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Hoopeston Foods inks agreement to can Brooks beans

New employees will be hired and more lines added at Hoopeston's newest factory.

Hoopeston Foods Inc. announced April 25 that it has entered into a long-term agreement with Curtice Burns Foods, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pro-Pac Cooperative, to produce Brooks brand bean products.

The company got the contract after Candice Burns decided to close its Mt. Summit, Ind., plant in early July.

That plant is located approximately 40 miles east of Indianapolis.

Hoopeston Foods will install new processing and packaging equipment and hire new employees over the next four months, said John Steele, company president. The company will purchase equipment from the Mt. Summit plant. "They think their system is unique, so we agreed to purchase their equipment," he said.

How many employees will be hired has not been determined, but Steele said the number will be "substantial."

Approximately 130 workers at the Mt. Summit plant will lose their jobs, but a similar number will probably not be hired at Hoopeston because workers at the Indiana plant canned other products, Steele said, although "the biggest part of their business was beans."

Employees will be added incrementally as new equipment is installed, he said.

The agreement, which Steele said is for an indefinite time period, is a shot in the arm to Hoopeston Foods.

The company was formed nearly two years ago, when a group led by Steele purchased the former Pillsbury plant in Hoopeston.

Financing for the venture came from a Chicago bank, as well as loans from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, Vermilion County Community Development Corporation and Hoopeston's revolving loan fund.

As part of the agreement with the Chicago bank, the company sold property not necessary with its

Briefly

Special board meeting

The Rossville village board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May to discuss guidelines and rules for personnel. Part of the meeting will be held in executive session.

The meeting will be held at the village office.

R-A names prom candidates

Ten Rossville-Alvin High School students have been named as prom queen and king candidates.

Queen candidates are Kara Douglass, Amy Gillis, Lisa Masengale, Candice Potter and Brooke Sroufek.

King candidates are Daniel Huffman, Josh Silver, Zeb Stephenson, Dustin White and Shaun York.

Prom will be held Saturday, May 8 at the Middlefork Forest Preserve in Penfield. The theme for this year's event is "Here With Me."

Alley clean-up

Hoopeston city workers will begin alley clean-up on May 5, weather permitting.

Street and alley department workers will only pick up old lumber, yard waste and small portions of cement.

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Court Dispositions

April 3: Eugeniusz Zininski, Willow Springs, speeding, pleaded by mail.
Darcey Rogers, Danville, to complete 22 hours public service work, failed to appear.
April 24: Corrine Bunetto, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing; failed to appear.
Marilyn Blackburn, Hoopeston, theft; nolle pros.
George Brown, Danville, theft; nolle pros.
Jeffrey Clingenpeel, Hinsdale, no parking; continued.

Juana Caraballo, Rantoul, deceptive practice; summons issued.
Pam Chandler, Hoopeston, deceptive practice; summons issued.
Dean R. Cloud II, Hoopeston, theft, nolle pros.
Jeffrey Coss, Hoopeston, nuisance junk car, nuisance trash, pleaded not guilty; bench trial June 19.
Jeri Galyen, Rossville, to pay \$90 total fine, \$253.85 restitution; rule to show cause issued.
Stuart Galloway, Hoopeston, trespassing; reset for bench trial May 15.

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Court Dispositions

Marie Furlong, Hoopeston, to pay \$70; continued to June 5.
Pamela Castonguay, Watseka, deceptive practice; summons issued.
Kelly Galloway, Hoopeston, battery; summons issued.
Gary Goin, Hoopeston, theft; continued to May 15.
Dennis Herbst, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing; failed to appear.
Thomas Kirts, Hoopeston, battery, pleaded guilty; \$95 total.
Pat Longest, Hoopeston, two counts leash law, pleaded guilty; \$250 total.
Christopher Rutledge, Hoopeston, illegal possession, pleaded guilty; \$100.
Valentine Torres, Hoopeston, leash law, pleaded guilty; \$95 total.
Jeffrey Uppinghouse, Hoopeston, nuisance trash, pleaded not guilty; trial June 19.
Jodi Wells, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, pleaded not guilty; trial June 19.

~~See BEANS on other side~~

Beans continued from other side

canning operation, including lagoon fields purchased by the city of Hoopeston for its wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

Fifty of Pillsbury’s 130 employees were hired by

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Last answer: Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer are
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In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital


April 29, 1997

Admitted: Clifford Whitcraft, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Connie Walters and Mary Ford, Hoopeston.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High in the mid 50s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the low 40s. Tomorrow, scattered thunderstorms. High near 68, low near 43.

Alicia Watts, Hoopeston, paid \$225 fine and costs, \$122.20 restitution.
Brandon Young, Rossville, theft, nolle pros.
Chad Payne, East Lynn,

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