

Last week's answer: Abraham Lincoln said "The ballot is stronger than the bullet."



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# Demeter to pay fines for alleged safety violations

Demeter, Inc. has agreed to pay \$12,250 in federal fines for alleged safety violations found after a worker died Nov. 30 at the Hoopeston facility. The company will pay:

-a \$7,000 fine and citation for failure to lock out bin unloading devices and allowing employees to enter the bin while devices were on.

-\$5,250, reduced from \$7,000, for allegedly failing to post an observer outside the bin when workers entered it on Nov. 30.

Two citations, for failing to train employes annually and when job changes would expose them to new hazards, and failing to test the oxygen content in the bin, were dropped.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration had been prepared to fine the company

## **Briefly**

Creditors' meeting today Creditors of National Microsystems of Illinois, Inc. will meet at 9 a.m. this morning at the David S. Palmer Civic Center in Danville.

The company filed bankruptcy under Chapter 7 last month, listing assets including its Hoopeston plant and some inventory. However, all assets appear to be listed as collateral for secured loans, according to bankrupcy trustee Steve Miller of Danville.

Creditors include Palmer American National Bank of Danville and Illini Community Development Corporation of Newman.

The city of Hoopeston is an unsecured creditor, having invested \$300,000 in the company when it opened in 1991.

\$4,000 and \$2,000 respectively for those citations.

The company continues to fight a \$7,000 citation alleged the company allowed workers to enter a grain bin without wearing body harnesses

An employee, Ivan D. Wise, 34, of Stockland, died Nov. 30, died of suffocation from the weight of the grain after falling into grain in the bin.

According to early reports of the incident, Wise and another worker were at the top of the bin, knocking down corn that had attached to the sides.

Under OSHA regulations, employees must wear body harnesses when entering bins, silos or tanks from the top.

OSHA began its investigation Dec. 1.

Miller said because the city's investment is unsecured, the money probably will not be repaid.

**Play scheduled** 

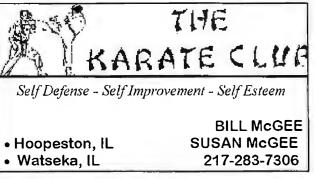
The Hoopeston Playcrafters will present "Hey, Naked Lady" by Fred Carmichael, at 7 p.m. March 10 and 11 and 1:30 p.m. March 12. The play, a young adult production, will be held at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children aged 13 and under.

### Card shower

Dustin Powell, who recently underwent surgery for a brain 'tumor, is a patient at St. Jude's Hospital and would appreciate receiving cards. His address is: Dustin Powell, #207 Ronald McDonald, 535 Alabama Ave., Memphis, TN., 38105.

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## Up & Coming... **EIMPC** activities

Activities at the EIMPC community center this week include coffee, 9:30 a.m. Thursday; euchre, 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

### Co-op dinner

A co-op dinner will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 25 at Centennial Manor, with Ron and Elsie Cloud. The public is invited.

Grain market assistance The Hoopeston Public Library and Demeter,

Feb. 2 - Maria Crawford, Hoopeston, to pay

Dennis Herbst, Danville, to pay \$71 fine and

costs and \$295 restitution, body attachment to be

Dawn McNeese, Danville, to pay \$75 and resti-

Jeremy Olson, Hoopeston, illegal consumption,

Ryan Rigsby, Hoopeston, illegal possession,

Michael Bane, Hoopeston, leash law, nolle

Susan Foster, Rossville, deceptive practices,

Jason Garrett, Hoopeston, failure to inoculate.

Sandra Hall, Hoopeston, deceptive practices,

Sean Kerns, Paxton, deceptive practices, sum-

Lori Montez, Hoopeston, deceptive practices,

Debbie Roseman, Paxton, deceptive practices,

Joshua Swartz, Hoopeston, criminal trespass,

Amanda Snyder, Hoopeston, leash law, nolle

nolle pros; illegal possession, \$75, six months

\$75, restitution, six months court supervision.

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\$75, restitution and six months court supervision.

tution. rule to show cause to be issued.

18 hours public service work.

\$95, six months court supervision.

\$75, 90 days court supervision.

mons to be issued.

court supervision.

pleaded guilty, \$75 total.

\$75, paid in full.

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**Court dispositions** 

Inc. will co-sponsor "Current Grain Markets What to do" at 2 p.m. Thursday at the library. Darrel Good, University of Illinois professor and extension economist, will be the featured speaker. For more information, contact the library at 283-6711.

#### Tax freeze applications

Senior citizen tax freeze applications, based on 1994 income, are available at the Grant Township assessor's office.



pros. William Seiters, Hoopeston, leash law, \$38 costs only.

Lori Taden, Sheldon, deceptive practices, summons to be issued.

Juan Torres, Ambia. Ind., deceptive practices, summons to be issued.

Shirley Burton, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, paid \$25, continued 30 days.

Cushing Transportation, Cicero. illegal parking, continued.

Bruce Inman, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, failed to appear, body attachment to be issued.

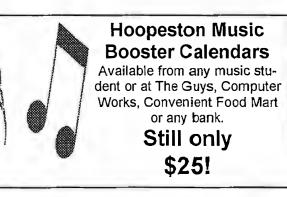
William Schloot, Kentland, Ind., rule to show cause hearing, paid in full.

# In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Feb. 21, 1995 Admitted: James Terrell, Hoopeston, Discharged: Gladys Cartier, Rossville.

Weather

Partly cloudy, windy, colder today. High around 40. Tonight, cloudy, low near 25. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 44, low near 25.



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