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## Hoopeston officials asked to consider ambulance tax hike

Hoopeston officials may consider another tax hike, this time to subsidize ambulance service.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council briefly discussed a request from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital CEO Frank Caruso that the city levy the maximum .25 ambulance tax, up from .137 now.

The increase would raise the amount received from \$41,000 to \$77,000, said Alderman Bill Goodwine.

Before the tax is raised, however, officials should consider other options, Goodwine said. "It's not a no-brainer by any means," he said. "There are some issues."

Those issues include \$36,000 the hospital originally wanted to manage the service but dropped from the contract and considering other ambulance services to oversee the Hoopeston service, said Alderman Don York, ambulance committee chairman.

The committee will meet with hospital personnel before making a decision on the request.

In other business, the council approved a professional services contract with Bloomington attorney Tom Ja-

cobs, who has been correcting mistakes in the city's tax increment financing (TIF) district. Jacobs has worked on the district for seven months without an agreement.

Under the agreement, Jacob's normal fee of \$195 per hour is cut to \$150. The contract calls for him to be paid \$10,000 for fixing problems in the existing TIF, \$15,000 to amend the agreement or draw up a new one and a fee to oversee the TIF for three years.

Jacobs said fixing problems in the TIF has already recouped far more than his fee for the city. He found 49 parcels of land that were annexed to the city but not on the tax rolls, estimated to bring in an additional \$46,000 to the TIF fund and \$4,000 to the city's general fund.

The TIF fund received \$95,000 in tax money this year. That amount is expected to increase to \$142,000 next year, including this year's shortfall, Jacobs said.

Goodwine voted against approving the contract with Jacobs, expressing concerns he heard from people knowledgeable about other TIF districts the attorney has worked with.

## Rossville village officials worried over declining sales tax

ROSSVILLE—Decreasing sales tax has Rossville officials concerned not only about village income but also the effect on businesses.

A report on first quarter sales tax shows the village will receive more than \$6,900, said Mayor Terry Prillaman, estimated that the village will receive \$28,000 for the year. "I remember four or five years ago, it was around \$50,000," he said, adding that other taxes, such as motor fuel, are also "down, down down."

"I don't know the answer but I think we need to meet with the business owners and the merchants' association so see what we can do to help...if anything," he said.

Resident Mark Catron suggested the village "market

the whole town to the whole world" by developing a web page. Listing plusses of the village, Catron said the town has not marketed itself, especially to younger people who get much of their information from the Internet.

A committee comprised of trustees Kay Ritter and Vic Lackey, along with Prillaman and Catron, will meet with the business community to look at possible solutions.

In other business, trustees:

- accepted Dale Tweedy's resignation from the board. Tweedy cited personal reasons for leaving.

Anyone interested in serving on the board should con-  
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## Briefly

### Bike registration

The Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., will sponsor a bicycle registration from 2:30-3:30 p.m. July 18. For more information, call 283-5544.

### Free cholesterol screening

Hoopeston Regional Health Center will hold its monthly cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure screenings from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 23. Other staff members will be available to discuss osteoporosis and provide a checklist of at-risk characters.

## New Books at the Library

### Fiction:

The Salmon of Doubt by Douglas Adams (science fiction)

Summer in Tuscany by Elizabeth Adler

Jolie Blon's Bounce by James Lee Burke

The Importance of Being Ernestine by Dorothy Cannell (mystery)

## Sand Volleyball Standings

	Week 8	
1. Wally's Pub	17	7
2. Pla-Mor Lanes	12	12
3. Ronniesons	10	14
4. Nard Construction	9	15

### Rossville continued from other side

tact Prillaman.

- named Todd Harris as new village treasurer. He replaces Eva Neeland.
- received a commendation from Spears-Duke American Legion Post 733 for their cooperation and active participation in Legion activities.
- approved giving residents a break when it comes to buckhorns which are growing quickly in the hot weather. The plants will not be counted as a nuisance weed violation for the time being.
- approved donating \$100 to the American Legion for next year's fireworks fund.
- reminded property owners that they are responsible for mowing grass on the parkway adjacent to their property.

teristics. Kristi Hudson will give demonstrations and discuss the benefits of therapeutic massage.

For more information, call (217) 283-4243.

## Children's health fair

The Center for Children's Services will hold a children's health fair from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 27 at Lincoln Park in Danville.

The day will also include a children's art tent, live entertainment, an interactive Body Tour, health dis-

## Police News

### Henry L. Rodgers, 43, of 1218 Garden Dr., Danville, was arrested at 11:40 a.m. Monday in the 200 block of East Lincoln.

Rodgers was wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear for arraignment and a Benton County, Indiana warrant for fraud and insufficient funds check.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition to Indiana.

### William K. Lendrum, 18, of 1909 Lodge Ave., Evansville, Ind., was arrested after an incident at 6:16 p.m. Monday at Parkview Court.

He was charged with battery on a complaint from a 22-year-old Hoopeston woman who said Lendrum grabbed and pushed her.

Lendrum was released on a notice to appear.

Chief Danny Danner will begin issuing citations to property owners who fail to do so.

- learned a new master water meter apparently solved a discrepancy between reports of water used and water billings.
- set the July gas price at 63 cents per therm, the rate it has been for the past few months.

## Weather

Partly sunny, chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. Highs 88-90, lows 68.

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

plays and more. The second annual run/walk will be held that day, beginning at 8 a.m.

For more information, call Mimi Barnes or the health fair staff at (217) 446-1300.

# Classifieds

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### HELP WANTED

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