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## Discovery recount scheduled in Hoopeston mayor's race

A mayoral candidate has requested a discovery recount regarding the April 5 mayor's race in Hoopeston.

On Friday, candidate Lourdine Florek filed for a discovery recount with the Vermilion County Clerk's office.

Florek was six votes behind the winning candidate, Bill DeWitt, who will be sworn in as mayor at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Florek said she requested the recount because of discrepancies in vote totals in one of the local precincts. Grant 4 reportedly had 191 affidavits and 191 ballots but at the close of voting, the tape printed by the voting machine had a total of 193 votes cast for mayor.

"It has been suggested by some voting officials that either two extra ballots were handed out to

voters who shouldn't have cast a ballot for mayor or perhaps that a couple voters started to insert their ballots, pulled them out and reinserted them, triggering the higher count" Florek said. "I would just like to know what caused it."

In the discovery recount, the votes of 25 percent of the total precincts in the jurisdiction may be recounted. Florek has requested that Grant 2 and Grant 4 be redone.

The recount will be held at 9 a.m. May 9 in the Vermilion County Courthouse Annex. There, the ballots in the two precincts will be examined and recounted and the voting machine tested.

The discovery recount does not change the results of the election. To do that, an election contest would have to be filed with the Vermilion County Circuit Court. A judge would hear evidence and could, if warranted, void the vote totals and order a

## Hoopeston Area teacher to stand trial for counterfeiting

A Hoopeston Area High School teacher is scheduled to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court on Aug. 22 on charges that she, and two students, forged counterfeit money.

Kelley C. Goodrum, 37, was charged with forgery for creating a counterfeit \$50 bill on Feb. 28.

At Goodrum's preliminary hearing Thursday, Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger testified that Goodrum allegedly said she watched and assisted as some of her students make the fake money in her classroom.

Drollinger testified that the police department received a counterfeit \$5 bill and an anonymous tip that equipment in Goodrum's classroom was used to make the money. He further said one of

Goodrum's students allegedly said that, using a photocopier, they reproduced both sides of \$5 and \$50 bills, cut them out and glued them together. The student alleged that Goodrum watched and helped them cut out the money.

In further testimony, Drollinger said Goodrum at first denied any knowledge of the activity but that in a subsequent phone conversation, she admitted that she watched and helped but that it was part of a joke.

However, Drollinger testified, one \$50 bill was given to another person as currency. Other phony bills were found outside a Hoopeston business.

Goodrum, who was hired at Hoopeston

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Reyes Caraballo Jr., 18, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an accident at 9:26 p.m. Thursday at Thompson and North Fifth St.

Caraballo was charged with driving under the influence, blood alcohol over .08, leaving the scene of an accident, no insurance and possession of 10-30 grams of cannabis.

Police said Caraballo, in a 1983 Buick Electra, was northbound on Fifth, failed to yield at the

### Briefly

#### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston/Rossville shuttle; Tuesday, Champaign (leave at 9 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. To arrange a ride, call 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Monday-Friday, cards, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9 a.m.

#### Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: May 2, Dr. Christopher Scott; May 4, Kathy Barragree; May 4, Creative Memories/Lisa Leigh; May 5, Glenda Hughes; May 6, Sandy Lewis/Community Bank.

Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the chorus room. Everyone is welcome.

#### Neighborhood Watch

Todd Lee, regional manager of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will speak at the May 2 Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. at Coun-

### Obituaries

**SHULER**—Nina Shuler, 93, formerly of Rankin and Lafayette, Ind., died Friday evening, April 29, 3005 at Dorchester Nursing Home, Sturgeon Bay, Wis. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

### Police News

intersection and hit a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer driven by Teryl Silver of Hoopeston. Police allege he then left the scene and was apprehended a short time later at Wyman and Sixth St.

Caraballo was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:59 p.m. Friday at Lincoln and South Market.

try Terrace.

Lee will speak about Opportunity Returns, a state program to create and retain jobs in Illinois.

#### Tiny Tots

"Fairy Tales" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children may wear their clothes backwards. Tiny Tots is held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

#### Retired Teachers' tea

The annual Hoopeston Area Retired Teachers' tea will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 3 at Honeywell School. All retired teachers are invited.

#### Summer school planned

Summer school for grades 9-12 will be offered at Hoopeston Area High School if enough students register. Possible classes include English, science or math. Cost is \$50 per class for in-district students and \$100 for out-of-district students. Students must sign up and pay on or before Friday, May 20. Classes will run 8-11 a.m. starting June 1. Fees will be refunded if classes are cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

Contact Kay Brown, (217) 283-6661 or stop in the high school office between 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Weather



Partly cloudy today and tonight. High 54, low 34. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 58, low 37.

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



Police said Quentin Morgan of Hoopeston, in a 2005 Ford Explorer, was eastbound on Lincoln, stopped at the intersection, did not see traffic and pulled into the intersection. Once in the crossroad, he saw a 1999 Ford Escort driven by Carl Houser, also of Hoopeston. Morgan said he tried to accelerate to avoid the accident but struck Houser, who was northbound.

Morgan was at fault for failing to yield after stopping.

#### New playgroup meets

A free parent and child playgroup has been started in Hoopeston. The group is for children ages 3-5 years and meets from 10-11 a.m. each Tuesday at the Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St.

Activities include reading stories, playing games, participating in activities and socialization among children and parents. For information, call Janna, (217) 444-1091.

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