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Pillsbury sets July closing; employees unhappy

The good news is the Hoopeston Pillsbury plant will be open until July instead of closing in early spring.

The bad news is employees are unhappy about getting less than what they think they deserve in a severance package.

Company officials told employees Wednesday that the manufacturing side of the plant will close in July. A definite date has not been set.

The distribution side is expected to remain open

possibly until October.

A finalized severance package has not yet been hammered out, but union officials say workers are unhappy with what has been offered so far.

Jim Hurt, president of Grain Millers local 399, would not disclose details of what severance items have been requested by the union or offered by the company, but did say employees are "not happy with what the company's willing to offer" for sev-

See **PILLSBURY** on other side

Police seek suspect in Tuesday night stabbing incident

Hoopeston police are seeking a suspect in a Tuesday night stabbing.

Jackie Trautvetter, of 615 S. First Ave., told police she had been stabbed in the leg while outside her home.

Trautvetter was taken to Iroquois Memorial Hospital in Watseka. Her condition was not available at press time.

Police chief Orval Kaag said the Hoopeston Police Department is continuing to investigate.

Up & Coming

Ward meeting

There will be a meeting for Ward 1 residents at 7 p.m. March 16 at city hall.

The meeting is being held to allow residents to express ideas, opinions and overall views on local events, said Mark Drollinger, Ward 1 alderman.

First Responder course slated

The Hoopeston Ambulance Service has scheduled a 40-hour First Responder course for local residents.

An informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. March 13 at the ambulance barn on Main

St.

First Responder training is more advanced than basic first aid, but is less comprehensive than emergency medical technician training, said Terry Beauvois, Hoopeston Ambulance Service coordinator.

Musical moments

The junior high and high school show choirs will compete in Watseka this week. The junior high will compete Friday, while the high school will compete Saturday.

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Feb. 16 - Richard Fouse, Jr., Rossville, improper lane usage, \$95, one year court supervision.

Michael Anderson, Hoopeston, to pay \$75, rule to show cause to be issued.

William Bieber, Hoopeston, to pay \$75, paid in full.

Cliff Crabtree, Hoopeston, to pay \$75, rule to show cause to be issued.

Pillsbury continued from other side

erance pay and health care. "In closing situations like this, you'd think they'd up the ante," he said.

Under the current contract, members of the Grain Millers union will get one week of pay for every year worked, up to 25 years. "We know we'll get that," Hurt said.

Pillsbury has also set up a job center at the plant, where Job Training Partnership workers counsel company employees, Hurt said.

The company is also paying for computer classes offered through Danville Area Community College at Hoopeston Area High School. "That's a good deal, but that's it," Hurt said.

Another point of contention between workers and the company is that since Pillsbury announced the plant closing, company donations to community organizations has doubled, to an estimated \$50,000.

"We think they ought to take care of their own first," Hurt said. "We are the community."

The company also announced double shifts will begin next week to build inventory prior to the closing.

Hurt said the second shift will be manned by temporary workers, which is good for local people but not for employees. "It's causing hard feelings," Hurt said. "They're getting our employees out of there faster."

Vince Castle, plant operations manager, did not return phone calls regarding the situation.

Gertrude Coppola, Hoopeston, to pay \$150, paid \$30, balance due April 20.

Frederick Dreyer, Danville, to pay \$75 fine and costs and \$267.32 restitution.

Beverly Davis, Hoopeston, to pay \$38, paid in full.

Tammy Fouse, Hoopeston, status check on payments, continued 30 days.

Obituaries

CAMPBELL - Mabel A. Campbell, 92, of Wellington, died at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 1995, at the Vermilion Manor Nursing Home in Danville. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wellington-Greer Fire Department. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

STORY - Frank W. Story, 79, of Hoopeston, died at 12:50 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 1995, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Graveside services and military rites will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hoopeston Nursing Home. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In the hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
March 7, 1995**

Admitted: Cindy Shank, East Lynn; one other person, name withheld.

Discharged: none.

Weather



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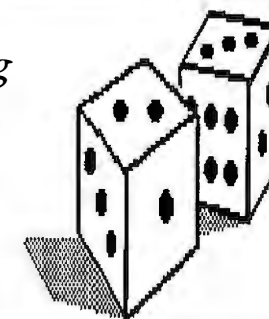
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