



TUSCOLA NORTH WARD'S third and fourth graders performed in the "A Night at the Movies" choir concert on May 11. Students sang classic Disney movie songs such as When you Wish Upon a Star as well as more modern ones like Try Everything from Moana. *Photo by Dominik Stallings.*



VILLA GROVE HIGH SCHOOL WATCHED A CAR CRASH SIMULATION on Friday, May 12. Firefighters from Villa Grove and Camargo assisted in performing the simulated crash. The demonstration shows first hand what first-responders handle regularly. *Photo by Dominik Stallings.*



BRADY CLODFELDER and Emma Buesing sit in the Carle Hospital ambulance after participating in the simulated car crash. Fake blood was splattered on them to make the scene as realistic as possible. *Photo by Dominik Stallings.*



FIREFIGHTERS AND HELICOPTER MEDICAL STAFF help transport Luke Zimmerman to the Carle AirLife helicopter during the simulated car crash on May 12. The Helicopter flew Zimmerman around the Villa Grove, before landing back on the field. *Photo by Dominik Stallings.*



VILLA GROVE STAFF and students, first responders and the Douglas County Coroner Lisa Edwards stand in front of the Carle helicopter. According to the most recent statistics from 2021, in Douglas County, there were 520 traffic crashes, 1 fatality. Of those crashes 18 of those accidents involved impaired drivers. 15 were alcohol and 3 were drug related, 65 involved drivers in the 16-20 year old age category. Statewide, so far, in 2023 there have been 368 traffic fatalities. Someone in America dies every 15 minutes due to impaired or distracted driving. *Photo by Dominik Stallings.*



DURING THE SIMULATED CAR CRASH, firefighters kneel next to Makenzie Ewing to show the intense, emotional aspect of a car crash. Ewing said that the simulation very impactful. The other students who participated agreed with her. *Photo by Dominik Stallings.*