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ConAgra to close, Full-Fill to pick up manufacturing slack

ROSSVILLE—The bad news is 170 employees of the local ConAgra plant were told earlier Tuesday that the plant will close in 12 to 18 months.

The good news is many of them hope to get new jobs when the Full-Fill Industries plant in Henning hires approximately 150 new workers when the plant expands.

Full-Fill, owned by the Clapp family of Danville, signed a 10-year contract to manufacture ConAgra's cooking sprays.

"ConAgra Foods officials approached us to see if we were interested in becoming their supplier for their Pam® product and other private label cooking spray business, said David L. Clapp, Full-Fill president and

To accommodate the increased volume, Ful-Fill will construct three new high-speed production lines in 25.000 square feet of new manufacturing space. The company will also build a 108,000 square foot warehouse and distribution building, which will include eight new dogs and additional bulk tank storage for edible

Full-Fill will add approximately 150 new employees, including management, administrative and production

See CONAGRA on other side

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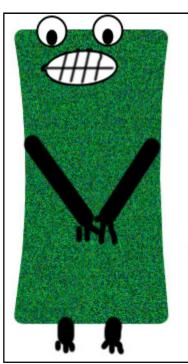
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ConAgra continued from other side

positions, as the business transitions to the Henning plant in the next 12 to 18 months. Full-Fill currently has 94 employees over two shifts.

Clapp credited Vicki Haugen, Vermilion Advantage president and CEO, for her "tireless effort to bring this project to fruition." Also, he said, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Illinois Department of Transportation, Vermilion County Highway Department and Village of Henning were instrumental in the process.

Women Making a Difference to hold fundraiser for projects

Woman Making a Difference is holding its annual fundraising raffle. The grand prize is \$500, along with a \$250 prize, five \$50 prizes and a \$100 gift certificate to Hoopeston IGA.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and will be sold at Hoopeston IGA from 4-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tickets will be sold May 6 and 7 during the same respective hours, and are available at Unger's Jewelry during regular business hours.

Proceeds from the raffle are returned to the community through donations to Hoopeston Public Library, Hoopeston Multi Agency, Grant Township Food Cupboard and Miracle Tree, plus three \$500 scholarships to graduating Hoopeston Area High School young women.

Court Dispositions



April 7

Rory Kempen Jr., Hoopeston, failed to appear for disobeying police, found guilty by default; sentencing May 5.

Cinamyn Gossett, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, fined \$180.

Guadalupe Cordova, Hoopeston, failed to appear on two general nuisance charges, found guilty by default; sentencing June 2.

Paula Smithers, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to general nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing May 5.

Jamie Pascoe, Hoopeston, new initial appearance May 5.

Full-Fill was founded in 1999 and is a leader in food aerosol manufacturing, with such brands as Crisco, Pillsbury and Mazola. The majority of the sprays packaged are private labels sold in major retail grocery chain nationally and internationally.

While the move is good for Henning—and possibly for ConAgra's current employees who make the transition to Full-Fill, Rossville will feel the pinch.

"It's going to hurt us," he said. ConAgra pays property tax on its building in Rossville. When the structure is

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:28 p.m. Wednesday at the railroad crossing on Route 9.

Police said Rita Haggerty, of Hoopeston, in a 2003 Chevrolet, and Amanda Hertel, 20, of Hoopeston, in a 2005 Pontiac, were each stopped when Haggerty backed into Hertel.

empty, Prillaman expects the amount of taxes paid to drop. Worse, he said, the company uses a large amount of water and gas, both provided by the village. "They're a very big consumer."

—Briefly

Calendar winners

Recent winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: April 1, Suzanne Well; April 8, John and Theta Lee; Aril 15, Julie Newman; April 22, Maggie Diskin; and April 29, Charlotte Strawser.

Benefit set

A benefit for Jennifer (Hoaks) Hillard, who has stage 3 breast cancer, will be held Sunday, May 1 from 1-5 p.m. at American Legion Post 210, 201 Prospect Place, Danville. The event will include a 50/50 drawing, poker run, auction, raffle, food, fun and live music. For more details, see Jennifer (Hoaks) Hillard Benefit on Facebook or hillardbenefit@aol.com.

Obituaries

JOHNSON - Marie K. (Severinson) Johnson, 89, of East Lynn, died at 9:20 a.m. Monday, April 25, 2011, at Heartland Health Care Center, Paxton. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation will be noon –2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Vermilion County Handicap Association, P.O. box 1151, Danville IL 61834-1151 or Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl 17, Chicago IL 60601.

STEINER - Raymond P. Steiner Sr., 88, of Cissna Park, died Monday, April 25, 2011, at Iroquois Resident Home, Watseka. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Cissna Park United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Cissna Park Cemetery, with military rites by

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 66. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 48. Tomorrow, breezy, thunderstorms late. High 74, low 53. Sunday, storms likely. High 59, low 42.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Cissna Park American Legion post. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, with Masonic service at 7 p.m., and one hour before service at the church. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice or charity of the donor's choice.

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