the drunk driver. He suffered many injuries, including a missing pinky.
3. The 'Grim Reaper' stands tall as emergency officials load the dead body into the hearse.
4. Senior Renee Payne lays lifeless as the emergency crew gets ready to sweep her cold body off the pavement. Renee was in the car with the drunk driver and was ejected out of the passenger side seat.
5. Freshman Logan Siler was the driver of the car that was hit. He suffered many injuries, including back and head trauma. Logan died on scene. The paramedics tried to resuscitate him, but were unsuccessful.
6. Senior Shaunna Corley played the drunk driver. She was arrested at first for DWI (driving while intoxicated) but when Renee was pronounced dead, manslaughter was added on.
7. Junior Nate Roskens was another victim of someone else's bad decisions. He suffered a broken femur and more.

Shattered

Every fifteen minutes...

Shaunna Corley and Renee Payne have their future plans written on their hands.

Dreams of big things that can change in a...

DREAMS

In an INSTANT

INSTANT

Lives were changed watching friends suffer from a bad choice.

Those choices resulted in seeing one friend get cuffed and sent to jail, and another dead.

MANY CONSEQUENCES



Tomorrow



Photos by Hayden Ritter

“For those of you who weren’t there, I’ll set the scene for you. It was a chilly spring morning. You hold your hand out in front of your face, and you can barely see it. The forecast called for isolated thunderstorms, which in Carson County usually means rain almost everywhere but Groom, except for on Thursday, May 7. Yet, that day we heard, and we felt the rain. I can see two small cars, one white and one black — “crashed” — on Third Street by the school playground. I can hear nothing but screams and the wailing of a siren in the background. I turn and see fellow students, teachers, parents and community members standing in awe. Something that was staged turned into something that all of the sudden felt so real. Friends screaming made it personal. There were tough guys, who typically show no emotion, who showed nothing but emotion all day Thursday and parts of Friday. Then, there was the wild-side jock, who now has a new mind-set. I saw nothing but change. Seeing my friends and some of my classmates walk out from around the school beaten and battered, covered in blood and bruises hit home. The effect was stunning. Sounds are definitely what made it seem the most real: sirens on the emergency vehicles, screams from ‘victims’, cries for help, pleas to friends, the sound of the generator running, shouts of first responders and the popping and cracking of the ‘Jaws-of-Life,’ as it cut and twisted through pieces of metal. Then, I saw two of the ladies, working on my friends and teammates. One was working a code in progress, which means a patient with no pulse and is not breathing. The other hollered for help on the other side of the car. Two dead, one in jail, and several injured friends, classmates and teammates, all with their lives shattered. Drinking and driving is a bad idea, no matter who you are. You are not invincible. It’s not just your life that you are putting in jeopardy when you drink and drive. You risk the lives of everyone in your vehicle and everyone on the road. Don’t let one mistake silence the joy that was to fill the rest of your life.”

-Jacob Clifton