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## Travel agent on ground floor of youth baseball bonanza

ROSSVILLE—Baseball and 1996 should be very good to a newly-opened Rossville travel agency.

A Door to Travel, owned by Lynn Kruger, will be the official travel agency for "Cooperstown - The Dream," a baseball competition bringing youth baseball teams from across the United States to the Cooperstown, N.Y., home of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The competition will begin in June 1996 and last 10 to 12 weeks, Kruger said. Each week, 50 youth baseball teams will be flown from their hometowns to Cooperstown to participate.

The competition will be free to players and coaches. A major airline will fly teams for free and arrangements are being made to house visitors in cabins on-site, Kruger said.

Players will also receive all their equipment. in-  
See **BASEBALL** on other side

## Former resident glad to be home

Paula Kruger, owner of A Door to Travel in Rossville, was away from the area for 15 years - and is glad to be back.

Kruger, daughter of John and Lynn, her husband and four children recently moved to Rossville from Chillicothe.

The move came after Kruger's husband accepted a position at the Danville Eye Clinic.

"When the chance came to move back to Rossville and raise our children here, we jumped at the chance," she said.

Kruger will operate her home office from Rossville and have a branch office in Chillicothe.

## Briefly

### Four injured in accident

A Hoopeston girl and three Danville people were injured Wednesday evening in an accident on Route 1.

Jennifer L. Hott, 17, of Hoopeston, and Debby L. Hill, 36, Michael Hill, 3, and Ashlea Hill, two months, were treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital following the accident at 5:40 p.m. at Route 1 and Iroquois County road 100 North.

According to Illinois State Police at Ashkum, Hott, westbound on 100 North, stopped at the intersection, then pulled her 1991 Chevrolet into the path of Hill's 1984 Honda Accord.

Hott was ticketed for failure to yield at a stop intersection.

### Principal honored

Milford High School principal Mike Gibson was recently named administrator of the year at the Illinois Educational Office Personnel state conference in Champaign.

Winners are nominated by county and local groups.

Co-hosting the state meeting were the Vermilion, Champaign and Iroquois county groups, as well as Danville.

Marsha Johnson, Milford High School secretary, was named south director for the state.

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## Baseball continued from other side

cluding home and away uniforms, batting helmet, bat, sleeping bag and miscellaneous items provided by sporting goods companies, she said.

Each team will also bring a \$2,000 donation to their home baseball organization.

Organizers are working with ESPN and Nickelodeon to televise the games, which would make it "the first televised children's sporting event except the Little League World Series," Kruger said.

Teams for the competition will be selected beginning in August. Selection will be based on questionnaires filled out by their coaches.

Coaches will be invited to seminars in major cities in the U.S. and will be asked to fill out forms with "open ended questions, like 'Why should your team be chosen,'" Kruger said.

The competition will be "based on the Hall of Fame, a Children's Hall of Fame," Kruger said. Besides baseball games, there will be individual competitions for home runs hit, base stealing and "the King of Swat," she said.

Teams will play at Dreams Park, a special baseball area not yet constructed. "I've seen the drawings (for the park)," Kruger said. "Walt Disney couldn't have done it any better."

Each participating team will be photographed. Those photos will hang in Dreams Park "forever," Kruger said.

While baseball will be the game of choice, professional players will not be involved. "The whole thing is really to build better kids," Kruger said. Speakers at the competition will come from other areas besides sports because "(baseball) is not what life's about," Kruger said.

While most of the cost will be borne by sponsors, including primary sponsore MBNA MasterCard, participating teams will be required to do some fundraising, Kruger said. What form the fundraising will take will be announced when the event is officially kicked off later this summer.

The competition is expected to become an annual event, Kruger said. "It's going to be a legacy. We're trying to make history."

Kruger became involved because the event's

chairman has been a customer of her travel agency. "He liked my work," she said.

Since becoming involved, Kruger has made several trips both to Cooperstown and to the chairman's North Carolina home and she is impressed by the scope of the event.

"There's so much to feel good about this," she said. "It's a no-lose situation. This has got huge potential."

A Door to Travel is at 112 E. Attica, Rossville. The phone number is (217) 748-4144.

## Police News



**Wayne A. Conrad**, 40, of 511 S. Market, was arrested at 8 p.m. Wednesday on a warrant for failure to appear. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

**Deanna Ramsey**, 824 E. Wyman, Apt. A2, reported Thursday that someone sliced the rear tires of her 1987 Ford while it was in her apartment building parking lot.

## Cheer cards



Dustin Powell is again readying for another round of chemotherapy. His address is Dustin Powell, Ronald McDonald House, Room 215, 535 Alabama Ave., Memphis, TN, 38105.

## In the hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**

**June 7, 1995**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Mae Chaney, Hoopeston.

## Weather



Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, rain. Low in the low 60s. Saturday and Sunday, rain likely. Highs in the mid 80s, lows in the 60s.

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