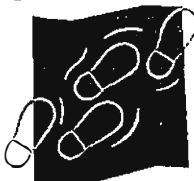
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City officials agree to loan for possible Pillsbury buyer

A purchaser for the local Pillsbury plant is one step closer to inking a deal for the factory and Hoopeston is closer to 50 new jobs.

The Hoopeston city council Tuesday night approved a \$100,000 revolving loan for the new company.

The company wants to remain anonymous until the deal is closed, said Bill Goodwine, chairman of the city's finance committee and member of the revolving loan committee.

The deal is expected to be closed at the end of this month.

The company's purchase hinges on whether it can secure a \$100,000 loan from the city and a \$750,000 Department of Commerce and Community Affairs loan, along with financing from "a

major Chicago bank," Goodwine said.

City officials approved their portion of financing contingent on the city holding a piece of property with lagoons on it as collateral.

The dimensions of the property were not immediately available.

Goodwine said this will be the first venture for the corporation, which includes a former Pillsbury/Green Giant official.

The company plans to hire 50 employees. "These are not minimum wage jobs," Goodwine said. "These are good-paying jobs."

Pillsbury is expected to close its doors next month, costing the area nearly 200 jobs.

In other action, the council:

See CITY on other side

Local Norplant lawsuit consolidated with 80 other suits

A lawsuit filed in Danville against the manufacturer of a birth control device will be consolidated with similar cases and transferred to Texas.

The Hoopeston law firm of Hultquist & Giffin recently filed a multi-plaintiff suit in Danville federal court against Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, Inc., manufacturer of the Norplant birth control implant.

Wyeth-Ayerst is a subsidiary of American Home Products, Corp.

The suit is one of six which will be combined with approximately 80 other cases, all against Wyeth-Ayerst and/or American Home Products Corp.

The consolidation will not be appealed by local attorneys. "It does make sense to consolidate the

case since it will save the taxpayers a lot of money - and we believe we will get just as fair a trial in Texas as we would in Illinois," said attorney Kate Giffin.

Fourteen Vermilion and Iroquois county women were plaintiffs in the May 15 filing. Since then, however, more area women have come forward wanting to be added to the suit.

The lawsuit alleges negligence and that side effects of the device were misrepresented.

Plaintiffs have alleged severe side effects, including excessive weight gain, severe mood swings, excessive hair loss, numbness, painful, continuous menstrual cycles, nausea, headaches and scarring and nerve damage when the device is removed.

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Police News



Angela M. Zarate, 22, 713 1/4 E. Wyman, turned herself in to police at 2:27 p.m. Sunday. She was wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear. She posted \$100 cash bond and was released.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:01 p.m. Monday. Abby L. Dobkins, 503 W. Washington, backed her 1992 Pontiac van from her driveway and struck a 1987 Chevy S-10 driven by Brenda D. Smith, 426 W. Lincoln.

Barbara L. Arms, 626 S. Seventh St., reported Monday that two 20-inch boys bicycles were taken from her garage.

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10:42 a.m. Tuesday to a garage fire at 837 E. Seminary.

Mary Beth Justice, 21, of 326 W. Washington, was arrested at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday on a Ford County warrant for failure to appear/deceptive practices. She was released on \$100 cash bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:44 p.m. Tuesday.

Briefly

Grass clippings

Effective immediately, the Hoopeston street and alley department will no longer pick up grass clippings. Residents may haul their own clippings to the city slab on Route 1 on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pumpkin reunion meeting

There will be a Pumpkin Family Reunion meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at S.A.R.A.H.'S., 203 E. Main. Anyone with ideas for the celebration or who can volunteer is encouraged to attend.

Boil order cancelled

A boil order in effect for residents in a several-block area of M&N Pallet has been lifted. The order was given after a fire at the pallet company last week.

Linda S. Daniels, 859 E. Seminary, was backing her 1986 Chevrolet S-10 from her home when she struck a parked 1990 Chevrolet pickup owned by Julie Soliday, 39436N 1550E Rd.

Nancy Placencia, #44 Parkview Court, reported Tuesday that someone used spray paint and oven cleaner on her 1987 Buick. Someone also tried to take the headlights from the holder and remove the grill.

City continued from other side

Approved reapplying for a \$450,000 state housing rehabilitation grant. The city was turned down last year.

Approved placing stop signs at Fifth and Maple streets and Ninth St. and McCracken and setting a 25 m.p.h. speed limit on Thompson Ave. east from the western boundary of Schumacher Electric.

Approved a request from Mary Rush, co-chairman of the Sweetcorn Festival parade, banning parking along the parade route.

Will meet in special session at 7 p.m. June 27 to vote on whether a proposed landfill expansion meets the needs of the intended 31-county service area.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

June 18, 1995

Admitted: John Lee, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

June 19, 1995

Admitted: Megan Swartz, Wellington.

Discharged: none.

Weather



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