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## FMC palletizer line sale to affect 40 employees

Approximately 40 FMC employees will leave the Hoopeston plant following the sale of the company's palletizer line.

The sale was announced yesterday in a press release from the company's Chicago office.

Simplimatic Engineering Company of Lynchburg, Va., purchased the line. Simplimatic is a subsidiary of CarnaudMetalbox of Paris, France.

Terms of the sale were not disclosed.

Closing the line will affect about 40 sales, engineering and manufacturing jobs at the Hoopeston plant. Some employees will transfer to the Simplimatic plant in Forest Lake, Minn.

Those not transferred will receive severance packages, outplacement assistance and counseling.

Affected union employees will exercise seniority rights under the existing labor agreement.

Rob McIntosh, Hoopeston plant manager, said it is too soon to tell how many people will be transferred or when. Simplimatic has "a genuine interest in what skills they can recruit here," he said, adding the company will be interviewing people affected by the sale.

## Firemen ready to detain local 'prisoners' Thursday

A makeshift jail will be filled to capacity Thursday, with people being locked up for "good."

Forty-one people have volunteered to be jail birds for a day to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, according to Lara Conklin, MDA district director in Champaign.

The lock-up will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Market Street fire station.

Employees going to Simplimatic will probably be notified within 30 days. "The timetable is not something FMC controls," McIntosh said.

The Hoopeston plant will continue produce existing orders for the next 30 days.

FMC announced in February that the palletizer line would be sold or discontinued.

The local plant may be losing more employees as part of a worldwide downsizing announced last month.

FMC announced 1,000 employees in support staff positions would be let go. Twenty such positions are at the Hoopeston plant, which currently has approximately 250 employees.

Monday was the last day for those employees to sign up for a voluntary separation package, McIntosh said.

Despite reductions in the number of employees, McIntosh said FMC will not close its doors, quoting a letter from Rob Christy, company director of public affairs, to state Rep. Bill Black, which stressed FMC's "proud tradition" in Hoopeston and that the company would "continue to be a contributor to the Hoopeston area."

The Hoopeston Fire Department, which is sponsoring the lock-up, hopes to raise \$5,000 for MDA, a goal Conklin said is reachable.

Fire chief Chuck Fenwick, assisted by fireman Allan Baker, will "arrest" people, who will remain in jail for one hour or until they raise \$350, whichever is first.

See PRISONERS on other side

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## Youth held in Missouri on auto theft, other charges

A 16-year-old Hoopeston boy is being held in a Missouri jail after he allegedly stole a car.

The car, a 1989 Pontiac Sunbird, was reported stolen Monday. The owner, Sharon Edwards, of 816 E. Main, reported the theft at 6:30 a.m., according to Hoopeston police.

The car was found undamaged at 12:14 p.m. in Rolla, Mo.

The juvenile was being held on Vermilion County charges of auto theft. Charges are also pending in Missouri, police said. He was expected to be brought back to Illinois today.

## Prisoners continued from other side

"If everyone does even half of their \$350, we'll meet our goal," Conklin said.

Cellular phones, provided by the Cellular Depot, will be available for "convicts" to raise money, Conklin said.

Prison sentences won't be hard time, according to Fenwick. Firemen's wives will prepare food for those in prison. "It's not like a bread and water deal," he said.

And although the fire station isn't air conditioned, Fenwick said he'll be happy to help prisoners cool off. "We'll turn the fire hose on somebody who gets too hot," he said.

Fenwick said this is the first time the department has participated in a fundraiser not strictly for a local organization. "We thought long and hard about this," he said. "With so many fundraisers, the money doesn't go for what you think it's going for, but with MDA, they're proven. If the money's going to go where it's supposed to and do what it's supposed to...then it's worthwhile."

The lock-up has been used as an MDA

fundraiser in large cities, Fenwick said, but only began in small towns two years ago, a move Fenwick agrees with. "People who are afflicted with these diseases don't all come from large towns," he said.

This will be the only non-local fundraising event the department participates in because the department does its own local fundraising.

## In the Hospital



### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

June 16, 1994

Admitted: Jacob Alt, Hoopeston; Laura Knoll, Rankin.

Discharged: Howard Bray, Hoopeston.

June 17, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Lamar Rocha and Jacob Alt, both Hoopeston.

June 18, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

June 19, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

## Weather



Sunny, hot, less humid today. High in the mid 90s. Tonight, fair, low in the upper 60s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 93, low near 65.



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