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and his passenger, Lindsey Stewart, 15, both students at Francis Howell High School, were killed.

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Branson ride gets OK to resume operation

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BRANSON, Mo. — Branson USA Amusement Park received permission Friday to resume operation of the Firestorm roller coaster, which was involved in an accident that injured eight people.

None of the injuries was serious.

A car on the Firestorm hit a second, unoccupied car on July 21.

A safety inspector hired by the

Division of Fire Safety ran a series of tests on the roller coaster this week. The park's maintenance records also were examined.

The inspection found no evidence of mechanical failure or malfunction, the division said in a news release Friday.

The investigator "could not eliminate operator error as the cause of the accident," the news release said.

Group is moving its "hat festivals" to Central West End

Cool Down St. Louis is moving its group by picking out a hat in re-

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