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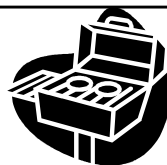
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Hospital CEO explains need for additional ambulance tax

Without financial help through city taxes, the heart of Hoopeston's ambulance service may flatline.

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday discussed a request from Frank Caruso, CEO of Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, to raise the ambulance tax levy from its current level of .137 to the maximum .25. Alderman Bill Goodwine said at the meeting that the requested increase would raise the amount generated from \$41,000 to \$77,000.

Currently, tax money is placed in a restricted fund to purchase new ambulances, Caruso said. The city only pays the vehicle insurance of \$400 per month, he added.

In the past nine months, the ambulance services has grossed \$275,000 in revenue. Of that, 43 percent, or

\$118,000, was written off in what Medicare, Medicaid, self-pay and commercial insurances did not pay. Of the remainder, nearly \$200,000 went for salaries, FICA and supplies, and approximately \$10,000 went for diesel, repairs and utilities, leaving a deficit of about \$52,000 for the nine-month period, Caruso said. The estimated loss for the year is \$70,000. "We can't keep taking a \$70,000 hit," he said. "It's the difference between a positive and negative bottom line."

The higher tax would add about \$48 to the owner of a home with an assessed valuation of \$40,000, Caruso said. "One life saved in this community is worth that extra cost," he said. "I would wager that the vast majority of Hoopeston spends more than \$48 a month on cable TV bills."

Caruso said he knows first-hand the value of the service. See **AMBULANCE** on other side

Local man charged with perjury

A Hoopeston man was charged with perjury Wednesday after police said he made false statements to police and a Vermilion County grand jury.

Jackie E. Winchester, 29, of Hoopeston, was charged in connection with the investigation of the death of Michael Fink, 20, of Jamesburg, whose body was found July 5 on Jamesburg Road.

Winchester will have a preliminary hearing on the charge Aug. 8.

Mr. Fink had been riding a bicycle on the road and had been struck by a car. Pathology reports showed he died of a gunshot wound before being hit by the car, which left the scene.

Charles Burrows, 41, of Danville, was allegedly driving the car. He was charged with leaving the scene of a property damage accident and obstruction of justice.

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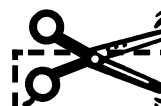
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Briefly

Sports signups

- Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer will hold Fall 2002 registration from 9 a.m.-noon July 20 and 1-3 p.m. July 21 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.
- Children four through junior high are eligible to participate. Cost is \$45 per child.
- Signup for Rossville Youth Soccer will be 8-10 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. July 22 and 23 at the Rossville Park pavilion. Children four through junior high are eligible to participate. Cost is \$45 per child.
- For more information, call (217) 748-4162.
- Hoopeston Youth Football and cheerleading will have sign-up from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 20 and 27 and noon-2 p.m. Sunday, July 21 and 28 at the Midget Football Field on Sixth Ave. Cost is \$40 per child.

Food cupboard needs donations

The Grant Township Food Cupboard needs egg cartons, grocery-size plastic bags and small plastic containers. Items may be taken to the food cupboard at 525 S. Market.

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

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

Ambulance continued from other side

vice. Last April, Caruso was returning to Hoopeston when he was the first to arrive on the scene where a woman pedestrian had been hit by a car on Rt. 9 in Rankin. Caruso said he went to the Casey's General Store to have employees call 911, then returned to the woman, who was lying in a ditch. After covering her in blankets from his truck, "I sat on my knees praying over that woman for 20 minutes," he said. "I never let go of that woman's hand. As he saw the ambulance approaching, "I literally thought to myself 'Thank God, it's all right now.'"

Two Hoopeston Ambulance Service paramedics and an emergency medical technician responded to the call and, within five minutes, had the woman in the ambulance and headed to Carle Foundation Hospital. "I witnessed them save that woman's life," he said. "She should not be alive today. You ask that woman's family if it's not worth an additional 12 cents per \$100."

Caruso hopes others who have used the service will lobby their aldermen to pass the tax increase, allowing Hoopeston to keep its ambulance service and the people who work for it. "They're some of the most dedicated professionals I have ever worked with in my life," he said. "They would do anything to help the community.

"Let's retain a key component of the quality of life in this community," he said.

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Win a free pond kit from Water Features by Jack Miller! Drawing July 27. Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Available at Kankakee Federal Savings Bank, Iroquois Federal Savings & Loan. Proceeds to Playground Project 2002. 198-204

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 bedroom upstairs apt. \$275/mo., includes water. Close to downtown. References required. (217) 283-6865.

AUCTIONS

Antiques, collectibles, household. Tuesday, July 23, 4:30 p.m., American Legion, Rossville, IL. See listing at www.jonwitvoetauctioneer.com. Furniture, toys, action figures in boxes, military pins, comic buttons, pottery (Majelica) Big Little books, quilts, jewelry, glassware, old advertisement, political buttons, 10-cent comics, lots of old items....More information call Jon Witvoet, auctioneer, (217) 748-6289. #040000461.

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Foods is now taking applications for fall production. These are temporary positions with most second shift and a few first shift opportunities. Starting pay is \$6.50/hr. Pick up applications at 212 W. Washington. 198-200

Roofer wanted. Experience helpful but not necessary. Charles Leemon, (217) 283-6734. 198-tfn

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Police News

A **19-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that his front license plate, TJS67, is missing.

Police are investigating a report from Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn, that someone pumped \$34.50 in gas, then left without paying.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. Highs 88, lows 68. Sunday, chance of thunderstorms. High 90, low 70.

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