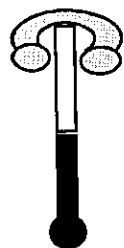


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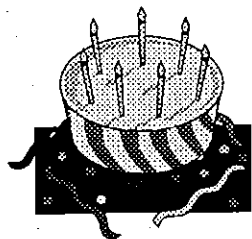
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## Just the Facts

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1994

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### Township sets Jan. 24 as bid opening

Those interested in purchasing the former Grant Township offices have until 4 p.m. Jan. 24 to submit sealed bids.

Township officials, at their regular meeting Monday night, set 7 p.m. Jan. 24 as the time when sealed bids on the former offices, at 200 E. Penn, will be opened, said township supervisor Carol Flint.

The building will go to the "highest and most responsible" bidder, Flint said. There will not be open bidding if two bidders submit the same offer, she said.

"All of (the interested parties) expressed that they didn't want to get into that bid-off," Flint said. Five people had viewed the building as of Tuesday. "I don't think we're going to get five \$12,001 bids," she said.

### Attention deficit disorder is subject of new group

You're a parent. A frustrated parent.

Your child isn't doing well in school. Teachers say he doesn't pay attention. You've noticed that, too. Your child seems more active than other children his age. He's impulsive and can be aggressive.

There seems to be no medical or psychological reason for his behavior. You love your child, but his behavior is driving you - and him - crazy.

Who do you turn to?

Until now, there hasn't been an answer to that, but a group of parents wants to support other parents of such children, children who suffer from Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention

A sixth person was scheduled to look at the building yesterday.

Of those interested, most would use the building as apartments. "That's what the main interest appears to be," Flint said.

The building was put on the market after township officials decided to move their offices to 525 S. Market, formerly Burke-McMurray Insurance. That company moved downtown.

The former township building, built in 1902, was originally appraised at \$25,000. State law mandated that officials get 80 percent of that amount, which resulted in no bidders.

The building was then shut down and reappraised at \$15,000. The successful bidder must offer at least \$12,000 for the building to meet state law, Flint said.

Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), both caused by chemical imbalances in the brain.

Chuck Fenwick, Tom Kasalis and Peter Krimbel, parents of ADD or ADHD children, are banding together to form a support group. The group's first meeting will be 7 p.m. Thursday night at the Market Street fire station.

Fenwick's son, now in seventh grade, was diagnosed with "very profound" ADHD in the first grade. "He's the superball of the classroom," Fenwick said. "You remember superballs. You

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bounce them and you don't know where they're going to go."

Kasalis' daughter and Krimbel's son have been evaluated with ADA.

Children with the disorders are not slow learners. Most test average or above on IQ tests, Fenwick said. In fact, Krimbel's son is a student at the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) in Aurora, a school for gifted students.

The men hope to share with other parents what they have learned dealing with their own children. The support group will cover coping techniques for both parents and children, as well as medical advances in treating ADD/ADHD, and time to share personal experiences.

Learning coping skills such as behavior management techniques, is vital to coping with these children. "If you don't have the skills, you're go-

ing to live in hell," Fenwick said.

This will be the second support group Fenwick attends. An ADD/ADHD support group, which Fenwick helped form four years ago, meets in Danville.

The problem of ADD/ADHD children is fairly widespread. Experts estimate that between five and 10 percent of all children in the U.S. have the condition, Fenwick said.

The condition causes problems not only in families, but in schools, too. Ultimately, it can cause severe problems in a child's life, Fenwick said, causing students to drop out of school and often find themselves in legal trouble.

A study done in the New York prison system showed 80 percent of those incarcerated had either ADD or ADHD.

Anyone who thinks his child might have either condition is encouraged to attend the support group meeting.

## Police news

No tickets or injuries were reported in a two-vehicle accident at 3:45 p.m. Monday.

A car driven by Cynthia M. Norris, 850 E. Seminary, struck a parked truck owned by William F. Tincher, 709 E. Main.

According to police reports, Norris was eastbound in the 700 block of East Main when a westbound car would not move over. Norris' vehicle slid because of icy road conditions.

Norris was at fault for driving too fast for conditions.

## Obituaries

**WILKEN**, Mabel, E., 81, of Milford, died at 8:29 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, 1994 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Knapp Funeral Home in Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

## Briefly...

### Beauty shop, photo studio OK'd

The Hoopeston planning commission Monday afternoon recommended a conditional use at 528 W. Washington. Dan and Cindy Houmes requested the change for a beauty shop/photo studio.

## In the hospital

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
Jan. 10, 1994

**Admitted:** Emma Silver and Chase Miles, both of Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Cyndi Houston and Crystal Yazzie, both of Hoopeston.

## Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High in the mid 30s. Tonight, continued cloudy. Low in the mid to upper 20s. Tomorrow, variable cloudiness. High near 32, low near 25.

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