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Hikes Point day-care center undergoing \$500,000 overhaul

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A Hikes Point child-care facility is undergoing a \$500,000 upgrade and expansion that soon will allow it to consolidate all of its operations under one roof.

SchoolHouse Preschool & Daycare currently operates in two Hunsinger Lane locations. Owners David and Denise Hinton lease one and own the other.

They plan to vacate the leased location, at 3020 Hunsinger, when renovation work is completed on the 3,600-square-foot building they own across the street, at 3017 Hunsinger.

The Hintons, who have owned SchoolHouse since 1993, bought the two-story facility for \$190,000 in 1996, according to the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator's office.

Work is under way to gut the interior and expand the facility to more than 5,000 square feet. More classroom space is being added to both floors. A new outdoor play center is being built, a commercial kitchen installed, a sprinkler system added and new computer centers constructed.

The exterior of the building also is being resurfaced and the parking lot repaved.

As part of the design, a covered area is being created beneath the second-floor addition where children can play outside, regardless of the weather.

The Hintons don't work at the day-care facility, which employs about 25 and serves about 100 children daily from six weeks of age to 13 years. The center is open Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to midnight.

David Hinton owns two other firms, Complete Construction Co. and Complete Foodservice Equipment & Design Inc., both of which are working on the day-care renovation project. Work is scheduled to be completed in mid-July.

The project is being financed through a loan from Old National Bank and personal funds.

Hinton wants to give the facility a more "contemporary look," which might encourage other property owners and developers to invest in Hikes Point. "What we're trying to do is really clean up the appearance of the building," he explained. "What I'm hoping is that it will kind of spark some renewed interest in the area."

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