

# Wheels Park hosts one-day skate competition

ANDERSON TWP - The Anderson Park District's Wheels Park has only been open for two months, but already committee organizers are planning to host its first competition - the only one of its kind in the area - on June 20 to help fund the Wheels Park expansion.

The coordinating committee, made up of Anderson residents and teens, hopes for a big turnout of skateboarders and in-line skaters for the competition. Judging from everyday visitors to the park, that shouldn't be too hard.

Large crowds have flocked to the Wheels Park during its first two months of operation, according to Molly McClure, Anderson Park District executive director.

"It's a new facility and new facilities initially draw a large number of people," says McClure. "But many people just come to watch the airborne acrobatics. It is amazing what some of these kids and adults can do."

The one-day competition will give skateboarders and rollerbladers a chance to

## About the competition

When: noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 20

Where: Beech Acres Wheels Park

Cost: \$15 for ages 14 & over;

\$10 for ages 13 and under

Registration: Begins within an hour before each competition.

Schedule: Noon, 13 and under

general competition; 1 p.m., skate-

board competition; 2:30 p.m.,

rollerblade competition.

Questions: Call Meg Stevenson at 231-6916



June 20 is the day for a first-ever competition for skateboarding, in-line skating and rollerblading.

must have a parent or guardian sign a waiver to participate.

Stevenson hopes to raise about \$1,000 from registration fees which will go toward covering the construction costs of the Wheels Park.

The initial \$200,000 to develop this 12,000-square-foot concrete facility has been

provided by Anderson Park District. The Wheels Park Committee, spearheaded by parent volunteer Meg Stevenson, is raising the remaining \$30,000 needed to cover the cost of phase one and will continue to fund-raise for the \$300,000 needed for phase two.

"We've been fund-raising for years to build this park" Stevenson said. "The first phase has been well worth the effort. Now, we're ready to start working toward phase 2."

The committee intends to add another 12,000 square feet with the help of several ongoing fund-raisers such as Kroger Gift Cards and "Your Name in the Sun" pavers. The cards and pavers can be ordered through anderson-parks.com.

"The additional square footage should provide ample room to meet our area's demand," said McClure. "And provide future opportunities for more events and competitions as well as just a great place to recreate."