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## Advice results in trip to Miss America pageant

A Hoopeston woman will attend next weekend's Miss America competition thanks to a grateful former contestant at the National Sweetheart pageant.

Pat Musk is expected to leave Wednesday for Atlantic City where she will attend the Miss America pageant compliments of Nicole "Nicci" Elkins, Miss North Dakota.

Elkins, who represented her state at last year's National Sweetheart pageant, did not place in the local event was about to give up pageant competition, but advice from Musk made her reconsider.

Musk, who has served as organist for the last 34 pageants, urged her to incorporate more difficult steps in her tap dance routine. Elkins followed that advice and earlier this year was named Miss North Dakota.

The young woman decided to share her good fortune. "She called me and wanted to know if I could fly," Musk said. "I said no, my arms get tired."

Elkins is footing the bill for Musk's trip, including hotel accommodations and tickets for four nights of the Miss America pageant.

Musk will also take mad money with her, thanks to the Hoopeston Jaycees, who contributed \$210. "They said they wanted me to have a good time out there," she said.

Musk hopes to get a VIP pass while at the pageant, which would allow her to go places even contestants' parents can't get to. "You get the royal treatment with that," she said.

Elkins is not the first contestant to be on the re-  
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## Planned health club realizes local woman's dream

A local woman will be fulfilling a lifelong dream and helping people keep fit at the same time.

Sarah Miller plans to open SARAH'S (Strength, Agility, Rehabilitation And Health Solutions), a health club, by the middle of October.

The club will offer seven pieces of equipment designed to work all major muscle groups. The club will also feature a walking track, hot tub, showers, dressing room and lounge area.

Opening the business is a dream come true for Miller, who had worked at the Hoopeston GTE office until it closed earlier this year.

"I've always wanted it," she said. "I love to exercise...but at home, there are so many distractions.

The area offers classes, but they didn't always fit my schedule, and I don't think I'm alone. I think a lot of people would exercise if it were more convenient for them."

Miller not only wants to get people in shape, she also wants them to feel comfortable doing so. "I've been working hard for over a year, putting together a plan for a facility where everyone who comes through the door feels welcome," she said.

She also wants the experience to be affordable. Those signing up for a one-year membership can expect to pay less than a dollar a day. The club will also have special rates for couples, families, senior citizens and students.

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Miller is especially excited about the equipment which will be featured at the club. Made by an eight-year-old company, MedX, the machines can be adjusted for any fitness level, with two to 300 pounds of resistance. "I checked out all kinds of things," Miller said. "I love these machines. They're just so smooth."

The machines will add a little color to the club. "The framework is all gray, she said, "but the upholstery will be all different colors."

Beside machines, Miller will also offer low im-

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ceiving end of Musk's advice. "I try to give them encouragement if I think they've got talent," she said. "If they don't, I don't tell them. I won't get their hopes up just to make them stop crying."

Musk knows talent when she sees it. A former member of the Sunset Serenaders, the 67-year-old has performed sung and played on radio and television, as well giving live performances in clubs.

Her career included singing, as well as playing instruments. Musk can play seven, including the guitar, violin, accordion, stand up base, drums, organ and piano.

Musk has been playing since she was five years old, but the organ was a relatively new addition to her skills, added just for the pageants. "I just happened to be watching them rehearse," she said. "They needed somebody to play and I thought I'd give it a try."

In her 34 years, "I've played for a lot of girls that went on to Miss America," Musk said. She hopes to see a few familiar faces when she goes to Atlantic City. "I'm going to shock the devil out of those other girls," she said. "They don't know I'm coming."

And, despite a heart attack two years ago and a touch of arthritis, Musk said she will have a good time. "I can't wait," she said. "I'm for having fun. You know I'm going to have a good time."

pact aerobics and stretching on wooden aerobic floors, which, she said, will lessen knee strain.

Miller will attend a 40-hour class in Chicago that will allow her to become an American Council on Exercise-certified aerobics instructor.

Aerobics classes will be given in the upstairs portion of the two-story building. Class size will be limited, Miller said, adding she is unsure how many people each class will hold. "there's an engineer who's going to tell me how many people I can have jumping around up here," she said.

The health club will be open six days a week, from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## Police News



**Patrick E. Clingenpeel**, 308 E. Maple, reported Wednesday that someone sprayed silver paint on the front of his 1989 Chevrolet station wagon while it was parked at his home.

**Tina M. Krebel**, 319A E. Maple, reported Thursday that someone sprayed silver paint on her 1993 Mercury while it was parked at her home.

**Mary Shipman**, 415 N. Market, reported that someone shot out the windshield on a 1993 Oldsmobile and a 1993 Chevrolet while they were parked at her residence. Police believe a bb gun was used.

## In the hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
Sept. 7, 1994

**Admitted:** Velma Daniels and Lloyd Simpson, both of Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Jason Simonton, Hoopeston.

## Weather



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