

Taco Night
 Wednesday, starting at 5 p.m.
 Tunes 'N Transit
 Josh & Randy
 8-Midnight
BJ's Pump
 Bar & Package Liquor Store
 1023 W. Main, Hoopeston
 

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✉ Letters to the Editor ✉

The PIT STOP at EAST LANES

Monday	Taco Salad & Meat Loaf
Tuesday	Chicken & Noodles
Wednesday	Ribeye Sandwich

Something New
 7-8-9 Pin Tournament
 Open to anyone with or without an average
 IT WILL BE FUN!
 Get another person and come try it.
 Start time 7 p.m.

Friday	CLOSED FOR LUNCH Open Bowling 2-?
Saturday	Supper: Cod & Ribeye Prime Rib & Ribeye Open Bowling 2-12:30

Smoke River band 8:30-12:30

Sunday	Pork Chops - baked or BBQ 11-2 Open Bowling 11-4
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 NOVEMBER 23
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U.S. Health care compared to five countries

Recently PBS aired a documentary on health care, entitled "Sick Around the World". Five capitalist countries were compared: the United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, Taiwan, and Switzerland.

There are about 200 countries on our planet, and each country devises its own set of arrangements for meeting the basic goals of a health care system: keeping people healthy, treating the sick, and protecting families from being ruined because of medical bills. We don't have to study 200 systems to get the picture of how other countries manage health care. There are four basic systems:

BEVERIDGE MODEL - In this system, health care is provided and financed by the government through tax payments, just like the police force or the public library. Many, but not all, hospitals and clinics are owned by the government; some doctors are government employees, but there are also private doctors who collect fees from the government. In Britain, people never get a doctor bill. These systems tend to have low costs per capita, because the government, is the sole payer, controls what doctors can do and what they can charge.

BISMARCK MODEL - Named for the Prussian

Chancellor Otto von Bismarck, who invented the welfare state as part of the unification of Germany in the 19th century. Despite its European heritage, this system would look familiar to Americans. It uses an insurance system - the insurers are called "sickness funds" - usually financed by employers and employees through payroll deductions. Unlike U.S. insurance, Bismarck-type plans have to cover everybody, and they don't make a profit. Doctors and hospitals tend to be private; Japan has more private hospitals than the U.S. Although this is a multi-payer model -- Germany has about 240 different funds -- tight regulation gives government much of the cost-control clout that the single-payer Beveridge model provides.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE MODEL: This system has elements of both Beveridge and Bismarck. It uses private-sector providers, but payment comes from a government-run insurance program every citizen pays into. Since there's no need for marketing, no financial motive to deny claims, and no profit, these programs tend to be cheaper and much simpler administratively than American-style for-profit insurance. The single payer tends to have considerable market power to negotiate for lower prices; Canada's system, for example, has negotiated such low prices from pharmaceutical companies that Americans have spurned their own drug stores to buy pills north of the border. National Health Insurance plans also control costs by limiting the medical services they will pay for, or by making patients wait to be treated.

OUT-OF-POCKET MODEL: Most nations are too poor and disorganized to provide any kind of mass medical care. The basic rule in such countries is that the rich get medical care; the poor stay sick or die. In poor

See LETTER on other side

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countries, patients sometimes scratch together enough money to pay a doctor bill; otherwise, they pay in potatoes, goat milk, child care or whatever else they may have to give. If they have nothing, they don't get medical care.

In the U.S., we have elements of all of them. When it comes to treating veterans, we're in Britain or Cuba. For Americans over the age of 65 on Medicare, we're Canada. For working Americans who get insurance on the job, we're Germany. For the 15% of the population who have no health insurance, the United State is Cambodia, with

access to a doctor available if you can pay the bill out-of-pocket at the time of treatment or if you are sick enough to be admitted to the emergency room. The United States is unlike every other country because it maintains so many separate systems for separate classes of people. All other countries have settled on one model for everybody.

How many of you are upset with how our government has placed us in such a poor economic situation? We house and feed 25% of the world's criminals in our prisons, and most don't rehabilitate, they return to prison. They have not only let over 12 million illegal immigrants enter our country to drain our health care and welfare resources, now they want to give all of them amnesty. Do you wonder how our homeland security has prevented another attack on our country? They have allowed our infrastructure to deteriorate that we don't have enough funds to fix them it. They have allowed our industrial system to collapse and a lot of jobs the citizens of this country counted on are gone, somewhere overseas.

They have allowed the banks on Wall Street to gamble with stockholders money while for 20 years; they listened to the philosophy of Alan Greenspan, who recently admitted his thinking that the government should not regulate banking, but let Wall Street manage itself, was wrong, something Brooksley Born, chairman of Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CTFC), told

him 10 years earlier. She was run out of town for stirring up that kind of thinking. It turns out that she was right.

They allowed insurance and pharmaceutical companies to put a stranglehold on our health care system to a point that everyone fears the lack of health care and the possibility of going bankrupt. Our government is adding to the national debt at an alarming rate and is exacerbated by the current administration's deficit spending, which is going to make our children's and grandchildren's lives harder. I wish that I would wake up tomorrow and all of this would be gone, and there would be trust in our government and everyone had the opportunity to work hard, raise a family, and not have all these financial worries. Do these examples of our governments ability to represent us, make you feel comfortable with how they represent us?

The citizens of some countries with these health care

Weather



Chance of showers today. High 50. Tonight, chance of rain, snow. Low 32. Tomorrow, chance of snow, then mostly cloudy. High 41, low 31. Friday, partly sunny. High 42, low 29.

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

Obituaries

CRUSINBERRY - Floyd Cecil Crusinberry, 87, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Hoopeston, died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 in Fresno, Calif. A memorial service will be held at a later date in The National Cemetery in Phoenix, Ariz. Memorials are suggested to American Legion Color Guard of Hoopeston.

KNAPP - Jeanne H. (Maxwell) Knapp, 86, of Hoopeston, died at 1:45 a.m. Monday, Nov. 23, 2009 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service will be at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association.

systems were given an opportunity to vote on a referendum and choose what plan they wanted. This is such a big issue, and effects everyone; why aren't we given a chance to vote our choice also? Those other countries had a lot of faith and trust in their governments. Do you have that much faith and trust in our representatives? I would feel much better about the whole issue, if I knew that they were going to be using the same system that the rest of us are going to be stuck with. How about you?

Tom Evans
Hoopeston

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All meetings held on first Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meeting time is 4 p.m. Meetings are held in the library Board Meeting room located in the north wing, lower level.

July 20 (third Monday)	August 10
September 14	October 19 (Third Monday)
November 9	December 7
January 4, 2010	February 1
March 1	April 5
May 3	June 7

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Dale Fry
President of Board of Trustees
Hoopeston Public Library District