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## WitchSchool director to open art, learning center in city

The director of WitchSchool will open a learning and art center in Hoopeston soon.

Ed Hubbard has leased the building at 112 W. Main, formerly Rainbow Ceramics, from owner Peter Davis of Portland, Ore.

To be called the Vermilion Arts Building, the structure will house artist stalls, community room, area to teach classes and the WitchSchool shipping center. Unbooked areas will be open for community use.

The original lease is for four years and includes provisions for renewals for up to 10 years, Hubbard said.

Asked whether the acquisition means Hubbard got his WitchSchool in Hoopeston, Hubbard said yes, but added "it's not going to be what it started as. It's going to be more of a learning/development center. We're not even calling it a campus anymore."

Hubbard came under fire in July when he planned to open WitchSchool in the former Grant Township building at 200 E. Penn. After a post-city council discussion

on July 2, Hubbard said he would not open the school in Hoopeston.

Since then, however, Hubbard said many residents have expressed support for the school.

The types of art to be offered at the center will depend on what is available. Hubbard said he knows an artist who would like to work on 8' canvases who may come to the building and perhaps an artist who works in glass beads. The center will be aimed at younger artists, he said.

The addition of the building "came very suddenly," Hubbard said, indicating the building will be the last acquisition. "Now that we've got it, we're done," he said. "We talked a lot of things. Now we have to prove we can do it. I guess we have to prove we're good neighbors - which, of course, we are."

Before the center opens, the building must be brought up to code, Hubbard said. He hopes to have restoration completed in about a month.

## Council, AmerenCIPS reach tree replacement agreement

Trees trimmed during an AmerenCIPS construction project on Market Street will be replaced at the company's cost.

Representatives of the utility and the city approved an agreement under which AmerenCIPS will pay for an arborist to design a plan for replacing the trees and for the cost of new trees. The agreement was announced at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Tom Beerman, Illinois arborist for the utility, said the plan will include "the right trees in the right place." Flowering trees, approximately 2"-3" in diameter, are expected to be included.

Beerman announced the company will do maintenance trimming in Hoopeston from November to about the beginning of February. Residents in affected areas will be notified by postcard which will include a toll-free number to call with questions. Trees will be trimmed in a L, C or U shape, depending on growth around power lines, he said. While they will be trimmed to promote good tree health, "they won't look the same aesthetically" as they currently do, he added.

In other action, the council heard from Dan Walker, vice president of The Economic Development Group of Bloomington on the city's tax increment financing (TIF) program. Walker said he met with four developers who are interested in Hoopeston. "I think very positive things will happen very quickly," he said.

Walker praised city leadership of the program, saying growth would not be possible without it. "Your next generation is going to reap the benefits," he said.

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| 2. Royal Bs         | 3 | 1 |
| 3. R&R Body Shop    | 3 | 1 |
| 4. Henning’s        | 3 | 1 |
| 5. BJ’s Pump        | 3 | 1 |
| 6. Gillins Oil      | 3 | 1 |
| 7. Family Circus    | 1 | 3 |
| 8. Yaden-Rethelford | 1 | 3 |
| 9. Off the Wall     | 1 | 3 |
| 10. Adda Girls      | 1 | 3 |
| 11. Weber’s Drugs   | 1 | 3 |
| 12. Bye             | 0 | 4 |

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Tuesday Night Classic League

9/9/03

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| 1. Ferdinand Construction    | 4 | 0 |
| 2. Hiltz Portable Sanitation | 4 | 0 |
| 3. Hoopeston Weather Service | 2 | 2 |
| 4. Crop Production Service   | 2 | 2 |
| 5. Production Tooling        | 2 | 2 |
| 6. Pla-Mor Lanes             | 2 | 2 |