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## Discrepancy noted in claims against C&S

A discrepancy between the amount farmers have claimed against C&S Grain and what the company said it owes producers has resulted in a hearing scheduled for Friday.

U.S. bankruptcy judge Gerald Fines has set the hearing for 10 a.m. Friday at the federal courthouse in Danville.

At issue is a discrepancy between farmers' claims against the company, totalling \$8.5 million, and company records, which reportedly show the total should be slightly over \$8 million.

The farmers' claims total is based on 262 farmers receiving payment at 100 percent and 196 producers receiving 85 percent payment.

If all producers received 100 percent payment,

the claims total reportedly would be \$8.9 million, according to the state Department of Agriculture.

C&S filed a motion last week asking that the department turn over copies of the claims, filed by producers last month. The department alleges the company's request is a delaying tactic, used to put off paying producers.

C&S owner Steve Syfrett voluntarily surrendered the company's grain and warehousing licenses in December of last year. The surrender came after the state suspended the licenses.

C&S operated facilities in Henning, East Lynn, Alvin, Fountain Creek and Wellington.

Producers attended hearings on their claims against the company last month.

## Students to participate in uplifting local fundraiser

Some Hoopeston Area High School students will concern themselves with a weighty matter on March 22 - raising money for the All Sports Boosters Club.

The students will be participants in the third annual All Sports Boosters Lift-A-Thon at the high school.

The lift-a-thon is the Boosters' major fundraising event for the year. People make pledges or contribute flat amounts based on the amount of weight lifted by students.

This year's event will have a major change, according to Cliff McClure, district coach, who helps the Boosters organize the event.

For the first time, girls will participate by lifting weights. "We decided it would be nice to (have

the change)," McClure said. "Some of the girls had asked about it."

Girls will bench press during the event, while boys will bench press and dead lift. McClure said girls will not do the dead lift because "they don't practice it."

Male lifters will be divided into freshman/sophomore and junior/senior division. Those will then be broken down into light, middle and heavyweight categories.

As many as 80 lifters have competed in past lift-a-thons. McClure expects a few more this year because girls will be included.

Females will be divided into freshman/sophomore and junior/senior divisions only.

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## Hazardous materials disposal offered to area residents

DANVILLE—Area residents who come across hazardous materials during spring cleaning in their homes will have an opportunity to dispose of the materials at no charge.

The Vermilion County Health Department is co-sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 9 at the Illinois Power building, 1155 E. Voorhees in Danville.

On that day, residents can bring toxic or flammable materials from their homes and have them unloaded and disposed of by hazardous waste contractors working in cooperation with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Materials that will be accepted include oil and latex paints, antifreeze, cleaning products, used motor oil, gasoline, insecticides, aerosol products,

photographic chemicals, pool chemicals and unknown liquids.

Residents should not bring appliances, furniture, ammunition, explosives, fire extinguishers, fireworks, smoke detectors or propane or butane tanks.

The goal is to remove toxic or flammable materials from area homes and to reuse, incinerate or fuel-blend the materials instead of burying them in landfills. Business, industrial and agricultural wastes will not be accepted.

The event will take place rain or shine. Appointments are not necessary. Contractors prefer unloading containers from car trunks or truck beds, rather than back seats.

For more information, contact Douglas Toole at the Vermilion County Health Department at 431-2662.

### Fundraiser continued from other side

Money raised during the event will help fund Hoopeston Area sports programs in both the junior and senior high schools.

Last year, the group purchased between \$12,000 and \$13,000 worth of equipment for the schools' sports programs, McClure said. "They do a lot of good things for all our athletic programs," he said.

McClure urged residents to support the lift-a-thon. "If you're going to invest, invest in kids and our future," he said.

The lift-a-thon will begin at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited.

### In the hospital

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
March 8, 1994

**Admitted:** Angela Williams, Wellington; Vicki Gaddis, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Charlene Warner, Merna Bonotto, Charles Gawthorp, Donna Moore and Vicki Gaddis, all of Hoopeston.

### Police News

Ronald L. Miller, 23, of 723 W. Washington, was arrested by Hoopeston police at 11:34 p.m. Tuesday. Miller was arrested after local police were called by Iroquois County sheriff's police regarding a stolen 1978 Oldsmobile heading toward Hoopeston.

Miller was stopped on the 1000 block of West Orange and taken to the police station where he was charged with unlawful display on a vehicle of a license plate, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and no valid registration. He posted his driver's license as bond and was released.

Lena M. Murdock, 633 W. Maple, reported Wednesday that someone damaged the left front fender of her car while it was parked at the junior high parking lot. Police are investigating.

### Weather

Partly sunny today. High around 40. Tonight, fair. Low in the low to mid 20s. Tomorrow, sunny. High near 44, low near 23.

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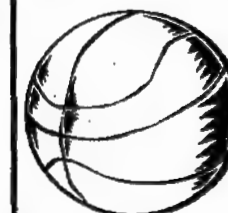
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