
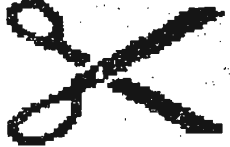


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## City approves revolving loan for fitness center

Hoopeston residents will be able to get physical at a new health club planned to open next month.

The Hoopeston city council Tuesday night approved an \$11,000 revolving loan for Sarah Miller of rural Hoopeston.

Miller plans to use the money to open Strength, Agility, Rehabilitation and Health Solutions (SARAHS).

Miller told the council that the club will offer 11 machines suitable for physical therapy; older residents, those beginning fitness training or those who have been involved in it for some time.

The business, which will be located at 203 E. Main, will also feature a walking track, hot tub and aerobics classes.

Miller said she expects the business to be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days weekly.

## Former ag secretary mixes humor with serious message

American farmers must take a more active role in letting the world know they feed people more cheaply and better than any nation in the world.

That's the message former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz gave to approximately 100 farmers yesterday at Customer Appreciation Day at the Demeter Grain Elevator in Hoopeston.

Americans spend only 12 percent of their take-home pay on food, Butz told the group. That percentage includes "built-in" maid service you get with your food," such as microwaveable packaging, and also includes the amount spent on meals eaten in restaurants. "I want you to tell your neighbors that," he said. "Tell the people in the city."

Three part-time employees will be hired at the club, filling the city's requirement that at least one full-time equivalent position be created for every \$10,000 borrowed.

Miller will repay the loan over five years at 1.5 percent over the prime lending rate.

In other action, the council accepted a \$33,125 bid from Central States Communications in Danville for a communications console.

The console, which will house equipment to page police, fire and ambulance, had been estimated at \$40,000.

A completion date for the console has not been set.

Finally, the city will accept bids on a 1983 Chevrolet truck and a 1984 Ford Ranger. Bids will be opened Oct. 4.

According to Butz, the farmer gets little of that 12 percent. Holding up an 89-cent loaf of bread, Butz said farmers get approximately five cents per loaf. "It costs more to move the bread past the checkout counter than what the farmer put in it," he said.

Beside getting little money, farmers are also under attack, Butz said, because of the chemicals used to produce the food. "We take some risks doing it," he said. "We use some poison. It's a risk. But we've always been a risk-taking nation."

Butz pointed out that because of chemicals, the quality of food has increased, but that may change if those who oppose the use of chemicals have


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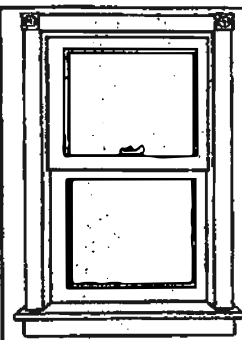
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their way. "They're trying to put the worm back in the apple," he said. "They're trying to put the rat manure back in my corn flakes. I don't like it there."

Butz praised farmers for their hard work and dedication, saying those are qualities missing from many sectors of society. "I shook callused hands a while ago," he said. "I shook the hands of working men. I shook hands with cracks in them, with tractor grease in the cracks. At least I think it was tractor grease. I did shake the hand of a pig farmer."

With Labor Day just past, Butz said it was a good time to reflect on the work ethic and produc-

### Tomorrow's lunch



Hoopeston Area Jr./Sr. High - Ham & cheese/bun or sub sandwich. French fries, salad, cookie, fruit, milk.

Hoopeston Area grade schools - Ham & cheese/bun, French fries, carrots & celery sticks, graham crackers, fruit, milk.

### In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**

**Sept. 1, 1994**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** none.

**Sept. 2, 1994**

**Admitted:** Mary Mitchell, Dwayn Hop and Steve Coon, all of Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** none.

**Sept. 3, 1994**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Mary Mitchell and Steve Coon, both of Hoopeston.

**Sept. 4, 1994**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** none.

**Sept. 5, 1994**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Dwayn Hop, Hoopeston.

tivity of farmers compared with that of union members. "Productivity is not a goal anymore," he said. "They're more interested in the number of dues-paying members, not productivity. We've still got the work ethic. Let's bring it back."

Butz urged farmers to become politically active, saying the middle of the road is not a good place to be. "The only thing you find in the middle of the road is yellow stripes and dead skunks," he said.

Farmers should hold politicians responsible for the state of a country in which five longshoremen are paid while only one works. "I want people in Springfield and Indianapolis and Washington to stand up to that damn foolishness," he said.

Above all, Butz urged farmers to be proud of what they do. "Too often, we put ourselves on the defensive," he said. "I'm proud of the part I played in (agriculture) and I want you to be proud of the part you played."

### Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 9:40 a.m. Monday. A 1984 Chevrolet driven by Gail E. Neathery, 405 W. Washington, backed into a 1990 Chevrolet owned by Angela K. Gossett, 205 E. Washington. The accident occurred at 404 W. Washington.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:30 a.m. Monday. A 1986 Buick driven by Patricia Foster, route 1, Wellington, struck a 1977 Buick driven by Bruce W. Moore, 118 Bremer, Danville. According to police reports, the accident occurred when Foster did not notice Moore slowing down in the 1000 block of West Penn.

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