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Firm to make last donation of corn to Hoopeston festival

A tradition for the National Sweetcorn Festival will end this year.

This is expected to be the last year corn is donated by the former Stokely USA plant, now owned by Friday Canning, a subsidiary of Chiquita Brands, said plant manager Bill Nicholls.

Forty to 45 tons of corn will come to Hoopeston from a Friday grower in Wisconsin.

Nicholls said he wrote to Friday, asking the company make one final donation of corn.

The amount of corn delivered is expected to be less than in previous years. "We've cut back a little bit," said festival chairman Gilbert Warner.

The cut-back was done to eliminate the amount of corn left over at the end of each day, he said. Last year, a festival-goer had a seizure while collecting corn that had not been cooked.

When beginning planning for this year's event, Warner said he was unsure if Stokely would provide the corn, as they have for many years, but he had no doubt

the vegetable would be on hand "I always knew I'd get corn," he said. "If I didn't get it from Stokely, I'd get it from somewhere else."

That "somewhere else" will be a reality for next year's festival chairman, Nicholls said. "They've got a year and a half to work on it."

Stokely shut-down continues

Equipment and people continue to leave Hoopeston's Stokely USA plant, following an announcement in January that the plant would close.

"We're getting down to every Friday, people are leaving," said plant manager Bill Nicholls. "I hate it."

Fifteen of the company's 28 year-round employees remain at the plant, while all equipment except that in the warehouse is gone. Nicholls said he has not been notified of how long the warehouse will remain open. "Last word we got is it could be two months or a year,"

See SHUT-DOWN on other side



Letter to the Editor



Postal help for tax procrastinators

Tax procrastinator!

Still working on your taxes? Worried you'll miss the April 15 deadline? The Hoopeston Post Office has the right cure for what ails you.

The Hoopeston Post Office will be open until 6 p.m. April 15 to accept your taxes.

Here are a few helpful tax mailing tips:

Why spend more than 32 cents when sending tax returns? The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recognizes the inexpensive first class letter postmark as proof that a tax return was mailed on time.

Taxpayers can avoid the annual last-minute rush to the post office by simply mailing the tax return in a local mail box. However, customers need to look at the final pickup times posted on the mail box.

On April 15, the Postal Service cancels EVERY piece of first class mail that was deposited correctly before midnight to ensure every U.S. taxpayer's return is postmarked with that all-important date.

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Paul Ziemnisky
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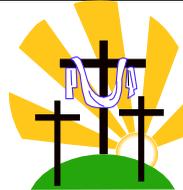
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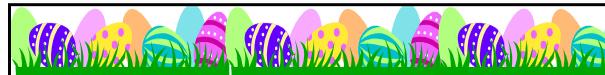


Have a Heart - Learn CPR

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CPR classes will be held at 6 p.m. April 14 & 16 at FMC, a fundraiser for Relay For Life, a team event to fight cancer. Classes are \$15. A portion will be donated to Relay for Life. Call Katie at (217) 283-8486 between 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for an appointment.

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Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Z rib/bun, tator tots, slaw, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY: BBQ/bun, corn, macaroni salad, fruit cocktail, milk.

THURSDAY: Ham & cheese/bun, fries, salad, orange, milk.

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, tri tator, cheese, pickles, pineapple, milk.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Z rib/bun or chicken patty/bun, tator tots, slaw, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY: BBQ/bun or sub/bun, corn, macaroni salad, fruit cocktail, milk.

THURSDAY: Ham & cheese/bun or hot dog/bun, fries, salad, orange, milk.

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun or turkey/bun, tri tator, cheese, pineapple, milk.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: No school.



Court Dispositions



April 2: Robert Griffen, Rossville, driving on suspension, pleaded not guilty; jury trial Nov. 19.

Charlene Hofer, Hoopeston, DUI, pleaded not guilty; jury trial July 9.

Christine Rhodes, Hoopeston, writ hearing, continued to July 9.

Jared Acton, Collison, too fast for conditions; \$95 total, three months court supervision.

Richard Anderson, Hoopeston, parked in handicap zone; \$100, costs.

David Blakeney, Danville, illegal transportation; ex

parte judgment.

Shawn Booth, Rantoul, to pay \$709; continued.

Police News



A license plate was reported missing Wednesday by a representative of White Transportation Services. If found, the plate, P236200 may be turned in to the police station.

Donal Pickett, 427 W. Maple, reported Thursday that someone spray painted his 1991 truck.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Easter" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's

room. The program is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Good Friday service

The Hoopeston Ministerial Association will sponsor a Good Friday service at noon April 10 at the First Church of God on East Orange.

A drama, "The People Versus Christ," will be presented by Sadie Evans, the Rev. Dan Lybarger and the Rev. Ken Dees. The public is invited to attend.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 55. Tonight, clear. Low 34. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 64, low 41. Sunday, chance of thunderstorms. High 66, low 43.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

TUESDAY: Pony shoe, pears, oatmeal cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, fruit, lemon Jello, milk.

THURSDAY: Hot ham & cheese/bun, macaroni salad, cherry muffin squares, milk.

FRIDAY: Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, peaches, buttermilk biscuit, Lucky Tray K-5.

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