

Class of '55 supports Elba playground project

by **Linda Hodge**, Editor

The Elba Playground Project took a giant step forward in March of this year when a representative of Leathers and Associates of Ithaca, N.Y. came to Elba to design the playground based on suggestions of the local children.

After making a presentation regarding the design, the project hit a crucial phase...fund raising.

Since that time, project coordinators have been working to find volunteers for fund raising and committees. They also have been working to find donations, donations, donations.

One such donation came last week when members of Elba High School's Class of 1955 donated \$1,205 for the project.

According to class vice president Kim Dyess, the class members recently agreed to donate a minimum of \$1,500 to be applied towards the purchase of a wheelchair access ramping for the playground/park complex.

Dyess said last week's check presentation was a first installment with the expectation of more funds to come.

Jill Dunn, playground project coordinator, said a build date for the playground has been set for Tuesday, May 2, through Saturday, May 6, 2006. The playground will be located on property where the former Elba High School currently stands. That building will be torn down with the exception of the front facade of the school which will become the entrance of the playground/park complex.

An equipment list has been compiled for the project, and project coordinators currently are accepting donations to purchase each item like the wheel-



Jill Dunn, playground project coordinator, accepts a donation from Kim Dyess, vice president for Elba High School's Class of 1955. Dyess made the presentation for the class on behalf of class president Jerry Brown (deceased). The check presentation was made on the front steps of the former Elba High School building which will become the entrance for the new playground/park complex. Also present for the check presentation were Class of '55 members Paul Morrow and Pat Powell.

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The equipment list includes: twisty slide, \$3,500; castle maze, \$3,000; tree fort, \$2,500; wheelchair access ramping, \$2,000; vertical tire tunnel (funhouse), \$1,250; wavy slide, \$1,200; rocket, \$1,000; rock climb wall, \$1,000; tire swing, \$1,000; wiggle bridge, \$950; climbing net, \$950; spiderman slide, \$750; three swings at \$750 each; fire pole, \$700; rubber bridge, \$650; bouncy bridge, \$550; chain bridge, \$550; train, \$500; rings, \$475;

monkey bars, \$450; walkie-talkie, \$450; rainbow bridge, \$400; 20 trees at \$400 each; tot tunnel, \$300; low rings, \$300; two low ladders at \$250 each; wiggle beam, \$200; two chin-up pipes at \$150 each; and four benches at \$125 each.

Donations currently can be made at Windham Lumber Company or Bradley's Florist. Also, anyone wanting to check on the availability of purchasing a particular item from the list can call Jill Dunn at (334) 897-3971 (leave message).