

Jarman

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have two bedrooms with kitchens and utility hook-ups. He's hoping the city will give him the necessary permits to rent the first floor out as office space. There will be 24 residential units. The orange brick exterior will be stained a light gray with black and white trim. The parking lots will get new asphalt in April, and he's looking into solar panels.

When the exterior improvements are made, "it's really going to pop," he said. He hopes to have the building ready for occupancy in mid- to late-summer.

The building has always had a commercial use, first as a hospital and then a senior living center with offices and a community room/cafeteria. Sally Foote, who, along with her husband Tom Wold, sold the building to Robinson continues to rent space on the ground for her veterinarian classes. Robinson said he has several businesses interested in the space if he can secure the proper permits from the city.

Foote and Wold bought the building from the county in 1990 after the hospital closed.

They first used some of the space as a medical clinic and then developed upper floors into congregate living space.

The main building was built in 1965. What's left of the old hospital to the south also contains apartments and was part of the sale to Robinson. The front of the old building has a block wall facing Main Street, and Robinson said he'd like to have a mural painted there that represents the phases of life from birth to death representing the original purpose of the building.

The new venture will be called Jarman Plaza. He said he had thought about dropping the Jarman name, but his son convinced him that people would call it Jarman regardless. A lot of local people were born there and many others died there, so the building has a lot of sentiment attached to it, he said.

Foote and Wold indicated that they wanted to see the building continue to be a vibrant part of the community. They said they would consider a lower offer if they liked the plan for the building. They didn't want to see it deteriorate or bought by a corporate entity hoping to "flip" the property.

Robinson said they made

good on that with his offer. They turned down more money, he said, because they liked his vision for the building and the energy he brings to the project.

"The support of a community is important," Robinson said. "There needs to be more positivity in people."

Raised in Atwood (Atwood High School class of 1996) and now residing near Humboldt, Robinson started out as a carpenter and said he started buying rental properties on the side to give himself something to do in the winter time. "One day, I realized I didn't have a retirement." He added properties and became self-employed about two years ago. With the completion of the Jarman property, he will have 125 units in Tuscola, Arcola, Atwood and Arthur. He will have 45 units in Tuscola with Jarman Plaza.

His most recent project in Tuscola was a five-unit apartment building behind the old Brookside on Niles Avenue, which already had five apartments. The new units are one-bedroom studio apartments.

"A lot of people hate apartment buildings in their town," he said. But he said if a community is going to grow, it needs affordable housing. Someone new to town may not be able to buy or build a house right away, but they need some place to live in the meantime, he said. "There's little to nothing in this town to rent." From a landlord perspective, he said apartments tend to have fewer maintenance problems and are more profitable than houses.

His housing empire is a family venture with his three children working for him as well as his partner of seven years, Heather Pullen. Heather manages the properties, he said, and his son Chase is "the brains" of business handling payroll and other paperwork. Son Cole does concrete work. "He's a builder like me," Robinson said. Daugh-



A MONTH AGO, this hallway led to several senior living rooms that were single rooms with no kitchens. They are being transformed into two-bedroom apartments with kitchens. Photo by David Porter.



THE EXTERIOR of the former Jarman Center will be stained a light gray with black and white trim, according to developer Christ Robinson. File photo.

ter Corrine is still in school but contributes a lot in the way of design and colors, he said. "If I'm having trouble, like on how to do a kitchen, I give it to her. She's a fresh set of eyes. It comes easy to her."

Robinson has also put in a proposal to build a large apartment building in downtown Arcola, where the old Metropolitan Block stood. He said he's still in negotiations with the city on that property, but

when Jarman became available, he jumped on it. Interest rates are still pretty low, so it's been a good time to borrow; he said he thinks construction will slow down as interest rates start to creep up.

PUZZLES

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Hillsides
- 6. A way to ingest
- 9. Large number
- 13. Southeastern Minnesota city
- 14. Cronies
- 15. Having sufficient skill, knowledge
- 16. Supplements with difficulty
- 17. Former VP nominee Palin

- 18. Cambodian monetary unit
- 19. Where coaches work
- 21. Secret political clique
- 22. A type of lute
- 23. Tan
- 24. Empire State
- 25. Where golfers begin
- 28. For each
- 29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines

- 31. Bird genus
- 33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song
- 36. Domesticates
- 38. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 39. Asian antelope
- 41. One who takes apart
- 44. Kin
- 45. Dresses
- 46. Says something about you (abbr.)
- 48. Doctor of Education
- 49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 51. Overcharge
- 52. Sailboats
- 54. Indian musical patterns
- 56. Predisposition to a condition
- 60. Share a common boundary with
- 61. Wide
- 62. Skin disease
- 63. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 64. Source of the Blue Nile
- 65. Instrument
- 66. Red deer
- 67. Unidentified flying object
- 68. Bar or preclude

- 9. One with an unjustified mistrust
- 10. Hebrew calendar month
- 11. Pure
- 12. LSU football coach
- 14. Unbroken views
- 17. Fathers
- 20. Part of a race
- 21. Hairstyle
- 23. Fifth note of a major scale
- 25. Body art
- 26. Amounts of time
- 27. Designed chairs
- 29. Sensational dramatic piece
- 30. Arrangement of steps
- 32. Classifies
- 34. Young child
- 35. Oh, no!
- 37. Astronomical period of about 18 years
- 40. Not or
- 42. Poke fun at
- 43. Consisting of roots
- 47. "___ Humbug!"
- 49. A way to remove
- 50. A confusion of voices and other sounds
- 52. Keyed instrument
- 53. Varnishes
- 55. Unpleasantly sticky substance
- 56. Unable to hear
- 57. A short erect tail
- 58. Indicates interest
- 59. Flow or leak through
- 61. British thermal unit
- 65. Iron

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CLUES DOWN

- 1. Flying insects
- 2. Strong alcoholic spirit
- 3. Old
- 4. Moves in slowly
- 5. Symbol for tin
- 6. Having certain appendages
- 7. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 8. Type of hormone (abbr.)

CROSSWORD

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Heavy or sensitive issues could weigh on you, Aries. However, things are likely better than you think, so find a silver lining or someone with whom you can share your struggles.
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Don't underestimate the power of positivity, Taurus. You can evoke more change than you may expect if you channel all of your confidence. Others will feed off your energy.
GEMINI - May 22/June 21
A mysterious energy is affecting your decisions, Gemini. Don't be scared or suspicious. Just go with the flow for a

little while and things will sort themselves out.
CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you will never be short on ideas, but you may need to figure out what is worthy of your energy. You can't focus your attention on a million projects without help.
LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Get yourself noticed for all the right reasons, Leo. Try your best in the workplace to have higher-ups see what you're made of this week and next. A promotion could be near.
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 23
Apply a reality check to assess which

projects you should keep going and what ones are better left to the side. It just may free up a lot of extra time, Virgo.
LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Start looking at which desires or needs you have been ignoring, Libra. It might be time to reassess what you hold dear and rearrange your priorities.
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
One-on-one interactions may have been a little rare lately, Scorpio. You should find the time to spend with a close friend or even a romantic partner. Make a plan today.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
An adrenaline boost comes your way this week, Sagittarius. You can plow through that to-do list that has been waiting for you for some time.
CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Your comfort zone gets a shake-up this week, Capricorn. Even if things may be a little awkward, it doesn't necessarily make them bad. Explore any possibility that comes your way.
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
The stars are affecting your creativity and skills of perception. With these senses amplified, you may find solutions to problems that have evaded

you.
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Love is on the brain, Pisces. You will have plenty of opportunities to spend time together over the course of the next few days.
FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
MARCH 27, Fergie, Singer (47)
MARCH 28, Lady Gaga, Singer (36)
MARCH 29, Maggie Baird, Actress (63)
MARCH 30, Celine Dion, Singer (54)
MARCH 31, Ewan McGregor (51)
APRIL 1, Randy Orton, Wrestler (42)
APRIL 2, Pedro Pascal, Actor (47)