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Hoopeston council approves 30-year tower lease extension

In a 7-1 vote, the Hoopeston City Council approved a 30-year extension on the lease for a tower at the city slab.

The action came at an eight-minute session of the council Tuesday night.

Crown Castle International requested an extension to its lease, which currently had been set to expire in 2019, a few months ago, to allow it to offer long-term leases to its customers.

Under provisions of the extension, Crown Castle will provide at \$8,500 signing bonus plus increase its annual payment based on the Consumer Price Index, said Alderman Bill Goodwine.

Currently, the company pays about \$7,800 annually to the city.

Alderman Ed Lotz voted against the extension because he had not seen a copy of the agreement prior to the vote.

Rep. Johnson urges citizens to get coupon for TV converters

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. Timothy V. Johnson is urging constituents to take advantage of the free government offer of coupons valued at \$40 that can be used to purchase set-top converter boxes that will allow older analog televisions to receive digital signals.

“The broadcast industry is in the process of one of the biggest, government-mandated technological overhauls since the advent of color televisions,” Johnson said. “Most consumers will not be affected by this, but there are still tens of thousands of Illinois citizens who still rely on older televisions and do not get cable or satellite service. They are the ones for whom this program is designated.

“The transition will be here before you know it, and the broadcast industry, as well as members of Congress, need to do all we can to inform the public of this monumental transition.

The mandated transition date is Feb. 19, 2009. Each household is eligible for up to two \$40 coupons upon request that are good toward the purchase of up to two converter boxes. The cost of each box is esti-



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mated at \$50-\$70. A separate converter box is needed for each analog television that relies on over-the-air broadcasts. The boxes are not necessary if TVs are connected to a cable or satellite system.

The coupons are available through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. To obtain the coupon or further information on the subject, citizens may call 1-888-DTV-2009, visit www.dtv2009.gov, or email couponinfor@ntia.doc.gov.

While a digital convert will allow people to continue to watch programming on analog sets, people will need to purchase high-definition televisions to receive programming in high-definition.

High definition means a clearer, higher-resolution picture, better signal reception and the opportunity for broadcasters to provide additional programming. Additionally, once the transition is complete, the vacated analog broadcast spectrum will be available for additional public safety communications and for more advanced wireless services for consumers.

Coupons will be available through March 2009.



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The chosen applicant must have a sincere desire to work with the elderly so their lifestyle in the Nursing Home can be a highly positive one. A valid driver's license is required along with a positive and outgoing personality.

If you're interested in this position, please complete an application with the hospital receptionist before Monday, March 12th.

EDWARDS - Hazel Lois Edwards 71, of Hoopeston, died at 12:09 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

McNEAL - Alicia Marie McNeal, 28, of Hoopeston died at 6:09 p.m. Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the

funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Alicia McNeal Children's Memorial Fund, c/o Community Bank, Hoopeston.

WEBBER - Marie Louise (Lingley) Webber, 84, of Hoopeston died at 7:15 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2008 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Brown-Alkire Funeral

Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

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Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in a three-vehicle accident at 12:37 p.m. Tuesday at Orange and Fourth Ave.

Police said Belinda Collen of Hoopeston, in a 1995 Chevrolet and Ethan Pierce in a 2000 Ford truck, were stopped, waiting to turn. Andrew Johnson, also of Hoopeston, in a 1997 Dodge truck, was unable to stop and hit Collen, pushing that vehicle into Pierce's.

James B. Martin Jr., 51, of Danville was arrested

at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday in the 100 block of East Main. He was charged with disorderly conduct and having an open alcohol container in public, both city ordinance violations. He was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Briefly

Book signing, reading

Patricia J. and Donna R. DeMuth of Paxton will read and tell stories from their newest book, Backyard Bones. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 6.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today and tonight. High 35, low 19. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 29, low 13.

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

Bowling Scores

Thursday Afternoon Ladies League

1/24/08

	Won	Lost
1. Ungers	36	21
2. H&R Block	33	24
3. Cade's Heating & Air	33	24
4. WHPO	27.5	29.5
5. Budget Mini Storage	26	31
6. Tooth Fairies	15.5	41.5

High Team Handicap Game: Cades' Heating & Air 2374, Budget Mini Storage 2276; **High Team Handicap Series:** Ungers 814, WHPO 769; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Darlene Musk, 197, Sharon Potter 192, Flo Lober 179; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Darlene Musk 471, Flo Lober 463, Linda Van Burk 462.

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