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## Rural Hoopeston residents may request phone tax be stricken

Rural Hoopeston residents who were charged a city telecommunications tax on their phone bills are asked to call city hall.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, Mayor Chalmers Flint said rural residents are asked to call city hall, 283-5833, so their names can be deleted from those who are taxed.

The action came after Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin questioned why she, as a rural resident, had the tax on her cell phone bill.

Flint said he will check with Springfield to see if the city legally needs to rebate taxes paid by rural residents. "If they say we have to pay it, we'll pay it," he said. "If they say we don't have to, at least it will be deleted (from future bills.)"

City resident Larry Bury also spoke to the council about the phone tax. His January Nextel bill contained a 13 percent city tax, which he called "excessive."

City attorney Bill Nelson said the telephone company put the wrong tax on. Since the mistake was made by the phone company, Nelson said he believes the city is under no obligation to refund the tax - or delete rural residents from the tax lists, either.

However, rural residents have 30 days to contact city hall to provide their names, addresses and telephone service providers so they may be removed.

In unrelated action, the council heard from engineer Larry Johnson of Daily & Associates regarding the award of merit the company received on the city's lagoon project. The award was presented Friday by the Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois.

Johnson presented Ted Goodner, plant manager of Hoopeston Foods, Inc., with a commemorative plaque because the project was directly related to wastewater from the plant.



**Brandon Hamilton, right, takes the oath of office at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting. Hamilton will represent Ward 4 until the April 1 election and is running unopposed in the election.**

In accepting the plaque, Goodner said the firm is appreciative of "working with the city and keeping the jobs here." HFI has increased its workforce over the past two years and currently has two potential projects which, if successful, could boost production from seasonal to year-round with two shifts per day.

In unrelated discussion, the council:

- heard a request for a conditional use permit from Connie Staton to open a beauty shop at 504 E. Wyman. The plan committee will hear the request at 4:15 p.m. Feb. 17.
- learned finance committee chairman Bill Goodwine is conducting a wage and benefits study of surrounding communities. A survey has not been done in several years, he said.



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### Bowling Scores



**Hoopeston Women’s Bowling League**  
Standings 1/27/03

1.	Weber Drugs	31.5	33	51
		31.5		
		30.5		
		33.5		
2.	BJ’s Pump	30	33	51
		36.5		
		24.5		
3.	R&R Body Shop	36	29	34
		27		
4.	Main Street Travel	36	29	34
		27		
5.	Caddy Shack Bar & Grill	36	29	34
		27		
6.	Yaden-Rethelford	35	4	59
		28		
7.	Royal “B’s”	35		
		28		
8.	Rut-Roh	34		
		29		
9.	Easy Sliders			

**High Team Handicap Game:** R&R Body Shop 1,085, Caddy Shack Bar & Grill 1,067, Main Street Travel 1,058; **High Team Handicap Series:** Main Street Travel 3,150, R&R Body Shop 3,143, Royal “B’s” 3,059; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Patty Cappellano 257, JoAnne Gress 255, Mona Birch 224; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Patty Cappellano 648, Mona Birch 627, Glenda Reed 617

**Tuesday Night Classic League**  
Standings 1/28/02

1.	Hiltz Portable Sanitation			
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### Briefly

**Winners**  
Winners in the monthly Hoopeston Women Making a Difference drawing are: \$25, Marilyn Unger and Frances Long; \$15, Arthur Thompson; and \$10, Jennifer Wallace.

**GED review**  
GED review classes will begin Feb. 10 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Classes will meet from 4-6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays for 12 weeks. Classes are also offered at Hoopeston Area High School from 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.  
For more information, call Gene Hanson at (217) 283-5544 or 283-5785.

**Tiny Tots**  
“Green” is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room.  
Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

**Weather**

Partly sunny today. High 25. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 18. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 28, low 8.  
For current weather conditions, call the **Hoop-**



### Police News

A 46-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone took a temporary registration from her vehicle while it was at Casey’s General Store, 225 E. Orange.

### Classifieds

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