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## New Beginnings church gets a new home in old video store

One winter day, Mark and Patty Scrivener were driving down Main Street in Hoopeston when Patty told Mark to stop the car.

From Texas, and a former missionary in Peru, Mr. Scrivener was not fond of the snow that blanketed the street and wanted to get to their destination, but he did as his wife asked, stopping in front of the old Hollywood Video building.

After a few moments, Mrs. Scrivener told her husband that God wanted New Beginnings Church to have that building and that the owner was going to give it to the church.

The couple then continued on their way but Mrs. Scrivener did not dismiss what she felt God said. Instead, she reached out the building's owner, Wes Burress, who agreed to donate the building to the church.

The news was a surprise to New Beginnings pastor Bruce McQuigg. "I just about fell down," he said, adding the building has an estimated value of \$1.2 million. "I'd call that a pretty good gift."

The story of New Beginnings, a full-gospel church, began with its first service in March, 2009. Each week, the congregation met at Hoopeston Area High School auditorium. Anywhere from 50 to 80 people attended at the school each Sunday, but McQuigg and his wife, Nancy, were on the lookout for a permanent location.

New Beginnings had purchased land between Autumn Fields and the high school with the intent of building. Years previously, unbeknownst to McQuigg, some Christian people had dedicated that ground to God and told McQuigg about it after the church purchased it. "(God) wanted it and someday He'll do something with it," he said, adding that a new building was out of the church's price range. The search continued.

The second week of April, the search ended when the



**John Freeland, of Ervin Construction, applies joint cement above the front window at the former Hollywood Video building, the new home of New Beginnings Church.**

church took ownership of the building, at 204 E. Main.

There have been other blessings associated with the project. Furnishings for the new church, including desks, chairs and filing cabinets, were donated by a former insurance agency in Danville.

Another is the church's layout. Turning the structure from a video/tanning business into a church meant re-

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•**Two ladies teams needed for Thursday  
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•**Sunday Night Mixed League needs a  
four-person team. Starts at 5 p.m. Aug. 24.**  
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## Court Dispositions



**July 3**

**Stacy Espinoza**, Hoopeston, status hearing August 7.

**Eugene Forbes III**, Rankin, status hearing August 7.

**Thomas Johnson**, Hoopeston, status hearing August 7.

**Chase Holt**, Hoopeston, status hearing August 7.

**Jose Cabrales**, Hoopeston, status hearing August 7.

**Lucas Neal**, Hoopeston, fined \$280 for trespassing, status hearing August 7.

**Christopher East**, Hoopeston, sentencing continued to August 7.

**Joshua Edwards**, Hoopeston, fined \$280 for disobeying police; status hearing August 7.

**James Pascoe**, Hoopeston, fined \$280 for general nuisance; status hearing August 7.

**Ashley McCormick**, pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis, fined \$180; status hearing August 7.

**Nancy Norman**, Hoopeston, found guilty of two counts of restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, fined \$230 in each case.

## Hoopeston police, V-MEG bust three on drug charges

Three Hoopeston people were arrested at 10:35 p.m. Monday on drug charges.

Vermilion Metropolitan Enforcement Group (V-MEG), assisted by Hoopeston police, arrested Shane McCarty, 28; Mia Woods, 30; and Houston Lenover, 18, on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine with

intent to deliver.

Arrested in the 500 block of East Main, the three were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

In other police news, at 7 p.m. Monday, a purple Next 10-speed bike was reported stolen from the 400 block of East Main.

### ***Beginnings*** continued from other side

vamping the floor plan. Asked where that plan came from, McQuigg simply said, "God showed me."

Inside the front door of the 11,000 sq. ft. building will be areas for the church secretary and for fellowship. McQuigg's office will be to the left of the fellowship area. The large sanctuary will allow room for growth of the congregation. There are also areas for the nursery, Sunday school rooms for children and teens, a kitchen, and handicapped-accessible bathrooms.

The back of the building has a second floor which will be used for storage, but McQuigg envisions it as a high school activity area in the future.

After taking ownership, McQuigg went to work. The inside needed to be insulated and walls put up for the various rooms, with McQuigg doing much of the rough work.

Through the project, New Beginnings has been able to bless local contractors with work. Ervin Construction, Haley Electric, Cade's Heating & Air and Country Cabinets all have a part in the renovations, as does Mike Johnson, also of Hoopeston, who did woodwork. Trav's Plumbing, of Cissna Park, and Sentry Roofing of Danville, round out the contractors.

With inside work well underway, McQuigg has a plan for what the outside will look like, too: a stone façade, smaller windows, and a steel shake awning supported by seven columns.

As work has gone on, residents have popped in to watch the progress or ask questions. One question frequently asked has been why the church decided to locate next to the Downtown Motel, which was the site of a

### Weather



Sunny today. High 79. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 59. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 79, low 55.

murder earlier this year and has what many consider an unsavory reputation.

That's not a problem for McQuigg or Mark Scrivener, both of whom are ready to welcome anyone into the church to learn about God's love and Jesus' gift of salvation.

That message will be available to Spanish speaking people soon, too, as Dr. Scrivener, who speaks fluent Spanish, plans to offer a service in Spanish.

The first service at the new New Beginnings is tentatively set for August 23.

## Classifieds

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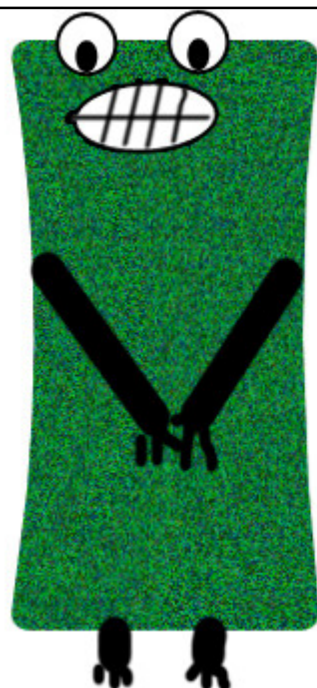
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