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Hoopeston to pay major part of White Elephant demolition

The White Elephant is coming down.

In a 5-2 vote, the Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved a proposal from building owner Eddie Edwards.

Under the agreement, Edwards will pay \$10,000 towards demolition costs and the city will pay the remainder, estimated at \$20,000, said alderwoman Susan Comstock. Additionally, Edwards will pay approximately \$4,000 in back taxes and will deed the property to the city, Comstock said.

Comstock, along with Mike Eckersley, Rod Kaag, John Haughee and Don York voted to accept the proposal while Dave Borders and Bill Goodwine voted against it.

City officials have no immediate plans for the property

but Comstock suggested it could be used to expand the fire station or provide parking for firemen.

In unrelated action, the council approved the annual appropriations ordinance with a major change.

Only \$25,000 had been appropriated for ambulance service wages but the amount was increased to \$75,000, said Alderman Bill Goodwine.

The change will pay emergency medical technician wages, ranging from \$7 to \$9 per hour. The ordinance does not signify agreement with the salaries, but makes it legal to pay personnel. "The law says what isn't in the ordinance is an illegal expenditure," he said.

The change increased total ambulance expenditures from \$61,000 to \$114,266, he said.

Comstock and Eckersley voted against the ordinance.

New principal brings passion for education to Hoop Area

At 49, after 27 years in the field, Doyle Owens still has a passion for education.

Owens will bring that passion to Hoopeston Area High School when he assumes his duties as principal Aug. 1.

"I love teaching and knowledge as much now as I did when I was 22," Owens said.

After receiving bachelor's and master's degrees from Olivet University, Owens entered the St. Anne school system, remaining there while he earned his administrative degree from Governor's State. "I've pretty much done everything (at St. Anne)," he said. He served as principal of St. Anne High School for the last two and a half years. Before that, he taught sixth grade for four years and seventh and eighth grade social studies for 12 years. For most of his years in the grade school, he also served as a coach.

Owens also coached at the high school level - "a dream come true" - and for some time, he and his wife, Jacqueline, funded both the girls and boys basketball programs after a financial crunch in the district threatened to eliminate the programs. "I think that was when I really found out how much I love coaching and education," he said. "It kind of took the pressure off winning or losing. You're trying to save the program. It's called a commitment."

Over the past few years, Owens said he thought about moving to another district. When he heard about the Hoopeston opening, he applied, then met with the board and Superintendent Mark Conolly. "I really felt so about it when I came home," he said. "Mr. Conolly really won me over. He seemed genuine. That's what I am."

Besides looking for a place to use his educational

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Briefly

Sports physicals

Hoopeston Area sports physicals will be given beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25 at the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center. This is a change from the usual location.

The physicals are for students in grades 7-12 who are interested in participating in athletics during the 2000-01 year.

Cost is \$10 per student.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Hoopeston Church of God, First Presbyterian Church and United Methodist Church will be held from 6:30-8:45 p.m. July 24-28.

Classes are available for all ages from preschool through adult.

For more information, call Pat, 283-6288; Church of God, 283-9330; or United Methodist Church, 283-6738.

Final soccer signup

LAST Sign up for Hoopeston Youth Soccer for boys and girls ages 4 to 14 (not in high school) will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, July 30 at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency

Cost is \$45 for first child; \$35 for each additional child in family.

Those with questions may call Kathy Franklin, 283-9540 or Hank Hornbeck 283-6391.



Police News



A **47-year-old** man reported Monday that someone damaged several things in a building in the 300 block of South Dixie Hwy.

Jason L. Kinnaird, no age listed, of 219 E. Penn, was arrested at 1 a.m. Tuesday at Market and Main Streets.

Kinnaird was charged with battery on a complaint from a 55-year-old man who reported Kinnaird hit him in the face twice.

He was released on a notice to appear.

A **14-year-old** girl turned herself in to police at 11:20

a.m. Tuesday. The girl, wanted on a warrant, was released on a \$5,000 recognizance bond.

A **37-year-old** woman reported Tuesday that someone, using a marker, wrote on the trunk of a car in the 400 block of South Second Ave.

Education continued from other side

skills, Owens also wanted to find a good school for his son, Brandon, a sophomore. "I wanted to find a high school that would be pleasant for him," he said. Having heard of Hoopeston's sports teams, Owens hopes Brandon "can have an impact on (the Cornjerkers) future."

Owens and his wife also have a daughter, Megan, a college junior who was married July 1.

Owens believes he brings several strengths to Hoopeston Area. "I really do have a caring for people, not putting on a false front" he said. Being a disciplinarian is also a strength. "You set down guidelines and be consistent," he said. "If you break a rule, we'll follow whatever policy is in place."

Although discipline is not usually the students' favorite part of school life, Owens said it is necessary and can sometimes reach students who seem unreachable. "That's been the most rewarding experiences of my life, when I've made those breakthroughs," he said.

Hoopeston Area, with its approximately 400 high school students, is bigger than St. Anne, at 260. The school also offers more than was available at St. Anne. Owens called the school's technology department "really first class," adding the district is "well-maintained and has a lot to offer."

Owens is also impressed with the city. "There seems

to be community spirit," he said. "I hope this is an area I can stay for some time."

Owens and his family will move to Hoopeston but Mrs. Owens will continue to teach at St. Anne Grade School until a position opens up closer to Hoopeston.

Although the commute will be difficult for Mrs. Owens, the decision to move was made by the entire family and Owens is happy about it.

"I'm as excited as I can be," he said. "I really think at this point in my life, Hoopeston meets all of (my) needs."

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital July 17

Admitted: Nora Greene, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Linda Chesnut.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 74. Tonight, cloudy. Low 56. Tomorrow, isolated thunderstorms. High 80, low 61.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

The Village of Rossville is now accepting applications, with resume, for full time and part time police officers. Completion of PTI or Part Time Academy preferred. Applications will be accepted at the Municipal Office through August 7th. 199-210

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