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Ag department sets meeting on claims against Kaufman Grain

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Agriculture has scheduled a creditors meeting to explain the liquidation and claims process for Kaufman Grain Company, a defunct Vermilion County elevator operator.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, in the Rossville-Alvin High School gym, 350 N. Chicago. It is open to anyone with a financial interest in the company's grain holdings, including producers who currently have grain stored in one of Kaufman's elevators or who have not been paid for grain sold to the company.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture assumed con-

trol of Kaufman Grain's facilities in Rossville Rankin and East Lynn on Thursday, April 26, after the company voluntarily surrendered its Illinois Grain Dealer's and Illinois Grain Warehouse licenses. Department examiners are still assessing Kaufman's ability to pay claims protected under the Illinois Grain Insurance Code, but believe its grain assets are sufficient to pay outstanding obligations.

Kaufman Grain Company was a member of the Illinois Grain Insurance Fund and all grain deposits at its facilities are protected under the Illinois Grain Code. Grain in storage is covered at 100 percent of its close-out value as determined by the department. Grain that was priced within 21 days of the date of failure is also covered at 100 percent, while grain held under a price later contract is protected at 85 percent of the close-out value based on the length of time since delivery and pricing.

Health Department begins checking birds for West Nile

With the approach of warmer weather, the Vermilion County Health Department is beginning its surveillance efforts to identify the presence of West Nile virus in the community by collecting dead birds for testing. "Finding out early if the virus is present in Vermilion County allows us to alert residents to take precautions when they are outside and make sure their homes are free of places where mosquitoes breed," said Environmental Health Director Kolby Riggie.

Dead birds are collected locally, then sent to the state laboratory to determine if they may have been bitten by infected mosquitoes. Positive results may mean the virus is present in a community. The Vermilion County

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Health Department will accept a limited number of dead birds, including crows, blue jays, grackles, starlings, sparrows, finches, robins, cardinals, flycatchers, swallows, catbirds, mockingbirds, warblers, and wrens.

Riggle said not all birds will be accepted for testing. "The state will only accept a small number for testing, and we have to send them good samples," Riggle said. He added, "The larger birds are preferred because they provide more tissue for testing." Birds submitted to the health department for testing

should show no obvious cause of death, should not be in a state of decomposition, and should not have been attacked by animals.

A mosquito infected with West Nile virus can spread the disease by biting humans. The virus was first noted in Illinois in the summer of 2001. By 2002, the Illinois Department of Public Health reported over 800 human cases of West Nile in Illinois. In 2006, Riggle said, there was one human case of West Nile reported in Vermilion County.

The state health department said most people are

not affected when bitten by a West Nile-infected mosquito, but some people, including those who are over age 50 and who may have chronic health problems are most at risk from the West Nile virus.

To report a dead bird in Vermilion County for possible testing, call the health department at (217) 431-2662. For information on making homes safer from mosquitoes, visit their website at www.vchd.org.

Additional information is available from the Illinois Department of public Health at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm>

Names in the News

HA teacher named Institute Fellow

Barbara J. Garner, Hoopeston Area High School chemistry/physics instructor, has been accepted as a fellow of the Institute for Chemistry Literacy and Computational Science (ICLCS). This three-year program is designed to improve the understanding and teaching of chemistry among rural Illinois teachers. Hoopeston Area C.U.S.D. #11 is one of only 120 from around the state to be selected for this program.

The institute aims to prepare teachers by providing enhanced content, computational tools and teaching



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methods, and leadership development. Mrs. Garner will attend an intensive two-week summer institute and one-day fall and spring workshops and will be involved in a virtual network of mentors, researchers and peers.

Former resident named superintendent

Brad Misner, son of Bill and Vicki Misner of Hoopeston, has been selected as the Egyptian Community Unit School District superintendent for the 2007-08 school year.

Misner, a graduate of Hoopeston High School, played basketball for the Jaguars at Danville Community College under Coach John Spezia. While competing at DACC, he was selected as a Junior College Academic All-American. Misner continued

his basketball career and earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He completed his Master's and Specialist degrees from Eastern Illinois University.

Misner, his wife, the former Jill Doty, and daughter, Madison, live in Carbondale. He is currently the elementary principal at Egyptian and has been hired by the Board of Education to start July 1.



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Police News

Christopher T. Ford, 25, of 830 E. Seminary was arrested at 3:15 a.m. Monday at Fifth St. and East Maple. Wanted on a Ford County warrant for failure to pay fines/DUI, he was extradited to Ford County in lieu of bond.

Donald E. Underwood Jr., 22, of 827 E. Seminary

was arrested at 8:15 a.m. Monday in the 800 block of East Seminary. He was charged with criminal damage to property in connection with a May 3 incident in the 800 block of East Seminary.

Underwood was released on a notice to appear.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 81, low 59. Tomorrow, high 78, low 58.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, **(217) 283-6221**.

Obituaries

GOODEN - Graveside services for Darcy L. Gooden will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. He died January 23, 2007. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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