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# Remember being kids?

If you have children or grandchildren or just remember being a child, take a look at the CASA raffle playhouse which arrived at the Harley Davidson shop this week, 1530 S.W. Railroad Ave., Hammond.

It was designed by Holly & Smith and was built by Ronnie Perrin of Ponchatoula. Its twin, built by JRP Construction, is on display in Gonzales.

Michelle Gallo, director of community outreach, said those who buy a \$10 ticket will have a chance at both playhouses and don't have to be present to win. The playhouses will be raffled between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Gonzales Oct. 30 and in Hammond Oct. 31.

Each playhouse is valued at \$10,000.

The 8-by-10-foot, 100-square-foot two-story structure has stairs that go up to the second-story deck and a slide to come back down, Michelle said. But if kids would rather, they can take the rock-climbing wall back down. Those features



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Joan Davis

won't be attached while the houses are on display, for obvious safety reasons.

And to top it off, when each house goes to the winner, it will sport a flag which will bear the CASA logo and list all the sponsors.

Davie Shoring Inc. graciously delivered the custom designed two-story playhouse without a scratch, and Michelle said the house will be delivered to the owners within 50 miles of CASA's service area, which includes 10 parishes in southeast Louisiana.

Tickets can be purchased at the Harley Shop and at Spoga, Alexis Ducorbier State Farm Insurance, Gabriel Building Supply in Ponchatoula, Holly & Smith Architects and Jade Hair Salon, which is behind PJ's in downtown Hammond.

Call Michelle at 902-9583 for more

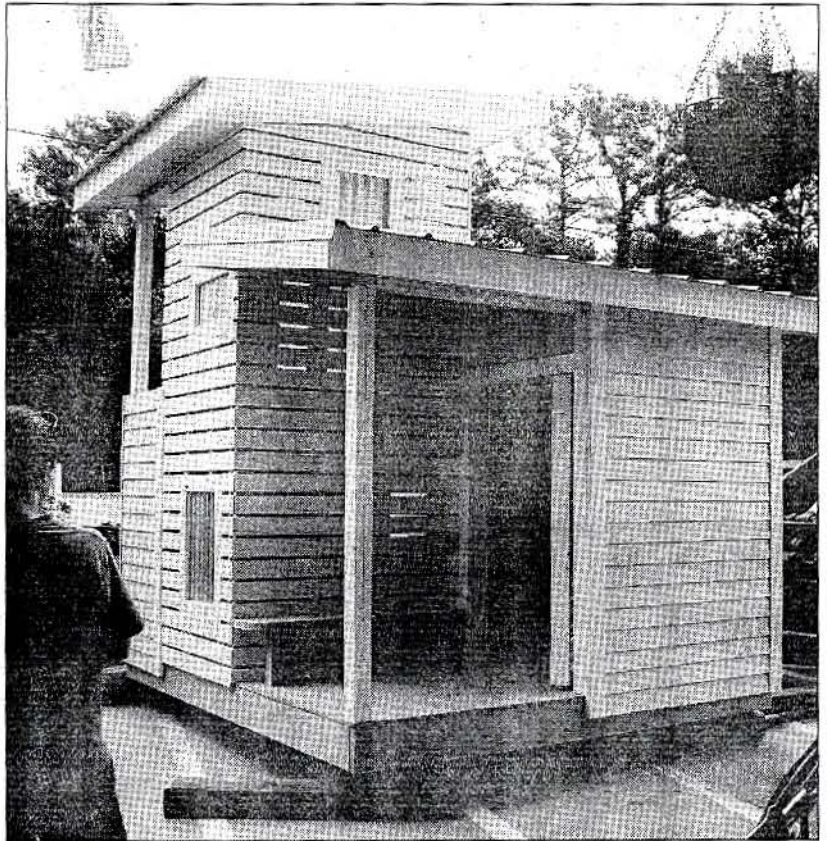


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## PLAYHOUSE DESIGNED BY HOLLY & SMITH, BUILT BY RONNIE PERRIN

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Money raised will go toward child advocacy services for abused and neglected children.

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This newspaper is kicking off the Shop in Tangi campaign today, and in a nutshell, it has grown out of the excitement surrounding the grand opening planned for Hammond Square Oct. 1-4.

Jimmy Maurin, chairman of the board of Stirling Properties, along with the owners, want to make the grand opening the beginning of a new era of shopping in Tangipahoa Parish.

With the opening of all the new stores at the Square, along with the great shopping available up and down the parish, people no longer need to travel to Covington, New Orleans or Baton Rouge to buy what they need.

The city of Hammond, the Hammond Chamber, the Downtown

Development District and Tangi Tourism are on board with the campaign.

Everyone's hoping the excitement of the grand opening will carry through the holidays and beyond and people will stop "outshopping." Keep the sales taxes here in Tangipahoa, says Jimmy, Mayor Mayson Foster and Parish President Gordon Burgess.

Shop in Tangi originally started as "Shop at Home," but Jimmy tells me one of his bright young marketing people at Stirling brought up the idea that people might construe Shop at Home as shopping on the internet. Good point!

My answer to that is use the internet to research products for best quality and to compare prices and then Shop in Tangi.

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