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- ♦ Hands On Massage certificates
- ♦ Race tickets to Boswell, Ind. And Fairbury, Ill.
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Hoopeston sorority makes serious effort towards kids play

Members of the Psi Iota chapter of Beta Sigma Phi take play very seriously.

The new sorority is launching an effort to raise \$50,000 for new playground equipment at McFerren Park.

An informational meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 4 at the Presbyterian Church fellowship hall to unveil the propose layout of the play equipment, said Leslie Shore, one of the coordinators of Project Playground 2001.

The idea for new playground equipment came when members of the sorority took their children to the park. "Some of them, who'd lived here all their lives, said 'Gosh, some of this stuff has been here since before we were born,'" Shore said.

In researching the playground area, members of the women's group discovered that the original equipment was installed in 1968. Further research showed the average lifespan of playgrounds is 20 years. "We're long overdue," Shore said, crediting city officials with maintaining the equipment to make it last longer. "Kudos to them for taking care of it so well," she said.

Healthcare foundation plans to honor current, previous donors

Plans are underway for a first major donor recognition dinner sponsored by the Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation.

This is one of several efforts the foundation is making to recognize the individuals and organizations that have helped keep quality healthcare in the community.

Several records have been found, including recognition nameplates from changes in ownership and leadership over the years. Hospital officials have also

Plans include removing old playground equipment and adding to the toddler section built in 1997 and a wooden structure added by Brown's Woodworking, Shore said.

The oldest equipment will be replaced with a "really neat, new awesome structure" that will include a play gym, slide, climbing area and swings. The main structure will include activity areas around and underneath it for children who are unable to climb. The play area will be handicapped-accessible, down to the material used underneath play equipment. The material, called fibar, is a wood product that looks like mulch, becomes compacted after a couple weeks and allows children in wheelchairs to have access to the equipment, Shore said. The material, placed 12 inches deep, also absorbs falls.

Other components will include a theater area in the toddler/infant section, bouncing toys geared to children's weight and a Talking Bob, which repeats what children say and adds to the conversation, Shore said.

The sorority is working with KaBOOM, a national

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found handwritten receipts from the campaign to build the hospital in the 1950s. That information will be organized into a readable history of giving.

The foundation also announced two new donor clubs to complete the donor circle. Those who give \$501 to \$999 annually will qualify for membership in the Silver Leaf Club while donors of \$250-\$500 will enter the Bronze Leaf Club. The Gold Leaf Club (\$1,000) annually and the Keystone Society (\$100 per year) will remain the same.

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No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Fourth Ave. and West Orange.

Police said Winifred Ervin, 303 Dale, Rossville, reported that she rolled her 1991 Oldsmobile into the intersection while preparing to turn west and believes her

Play continued from other side

nonprofit organization that urges individuals, organizations, and businesses to join together to build much-needed, safe and accessible playgrounds.

Two members of the local group's playground team, Susie Root and Kathy Watson, attended a KaBOOM playground institute in Chicago and went to the inner city to help put up a playground, Shore said.

The group hopes to use a similar effort to put in the new equipment here. A Community Build Day has been scheduled for June 1, 2002 in which members of the community will be encouraged to volunteer to install the equipment. A company representative will be on hand to supervise construction and certify equipment for warranties, Shore said.

City officials are behind the playground project,

Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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Police News



bumper struck a tire on an unidentified semi.

A ring was found Wednesday in the 300 block of South Market. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A 25-year-old Hoopeston man reported Wednesday

whose motto is "Let's Swing Into Action." Mayor Chalmers Flint has pledged that city workers will remove old playground equipment and prepare the area for the new toys, Shore said. Other groups have become involved in the fundraising effort. For example, Hoopeston Community Nursing Home is expected to host a rock-a-thon with residents rocking to raise pledge dollars. The sorority will also apply for grants and plan to seek contributions from businesses.

Other money will be raised through donor bricks, bricks that will be carved with the donor's name and used in a patio sitting area for parents and other caretakers.

A Community Playground Fund account has been set up at Kankakee Federal Savings and Loan where residents may also send donations.

"We're relying on the community's generosity," Shore said. "In the not to distant past, we saw how this community could come together. Why not let's do it again?"

For more information, contact Shore at (217) 283-9273; Suzi Root at 283-7754 or Kathy Watson, 283-6961.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
May 30

Nothing to report.

Weather



Chance of showers, thunderstorms Friday through Sunday. High today and tomorrow, 68, low near 50. Sunday's high 72, low 48.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

that someone took a Power Wheels toy all terrain vehicle from his hard in the 500 block of West Washington.

The toy is valued at \$150.

The sexton of Floral Hill Cemetery reported Thursday that two families reported flowers taken from graves in the last three days.

Classifieds

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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RUMMAGE SALES

417 W. Lincoln, Hoopeston. Friday & Saturday, June 1 & 2, 8-?. 4 family sale. Baby clothes, toys, dishwasher, riding mower, lots of misc.

619 N. Fifth St., Hoopeston, Friday & Saturday, June 1-2, 8-? Whatnots, jeans, lots of misc.

Lots of special occasion dresses (never worn), headpieces and bridal accessories, jewelry, household—tables, lamps, chairs, kitchen, etc.; clothes: designer labels. Lots of misc. items. Saturday, June 2, 8-?. Tool shed on south edge of Rossville.

720 S. Third St., Hoopeston. Saturday, June 2, 8-12. 2 family sale. Lots of baby clothes, baby furniture, some adult clothes, push mower, lots more.

Garage sale stuff in Global Fashions. Kids/baby toys, books, shoes. Different items weekly.

910 Wilson, Hoopeston. Saturday, June 2, 8-12. Nurses uniforms, kitchen utensils, police scanner, adult & children's clothing, misc.

605 Judson, Hoopeston. Saturday, 8-late. Items too numerous to mention. Must come & see.

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