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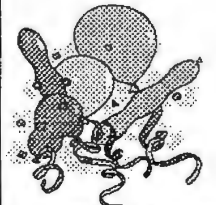


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Attorney files group suit against Norplant manufacturer

A group of area women and a Hoopeston lawyer are taking on a pharmaceutical company in what attorney Calvin Hultquist called a "David and Goliath situation."

Kate Giffin, partner in Hultquist & Giffin, is representing 14 women in the law suit filed May 15 against Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, Inc., manufacturer of the Norplant birth control implant.

Wyeth-Ayerst is a subsidiary of American Home Products Corporation.

The suit, filed by 14 Norplant users, alleges the company failed to use reasonable care marketing, manufacturing, designing, distributing and selling the implant. The suit brings a charge of negligence and alleges the company misrepresented the possible side effects of the device and alleges a breach of warranty by the manufacturer.

The suit is not a class-action suit, although na-

tionwide, there are class action and multi-plaintiff suits pending against Wyeth-Ayerst. Hultquist & Giffin is considering asking the federal court to open the case as a class action, according to a press release from the attorneys' office.

Giffin said she became involved after several women complained they experienced severe side effects from Norplant and because the manufacturer emphasized how easy the implant is to remove when actual removal could be "exceptionally painful and complicated."

The plaintiffs in the suit are all from Vermilion and Iroquois counties. The women allege side effects including severe weight loss or gain, excessive hair loss, numbness, painful continuous menstrual cycles, nausea, headaches, mood swings, blurred vision, water retention, acne and scarring and nerve damage when the device was removed.

★ Police News ★

Kip R. Kennett, 201 E. Main, reported Sunday that someone broke the driver's side window of his 1994 Chevrolet while it was parked at his home.

A cassette player was found Sunday in the 600 block of East Washington. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Curtis O. Miller Jr., 716 E. McCracken, reported Sunday that someone damaged his 1990 Chevrolet pickup truck by denting the hood.

David Gonzales, 19, of 522 N. Third St., was arrested at 10:32 p.m. Sunday in the 500 block of East Thompson.

Gonzales was arrested after residents allegedly

found him prowling the neighborhood. Residents detained him until police arrived.

Gonzales was released on a notice to appear.

Brenda Linares, 918 W. Washington, reported Monday that while she was shopping at Jerry's IGA Sunday, someone took her purse. Linares told police the purse contained cash and checks.

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called Monday morning to a gas spill from an accident at the second road west of Hoopeston on Route 9.

Adela Casteneda, 307 N. Sixth Ave., reported Monday that someone scratched the side doors, trunk and hood of her 1990 Mercury while it was parked at her home.

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Peppers, tomatoes, petunias, red cabbage, alysumn, pimento, verbena, portulcaca, vinca periwinkle, dianthus, impatiens, lobelia, sunflowers, salvia, dusty miller, begonia, dahlias, ageratum.

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Court dispositions

May 18: Erick Shipman. Hoopeston. parked on sidewalk. continued to June 15.
Derick Stewart, Hoopeston. disorderly conduct. \$95. six months court supervision.
Lori Thornsborough, Alvin. paid \$75 in full.
Nicholas Weathers, Henning. to pay \$75. failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.
Jesse Webster, no city listed. to pay \$75. failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

Jay Windon, Hoopeston. leash law. failed to appear. rule to show cause issued.
Stuart Anthony. Cissna Park. disobeyed a stop sign. bench trial June 1.
Marvin Hunt, Hoopeston. leash law. nolle pros.
Karen Schloot, Kentland. Ind.. trespassing. \$50, 90 days court supervision.

Up & Coming

Friends of the Library
 The Friends of the Hoopeston Library will meet at 7 p.m. June 6 at the library. All friends and potential friends are invited to attend.

City council meeting
 The Hoopeston city council will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. tonight.

Obituaries

BLAKENEY - Ruth E. blakeney. 72. of Ambia. Ind., died at 3:42 a.m. Monday. June 5. 1995. in the emergency room of Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Locust Grove Cemetery near Ambia. Visitation will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Arthritis Foundation of America.

McCONNELL - Donald E. McConell, 72, of Cissna Park, died at 6:22 p.m. Saturday, June 3, 1995 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the East Lynn United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Monday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home in Hoopeston. Memorial contributions are suggested to the East Lynn United Methodist Church.

Cheer card

Dustin Powell is again readying for another round of chemotherapy. His address is Dustin Powell, Ronald McDonald House, Room 215, 535 Alabama Ave., Memphis, TN. 38105.

He would especially enjoy receiving cards for his birthday, June 7.

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
 June 1, 1995
Admitted: none
Discharged: Eula McBride, Hoopeston

June 2, 1995
Admitted: Juanita Perkins, Hoopeston; John Richardson, Oxford, Ind.
Discharged: Erma Hurt and Gertrude Yarno, both of Hoopeston.

June 3, 1995
Admitted: none.
Discharged: none.

June 4, 1995
Admitted: Mae Garmon, Hoopeston.
Discharged: none.

Weather

Variably cloudy today with a 30 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. High in the mid 80s. Tonight. continued chance of rain. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, continued chance of rain. High near 86. low near 64.

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Child Support Enforcement Clinic
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No appointment necessary Friday.
 No advance retainer required.

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