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Hoopeston employees to vote on paying part of insurance

Hoopeston employees are set to decide Wednesday whether the city will continue to pick up their insurance tab or pay part of the cost themselves.

In May, the council approved budget-balancing measures that included, in part, increasing deductibles and co-payments for employees insured through the city. Those measures saved about \$20,000 in this year's budget.

However, an employee questioned whether the deductibles and co-payments may remain the same if workers pick up the difference in cost between the plan with the lower amounts and the planned changes, said Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman.

The higher totals will become effective Jan. 1 unless employees agree to pay the difference, Goodwine said.

Under the existing plan, the deductible for single employees is \$250 annually for services in the preferred provider plan and \$500 for services outside the plan.

Those amounts will go to \$500 and \$1,000 next year. Single employees currently pay a maximum \$750 out-of-pocket and families \$1,500. Those increase to \$1,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

Doctor visits are now covered at 90 percent; under new provisions, that will decrease to 80 percent and prescription costs will increase from \$5 for generics and \$10 for name brands to \$10 and \$20, Goodwine said.

If employees agree to pay the difference - an average of \$60 per month per employee - deductibles and co-payments will remain as they are. Whichever plan the majority of workers choose will be the one the city goes with, he said.

Hoopeston's insurance costs rose 5.6 percent for 2002, significantly less than 15-20 percent reported industry-wide, Goodwine said. Also, Hoopeston is one of the few

See **INSURANCE** on other side

Rossville Village Board approves plow, trailer purchases

ROSSVILLE—Village streets/alleys and water/sewer workers will get new equipment following action by the Rossville Village Board Monday night.

In unanimous votes, the board approved spending approximately \$2,500 on a snow plow for the recently-purchased CAT backhoe and approximately \$8,000 for a trailer for sewer/water and gas repairs.

"If we have bad snows this year as is being predicted, having a tried plow would more than double the amount of work done," said Mayor Terry Prillaman.

As for the trailer, it will be fitted with a generator, shelving, benches and equipment to allow mobility in making repairs of water, gas and sewer line problems, said Trustee Bob Merritt.

In unrelated business, trustees:

- learned gas will cost the same as in October, 63 cents

per therm.

- approved spending \$100 to join Keep Vermilion County Beautiful.

- set the 2002 tax levy of \$20,536, up \$950 from last year.

- referred a request to join Vermilion Advantage to the public improvement committee.

- approved the annual Christmas parade at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 6. The parade route will be Maple St. to Green St.

- learned a request for money for new Christmas decorations was rejected by the Cadle Foundation. The rejection came because the village is not a service organization, Prillaman said.

- Trustees also approved donating \$500 to the Rossville Community Organization. The money had been earmarked in the village budget for new decorations.

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1. The 4 Hotties	17	4
2. Bomb Squad	11	10
3. Lane Breakers	10	11
4. Kayne	10	11
5. Team Discovery Channel	8	13
6. Blazing Pinheads	7	14
High Team Handicap Game: Lane Breakers 847, Bomb Squad 843, Kayne 829; High Team Handicap Series: Lane Breakers 2,440, Bomb Squad 2,371, Kayne 2,342; High Boys Scratch Game: Jeremy Dobkins 212, Anthony Cappellano 206, Mike Drollinger 198; High Boys Scratch Series: Anthony Cappellano 562, Jeremy		
Junior YABA Standings 11/9/02		
1. Lord of the Pins	12	9
2. RVs	12	9
3. The Gutter Gals	12	9
4. Team6	11	10
5. World Wide Strikers	10	11
6. Champion 4	9.5	11.5
7. Ball & Chain	9	12
8. Wild Ones	8.5	12.5

Insurance continued from other side

municipalities that pays 100 percent of workers' insurance. Typically, employees pay 25 percent of those costs, he said.


In unrelated action, the board approved annexing 83 acres owned by Larry Petry. The land, east of Euclid north of Orange, is expected to be used for a housing development in the city's tax increment financing (TIF) district.

Goodwine and Alderman Don York voted against annexing the property.

Goodwine is against the project because the annexation agreement is tied to using Jack Piper of Development Coordination Corporation, which will eliminate bidding for contractor services and other fees, including marketing, which will all be reimbursed to Piper.

York said the project will cause environmental damage in the area and that initially, will do little good. "I've felt we should do the business development first and then the housing," he said.

The 4-2 vote was made 5-3 when Mayor Chalmers

Police News 

A **17-year-old** woman reported Monday that someone kicked and dented the door of her 1990 Pontiac while it was parked in the 600 block of East Orange.

A **50-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone damaged her 1995 Chevrolet van while it was parked in the 300 block of North Ninth Ave.


Flint gave his approval.

In unrelated action, the council: approved York's resignation as Ward 4 alderman effective Nov. 30. He is moving outside city limits. Two other resignations were accepted, building inspector Leon Goodrum, for health reasons and fireman Steve Compton due to other commitments.

The council is expected to approve Dick Smith's resignation from the plan committee next month.


approved a \$40,000 revolving loan for Dave and Penny Gaddis, owner of Hoopeston Monuments. Of that, \$26,000 will pay off an existing revolving loan made in 1997 and the rest will be used to buy back equipment lost in a bankruptcy earlier this year and for operating expenses.

The 10-year loan will be charged 5.25 percent interest and will be repaid at \$429.17 per month. The loan will retain four jobs and keep the business in Hoopeston.

Weather 

Chance of showers today. High 55. Tonight, snow showers. Low 35. Tomorrow, chance of flurries. High 42, low 25.

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

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High Team Handicap Game: RVs 855, Champion 4 819, World Wild Strikers 804; **High Team Handicap Series:** RVs 2,482, Champion 4 2,368, World Wild Strikers 2,349; **High Boys Scratch Game:** Jordan Tate 144, Kyle Ramos 139, Wesley Rush 127; **High Boys Scratch Series:** Kyle Ramos 367, Wesley Rush 343, Ross Lange 340; **High Girls Scratch Game:** Alina Burk 122, Kalyn Sanford 112, Taylor Wolfe 96; **High Girls Scratch Series:** Kalyn Sanford 289, Alina Burk 283, Taylor Wolfe 273.

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