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Officials negotiate on sale of Hoopeston Pillsbury plant

Workers scheduled to lose their jobs with the expected July closing of the Pillsbury plant may have new jobs.

Officials are negotiating with an unidentified company to purchase the local Pillsbury plant, according to Mayor Bob Ault.

Ault said Wednesday he is cautiously optimistic about the sale. "Things are looking positive," he said, "but who knows until everything is signed, sealed and delivered."

Officials are "diligently working with some people," to land the unnamed food processing company, Ault said. When a final agreement may be

inked is unclear. "There are a lot of things to be worked out," Ault said. "Everybody could leave from the table before it's all said and done."

Pillsbury announced last December that Seneca Foods Corporation of Pittsford, N.Y., purchased the company.

Seneca then announced it would close the Hoopeston plant, plus others in Ripon, Wis., Beaver Dam, Wis., and LeSuer, Minn. In March, company officials announced the Hoopeston plant will close in July.

The cannery has been part of Hoopeston's history since the 1870s.

Conferences interested in HA

Hoopeston Area sports teams are like a plain girl who suddenly becomes popular: first nobody wants her until somebody else asks her out.

The district has been approached by both the Sangamon Valley Conference and ICC for possible membership, according to high school principal Mark Conolly.

Conolly made the announcement at Thursday's school board meeting.

Conolly and ICC officials will discuss membership April 25, while Sangamon Valley hopes to have a completed application from Hoopeston Area by May 1. "We're as assured as we can be that we're going to be in (Sangamon Valley)," Conolly said.

If the ICC offers membership, the school's extra-curricular committee will meet to compare offers, said Supt. Don Dean.

Hoopeston Area has approached the ICC about membership for several years, Dean added.

Probation officer charged

A Vermilion County deputy chief probation officer faces criminal charges in connection with a January accident in which a Hoopeston man was killed.

Edward A. Miller, 46, of Oakwood, was indicted Wednesday on one count of reckless homicide and one count of driving under the influence.

He was not indicted on a charge of aggravated driving under the influence.

Miller was originally charged with driving under the influence after he refused to take a breath test after the Jan. 13 accident which killed James "Pokey" Wallace of Hoopeston.

The accident happened at approximately 9:30 p.m. on U.S. 150 near Batestown Road.

Wallace's death was ruled an accident by a coroner's jury.

Miller is on a leave of absence.

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Police News



Sandra K. Burress, 724 S. Sixth Ave., reported Thursday that someone took a video cassette recorder from her residence.

Police are investigating.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:36 a.m. Thursday.

Leonora A. Byram, route 3, Danville, driving a 1989 GMC van, was leaving the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital when she put her car in drive instead of reverse, striking a parked 1992

Mazda owned by Prabhu Shivalingappa, 711 S. First Ave., Apt. B.

Shivalingappa's vehicle then struck an outside wall of the hospital.

A hospital engineer will check the wall for structural damage.

Michael A. Abbott, 27, 317 Front St., turned himself in to police at 8:57 a.m. Thursday. He was wanted on three traffic warrants.

He was released on \$500 cash bond.

Obituaries

FIDLER - Russell H. Fidler Sr., 77, of Rossville, died at 2:26 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 1995, at McAllen Medical Center, McAllen, Tex. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at the

School menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

March 24: Z rib/bun, french fries, slaw, cheese, peaches, milk.

March 25: Tuna casserole, peas, cheese stick, roll, butter, pineapple, milk.

March 26: Ravioli w/meat sauce, corn, salad, applesauce, bread, butter, milk.

March 27: Chicken nugget, tri tator, slaw, pears, bread, butter, cake, milk.

March 28: Ham & cheese/bun, french fries, graham cracker, fruit cocktail, milk.

Hoopeston Area Jr./Sr. High School

March 24: Z rib/bun or chicken patty/bun; french fries, slaw, cheese, peaches, milk.

March 25: Tuna casserole or sub sandwich (bologna, spiced luncheon, cheese), peas, cheese stick, roll, butter, pineapple, milk.

March 26: Ravioli w/meat sauce or turkey/bun, corn, salad, applesauce, bread, butter, milk.

March 27: Chicken nuggets or hot dog/bun, tri tator, slaw, pears, bread, butter, cake, milk.

March 28: Ham & cheese/bun or BBQ/bun, french fries, cookie, fruit cocktail, milk.

Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial will be in the Rossville Cemetery. Visitation was held Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rossville Historical Society.

HUFFORD - Ray Hufford Jr., 79, of Milford, died at 4:25 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, 1995, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Stockland Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the Milford Ambulance Fund, the Stockland Ambulance Fund or the American Diabetes Association. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, was in charge of arrangements.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
April 19, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Terry Bell, Henning.

Weather



Partly sunny and warmer today. High near 70. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the mid 50s. Tomorrow, cooler with a few showers. High near 59, low near 46. Sunday, partly cloudy. High near 56, low near 43.

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