Tuesday is Senior Citizens Day



## **Huge Food Sale**

Wednesday, Jan. 7 6:30 p.m.

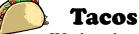
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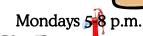
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### **Letters to the Editor**



### 'Thanks' for Miracle donations

Thank you to all who participated in the success of the 2003 Miracle Tree program. Thank you goes to everyone who took a tag (tags0 from the Miracle Tree at Weber's Drug or the one at Pamida and purchased gifts for a child or children. "Thank you" goes to all those businesses, social clubs, civic organizations, churches or any other organization who lent their support to the Miracle Tree in any way. And a special "Thank You" goes to the management and staff of Weber's Drug Store and Pamida for all their help in collecting and recording the gifts.

The Miracle Tree is a success each year because there are so many loving, caring and giving people in the community of Hoopeston and we sincerely appreciate everyone's contribution again this year, when needs were great and local resources were spread thin.

2003 Miracle Tree Workers

### **Group thanks legislator**

The Illinois Coalition for Competitive Telecommuni-

cations (ICCT) recently presented State Senator Dan Rutherford (R-53) with the "Friend of the Consumer Award" for his principled fight to protect consumer interests by voting "No" on Senate Bill 885, SBC's anticonsumer, anti-competitive legislation that would have increased phone rates for Illinois consumers by as much as 70 percent.

Led by SBC president Bill Daley (brother of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley) and a group of influential lobbyists, the phone giant launched an assault on the General Assembly. In 96 hours, SBC rammed this anti-consumer bill through the General Assembly. Hours after the measure hit his desk, Governor Blagojevich signed it into law. Recently, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected SBC's appeal of a federal district court's decision to block Senate Bill 885 from being enacted and agreed that SBC's massive rate-hike law was in violation of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

It is estimated that Illinois consumers save roughly \$300 million a year on their phone bills as a direct result

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## Briefly

### **Tiny Tots**

"Green Eggs and Ham" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

### **Blood drive**

Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will host a blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. To schedule an appointment, call Melissa Johnson, 283-4122 and leave a message.

Donors are eligible to give if their last blood donation was on or before Nov. 21, 2003.

### Gun safety kits available

The Hoopeston Police Department is providing free firearm safety kits to residents through a partnership with Project Childsafe, a nationwide firearms safety education program.

The kits, which include a gun lock, are available now. Kits are limited to one per person and will be given away until all 200 are gone.

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### **Bowling Scores**



| 1. |          | <b>Thursday Afternoon Ladies</b><br>Standings 12/18/03<br>Pla-Mor |
|----|----------|---|
| 2. | 31<br>17 | Carolynn's  |
| 3. | 26<br>22 | Knuth's   |
| 4. | 21<br>27 | Unger's   |
|    | 18       |   |

High Team Handicap Game: Pla-Mor Lanes 862, Carolynn's 813, Knuth's 801; High Team Handicap Series: Pla-Mor Lanes 2,352, Unger's 2,326, Carolynn's 2,294; **High** Individual Scratch Game: Mona Birch 180, Sharon Potter

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### Rossville

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Milford

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### Thursday Night City Men's League 12/18/03

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| 2. | Team America |

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|    |    | 39                   | 56 |                   |
| 3. |    | Lazer-N-Lights       | 49 |                   |
|    |    |                      | 6. | Lawson Products   |
|    |    | 61                   |    | 51                |
|    | 44 |                      |    | 54                |
| 4. |    | Con Agra Store Foods | 7. | P.V. Snow Removal |
|    |    | 61                   |    | 41                |
|    |    | 44                   |    | 64                |
| 5. |    | Tax Service Plus     | 8. | Team 8            |

### New Books at the Library

#### **Non-fiction:**

Complete Bike Book by Chris Sidwells

The Encyclopedia of Country Living: an Old Fashioned Recipe Book by Carla Emery

Ortho's Home Repair Problem Solver..Structural Edition by Robert J. Beckstrom

The Baby Owner's Manual...Operating Instructions, Trouble-Shooting Tips and Advice on First-Year Main-

### **Obituaries**

**DECKER** - Elmer E. Decker, 86, of rural Milford, died at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004 at his home. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Amity Cemetery near Goodwine. Military rites will be accorded by the Cissna Park American Legion Post 527. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

### **Letters** continued from other side

of competition in local phone service. Senate Bill 885 would have significantly raised the rates SBC competitors pay to access the local phone network, forcing competitors to raise their rates or leave the Illinois market entirely.

Faced with strong political pressure, Senator Rutherford demonstrated that he puts people before politics. His vote against SBC's rate-hike legislation made it clear that his top priority in Springfield is to vote in his constituents' best interests.

Senator Rutherford's constituents are lucky to have such a principled individual in the legislature fighting to protect their pocketbooks from greedy out-of-state, multi-billion dollar corporations.

> Sincerely, Melia Carter Director of the ICCT

FRALEY - Dolores Fraley, 73, of Hoopeston died at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 9:30-10:15 a.m. Wednesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association or Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation.

HUFFMAN - Fern B. Huffman, 92, of Danville died at 3:06 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004 at Hoopeston Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville, Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Nursing Home or a charity of the donor's choice. Mrs. Huffman was stepmother of Leo Huffman of Hoopes-

### Weather



Sunny today. High 16. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 3. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of snow late. High 23, low 18.

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

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Pottery and Porcelain Ceramics Price Guide edited by Kyle Husfloen

Seabiscuit: an American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand

The Chicago Manual of Style (reference)

Jane Austen: a Companion by Josephine Ross

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Bushwhacked: Life in George W. Bush's America by Molly Ivins

A Series Way of Wondering: the Ethics of Jesus Imagined by Reynolds Price

Strengthening Your Grip...How to Live Confidently in an Aimless World by Charles R. Swindoll

Girl Wars: 12 Strategies That Will End Female Bullying by Cheryl Dellasega

Not Much Just Chillin': The Hidden Lives of Middle Schoolers by Linda Perlstein

GirlSource: a Book By and For Young Women About Relationships, Rights, Futures, Bodies, Minds, and Souls (young adult)

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