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Hoopeston Area teacher found not guilty of obstruction

A Hoopeston Area teacher was found not guilty of obstruction of justice in connection with a 2005 incident in which students allegedly created fake money in her class.

Kelley Goodrum, 40, was found not guilty Tuesday by a Vermilion County jury. Her oneday trial followed more than two years of postponements.

Goodrum was arrested in March 2005 on one count of forgery. In April 2005, two counts of obstruction were added and in January 2006, the forgery charge was dropped.



GOODRUM

Charges stemmed from an incident in which a \$5 bill was found in the Price Less Foods parking lot by a store employee. The bill was tested by store workers and was found to be counterfeit. Employees reported the incident to police, and, after other fake bills were found, Goodrum was questioned by Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger by phone.

Drollinger said Goodrum originally denied knowledge of the fake bills but later called him to say that students had made the bills in her class and that she helped students copy and

cut out some of them.

After her arrest, Goodrum was placed on paid leave by the Hoopeston Area school district but later returned to her classroom.

Council approves agreement for Avenue Broadband purchase

Hoopeston officials unanimously approved accepting Avenue Broadband Communications as the city's cable television provider.

At Tuesday night's regular meeting, city attorney Paul Manion, who earlier this month did not favor the contract offered by Avenue Broadband, said subsequent discussions between he and the company and changes to the contract, allowed him now to recommend the deal.

The agreement between the two will include provisions from the city's 2002 contract with Charter Communications, which has sold franchises in the local area to Avenue Broadband. Also to be included are stipulations of a law effective June 30, the Cable and Video Protection Law, which is "a bill of rights for cable customers," he said.

See COUNCIL on other side



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Happy 30th Birthday



Jennifer
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Dr. Jay Colbert



The set of keys found at Subway were claimed by the owner Tuesday.

A 44-year-old Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone broke into his home in the 800 block of East McCracken.

Roger L. McVay, 39, of 919 W. Penn was arrested at 3:51 p.m. Tuesday at his home. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for domestic battery, he was taken to Iroquois County.



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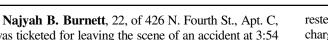


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Police News



was ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident at 3:54 p.m. Tuesday at 426 E. Honeywell.

Fernando Rivera, 17, of 216 College Way was ar-

rested at 7:59 a.m. Wednesday at Fifth and Maple. He was charged with driving while license suspended and released on a notice to appear.

His vehicle was towed from the scene.

Obituaries

MILNER—Garnet Imogene "Imy" (McBride) Milner died at 5:05 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Wolfe Funeral

Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Mann's Chapel Cemetery south of Rossville. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.

Council continued from other side

Avenue representatives were unwilling to include ceilings on rate increases, saying there was nothing in the 2002 agreement about such limits, Manion said.

In exchange for their concessions, Manion said he did not push to get financial information on the principals of Avenue Broadband.

At the October 2 meeting, Manion told the council that an independent group of investors is behind the venture.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand about needed improvements at the civic center. A local electrician will be hired to draw up specifications for needed electrical work and bids will be sought on that work. He hopes a Hamburger Helper or Walmart grant will help pay for kitchen modifications in the building.
- Heard from Alderman Ed Lotz that the city continues to find ways of dealing with the closure of the local veterinarian's office. Officials are looking at revamping the former dog runs on South Sixth Ave. to store animals during the day. Animals would have to be moved nightly because Hoopeston is not licensed to keep animals overnight.
- Heard from Lotz that Chris Kelnhofer, 22, of Wellington, is the new probationary police officer.

Weather



Thunderstorms today and tonight. High 80, low 55. Tomorrow, breezy. High 65, low 51.

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

- Heard from Alderwoman Nancy Stipp that a motorist damaged the decorative wall recently erected in the parking lot next to State Farm. Major repairs are needed for the damage, she said.
- Heard from Jean Minick that housing surveys are being distributed to senior citizens 55 years and older, and disabled residents. Residents who qualify but have not received a survey may call Shannon Ruh at 283-7873 or Minick. Surveys are also available at the city water office.

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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