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# Just the Facts

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1994

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## Township officials seek new bid on building

"For sale: Historic building located in heart of Hoopeston. Owner has relocated. Must sell. Price reduced!"

Grant Township officials could run such an ad for their former offices at 200 E. Penn.

Instead, they will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. today to get approval to sell the building at a reduced price.

The building has been for sale since the township moved to new offices at 525 S. Market.

Officials sought sealed bids on their former offices but no bids were submitted by the Dec. 13 deadline, said township supervisor Carol Flint, adding the price was prohibitive.

The building had been appraised at \$25,000. According to state law, Flint said, the township had to get 80 percent of the appraised value, or \$20,000. "We had some interest, but not at that price," she said. "We had three different parties interested, but not at \$20,000."

That the building did not sell at that price was not surprising. "Everybody that came to the first meeting thought we'd have a hard time getting

that for it," she said.

Since then, the building has been shut down, with pipes drained and the heat and water shut off. "While we were in it, it had a use," Flint said. "Now nothing's in there. That changes the highest and best use of the building."

It also considerably lowered the appraised value and the amount needed to sell the building.

Since it became unoccupied, the building is now appraised at \$15,000, with a selling price of at least \$12,000.

Flint and trustees will meet with interested township residents tonight to approve the lower price and also get permission to sell the building without waiting 30 days for sealed bids.

The structure was built in 1902 specifically to house township offices, Flint said. "When the township moved in, they moved into a new building."

Since then, officials have worked to keep the building in sound shape, replacing the roof and tuckpointing. "We've done the necessary things to keep the structure up," she said.

## Local woman fills hospital director of nursing position

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital recently announced a new director of nursing.

Jackie Johnson assumed those duties Dec. 13.

Johnson is a Hoopeston native who was graduated from Hoopeston schools. She is currently working on a bachelor's degree from Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville.

This is not the first time Johnson has worked at

the local hospital. She started her nursing career at Dr. Kosyak's office, then worked at the hospital for five years.

From there, she worked for the Vermilion County Health Department in home health services, then spent the last two years as the nursing

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**Nurse** continued from other side  
coordinator at the Carle Clinic satellite office in Danville.

Johnson accepted the local position because "I didn't like driving," she said. "I was ready for a change; a smaller organization. It's nice

being back here. It's like coming home."

Johnson resides in Hoopeston with her husband, Mike. She has one daughter, Samantha Furry, a sophomore at the University of Illinois, and two step-sons, Michael of Champaign and Justin, a junior at the University of Illinois.

## Free eye examinations offered to low-income residents

SPRINGFIELD - State Sen. Harry "Babe" Woodyard (R-Chrisman) said free eye examinations are available this year for low-income working people and their families in Illinois.

"The Illinois and American Optometric Associations are offering free checkups for those people who are working, but may not have healthcare coverage," Woodyard said. "The program, VISION, USA, will match eligible people with volunteer optometrists in their communities."

The 53rd District Senator said examinations will be free of charge, but those needing eyeglasses will be asked to pay a \$20 fee. To qualify, applicants cannot be covered by private health in-

surance, Medicaid or Medicare and must meet certain income levels. They must have jobs or live in a household where at least one person is working. They cannot have had eye exams during the previous year.

Applications for the program are available by calling 1-800-766-4466 on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. or by writing to VISION, USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO. 63141.

Applications must be returned by Jan. 25.

## Obituaries

**KING**, Andrew J., 22, of Sacramento, Calif., and formerly of Rankin, died in a motorcycle accident at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, 1994. Arrangements are incomplete at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Rankin.

## Weather

Snow flurries possible this morning, then becoming cloudy. High in the mid 30s. Tonight, clouds continue. Low in the mid to upper 20s. Tomorrow, showers likely. High near 35, low around 22.

## Thought for the day

There are moments when everything goes well;

don't be frightened, it won't last

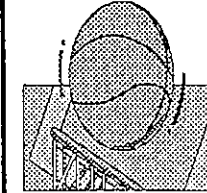
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