

## Oops!

**In Tuesday's word search, the clue listed Doitbest but the puzzle said Olympic Hardware.**

**Thank you to everyone who called about the mistake.**



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**VFW Early Bird Party**  
**December 3**  
**All members and**  
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**Santa is coming to Hoopeston this weekend!**  
Get your picture with Santa on  
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Find Santa inside **Dixie Plaza Flea Market**  
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### Former pro athlete brings motivational message to students

A former NFL receiver hopes area high school students received his message.

Ray Sydnor, former wide receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles, spoke Tuesday at Hoopeston Area High School about his battle with drug and alcohol addiction.

Sydnor told students how decisions he made as a teen—to become involved with drugs and alcohol, unraveled his professional football career, causing him to miss the final practice before Superbowl XV in 1981.

Now, Sydnor has turned his life around and speaks nationally about his experiences. He is also founder of MAAP (Mentoring, Academics, Athletics in Partnership), a Christian after-school mentoring program in public schools in Baltimore City, Md. He also serves as a minister at Mt. Pleasant Church and Ministries in Baltimore, Md.

Sydnor's appearances, which includes stops at Hoopeston and Danville high schools Tuesday and Georgetown-Ridge Farm and Westville Wednesday, was to be capped by a speaking engagement Wednesday night in Mary Miller Gymnasium on Danville Area Community College campus.

His appearances were paid by a Ronald McDonald House grant applied for by Don and Deanna Witzel,

owners of the Vermilion County McDonald's restaurants. Other funding was contributed by local chapters of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



*Photo contributed by Carl Ankenbrand*  
**Former Philadelphia Eagles receiver Ray Sydnor talks with Robbie Colunga during an assembly Tuesday at Hoopeston Area High School.**

### Rossville-Alvin school takes part in Tote and a Note program

The students at Rossville-Alvin along with the community are working with the Freeway and the school to help some schools that were damaged or destroyed in Hurricane Katrina.

Teachers have been asked to purchase a plastic tote and the students to fill it with notebooks, pencils, rulers, etc. Each class will fill a tote and then also write a note to other students their same age. These will be distributed to classes. Organizers hope that

students will contact R-A students and may even become pen pals with some of them.

The program has been going on in November and will wrap up on December 20. The supplies will be delivered some time after that. Anyone with donations may leave them at the school or the Freeway in Rossville. For more information, please call Andy Thomas at (217) 748-4286 or Debbie Potter, at 748-6666, ext. 104.

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**American Legion**

**Has been cancelled**  
**for this week.**



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