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Woman uses self-taught skills for new computer career

If you break something often enough, you might become adept at fixing it. And if you can fix yours, you can fix others'.

That was part of the thought process that went into Teresa Sollars' decision to purchase The Computer Works, Hoopeston's computer store.

Sollars purchased the business from former owner Sue Orr on April 1.

Sollars, who will sell computers and peripherals and repair computers, took some computer classes but is predominantly self-taught, experimenting with her own machine. "I've screwed it up so much that I learned how to fix just about anything," she said.

For the past five or six years, Sollars has worked on computers from her home, as well as doing environmental liability research for an Atlanta, Ga., company. When the company was purchased by Goldman-Sachs, Sollars wanted another job, but one that fit her schedule.

"I really don't want to wear heels and suits," she said. "I have kids in school and wanted something I could do around their schedule. I heard this was for sale



Photo by Lourdine Florek
Teresa Sollars, new owner of The Computer Works, uses one of the computers available at the store.

and thought it would be perfect."

Sollars approached Orr about buying the business and quicker than you can say "hard drive," it was done. "It seriously did just happen so fast," she said. "Boom, I got in her one week, boom, (Orr's) gone the next."

Sollars plans few changes to existing operations. She will continue to sell new and used equipment and perform set-ups and repairs. Soltec Interne service will still be available and, in fact, expanded since the

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A Pepsi machine was reported taken from 113 E. Orange sometime between April 14-21. Te machine was found Monday on 3850 North Rd.

Nichole E. Longest, 23, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and disobeying a traffic control device (stop sign) after an accident at 3:33 p.m. Monday.

Police said Longest, in a 1997 Chevrolet S10, was northbound on First Ave., stopped, entered the intersection of West Maple and hit a westbound 1992 Ford Tempo driven by Allison M. York, also of Hoopeston.

A 35-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone took items from the 500 block of East Young.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Morris the Moose" is the theme of this week's Hoopeston Public Library Tiny Tots story program at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Multi Agency. It is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Retirement Open House

An open house for retiring Hoopeston Police Sgt. Joe Gaffney will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, sale with an additional 23 lines.

Customers will be able to purchase computers built to

See COMPUTER on other side

Computer continued from other side

their needs. "It will probably cost a couple hundred more (than a model from a retail store) but I'm going to service it," she said. Computers will come with a free one-year warranty and will be made of dependable components. "I only use Intel products," she said.

There are two main selling points to purchasing a computer locally. "You don't have to be on hold with a service tech and you don't have to haul it to Champaign," Sollars said.

Admitting the local economy makes buying a business risky, Sollars thinks the popularity of computers will keep her busy. "Between new and used, al-

Police News



Richard L. Smith, 33, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and disobeying a traffic control device (stop sign) after an accident at 5:01 p.m. Monday.

Police said Smith, in a 1985 Ford, was northbound on Bank, stopped for oncoming traffic, entered the intersection of East Main and hit an eastbound

Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10:53 p.m. Monday to a call of smoke coming from the roof at 325 W. Penn. Firemen were on the scene for about a half hour. No injuries were re-

April 26, at the municipal building.

Hydrant flushing

The Hoopeston Water Department will begin flushing hydrants on Fridays through the summer months, weather permitting.

Teacher Appreciation Reception

The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a teacher appreciation reception from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, at the Academy for the Performing Arts,

most everybody's got a computer or uses one," she said. Since taking over the business, she has had interest from an unexpected segment of the population. "I'm surprised at the older people who have computers," she said. "It's cool."

Purchasing the business allows Sollars to be steeped in computers. "I absolutely love doing it," she said. "It doesn't seem like a job or like work."

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High 68. Tonight, decreasing clouds. Low 35. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 58, low 34.

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

1996 Chrysler driven by Ashley A. Baker, also of Hoopeston.

Two unidentified passengers in Baker's vehicle were taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

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