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## Community Fund drive chairman sets ambitious goal

Tom Grey, campaign chairman of the 2000 United Community Fund of Grant Township, has set an ambitious goal.

Grey, who will oversee the drive, held in October, would like to see the organization collect \$45,000, up about \$7,000 from the amount collected last year.

"I said publicly that we could do \$45,000," Grey said. "We would be happy with \$40,000 but I do believe we can get \$45,000 this year."

To meet his goal, Grey is taking a two-edged approach: get donors from last year to give again (and preferably give more) and reach those who did not donate last year.

Pre-drive pledges from Hoopeston Area teachers has been very successful, Grey said, as has an early rural

See GOAL on other side

## Hoopeston Area changes Homecoming coronation, parade

Two changes have been made to Hoopeston Area High School's annual Homecoming activities.

The school will host activities all week, culminating with Friday's Homecoming game against Unity and Saturday's dance at the high school gym.

Unlike previous years, when the king and queen were crowned downtown after the parade, this year's coronation will be held during halftime of Friday's game, said Student Council advisor Michael Caparula.

Senior queen candidates are Katie Anderson, Theresa King, Melissa Lankford and Sarah Watts. King candidates include James Bell, Doug Benjamin, Marvin Hunt and Thomas Potter.

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Since the coronation has been changed, the parade route has been lengthened. The event will begin at 2 p.m. Friday at the high school. Entries will proceed north on Third St. to Penn, then go west to Bank, north to Main, east to Fifth St. and south to the school, Caparula said.

Homecoming activities kicked off Monday with the beginning of spirit week. During each day of the week, students are asked to dress in the theme of the day. Monday was Pajama (come as you are) Day. Tuesday will be '80s Day; Wednesday, Dress Up Day; Thursday, Multiple Birth Day; and Friday, Red, White and Blue Day.

On Wednesday, king and queen candidates will give election speeches during a special assembly, in which students will cast their votes. A bonfire is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Friday's activities begin with a 10 a.m. spirit assembly in the middle school gym. At 12:30, parade floats will be judged at the storage sites. Float awards will also be presented at halftime Friday.

Serving as this year's Homecoming court are: freshmen Kelsi Benjamin and Adam Garrison; sophomores Meredith Alt and Scott Martin; and juniors Elizabeth Newman and Tim Benjamin.

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#### Goal continued from other side

campaign.

The key to reaching the goal, however, will be a successful industrial and manufacturing campaign, Grey said. Those segments provide most of the organization's funding.

There are several reasons why residents should give to the Community Fund, Grey said. First, 99.9 percent of all money raised comes back to the community in services. The agencies requesting Community Fund money meet "needs that make a lot of sense," he said. "The agencies that want the money do things in the community and write programs for the community. It's not somebody requesting money so one person can drive a new car."

Second, while Grey is not looking for extravagant donations. "We're talking about a can of pop, or two cans a week," he said. "That money goes a long way."

Third, local residents use services of Community Fund receiving agencies. For example, Grey, human resources director at Schumacher Electric, said many of the company's employees "use those agencies and don't give a penny to them."

Fourth, giving this year will help the Community Fund with projects that will generate income. "We're heading in a direction where it's not a 'handout' agency anymore," Grey said. For example, the group's directors have approved a 3-on-3 basketball tournament next year which is expected to help fill the fund's coffers.

Eighteen agencies serving Grant Township have requested money from Community fund, including: Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Catholic Social Services, CRIS, Cub Scouts, Grant Township Food Cupboard, Girl Scouts, Colt League and Hoopeston Ministerial Association.

Also, the Hoopeston Girls Sports Association, Midget Football, Head Start, Multi Agency/Community Center, Swim Team, Well Baby Clinic and T-Ball.

Fundraising will begin Friday and will continue throughout October.

The drive will begin with a kick-off luncheon Wednesday for drive campaign members. Those members include: schools, Jerry Northam & Grey; financial, Aly Jackson; commercial, Ema Wardall; rural, Mark Layden; corporate, Northam; retail/small business, Marlene Shipman; professional, Paul Manion; churches,

Lyle Curtis; street corner drive (held in August), Chalmers Flint, Mike Pemberton & Grey; publicity, JoAnn Gocking; and floating, Susan Redden.

A new logo for the organization will also be unveiled at the luncheon. The logo will be a combination of drawings from two Hoopeston Area students, Gray said.

Anyone who wishes to mail a contribution to the organization may mail it to Grant Township Community Fund, c/o Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

## — Briefly

#### Open house planned

Carolyn Barragree, executive director of the Vermilion County Housing Authority, will be honored at an open house from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell, Hoopeston. Barragree is leaving her position to begin a new Christian bookstore at the Village Mall in Danville.

The public is invited to attend and wish her well.

## In the Hospital



#### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Sept. 23

**Admitted**: Ann Robinson, Ruth Casner, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Sept. 24

Admitted: none.

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**Sept. 25** 

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**Sept. 26** 

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