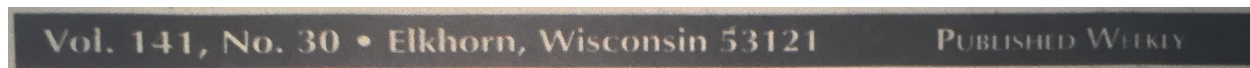


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Commerce Court in the industrial park.

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9 years. Although it will be moving, the Little Learner's staff plans to continue the intergenerational involvement with the elderly.

The new center is expected to open this fall with a licensed capacity of 135 children. It will be an open-concept building with space for infants up to age 13.

Included in the center's programming are field trips; learning through play, with themes for each group; learning centers; speakers and many hands-on activities. The program runs year-round and is open from 6:15 a.m. until 5 p.m. Hours will be extended as needed in the new facility.

There is parent involvement. The year is culminated with a graduation ceremony for children entering kindergarten the next year. The school-age program will consist of such things as computers, outdoor and indoor games, ballet and gymnastics, crafts, free play and time for homework. Little Learners is a nationally accredited child care and preschool.

Enrollment for the new facility is currently taking place. For more information or for enrollment, contact

Tami or Debbie at 741-8655.

Donations may still be made to the project. Checks should be written out to Lakeland's Little Learners Building Fund and sent to Bank One, c/o Tim Majcen. All donations are tax deductible.

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Young readers pile up the hours

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