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Hoopeston Area School Board will soon accept bids on the property of the former Honeywell School, pictured, which was demolished in 2020.

Hoopeston board begins process to sell Honeywell property

Hoopeston Area Board of Education is taking action leading to the eventual sale of the former Honeywell School property.

At Thursday's meeting, the board is expected to set a minimum bid in executive session and, later in the meeting, approve a resolution allowing the district to sell the property, in the 500 block of Honeywell, said Supt. Robert Richardson

Once the resolution is approved, the district must run a legal notice for three weeks, advising the desire to sell the property and seeking bids for it, he said.

Bids are set to be opened at 2 p.m. May 18 and one approved at the board's May 19 meeting.

Previous boards discussed the possibility for several

years and in May 2016, the building and grounds committee recommended the school be closed. The recommendation was reluctantly and unanimously approved by the board in June, effective at the end of the 2016-17 vear. Students were transferred to John Greer and sixth graders, who traditionally attended John Greer, were transferred to the middle school.

In May 2017, Honeywell opened its doors to the community to browse mementos, share stories and say farewell to the school.

Asbestos in the school was abated in 2019 and in August 2020, the board approved Lee Farms Excavating's \$224,450 bid to demolish the school, which was accomplished in late September and early October 2020.



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Sports

Track

Bre Crose led the pack on April 14 when Hoopeston Area Hoopeston Area hosted St. Anne, Armstrong-Potomac and Fithian in track competitions.

In the 100 m dash, Crose came in at 13.90. Teammate Lucy Lugo came in fifth at 16.83. In the 200m, Crose again took first, at 30.71.

Lugo took top honors in the 400m dash at 1:17.90, and also aced the triple jump at 8.20m.

Allison Picket led the pack in the 800m run, at 3:16.68; 1600m run, 6:59.59; and 3200m run, 14:42.56.

In the long jump, Crose came in fourth, at 3.88m, followed by Lugo in sixth at 3.34m.

The Lady Cornjerkers and St. Anne split the shot put competition, with Emily Ray in first at 9.03m, Kylie Brown, second, 7.73m, Valerie Simpson and Marissa Garcia, tied for fourth at 6.51m.

Ray and Brown took the top two spots in the discus through, with 29.95m and 23.28m, respectively.

In boys' competition, Hunter Cannon came in 12 seconds behind Armstrong's Samuel Champs, with



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and other fine Hoopeston businesses and online at www.justthefacts.net 12.56 in the 100 meter dash. HA's Christian Kirts placed 12th, with 12.14, Bryson Brewer 14th, 14.87, and Trenton Betka 16th, 15.61.

In the 200m dash, JJ Torres-Mendez was the top Cornjerker, coming in fourth with 26.44, followed by Kirts, 11th, 29.55, Trevor Swartz 12th 32.42, and Betka 13th, 32.55.

Torres-Mendez came in third in the 400m dash with 59.94, followed by Kirts in sixth at 1:13.04.

In other events, Swartz came in seventh in the long jump, with 3.95m and fifth in the triple jump at 7.25m.

Cannon took first in the shot put with 13.24m, and the discus throw, with 40.10m.

Hoopeston Area girls scored 51 total points to have a first place rank for the event. The boys' team scored 14 points and ranked in fourth place.

Softball

The Lady Cornjerkers dropped a conference game when they hosted Salt Fork on April 11. Salt Fork scored in the first three innings but remained scoreless in their 11-1 rout of Hoopeston Area.

Macy Warner had the team's sole run in the fourth inning. Maddie Barnes and Warner each had one hit with two at-bats.

The girls avenged the loss with an 11-6 win over Heritage on April 12.

As the Lady Cornjerkers racked up eight runs in the first two innings, they held Heritage scoreless until the fourth, when the Hawks put three on the board. They went on to add two runs in the fifth and one in the seventh, while HA added on ein the fourth and two in the sixth.

Alexa Bailey had four RBIs in the contest, while Maddie Barnes added two. Logan Watson, Payton Armstrong, Jayln Cobb and Makhia Colunga each swatted a run in. Brylie Cox and Bailey each had a stolen base.

Colunga was the winning pitcher.

The girls were on the road on April 14 and dropped one to Bismarck-Henning/Rossville-Alvin, 6

Weather

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Hoopeston got hash marks in the second, third and fifth innings, while the Blue Devils scored in innings one, three and five.

Barnes, Tobi West and Tor Birge had one run each, with Bailey contributing one RBI. Barnes had a triple and Warner had a double in the match-up.

The Cornjerkers were able to hold off the Raiders, defeating Iroquois West, 23-2 on April 15. Colunga had five hits, while Barnes had three. Bailey, Cox, Riley Miller and Logan Watson each had two. Colunga, Barnes and Bailey each had doubles, and Bailey and Cox had triples.

In RBIs, Watson had four, Bailey 3, two each for Colunga and Miller and one for Warner and Barnes.

The Lexington Minutemen held the Lady

Cornjerkers scoreless in a home, non-conference game on Saturday, April 16.

Alexa Bailey got the only hit of the game and West had one base on balls. Armstrong had one stolen base.

The team had seven errors in the game, compared to none for Lexington.

Barnes pitched five innings, allowing six hits against and 12 runs against.

Hoopeston Area hosted Oakwood, losing to the Comets, 11-1, on April 18. Barnes had three hits, while Watson and Miller each had two. Miller also had a double, Barnes a triple and Watson hit a home

RBIs were contributed by Watson and Miller with four, Colunga with two, and one each for Barnes, Bailey and Warner.

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