

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.

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Friday at the **American Legion** Has been cancelled for this week.

Huge bracelet sale regular \$27.50 now just \$5 each. Over 100 bracelets with different designs. Orange Illinois silicone bracelets \$3; silver Illinois ones \$10. Friday & Sat only in Global Fashions. PS: all customers on Friday receive free Hoopeston related Italian charms or R.A. Bobcats silicone bracelets (while supplies last)



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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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Senior citizen Christmas dinner

The Hoopeston Multi Agency is accepting reservations for its annual Senior Citizen Christmas dinner to be held Thursday, Dec. 8. Reservations are open to the first 125 people and must be made by Dec. 2.

Special board meeting

Hoopeston Area School Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school library. The special session was called for student discipline.

Youth baseball elections

Elections for the Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball board will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency. Officers to be elected include: president; vice president - minor and major leagues; vice president - instructional league and T-ball; treasurer; secretary; equipment manager; field manager; umpire coordinator Please attend if you are interested in any of these positions, would like to nominate someone, or if you are interested in helping as a coach, league supporter, or HAYB Mom.

Contact Kevin Jett with any questions.

By-laws and other league information can be viewed at: www.hoopeatonareayouth-baseball.com.

Miracle Tree screenings

Screenings for Grant Township Food Cupboard, Lions Club Christmas baskets, Jaycees Toys for Kids, and Grant Township Miracle Tree will be held Thursday, Nov. 17 through Friday, Dec. 9. Screenings will be conducted from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. at the Grant Township business office, 525 S. Market St. Please bring proof of address, in-effect LINK card, proof of income, and Social Security cards for everyone in the household.

Pamida, in Pamida Plaza, will again have its Miracle

Library's lost and found items to be donated if unclaimed

The following items are in the lost and found at Hoopeston Public Library. They will be given to the Multi Agency Thrift Shop if not claimed within two weeks: Car keys with Jerry's IGA, CVS and County Market tags along with a brass tag from Mom's Flower Shoppe est. 1998

Eyeglasses - 2 pair

Sunglasses - 3 pair

Gray Carhart hooded sweatshirt - medium

Obituaries

BURT - Pearl Emma Burt, 93, of Colorado Springs, Colo., formerly of Hoopeston, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2005 in Colorado Springs. Private burial will be Thursday in Floral Hill Cemetery. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. **HUSHAW** - Jane Hushaw, 93, of Hoopeston died at 12:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.. Thursday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Entombment will be in Sunset Memorial Park, Danville. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Antioch Church of Christ. Orange and white Big Chill jacket - large Diaper bag with clean diapers, sour milk and breast feeding information Beige hat with black bill says - awesome dad Small Bible Hair brush Barney Video Assorted photos More children's items

Police News

Kevin L. Davis, 35, of 325 N. Market was arrested at 5 p.m. Tuesday at 1006 W. Chestnut. Davis was charged with battery on a complaint from a 19-yearold Hoopeston man who alleged Davis pushed him during an argument.

Davis was released on a notice to appear.

Weather

Chance of snow today. High 34. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 18. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 28, low 23.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

Tree with name tags. For the second year, Global Fashions, 305 E. Main and First Allied Securities, 207 E. Main, in downtown Hoopeston, will each have a Miracle Tree with gift tags available.



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