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## Hoopeston employees feel pinch of budget balancing cuts

Some Hoopeston employees are feeling the pinch of officials tightening the city's belt to balance the budget.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said the status of some employees' status has been changed, while others agreed to cut hours or eliminate benefits to help the city make ends meet.

Two positions currently vacant - one in the street/alley department and the other in water/sewer - will not be filled, Crusinberry said.

Two others - one each in parks and cemetery departments - will be reclassified as seasonal. That change will go into effect in July, Crusinberry said.

A second parks department employee has given up his insurance.

In the communications/police departments, four dispatchers have each given up hours each pay period to accommodate a fifth dispatcher recently hired and the next officer to resign will not be replaced, Crusinberry said.

While budgeting has been tight for three years, Crusinberry said officials started the process with a projected \$320,000 deficit based on individual department requests and accrual funds for major purchases, such as police cars and fire trucks. The council cut line items to about \$180,000 but the only way to slash some costs, specifically health insurance, was to make personnel cuts.

Health insurance costs rose about \$100,000 over last year, and were expected to cost the city more than \$600,000 this year, Crusinberry said.

Employees pay less than 10 percent of those costs, with the city picking up the rest, he said.

Additionally, the city has lost about \$100,000 on state income tax, and while sales tax is holding steady, the state is four to six months behind in paying it to the city.

Crusinberry estimated decreased insurance costs at \$81,000 for 10 months, with another \$79,000 saved in wages and about \$13,000 in employee-related costs.

After figuring in all the cuts, officials still had to take about \$100,000 from reserve funds to balance the budget, Crusinberry said.

This year's budgetary news was not all bad for employees, however. Along with having to pay more

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# NAMES IN THE NEWS

## Birch named new manager

A new manager was named recently at Hoopeston Express Lube.

Hoopeston native Josh Birch, 22, was named to the position about a month ago. Birch worked at Express Lube's Danville facility since 2009 before receiving the promotion.

Birch praised Express Lube owners Kevin and Kit Davis, saying they are "great people." The job allows him to do things he loves: working around cars and interacting with people. "I'm a good people person," Birch said.



**BIRCH**

## Luke wins Matey award

The Collegiate Sports Video Association concluded its annual convention on May 17 announcing the 15th Bob Matey National Video Coordinator of the Year Award winner.

This year's winner is former Hoopeston resident Christopher Luke of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was selected from the 17 conference video coordinator of the year winners by a majority vote of his peers.



**LUKE**

The Bob Matey Award is presented to the video coordinator who displays innovation, determination, perseverance, and technical skill as portrayed by the late Bob Matey, legendary video coordinator from Texas A&M. Prior to the formation of the Collegiate Sports Video Association in 1995, Matey played a crucial role in the formation of the organization in order to cultivate value and respect to the video coordinator position.

Luke is the first Matey Award winner to have worked in the Texas A&M Video Lab.

## Crystal Valley Quartet, New Direction Trio to present Rossville Music in the Park

ROSSVILLE—Two groups will kick off this year's Southern Gospel Music in the Park Saturday evening.

Crystal Valley Quartet is a regional southern gospel band based in Terre Haute, Ind. They are independent recording artists with six CDs to their credit. They have performed on the regional stage at the National Quartet Convention in Louisville, Ken., American's largest Christian music event.

The quartet includes four vocalists and a pianist.

New Direction, of Bradley, blends traditional and progressive southern gospel music. Formed in 2005 by Vern Grable, the trio also includes Grable's son, Shaun, a natural baritone, and Anthony Hudgins, who sings leads. They use tracks and present several a capella

songs in their repertoire.

The concert will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday in Christman Park, located at 300 Stufflebeam Drive. The concert is free but a love offering will be taken.

Bring lawn chairs and a friend. In case of rain, the

## Briefly

### VBS

"Rev It Up Full Throttle for God" is the theme of this year's vacation bible school at First Baptist Church, 323 E. Seminary. VBS will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. June 18-22 and is open to youngsters in grades kindergarten-sixth.

A free teen activity will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 20. People in grades seven-12 are invited to free pizza and game night in the church gym.

For more information or a ride, call 283-6820.

For more information, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

## Police News



A pair of black and white Air Jordans was left at McDonald's Monday. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:12 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of East Wyman. Police said Ryne Stark, of Hoopeston, in a 1995 GMC truck, was pulling into a driveway when he became distracted and struck a gas meter, damaging the meter and causing a gas leak.

Hoopeston Fire Department and EMS also responded to the call.

## Budget continued from other side

for their insurance coverage, officials also approved a 3.25 percent raise.

Crusinberry compared the budget to a wound that officials tried to put a band-aid on for two years. This year, he said, the wound was "too big and a band-aid won't work." Officials had to "use our heads and not our hearts" when dealing with the budget, he said.

## Weather



Sunny today. High 76. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, sunny. High 82, low 60.

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

concert will be moved indoors.

For more information, call Richard Birkey, (217) 495-0011.



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