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Rantoul company to expand manufacturing in Hoopeston

The growth of a Rantoul company will benefit Hoopeston.

Mayor Bob Ault announced Thursday that a verbal agreement has been reached for Eagle Wings Industries of Rantoul to purchase the former Stokely plant on North First Ave.

Eagle Wings will purchase the manufacturing and warehouse portions of the property to expand its ability to make structural steel automotive parts but will not purchase farm ground or the migrant camp, Ault said.

Forty to 50 employees are expected to be hired when the plant is operational, expected to be this fall. Wages are expected to be comparable to the wage scale in the area, he said.

Some employees—perhaps a dozen—are expected to be hired during the summer while the plant is being renovated, Ault said.

Finalizing negotiations will be “on a fast track,” Ault said. “It will move swiftly. Time is of the essence.”

The expansion is good for Hoopeston, not only because of the economic boost but because several residents work at the Rantoul plant. It will also benefit Eagle Wings. “They’ve had so much business, they’ve had to turn down business,” Ault said.

Negotiations between Eagle Wings and Chiquita, with Ault as intermediary, began about two months ago. Ault first learned of Eagle Wings’ need to expand from Mark Ridl of Precision Tool and Die in Hoopeston. “I’d like to thank him for putting me in contact with them and getting this going,” Ault said.

Eagle Wings general manager Greg Regnier did not immediately return phone calls.

Police News



Shaun A. Mitchell, 22, of Wellington, was arrested at 12:22 a.m. Wednesday after a traffic stop and West Orange and South First Ave.

Mitchell was charged with driving on suspension and speeding and was released on two citations.

A **42-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Wednesday that someone cut two right tires of his vehicle while it was parked in the 300 block of West Washington.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:05 a.m. Wednesday in the 600 block of East Wyman.

See **POLICE** on other side



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Teacher: for infant or toddler rooms: associate or bachelor's in early childhood education required (or in the process thereof), \$7.55-\$11.97 salary, implement curriculum.

Program Support Coordinator: high school diploma or equivalent, \$6.42-\$10.13 salary, must be proficient in Microsoft Word or Word Perfect, Windows, and Lotus or Excel. Performs clerical duties.

Health Coordinator: course work beyond high school in nursing or community health, \$7.12-\$11.43 salary. Enrolls children and families into the health component, ensures medical screenings are completed.

Health Coordinator Assistant: training and/or experience in the health field is helpful. \$6.42-\$10.13. Assists Health Coordinator.

Family Services Coordinator Assistant: training and/or experience in social service area is helpful. \$6.42-\$10.13 salary. Assists Family Services Coordinator 20 hours per week in enrolling children into the program and providing services to families.

All candidates are strongly encouraged to attend an all-expenses paid week of training in Springfield in May. It is strongly suggested teacher candidates be bilingual. Bilingual candidates are required for all other positions. For more information, call (815) 984-3706 or fax letter of application to (815) 984-4500. You may email questions to hmhs98@soltec.net. Deadline for all positions is April 27, 2001.



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Cheese pizza, pudding, juice, pears.

TUESDAY: Chicken nuggets, tri-tator, cheese/crackers, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti-Os/meatballs, cheesy breadstick, apple crisp, juice.

THURSDAY: Chalupa, lettuce, tomato, graham cracker, pudding, peaches.

FRIDAY: French toast sticks, ham sticks, fruit cocktail, pumpkin bar.

Police continued from other side

Police said Gloria Mahorney of Rossville backed her 1990 Oldsmobile from the driveway at 606 E. Wyman and struck a Chevrolet driven by Charles T. Hurt of Hoopeston. He was backing from 611 E. Wyman.

A 20-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Wednesday that someone kicked in the front door off her home, damaging the door jam. The person then cooked on her stove and disturbed items in the home. The burglary occurred in the 800 block of East Elm.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:34 p.m. Wednesday at Market and Penn.

Police said Lynn Galloway of Hoopeston, in a 1998 Oldsmobile, was stopped at the intersection when Gina Bibb, also of Hoopeston, in a 1990 Toyota, entered what she thought was the turn lane. Galloway went to the left to turn and hit Bibb.

Bibb was at fault for improper lane usage.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

April 23

Admitted: Florence Doering, Rankin.

Discharged: Mary Cunningham.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 70. Tonight, clear. Low 43. Tomorrow and Sunday partly cloudy. High tomorrow 78, low 55. High Sunday 82, low 59.

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

Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Cheese pizza or hot dog/bun, fries, celery sticks, pears.

TUESDAY: Sweet & sour pork/rice or chicken patty/bun, cheese slice, corn, bread, oleo, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli/cheesy breadstick or breaded pork/bun, mixed vegetables, apple crisp.

THURSDAY: Chalupa or hamburger/bun, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, peaches.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, potato or noodle soup, crackers, fruit cocktail.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Spaghetti, salad, mixed fruit, pizza stick, cookie.

TUESDAY: Burritos, baby carrots, pears, pudding.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, baked potato, pineapple.

THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy,

mixed vegetables, apple crisp, bread, butter.

FRIDAY: Chicken patty, fries, peaches, graham cracker.

All meals include milk

2 Day Notice

Friday, April 27 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

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Classifieds

CHILD CARE

Grandma would like to babysit your child for the summer. (217) 283-4734. Leave message.

HELP WANTED

Part time adult chaperones needed to supervise teenagers at the soon-to-be-open Christian teen center in Rossville. Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday hours available. Call Judy at (217) 748-6650.

Cashier needed at Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert. Call (217) 283-5578 for appointment.

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6 pc. French Provincial bedroom suite. Good condition. Nordic Track Pro Ski Exerciser. Workout computer, pulse. Never used. New \$750. Asking \$250 OBO. (217) 375-4322.

RUMMAGE SALES

Moving sale, 601 W. Orange, Hoopeston. Friday, April 27 only. 8 a.m.-? All things must go. Items include Kimball upright piano, furniture & household items, riding lawn mower, lawn & garden equipment. For information, call Ken at (217) 283-7632.

3 family rummage sale, moving, plus estate sale. Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m.-? 709 W. Washington, Hoopeston.

Huge sale Sat., April 28, 8-1. 506 N. 7th Ave., Hoopeston (Hiltz Portable Sanitation/Gress Liquid Waste bldg.) Men's, women's, junior and baby clothes, misc.

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