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Multi Agency to take over community center operations

The services of two Hoopeston agencies will be offered under one roof in the very near future.

The Hoopeston Multi Agency Service Center will take over operations of the Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center on Monday, according to representatives of both agencies.

The Multi Agency, which has been in the Palmer American National Bank building, will move to the EIMPC, at 206 S. First Ave., said Jeanne Lotz, Multi Agency executive director.

The Multi Agency will receive all EIMPC assets, said Dorothy Metz, EIMPC executive director. In return, the Multi Agency is expected to continue operating current EIMPC programs.

"We're going to do our best to continue what they do," Lotz said.

The change will meet the needs of both groups. Metz will be able to retire after 10 years of volunteering as EIMPC executive director, while the added space will allow the Multi Agency to expand services. "We're hoping it will just snowball and we'll be able to do so many more things," Lotz said.

The Multi Agency board of directors will oversee all operations, and the current EIMPC board will disband, said board president Bill Nicholls.

Both agencies depend on volunteers, and Lotz would like EIMPC workers to continue their efforts. "We're hoping the volunteers will stay and be willing to work with us," she said.

A moving date has not been set, although Lotz
See **MULTI AGENCY** on other side

Alderman questions police ticketing cars on sidewalks

Ticketing cars parked across sidewalks came under fire Tuesday night by a member of the Hoopeston city council.

Alderman Harold Cox said he received complaints from residents who were ticketed for parking on Thompson Ave., where street parking is prohibited. "I don't know why you got on this big binge on writing tickets, especially in the outlying areas," Cox said.

Police chief Orval Kaag responded that the department received complaints from other residents about cars parking on sidewalks. "If you want to pick and choose who you give tickets to, let me know who to give tickets to and who not to give tickets to," he said.

City attorney Jim Spiros suggested handicapped

drivers display their special placards, which would allow officers to use discretion in ticket-writing.


According to police files, between March 22 and June 5, 32 motorists have been ticketed for parking on sidewalks.

In other action, the council passed an ordinance making a four-way stop at Fifth St. and East Maple and Ninth St. and McCracken and made East Thompson a 25 mph zone from the city limits west to North Seventh St.

Alderman Drew Allen was the sole no vote. "I don't think it's necessary," he said after the meeting. "(Residents) are asking for something that the Illinois Department of Transportation says is not necessary."

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Multi Agency continued from other side

said it will be in the near future. Some remodeling must be done at the community center to make counseling rooms private and accessible to counselors and clients.

A luncheon is scheduled for Monday, when the keys will officially be transferred.

The Multi Agency was formed 23 years ago, providing mental health services to residents of northern Vermilion County. Its funding comes from the county mental health board, as well as the Area Agency on Aging and the Grant Township United Way.

The EIMPC was formed in 1986, responding to a need in Hoopeston for a community center.

The group found a home when Nixon Newspapers donated the building on Nov. 21, 1988.

After Metz announced she wanted to retire, the EIMPC board spent approximately 18 months looking at options, Nicholls said. The EIMPC board negotiated with the Multi Agency board for approximately a year before coming to an agreement, he added.

Ending her association with the EIMPC is "a mixed bag" for Metz. "I spent a decade of my life on this and I don't like to see anything merge with this," she said. "I hope they continue the community center concept so that everything I've done hasn't been in vain."

While sorry to go, retirement will allow Metz to do things with her husband, Maurice. The first order of business will be a trip to Georgia to attend a granddaughter's wedding.



Police News



Steven A. Miller, 20, of 321 E. McCracken, was arrested at 8 p.m. Tuesday, charged with battery, on a complaint from Shannon Hardy, 512 E. Thompson.

Miller was released on a notice to appear.

Phillip Morris reported Wednesday that someone took the beer signs from the east side of Ted's Home Beverage, 101 W. Main.

Barbara Everhart, Hoopeston, reported Wednesday that someone stole food stamps which had been delivered to an old address.

The Hoopeston rescue squad was called at 6:56 p.m. Wednesday to help a child whose head was caught in a bannister at Fortees Apartments, 715 S. First Ave. Police were also sent to the scene.



In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

June 29, 1995

Admitted: Tracy Brown, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

June 30, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Dorothy Lee, Hoopeston.

July 1, 1995

Admitted: John Richardson, Oxford, Ind.

Discharged: none.

July 2, 1995

Admitted: Wilbur Little, Ambia, Ind.; Cyndi Houston, East Lynn.

Discharged: Tracy Brown, Hoopeston

July 3, 1995

Admitted: Lucille Vogel, Cissna Park.

Discharged: Cyndi Houston, East Lynn.

July 4, 1995

Admitted: Thelma Deck and Mayford Linder, Hoopeston; Vernon Buhrmester and Doug Summers, Milford.

Discharged: John Richardson, Oxford, Ind.

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