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just the facts

Thursday, Oct. 12, 1995

Hoopeston's only locally-owned daily news publication!
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Susan Comstock
ad manager

Company reports good start despite recent lay-offs

A local plant is losing workers and equipment in what managers say is part of the original operating plan.

Hoopeston Foods, Inc., recently laid off approximately 20 workers, with another 12 workers expected to be laid off in the near future, said plant manager Roger Bundy.

Hoopeston Foods purchased the former Pillsbury building in July. Pillsbury had sold local operations to Seneca Foods, which planned to close the Hoopeston plant.

The lay-offs are "part of the original purchase agreement," Bundy said.

Before opening the plant, Hoopeston Foods president John Steel estimated 50 of Pillsbury's

more than 200 workers would be hired. Because of a co-pack contract with Pillsbury, Hoopeston Foods was able to keep on approximately 100 workers.

However, Bundy said the Pillsbury agreement is ending, forcing the company to close two production lines. The lay-offs will leave the company's workforce at about 70 people, approximately 20 more than the original estimate.

Hoopeston Foods has bid on other business, including work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. See **LAYOFFS** on other side

Hunter safety course set

Area residents will have an opportunity to learn basic principles of safe hunting at a Department of Conservation hunter safety education course.

The course is scheduled from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28-29 at the American Legion, 502 E. Penn, Hoopeston.

State law requires all hunters under age 16 successfully complete the course before receiving their first hunting license.

The course is open to hunters of all ages. Those successfully completing the course will receive a Hunter Safety Education Certificate verifying that they have passed the course.

The 10-hour course includes instructions in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations.

Further information about the course is available by calling Deputy Cottrell or Deputy Deck at (217) 442-2080.

Briefly

Magazine sales

The junior class at Hoopeston Area High School is selling magazine subscriptions to raise money for prom and other class projects.

Anyone who needs to renew a subscription or would like to order a magazine should call Jacquelyn Miller, 283-6786 or Katie Ryder, 283-5982.

Flu shots available

The Vermilion County Health Department will offer flu shots this week at: Rankin Lions Club building, 10 a.m.-noon Oct. 12; and Centennial Manor, 2-4 p.m. Oct. 12.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VENDORS & CRAFTERS WANTED for Pumpkin Family Reunion, Oct. 28-29, in Hoopeston. For information, contact Pat Polson, (217) 283-5515; Sarah Miller, 283-6786; or Andi Hasbargen, 283-7873.

GARAGE SALES

Family garage sale. A little bit of everything. 514 W. Washington, Hoopeston. Oct. 13, 8 a.m.-?, Oct. 14, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sears LifeStyler treadmill, (217) 283-9503 for info.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Garden mums, 1-gallon, \$2.50 each. Free delivery. Call Sara, (217) 283-7427.

ROOMMATE WANTED

Disabled man will exchange room and board for companionship. Upstairs apartment available in rural Hoopeston. Prefer female non-smoker. Call (217) 283-5391.

Layoffs

continued from other side

ture and co-packing agreements with other companies, but Bundy said he must look at the lay-offs as permanent. "I don't want to give anybody false hope," he said.

The local plant will also lose some equipment when the Pillsbury agreement ends. Seneca Foods is scheduled to remove equipment for two production lines when the agreement ends, expected

Court dispositions



Sept. 21: Opal Thomas, Rantoul, two counts nuisance weeds, pleaded not guilty, trial Dec. 21; to pay \$300, paid \$100.

Aubrey Whitaker, Gary, Ind., deceptive practice, summons issued.

David Gonzalez, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, \$75.

Judith Lile, Hoopeston, battery, nolle pros.

Terry Mullen, Hoopeston, battery, nolle pros.

Brian Morland, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, found not guilty.

Dawn Russell, Ambia, Ind., disturbing the peace, found guilty, \$75 converted to 17 hours public service work.

Oct. 5: Robert Glenn, Hoopeston, to pay \$95, rule to show cause issued.

Troy Kohl, Hoopeston, speeding, summons issued.

Thursday Trivia

Call 283-9348

between 8 and 8:30 a.m. to win!

Weekly winners will qualify for a drawing for a FREE dinner for two!

Today's question: What date is officially Columbus Day?

Last week's winner: **Jean Akers**

Last week's answer: The "O.J." in O.J.

Simpson stands for Orenthal James.

sometime this month.

"The intention is to buy some of it back," Bundy said, adding company officials hope to add at least one of the two lost production lines.

The slowdown comes during what is usually the busiest season for canning beans. "This is the good part of business for beans," Bundy said, because canners are usually canning winter bean products, including chili. "This is generally the high point."

Despite the lay-offs and equipment loss, Bundy said the plant is in healthy shape. "We're really doing quite well," he said, adding in three months, Hoopeston Foods has produced 800,000 cases of beans. "We're pretty well tracking right where we're supposed to be according to the business plan."

Police News



A single car key was found Tuesday at the corner of Sixth Ave. and Honeywell. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Two keys on a black leather strap were found Tuesday at the Shell Mart. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

A girl's white Western Flyer bicycle was found Wednesday in the 800 block of East Chestnut. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Oct. 10, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Mary Davis, Hoopeston.

Weather



Partly sunny and warm today. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the low 60s. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High near 80, low near 68.

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