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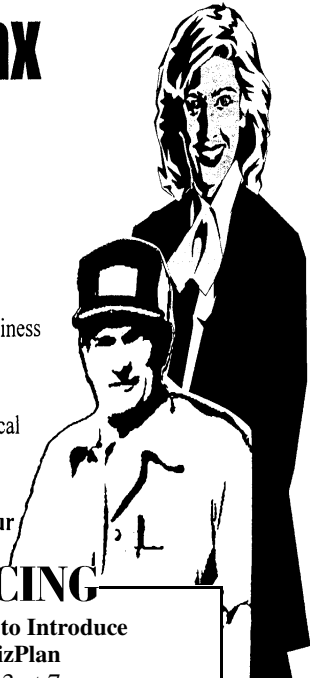
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## ‘I can do it’ attitude defeats disability, leads to Olympic wins

Jean Driscoll doesn’t like being told she should or should not do something.

And it’s that attitude that has propelled Driscoll and her wheelchair to seven Boston Marathon wins and Olympic medals.

Driscoll, 29, of Champaign, spoke to approximately 20 people in Hoopeston Tuesday night at a program sponsored by Barron Chase Securities.

Driscoll was born with spina bifida, a genetic disorder in which a hole grows in the spine. Although doctors told her parents she would never walk, Driscoll proved them wrong.

It was at age 2, Driscoll said, when “I adopted this ‘prove you wrong’ attitude.”

It was that attitude that allowed her to over come her disability.

“I’ve done things that people only dream of,” she said, adding she now sees her wheelchair as “a characteristic like eye color or hair color. I slip my chair on in the morning and forget about it.”

Driscoll admitted she was not always so comfortable with her disability. After five surgeries on a broken hip and one year in a body cast, Driscoll said she was angry. “I was mad at God, I was mad at the doctors, I was mad at the hospital, I was mad at everybody,” she said.

**See OLYMPIC on other side**

## Alderman says suit is keeping people from loan program

An alderman says a lawsuit against city officials is scaring people away from a program designed to create new businesses.

Alderman Bill Goodwine, at Tuesday’s city council meeting, said no one has applied for a revolving loan since a local newspaper filed the suit.

The suit, filed by the Chronicle, claims the city violated the Illinois Open Meetings Act by closing revolving loan committee meetings to the public.

The act states what government meetings must be open to the public and which may be closed.

While revolving loan committee meetings are not excluded under the act, Goodwine has maintained that the law is in direct conflict with laws governing the Small Business Administration under which revolving loan funds fall.

Those laws state that financial information provided by an applicant will remain confidential.

The revolving loan fund gives loans to those wanting to open a business in Hoopeston, but who have been rejected by local banks. For each \$10,000 borrowed, a business owner must create at least one full-time job.

Several residents had taken advantage of the program until the lawsuit, “but that’s not surprising since nobody wants their personal finances in the paper,” Goodwine said.

The issue is not whether people who receive public funds should be under scrutiny, but whether those in the early stages of applying for funds should be under the same intense scrutiny, he said.

“Every meeting the Chronicle cited (in its suit) were meetings where the applicant was denied,” Goodwine said.

“I imagine Twin States (parent company of the Chronicle) is praying that they lose the suit so they don’t have to explain why they ruined an excellent job-creating program in the city of Hoopeston,” he added.

In other discussion at Tuesday’s meeting, Goodwine announced a Ward 4 meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 8 in the dining room at Country Terrace, 705 E. Orange.

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**Police News**

**Darin F. Stephen**, 21, of 222 W. Orange, turned himself in to police at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday.

Stephen, wanted on a traffic warrant, was released after posting \$20 bond.

**A Hoopeston woman** was injured in a one-car accident at 10:05 p.m. Tuesday.

Margie A. Colunga of 1115 W. Orange was treated at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

According to police reports, Colunga was southbound on 1550 East Road when a large dog or coyote ran in front of the vehicle.

Colunga braked and slid into the east ditch, where her car flipped on its top.

Police said Colunga climbed from her car and walked to the hospital.

**Rick Vaughn**, 47, of 213 Henderson, Rossville, was ticketed Wednesday for leaving the scene of an accident and no insurance.

Police said Vaughn, in a 1973 Chevrolet pickup truck, was leaving McFerren Park at the West Elm exit when he struck a 1994 Buick driven by Annetta M. McIntyre of 516 W. Maple.

**Olympic** continued from other side

After changing high schools and meeting someone who suggested wheelchair sports, Driscoll's attitude changed. Her first time watching wheelchair soccer, "Bodies were going one way and chairs were going the other," she said. "It was great."

After soccer, Driscoll became involved in other wheelchair sports, including tennis, football, racquetball and softball. "I was doing something different every night."

It was not until she moved to Illinois to attend the University of Illinois to play basketball that she was introduced to wheelchair racing. "I really believe God led me here because my life changed incredibly," she

said.

Through hard work, Driscoll has won seven Boston Marathons, breaking several records, and competed in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and the 1996 Atlanta games, as well as the Paralympics for athletes with physical disabilities.

Driscoll's three-wheeled racing chair "looks like a dragster" and can travel at speeds of 16 to 17 miles per hour.

Driscoll, who supports herself through racing and endorsements such as the contract with Ocean Spray, said it is not the money that makes her go on. "I'm not motivated by the money and I'm not motivated by the fame," she said. "What motivates me is proving that I can do it, the drive. "Long after the money's gone, my

**Obituaries**

**BUTTERFIELD** - Clare J. Butterfield, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1996 at the Vermilion Manor Nursing Home. Graveside services with military rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**PARSLEY** - Lester E. Parsley, 82, of Milford, died at 8:40 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1996, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital in Watseka. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Mount Olive Cemetery near Champaign. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**In the hospital**

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
**Oct. 1, 1996**

**Admitted:** Naaman Lambert, Rankin; Laurel Weichert, Scottsdale, AZ.

**Discharged:** Ethel Kuntz and Delbert Crawford, Hoopeston.


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