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Price Less grocery stores to change hands at end of month

After 24 years, Tom and Betty Maire are selling their Hoopeston and Danville grocery stores.

Price-Less Foods will have new owners, effective June 30.

The stores are being purchased by Knarf & Kram, Inc. The company is owned by Frank Smith of Charleston, who will manage the Hoopeston store, and Mark Elliott of Mattoon, who will manage the Danville operation.

The Bakery, which the Maires also own, has not been sold.

Work on the sale began about a year ago, Smith said. It was articles of clothing that brought it about.

Smith and Maire were associated with the same warehouse and met at a golf outing. Smith was famous for wearing clothing from corporate vendors. "I always said if it wasn't for the vendors, I wouldn't have any clothes," Smith said.

Maire teased Smith about his wardrobe and about two years ago, sent him a Price-Less jacket.

Smith and Elliott heard about a Hoopeston grocery store that was for sale and when Smith found out it was Maire's, the men decided to purchase it.

The Maires will remain with the store "as long as we're needed," said Maire, who will be the meat department manager.

Maire started in the grocery business in 1961, with a small IGA store in Danville, in a time when neighborhood grocery stores flourished. "Then along came the supermarkets," which caused many small stores to close, he said.

In 1979, Maire opened the Hoopeston location in what had been a closed Grab-It-Here store. The grocery was then affiliated with Save-A-Lot before becoming Price-Less Foods. He opened the



TOM and BETTY MAIRE

Danville store the same year.

The decision to sell was made because "it's time," said the 65-year-old Maire. "I'm putting in seven days a week. Time's getting shorter."

Maire's son, Jeff, who had worked at the stores, did not want to take them over. "I don't blame him," Maire said. "He'd been in the grocery business since he was about four years old."

The new owners will fit the community, he said. "They're personable," he said. "They're young enough to be aggressive and they've been in the grocery business a long time."

Smith said no changes are planned at the Hoopeston store. The Danville store's hours will change to reflect those in Hoopeston. Price-Less is open from 7

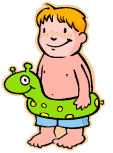
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14. Witty remark

15. Transgress

16. First woman

17. Gush (forth)

18. Fishing gear

20. Falsehood

21. Popular song

22. Desert train

26. Near

28. Train station

30. Type of cabbage

31. Racing circuit

33. Old momento

35. Sailor

36. Sign on a door

38. Of the musical quality

40. Therefore

41. 1941 movie, '___ Kane'

43. Flying mammal

45. And not

46. Indian shelter

49. Ship's freight

52. Male

53. Anger

54. Egg-shaped

55. Relocate

56. Perceive

57. Not wild

58. Encourage in wrongdoing

59. Make lace

Down

1. Impartial

2. Continent

3. Park seat

4. Give refuge to

5. Serenade topic

6. Pub drink

7. Beside

8. High, thin cry

9. Owned by us

10. Small fruit

11. Chimpanzee

17. Knight's title

19. Young goat

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Police News

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A 59-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Tuesday that someone took her purse from her car while it was parked in the 100 block of North Market. The purse was later found with the contacts in-

New Books at the Library

- Non-fiction:

The College Board Scholarship Handbook, 2003

5 Language Visual Dictionary

Fight Back with Food: Use Nutrition to Heal What Ails You

American Dietetic Association Guide to Better Digestion by Leslie Bonci

How to Save Money Everyday by Ellie Kay

A Simple Choice: a Practical Guide for Saving Your Time, Money and Sanity by Deborah Taylor-Hough

The Complete Book of Home Inspection by Norman Becker

tact.

Charlene S. Hofer, 42, of 528 W. Elm, was ticketed for failing to yield at a marked intersection after an accident at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Police said Hofer, in a 1986 Ford F-150 truck, was southbound on Third Ave. at West Maple when she collided with a 1996 Ford Windstar driven by Gloria S. Colunga of Hoopeston.

Police reported that the Hoopeston Ambulance Service was called to the scene but the drivers and all passengers refused treatment.

A 38-year-old Hoopeston man reported Wednesday that someone took an air tank from his

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 80. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 62. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 82, low 62.

For current weather conditions, (217) 283-6221.

20. Early language

22. Punctuation mark

23. Large tank

24. Woe is me!

25. Roman emperor

26. Actor Guinness

27. Cab

29. Actor Falk

32. Deep hole

34. Cupboard

37. Prickle; sting
39. Loiter

42. Menagerie

44. Contort

46. Billow

47. Region

48. Assemble

49. Small bed

50. Miss Gardner

51. Crash (into)

52. Chaotic crowd

55. Mrs. Kettle

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623 E. Maple, Hoopeston. Fri., June 13, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Brand name clothes: women's teen girls, infant boys; baby furniture, toys, misc.

628 W. Maple, Hoopeston. Fri., 8-4, Sat. 8-noon. In garage. Rain or shine. Large family sale. Clothes, especially large women, kids, men's, coats, dishes, toys, videos, furniture, misc.

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