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Residents request kitchen remodel not disrupt existing use

Residents who attended a meeting on proposed changes to upgrade the Hoopeston Civic Center kitchen are all for improvements, as long as those changes don't interfere with groups routinely using the space.

Representatives of groups that regularly use the civic center, including the Hoopeston Jaycees, Gun Club and Artistic Repertory Theatre met with Alderman Carl Ankenbrand, parks committee chairman, and architect Chuck Reifsteck to discuss possible changes to the kitchen area.

Mike Drollinger, who serves on the judges committee of the National Sweetheart Pageant, said whatever changes are made, "we should still be able to host the event to which it's best-suited and that's the pageant."

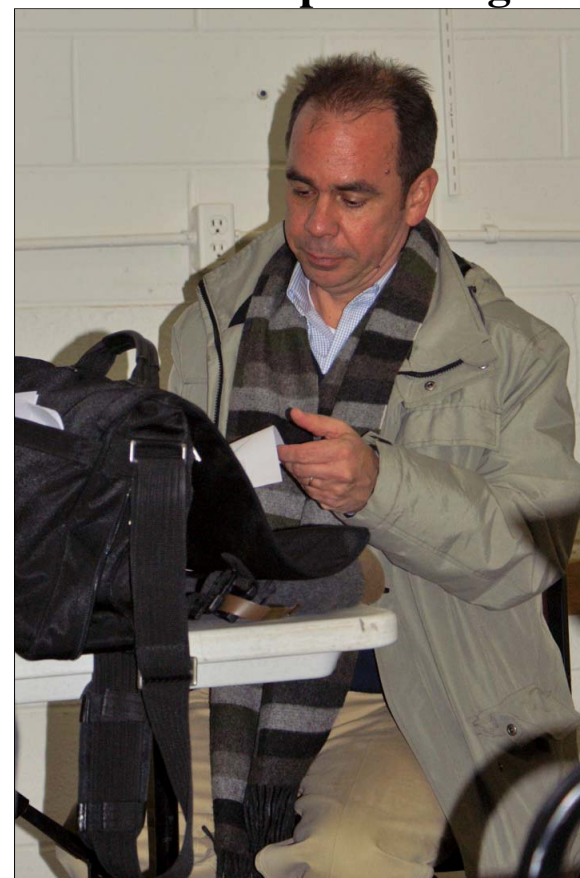
Preliminary drawings made by Reifsteck would encompass a storage room as part of the kitchen; however the storage room is used as a dressing area for National Sweetheart contestants, said Dolores Crabtree, long time pageant director.

After a brief discussion, the group agreed that another room, currently used for storage, could be used as the dressing area.

More room is needed to not only improve the kitchen but also to meet health codes, Reifsteck said. Clean areas, for preparation and cooking, must be kept separate from so-called "dirty" areas for cleanup, he said.

Ankenbrand said that if the storage area is not able to be used, expansion would have to be done in a different direction. However, that is problematic because of the area surrounding the civic center. Expanding in a different direction would include cutting down big trees or making other changes, he said.

Making sure catering employees can get in and out of the kitchen was another area of concern. Ray Williams, speaking "on behalf of caterers" said renovation plans should include separate ingress and egress doors and a



Architect Chuck Reifsteck makes notes during a meeting on renovating the Hoopeston Civic Center kitchen Tuesday night.

large bay door to which a catering van or truck could back up and unload carts of food.

Updating the kitchen is just one step in modernizing

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Cornjerkers take third in Vermilion County Tournament, add one win, one loss this week

A heartbreaking 49-44 loss to Salt Fork last Wednesday led to Hoopeston Area topping Westville for third place in the Vermilion County Tournament.

Against Salt Fork, Brock Baker led scorers with 17, followed by Clayton Snyder with 14. Jordan Wyss contributed two three-pointers for a total of six. Jordan Flint added five and Logan Davis scored two.

In Saturday's 55-39 consolation game score, Baker

had 14 points and seven assists and was named All-County. Other scorers were Snyder with 17 points and six rebounds, Flint with 12, Brad Lawson with four and two each by Jordan Crabtree, Davis and Hayden Cornelius.

This week, the Cornjerkers topped Milford on Monday but were once again stopped short by Salt Fork on Tuesday.

In Monday's 42-33 victory over the Bearcats, Snyder scored 24 points and had six rebounds while Baker chipped in 14 points with seven assists. Wyss and Flint each chipped in two in the make-up game from Jan. 8.

On the Milford bench, Ryan Kunce led scoring

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:07 a.m. Wednesday to the 700 block of East Elm for a report of a house with smoke and an activated fire alarm. The source was an overheated furnace. No damage or injuries were reported.

Ballots available for annual Rossville Community Awards

ROSSVILLE—Ballots for the Rossville Community Awards are now available to Rossville area residents.

The awards, sponsored by the Rossville Community Organization, are an annual event. Area residents may nominate/vote for a person in the following categories: Citizen of the Year; Village/Police/Fire/Ambulance personal (current or past); educator of the year, and for the Hall of Fame. This year's ballot will included two Hall of Fame recipients: one of whom is living and the other deceased.

The ballot/nomination form counts as only one ballot and only one ballot per resident is allowed. Ballots are available from now until Feb. 1. They must be turned in by 5 p.m. on Feb. 1. Ballots may be picked up at either the Bank of Rossville or the Village of Rossville Offices.

The winners of this years' awards will be announced at the annual RCO Banquet to be held on Friday, March 7.

For more information contact Wendy Dunavan at 217-748-6435.

Weather



Cold today. High 8. Tonight, mostly clear. Low -2. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of snow late. High 25, low 19.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

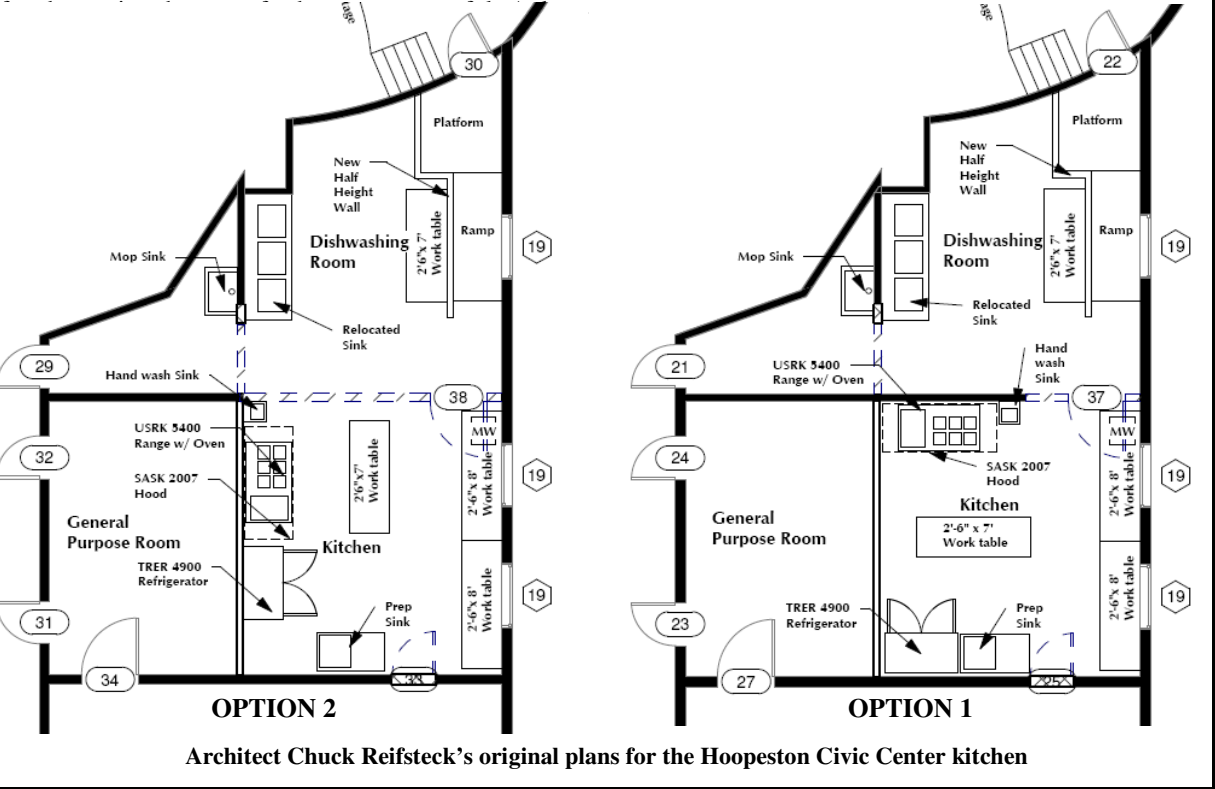
Kitchen continued from other side

the civic center. Along with a new design for the kitchen, Reifsteck will also come up with a plan for the civic center bathroom and hall next to the kitchen, making sure changes are handicapped-accessible. Also, Genco Electric of Rossville is updating electrical wiring and Kenny McVicker is upgrading to more energy efficient lighting.

Once a plan is created, officials will look at whether it is feasible to pay for renovations. Grant applications

brand said.

One local group is already stepping up to the plate by volunteering to raise money for the project. Beta Sigma Phi has offered to lead a fundraising effort. "We have to decide if it's worth doing and if it is, we need to put it out there," said member Tonna Hofer. "Hoopeston will get behind the project."



with 10 points, followed by Calvin VanHoveln and Justin Garrelts with eight each, Jordan Scherf with four and Charles Hopkins added three.

Tuesday night, Baker's 24 points were not enough to stop Salt Fork's 58-54 win. Baker also contributed six assists and seven rebounds to the night. Snyder added 13, Flint, seven, Davis six and Lawson four.

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