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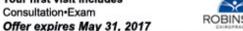
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Malley Wallace and Vickie Kelly look over historic documents from Honeywell School Tuesday afternoon as right, Principal Suzi Root, and Debbie Klaber, Hoopeston Area School Board member, look on. Documents were displayed at an open house for residents to visit the school one more time before it closes permanently at the end of the school

Scores turn out for Honeywell School farewell open house

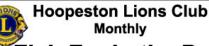
What could have been a somber, funereal event was more of a celebration of the life of Honeywell School.

The school hosted an open house for visitors Tuesday, allowing guests to roam and reminisce about Honeywell,

which will close at the end of this school year.

Gym walls were decorated with class pictures of those who attended over the years, while tables displayed his-

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Danny Coon works on the roof of Treasured Roots Flower Shop Wednesday to finish the project before the shop's spring open house Saturday. The open house will mark the opening of Treasured Roots' new sunroom, built after the March 20 hail storm demolished 22 panels in the former greenhouse. The sunroom features windows and skylights to allow plenty of light for plants, and will be heated and air conditioned, making it more comfortable for customers. The entire exterior of Treasured Roots is undergoing a makeover, which will include a mural on the building's east wall.



Farewell continued from other side

toric documents, such as a Parent Teacher Organization book from the 1940s that detailed the group's activities, said Principal Suzi Root.

Instead of making the event a sad one, former and current teachers and students related funny stories to each other. Parents whose children attended Honeywell walked around the gym, looking at class pictures until finding the one with their student, then relating funny stories from the

The Hoopeston Area School Board voted on June 16, 2016 to close the school, citing declining enrollment and the cost of renovating the school, built in 1927. Related savings, estimated at \$253,000 per year, will come from not having to staff the school.

In the wake of the announcement, John Greer staff has been implementing a transition plan to welcome next year's third and fourth graders. While fifth graders will

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remain at John Greer, sixth graders will be shifted to the middle school, which is coming up with its own transition

At a public meeting last May 31, some residents voiced concern about leaving the building to deteriorate.

"The board does not want to leave an eyesore in the middle of our town," Hornbeck said at the meeting, adding it would be difficult to find a business that can support the costs of the 32,210-square foot school, including heating costs of \$25,000 annually.

A final plan for the building has not yet been approved by the board.



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