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Community Fund kicks off 2005 drive with \$40,000 goal

The 2005 United Community Fund of Grant Township's 2005 fund drive is off and running.

The group's board hosted chairmen of components of the drive at a kick-off luncheon Wednesday.

This year, the Community Fund will try to raise \$40,000 to help fund agencies serving Grant Township.

"We really do appreciate your help," said community fund chairman Lance Raver to the volunteers. "These last couple years, it's been more difficult to hit

those goals (because of local economic conditions)," he said. "Your letters and phone calls are crucial to our success."

Economic conditions are affecting how much people are able to give and also how much agencies are requesting from the community fund. "Initial request amounts have gone up on the past year," Raver said.

Sixteen agencies have requested \$38,520 from the community fund. Last year, 16 agencies were given a

Hoopeston adds new place for residents to koffee klatch

If you're a java junkie, Hoopeston has a new business to sooth the craving.

Karen's Koffee House is open at 114 E. Main.

Proprietor Karen Plioplys "quietly" opened the business Sept. 23, offering a variety of coffee drinks, including Americano (espresso and hot water), breve (espresso mixed with half-and-half) and lattes (espresso and steamed milk). Coffees are available straight or with a shot of flavor such as chocolate, macadamia nut, cherry and berry. A different specialty flavor is offered each day.

Smoothies - cold coffee flavored beverages - are also available. Plioplys compared these to being similar to fruit-flavored milk shakes.

Since opening, Plioplys has had requests for food and is considering adding breakfasts and cold sandwiches to her fare.

She also hopes to add games, Internet and computers to draw local young people to the coffee house.

Plioplys moved to Hoopeston on

Aug. 1 specifically to open her business. After visiting friends and finding no coffee house available, she and her family moved "just to open a coffee shop," she said.



Karen Plioplys, owner of Karen's Koffee House, prepares a flavored coffee. Plioplys opened the shop last week.

Fish Fry



5-8 p.m.

**Friday
American Legion**

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston

**Lordy, Lordy,
Look who's 40!**

**Happy
Birthday
Marvin!**



HUGE HUGE HUGE

We can't rent a space big enough at the Civic Center for everything we have!

Six Family Sale

318 E. Washington, Hoopeston

Saturday - October 2nd

8:00 AM until 2:00 PM

½ Price 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Jenny Lind Crib, Changing Table & dresser, baby clothes & baby everything, name brand juniors, women's & men's clothes - lots of fall & winter, porcelain dolls, precious moments, home interior pictures & lots of other pictures, tables, chairs, small red bench, lots of home décor, comforters, curtains, toddler bed, toys, and much, much more.

Briefly

Day of Play

The Hoopeston Multi Agency, Women Making a Difference and Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will participate in the Worldwide Day of Play from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday at McFerren Park.

The event is open to the young and young at heart and will feature sack races, relay races and other types of play, along with bingo.

In case of rain or cold weather, the event will be held in the civic center.

Rummage sale canceled

The rummage sale sponsored by the United Community Fund of Grant Township has been cancelled.

Hospice volunteers needed

Anyone interested in receiving training to become a hospice volunteer for the Hoopeston area is asked to call Peggy Deffenbaugh at (800) 239-3620. She coordinates volunteers for the Carle Hospice program and may be reached from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Volunteers will be trained at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., and will serve the northern part of the

Healthcare Education Opportunity Available In Your Own Community

Hoopeston Regional Health Center is pleased to partner with DACC to bring C.N.A. classes to your community. Classes & clinicals will be done on site at the Nursing Home - located on Hoopeston Regional Health Center's campus. Classes last four hours per day for seven weeks and are slated to start in mid-October. Costs for the course includes a \$10 background check fee and \$55 competency exam fee which is due near the end of the course. In addition, students must acquire and wear uniforms according to the facility's dress policy.

If you're interested in an education course that allows you to touch the lives of the elderly, then stop by Hoopeston Regional Health Center to fill out a class application by Friday, October 2nd. **Note: Even if you've previously called and left your phone number, you must fill out an application.** The application information will be used to contact interested candidates about the pre-admission testing & orientation date which is tentatively slated for October 7th.



Assisting in the United Community Fund of Grant Township's annual fund drive are, from left, Paul Manion, Dan Goodrum, organization chairman Lance Raver, Jerry Northam, Ema Nicholls, Marlene Shipman, Linda Sheppard and Ann Swartz.

total of \$33,520.

A street corner drive in August netted about \$2,600

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towards the goal, in "the upper range of where we've been the last few years," Raver said.

Agencies requesting funds this year include the American Red Cross, Catholic Social Services, CRIS

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Plioplys, originally from Chicago, came to Hoopeston from Wheaton where she was employed by the school district. Her husband, Vince, continues to work in the Chicago area. The couple has three children, Brandi, 13, Devan, 10 and Felicia, seven.

The difference between the city and Hoopeston has been a bit of a culture shock for Plioplys, who, along with running the shop, is ordained in the Corellian Nativist Church. There are fewer businesses than she's used to, she is happy about her reception. "Everybody has just been wonderful and very nice," she said.

Since opening the shop, Plioplys has hired three local people to work part time. Ashley Powell

Senior Services, Cub Scouts, Grant Township Food Cupboard and Girl Scouts.

Also, Hoopeston Summer Baseball, Girls Sports, Hoopeston Area Baseball, Midget Football and Swim Team.

And, Hoopeston Ministerial Association, Head Start, Multi Agency and Community Center and Hoopeston Area Youth Club.

opens the business in the morning, allowing Plioplys to take her children to school, and Tony Jenkins and Alex Linares work in the evenings. She also has a silent partner who provided funding for the venture.

Karen's Koffee House is open from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays and 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Sundays. It may be reached by

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 72. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 45. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 75, low 49.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

CLASSIFIEDS

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Rossville: 1-2 bdrs. Riverview Apartments. Completely refurbished, on-site washers & dryers. 1 bdr. \$310/mo., \$310 deposit; 2 bdr., \$360/mo., \$360 deposit. Call (217) 840-3672. 253-294

1 bedroom upstairs apt. Some appliances furnished. \$275/mo. + deposit. References, security deposit. No pets. Available Oct. 1. (217) 304-3477.

AUCTIONS

Absolute Real Estate Auction. Aunt Jody's Christmas Bank, building & contents. Building goes to highest bidder. Oct. 2, 2004, 10 a.m., 101 N. Chicago St. Rossville.

www.jonwitvoetauctioneer.com

HELP WANTED

Part time custodian, 12 hrs./week. Contact Rev. Keith Michaels, Rossville United Methodist Church, (217) 748-6760.

HOUSES FOR RENT

Hoopeston: 3 bedroom house w/garage. \$400/mo, \$400 deposit. (217) 283-5093.

2 bedroom home with garage in Hoopeston, \$400/mo. Security deposit required call 217-304-0972

3 bedroom home in Hoopeston, \$425/mo. Security deposit required call 217-304-0972

3 bedroom home in Hoopeston. Section 8 approved. (618) 445-7573.

2 bedroom house for rent in Rankin. Appliances furnished. \$360/mo. + deposit. (217) 283-5329

2 bedroom house, garage, fenced yard. \$400/mo. + security deposit, references. Appliances included. (217) 260-6161

RUMMAGE SALES

618 S. Second Ave., Hoopeston. Fri., Oct. 1, 8-2, Sat., Oct. 2, 8-noon. Toys, clothing, knickknacks, small fridge, Christmas decorations, misc.

5 Chicago St., Alvin. Sat., Oct. 2, 7-1. Items too numerous to mention.

920 Sprague Rd., Hoopeston. Multi family Sat., 8-noon. Lots of misc.

619 S. Fifth Ave., Hoopeston. Oct. 1-2, 8-4. Multi family sale. 7-Up pop machine, antique jars, insulators, clothing, dishes, baby furniture, exercise machine, heat stove & lots more!

909 S. Fifth Ave., Hoopeston (Southgate subdivision) Fri., 8-6, Sat., 8-2. Women's clothes sizes 14-44, blouses, coats, pant suits, sweaters; men's suits 44 reg. dress shirts 16-18, knickknacks, records, VCR movies, 1978 El Camino, new tires & paint.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

1993 Ford Aerostar Van, low mileage, new tires. Asking \$1800.00. Call (217) 283-6111.