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Hoopeston area welcomes motocross regional competitors

Motorcyclists throughout the Midwest will converge on Hoopeston this weekend.

The North Central Amateur Regional Motocross Championships will be held Saturday and Sunday at Bailey Motorsports Park in rural Hoopeston, said Jim Bailey.

Bailey and his brother, Todd, own the park.

Between 300 and 500 riders from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Florida, Georgia and Arkansas are expected. "It'll be a busy weekend," Bailey said.

Riders began arriving Wednesday and will continue through Friday night. They will fill area motels, and many will take advantage of free camping at the 23-acre motocross park, Bailey said.

It is not only the riders, but their families, as well, who

will be coming to Hoopeston. "It's really kind of neat they way they come around," Bailey said. "Motocross at the amateur level is really a family sport."

Saturday action begins with practice at 9 a.m. Races will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 6 or 7 p.m. Sunday, practice will begin at 8 a.m. followed by racing at 9 a.m.

Riders will compete in 17 classes based on bike size, riding experience and age. Motorcycles used in races will include 125, 250 and 500 cc.

Two motos will be run Saturday and a third Sunday. The combined total of the three will give the overall score in determining winners in each class.

The local event is one of eight regionals held through-
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Group halfway to 100 new members for library centennial

A local group is halfway to its goal of 100 new members to mark the centennial of the Hoopeston Public Library.

Friends of the Library in March began a campaign to add 100 members to the rolls by the November, when the library celebrates its 100th birthday, said group president Barbara Powley.

The group has 85 memberships divided among individual, family, student, business, clubs and lifetime categories.

Dues vary by category, including \$1 for students, \$3 for individuals, \$5 for families, \$25 for clubs and businesses and \$50 for lifetime memberships, Powley said.

Money raised through the membership drive will be used in two ways.

First, the group would like to "spruce the place up" by purchasing new window coverings for the main library

and new furnishings for the children's room, Powley said.

Some funds will also be used for the library centennial celebration, tentatively scheduled for Nov. 27-28. Final plans for the event have not been finalized, but an open house is being considered, along with refreshments and gifts. The group would also like to include a handout for the centennial and National Book Week, she said.

But Friends of the Library is looking for more than just money from residents. They're also looking for time.

The group is "a source of people who like to volunteer," Powley said. Volunteers mend books and donate time in other areas, she said. Volunteers will also be asked to assist with the centennial celebration.

Besides dues, Friends of the Library raises money
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out the country, Bailey said. Winners in each class will go to finals competition in August at Hurricane Mills, part of the Loretta Lynn circuit.

Although the park hosts area qualifiers yearly, this is the second time in the six-season history of the park that regional races have been run here.

Bailey applied and be selected by MX Sports, head of

Centennial continued from other side

through ornament and book bag sales. For the past three years, Friends of the Library have sold pewter ornaments of Hoopeston buildings, including the library, John Greer College and the railroad depot. The library

Briefly

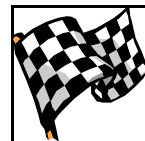
Neighborhood Watch


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the national championships, to host the competition.

In order for riders to compete, they must be members of the American Motorcyclist Association, Bailey said, adding no local people are competing.

Weekend weather is expected to be dry and hot. While hot is not good news for the riders, dry is, although wet weather would not have cancelled the event. "We would

ornament will be reissued this year for the centennial, Powley said.

Canvas book bags, decorated with a picture of the library, are also available.

Other projects the group has undertaken include improving the entranceway and purchasing an air conditioner for the children's library and working to annex the Rossville Alvin school district for the 1995 library dis-

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
June 24

Admitted: Martha Gooden, Paxton.
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Weather



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have to run this race rain or shine," Bailey said.

Admission to the races is \$8 per day per person or \$15 for a two-day pass. Children under six will be admitted free.

The park is located four miles west of Hoopeston on Route 9, then four miles south on County Road 990E. Signs will be posted leading to the track.

trict referendum.

For more information on Friends of the Library, contact the Hoopeston Public Library at (217) 283-6711.

Classifieds

BID NOTICE

Hoopeston Area C.U.S.D. #11 is accepting sealed bids for a Stoux Valve Face Grinding Machine, 115 volt, 7.8 amp. May be seen at High School Auto Shop. Bids will be accepted until 1:30 p.m. on July 1, 1998 at the Superintendent's Office, 615 E. Orange, Hoopeston, IL 60942. 175-177

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Hoopeston Area High School is seeking applications for a High School Computer Lab Aide. Computer skills are a must. Position will not be filled until August. Beginning date is august 17, 1998. Please send letters of application to Hoopeston Area High School, ATTN: Principal, 615 E. Orange, Hoopeston, IL 60942. 175-196

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