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Local man heads suit against C&S Grain owner

A Hoopeston man is chairman of a committee trying to sue the owner of the bankrupt C&S Grain Co.

Russell Leigh is chairman of a creditors' committee, formed to look after the interests of unsecured creditors in the C&S bankruptcy.

The committee represents approximately 250 such creditors, mostly farmers and some vendors, Leigh said.

In a suit filed last week, the committee is requesting that action be taken against Steve Syfrett, C&S owner, to recoup money the group says he owes the company.

Federal Bankruptcy Judge Gerald Fines will

hear the request March 23.

The suit alleges that Syfrett paid several expenditures - including payroll, rent and utilities on C&S facilities - without prior approval of the bankruptcy court, Leigh said.

"We're asking that that money be put back into the pot, so to speak," Leigh said.

At issue is more than \$229,000 in shareholder receivables which the committee believes should be divided among creditors.

According to news reports, Syfrett disputes the amount owed, saying he paid \$210,000 of his own money and owes the company only \$19,000.

See C&S on other side

Briefly

First Responder course slated

The Hoopeston Ambulance Service has scheduled a 40-hour First Responder course for local residents.

An informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. March 13 at the ambulance barn on Main St.

First Responder training is more advanced than basic first aid, but is less comprehensive than emergency medical technician training, said Terry Beauvois, Hoopeston Ambulance Service coordinator.

D.A.R.E. car show

The Vermilion County Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program is sponsoring a car show to be held at 10 a.m. April 29 at the county health department in Tilton.

The show is open to cars, trucks and motorcycles.

Pre-registration is required and there is a \$10 entry fee per vehicle, payable the day of the show.

For more information, contact deputies Troy Davis or Rick Barnes, Vermilion County Sheriff's Department, 2 East South St., Danville, IL., 61832 or call (217) 442-4080.

Proceeds will fund D.A.R.E. programs in the county.

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7 p.m.

March 9

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Court dispositions



Feb. 2 - Corey Hardin, Alvin, rule to show cause hearing, to pay \$95, body attachment to be issued.

Michael Weigle, Attica, Ind., rule to show cause hearing, failure to appear for arraignment, \$95; failure to give information, \$50 and costs, 120 days court supervision.

Dwain Smithers, Rankin, illegal transportation, obstructed windshield, pleaded not guilty. Set for bench trial.

Dwain Smithers, Rankin, possession of cannabis, not filed.

Police News



Police reported that tail lights reported missing March 4 were recovered.

James D. Smith, 20, of 334½ Cherry St., Watska, was arrested at 9:40 p.m. Sunday, charged with no valid registration, illegal transportation of alcohol, unlawful display of license plates not authorized vehicle and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

Smith was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Two 15-year-old boys and a 16-year-old boy with Smith were charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. They were released to their parents on notices to appear.

C&S continued from other side

Leigh said the committee has the right to approve any reorganization plan submitted by C&S under Chapter 11 bankruptcy laws. The committee may also recommend how company assets are divided.

"None of that was done and we want to know why," he said.

C&S filed bankruptcy after the Illinois Department of Agriculture suspended its warehousing license in December 1993.

Obituaries

COOPER - Georgia L. Cooper, 83, of Memphis, Tenn., formerly of Hoopeston, died Feb. 10, 1995 at Methodist North Hospital, Memphis. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

COOPER - Robert F. Cooper, 92, of Memphis, Tenn., formerly of Hoopeston, died Feb. 9, 1995 at Methodist North Hospital, Memphis. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital March 2, 1995

Admitted: Melvin Lockhart, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Michelle Davis, East Lynn.

March 3, 1995

Admitted: Marvin Sprague, Rankin.

Discharged: Bonnie Fouse and Birdell Schwartz, both of Hoopeston.

March 4, 1995

Admitted: Marjorie Brockway, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Roy Winger, Hoopeston.

March 5, 1995

Admitted: Mike Hausze, Wellington.

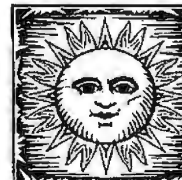
Discharged: Norman Johnson, Hoopeston.

Weather



Rain changing to light snow today. Cloudy windy and colder. High near 40, dropping to the 30s. Tonight, clearing. Low in the mid 20s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 36, low near 25.

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