



## Press Release

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### **Sconza Candy Company Purchases Former Hershey's Plant**

The City of Oakdale is proud to announce that the Sconza Candy Company has purchased the former Hershey's Plant and plans to relocate its operations to Oakdale.

Currently based in Oakland, the Sconza Candy Company produces a long line of chocolate and confectionary products ranging from chocolate covered cherries to jaw breakers. The Sconza Candy Company, along with business partners, strives to produce innovative and popular confections that can be found in stores nationwide. Although the company has products under its own label, it also has the capability to assist other businesses to create products under their label.

The Sconza Candy Company was founded in 1939 by Vincent and Mary Sconza. Their dedication to providing quality products using the finest ingredients proved to be a recipe for success. Today, their son, James Sconza is the president of the Sconza Candy Company. Though the company has grown significantly in size since its inception, it still maintains a family-oriented culture, which is one of the main factors that drew their attention to Oakdale. Mayor Farrell Jackson extended a warm welcome from the City of Oakdale, stating "We understand that Hershey was in negotiations with multiple companies interested in purchasing their Oakdale facility. Our City is very excited that this Plant was acquired by a company such as Sconza Candy! We believe this company is a perfect fit for a community such as Oakdale. Jim and Ron Sconza have shared with me their desire to employ residents of Oakdale, including many that formerly worked for Hershey. We couldn't be more thrilled that Sconza Candy Company has chosen Oakdale for its new home."

In a May 2007 press release regarding the closure of the Hershey's Plant, Congressman Radanovich stated "I have no doubt that Oakdale's resilient people will emerge from this setback stronger than ever." True to Radanovich's statement, Oakdale has bounced back by the rapid resale of the Hershey's Plant and welcomes the Sconza Candy Company as it brings new opportunities to the community. Oakdale's "small-town" values and strong community involvement paired with the Sconza's family-oriented culture is the ideal combination for a long lasting partnership.

Updates to follow.

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