

Raffle planned as fundraiser



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Volunteers are being sought to help install new playground equipment at several sites in Imperial. The city recently spent \$41,417.95 for equipment to be placed at Campbell Park and at the new swimming pool.

City Clerk/Administrator Jo Leyland said an equipment cluster consisting of slides, swings and more will be installed to the west of the new pool complex on East 9th Street on April 10-11.

An equipment cluster consisting of a climbing wall, slides, a spider web and more will be installed to the south and west of the Lions Club shelter at Campbell Park on April 18-19. New infant swing seats, a sand digger and a spinner, which a small or large child can make spin with their body weight, will be installed at the west end of Campbell Park, near the ball field.

The sale of raffle tickets to raise \$6,500 to complete the purchase of the equipment will begin soon. Economic Development Director Leslie Carlholm said prizes so far include a 32-inch television donated by Great Plains Communications, an adult all sports events pass donated by Chase County Schools, \$25 in Chamber Bucks donated by the Imperial Chamber of Commerce, a family season swim pass and a water aerobics swim pass, both donated by the park board, and more.

Prizes will be drawn during the grand opening of the new pool on May 24, Carlholm said.

Raffle tickets may be purchased from park board members or at the city office for \$1 apiece or six for \$5.

The playground equipment was purchased with a \$10,000 Kiewit Foundation matching grant, \$15,000 in city sales tax funds, and \$10,000 budgeted for the project in the '08-09 budget.

That leaves about \$6,500, of which \$5,000 must be raised to match the Kiewit grant, Carlholm said.