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Hoopeston Fertilizer announces immediate plant closure

After 54 years of serving the farming community, Hoopeston Fertilizer is closing its doors. The closing is effective immediately.

A sagging ag economy and continued bankruptcies are major factors in the decision, said company president Jeff Stipp.

Six full-time employees will be affected by the closing.

The plant will be open long enough for the Stipp family, including Stipp's father, Earl, and brother, Rich, to dispose of the inventory and tie up loose ends.

One worry already taken care of is those farmers who prepaid for chemicals for the 2002 farming season. In negotiating the closing, the Stipps wanted to make sure their customers were taken care of. "We didn't want to leave anybody hanging," he said. "Refund checks were personally delivered to farmers and their landlords. We made sure they got every nickel."

Having been on the receiving end of not being paid made the decision to repay the money easy. "That's one of the reasons we wanted to give the money back, because we know how it feels," he said.

Farmers were grateful for the gesture. "There was an overwhelming response from the farmers," Stipp said.

"They were very appreciative. They were saddened by the fact that we were closing but grateful that they weren't out any money.

Although closing at the beginning of the season may provide a hardship for some farmers who must find new suppliers, Stipp said the action prevents a loss of revenue for farmers. "If we remained in business and tried to service our customers for 2002, we're not sure if we could have prevented (the closing) from happening in the future," the letter to customers said.

While farmers have to find new suppliers and employees have to find new jobs, the biggest loss is to the Stipp family, which has operated the fertilizer plant for three generations.

Stipp, who grew up in the plant, returned in 1984 after finishing college and spent 10 years working in the equipment side before being named president in 1994. What he or other family members will do now is unknown. "At this point, we have no idea what we're going to do," he said.

The closing did not come as a surprise and, Stipp said, family members have a sense of peace about it, which he credits to faith. "We believe our Lord is taking care of us. Our faith has carried us. We're going to be OK."

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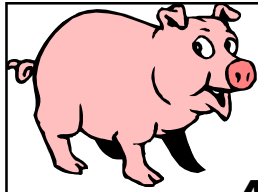
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WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti-Os, max stix, peach slices, sweetie bears, milk.

THURSDAY: Pepperoni pizza, celery sticks, fruit chews, milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Ravioli/breadstick or hamburger/bun, salad, applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY: Salisbury steak or chicken sticks, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears

WEDNESDAY: Burritos or mini corn dogs, fries, salad, cheese sauce, pears, milk.

THURSDAY: Pepperoni pizza or hot dog/bun, salad, trail mix, milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Spaghetti, cheese stick, green beans, peaches, garlic bread, Rice Krispie treat

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, applesauce, ½ apple, ½ orange, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn dog, tator tots, pineapple, fruit pizza, milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, Jello/fruit, banana, bread, butter, milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Family and Relatives" is the theme of this week's Hoopeston Public Library Tiny Tots story program at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Multi Agency. The program is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Damn Yankees

Hoopeston Area High School's drama and music departments will present the spring musical *Damn Yankees* at 7:30 p.m. March 22-23. in the high school auditorium.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 35. Tonight, clear. Low 20. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 45, low 31. Sunday, chance of rain. High 50, low 32.

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

Obituaries

DANIELS - Velma M. Daniels, 97, of Hoopeston, died at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2001 at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HOLLEN - George Hollen, 74, of Hoopeston, died at 1:40 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial with military rites will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Hospital and Nursing Home, 701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

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