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Hoopeston Area teacher, students face felony forgery charge

A Hoopeston Area High School teacher has been charged with forgery by the Vermilion County States Attorney's office.

Kelley Goodrum, 37, was released on \$5,000 recognizance bond after pleading not guilty to the third degree felony charge of forgery for allegedly creating counterfeit money.

Two 16-year-old juveniles are expected to have juvenile petitions filed on them in connection with the case.

The charge was filed after an investigation by the Hoopeston Police Department into counterfeit bills. "Through the course of the investigation, Ms. Goodrum was found to be an active participant in the making of the bills," said Police Chief Mark Drollinger.

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An undisclosed number of bills of unspecified denomination were recovered during the investigation "We have reason to believe Ms. Goodrum was aware of at least six bills that were made," Drollinger said. "They looked very authentic."

The investigation has not uncovered citizens who were defrauded by the counterfeit money, he said. According to one source, fake bills were left in the park-

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Drollinger declined to comment on where the alleged forgery took place but sources confirm Goodrum and the two youths allegedly created the bills at Hoopeston Area High School.

Hoopeston Area Superintendent Mark Conolly could not be reached for comment at press time.

Information gathered during the investigation was turned over to the state's attorney's office which moved ahead with the charge.

The incident has also been reported to the Secret Service, under the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and a U.S. Attorney could opt to file a federal counterfeiting charge. In the event that a federal charge is filed, the state charge would be dropped, Drollinger said. A forgery charge is the state equivalent to the federal counterfeiting charge, he added.

Arraignment on the charge was held March 17. A preliminary hearing is set for 1:15 p.m. April 14.

Goodrum, who has been employed with the district as a Learning Disabled teacher since 1995, is on paid suspension while the matter is under investigation, according to sources.

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Hoopeston Area hosts Vermilion County Music Festival

High school music students from around the county converged on Hoopeston March 17 for the Vermilion County Music Festival.

Communities represented included Hoopeston, Rossville, Westville, Armstrong, Jamaica, Bismarck, Armstrong, Oakwood and Catlin.

The Vermilion County Honor Chorus per-

formed "The Star Spangled Banner," "Gloria Patri", "Dry Your Tears, Africa" from *Amistad*, highlights from *Blood Brothers*, "Down the River to Pray," and "Zion's Walls."

The Honor Band performed "The British Eighth," "On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss," "Visions of Flight" and "American Elegy."



Letters to the Editor

Use the Willdon Building

I read that the Hoopeston Migrant Council will have to seek new facilities, for whatever reason. It was brought to the attention of the powers that be why not utilize the Willdon Building! But they objected. Why?

The building has sat basically empty except for a few offices that barely keep the flow of people going in and out the door.

There is no one knocking on the doors to bring a new factory, or multi level office high rise into the Willdon Building as it is. It would take a major tax advantage package offered by the city fathers to make this happen, to install high speed Internet access, upgrade the heating and cooling on the 3-5th floors, plus a major upgrade in the electrical systems and fire protection. (and open stairwell is not a fire safety plus!) Why not use the building to its fullest extent while it is operational!

The building is handicapped accessible for individuals with disabilities, plus what about women pushing children in strollers? Having a building accessible with an elevator is a great thing.

If the marketing was done correctly they could even set up a clinic for doctors to see patients of special needs if they had a place to use, and this would draw clients from neighboring communities, to our town and use our local shops, and buy from our stores, bring in tax dollars that are real, not just word of mouth. Those tax dollars could be placed into a fund for the preservation and restoration of the downtown.

Why not have someone occupying the building getting use, out of it, instead of waiting for someone

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from who knows where and when to buy this building and do what with it. There is currently shown a community need for the structure. If possible the Vermilion County Health Department could also make sure that the migrants that possibly do not know about their services, could benefit from them all being in one location!

To most people an obvious choice, it is currently under city control, and is being occupied by the Vermilion County Health Department for a rental fee, and the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce. They are all, I thought, paying some sort of rent, and keeping a good building occupied. If you allow a building to become unoccupied, it becomes run down, and then an eyesore, and then eventually has to be destroyed. We have had far too much of that in Hoopeston over the vears. If we would have looked forward instead of looking at just what is immediately in front of our faces, then

possibly we would have structures like the depot for the kids to have an arcade, etc. But no, we decided to allow, the building to deteriorate to the point that the railroad and the city had to destroy a landmark, now lost for ever!

Why not place the Migrant Council there as well, in the Willdon Building? I have noticed that the Hoopeston Migrant Council has been forced from place to place, many times within the past years, for whatever reason. I am sure if people would work together instead of against each other, then we could utilize the Willdon Building as a Community Services Building, with the future possibly even holding classes there for parenting, etc.

This would be working with the Hoopeston Multi Agency, not against them as they do a fantastic job, but their space, and resources are stretched.

Hoopeston needs to stop pulling itself apart from within and start puling itself together from within,

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THURSDAY: Mini corndogs, baked beans, pineapple, cookie

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, fries, fruit cocktail.

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