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Show me the money: leaders wonder when state will pay up

"Show me the money" sums up the tone of a town hall meeting Wednesday between civic leaders and state Rep. Jason Barickman.

Barickman, currently representing the 105th District and seeking the state senate seat from the 53rd Senate District, fielded questions from city, school and hospital leaders about the state's failure to pay its bills in a timely manner.

Hospital CEO Harry Brockus told Barickman he was "ok with" and even promoted Gov. Pat Quinn's decision to raise taxes by two percent, thinking the extra money would help the state decrease borrowing and pay bills on time. "That didn't happen," he said.

The state owes about \$800,000 to Hoopeston Regional Health Center for the nursing home, hospital and physician services dating back to July, Brockus said. "If we're not paid the back bills by June 30, it's going to be a problem."

Barickman said there is no timetable for the state to



BARICKMAN

pay the backlog, estimated at between \$4 billion and \$8 billion. The increased tax rate means the state will have more revenue than expenses, and while Barickman hopes the extra money will be used to pay down bills, there are no guarantees.

While Quinn wants to borrow money to pay the debts, downstate Republicans are, for the most part, against it. Treasurer Dan Rutherford has a borrowing plan that may be "swallowable" to legislators, depending on the payoff time.

Aside from the money owed to schools, Hoopeston Area Superintendent Hank Hornbeck is also upset about Quinn's failure to pay regional superintendents—a move Barickman is also unhappy with, saying the position is mandated by statute, but then not

funded. However, he added, this may be a good time to review things mandated by the state that the state does not fully fund.

See PAY on other side

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Obituaries

JENKINS - Louise Jenkins, 88, of Hoopeston, died at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the nursing home. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

MARTIN—Marvin Martin, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at Veterans Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind. Arrangements are pending at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

TYLER—Calvin A. Tyler, 63, of Danville, formerly

of Hoopeston, died at 5:56 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

CORRECTION: The date of burial of Paul Drullinger's ashes was incorrect in Wednesday's issue. Ashes will be buried at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

Police News



Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 7:49 a.m. Wednesday in the 600 block of West Washington. Police said Rodney Jackson, of Hoopeston, was northbound in a 2010 Chevrolet truck when someone backed from a driveway, struck Jackson's truck, then left the scene. No injuries were reported.

Scott J. Howe, 26, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 1:44 p.m. Wednesday. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for writ of attachment, he was extradited to Iroquois County in lieu of \$500 bond.

Pay continued from other side

The \$9 billion to pay regional superintendents is in the \$32 billion budget. The issue may come up in the October veto session. "I would presume I'd vote in favor of (the override)," he said.

Barickman also fielded questions about the state employee pension system, which, he said, needs to be reformed; tort and Workman's Compensation reform, which he favors; the state gambling bill, which Barickman said will need 71 votes to override Quinn's veto. If Quinn "tinkers with" the bill, it will probably collapse, he said.

Barickman is running for the senate district against incumbent Shane Cultra. His decision has nothing against Cultra, he said. "I believe I can make a difference," he said.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 64. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 43. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 69, low 50. Sunday, chance of thunderstorms. High 74, low 60.

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HOOPESTON: 618 S. 2nd Ave. Fri., 8-2, Sat., 8-12. Christmas decorations, clothing (girls 6-12 and men's XL) VCR, small TV, misc.

HOOPESTON: 626 E. McNeil. Fri., noon-?, Sat., 8-12. Clothing, lots of misc.

HOOPESTON: 849 E. Thompson. Fri. & Sat., 7 a.m.-? Bath spa, bathroom sink w/faucet, bi-fold doors/no hdwr, ceiling fans, coats, coffee maker, doors -28"30"32"36', games, knife sharpener, light fixtures, mirrors, movies, motivational cassettes, paintings, poster frames, Santa, shoes, shower door, tables, tiles, toilet, women's clothes, WWE items, credenza, etc.

HOOPESTON: 609 W. Penn. Sat., 9-? Create a new wardrobe - lots of girls & women's brand name clothing, boys clothing, toys, printer & more!

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Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, corn, applesauce, cookie

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Turkey & noodles, mashed potatoes, pears, bread, butter

THURSDAY: Burrito, salad, pineapple, chips & salsa

FRIDAY: BBQ rib/bun, baked beans, mixed fruit

Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools

MONDAY: Chicken wrap or ham & cheese, salad, applesauce, pudding

TUESDAY: Hotdog or cheeseburger, fries, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli or BBQ rib, salad, pears

THURSDAY: Turkey & noodles or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll

FRIDAY: Sausage pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit

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