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# Local grocery store, theater work to save residents money

Spotlight on

**BUSINESS** 

## Lorraine cuts ticket prices

The new owner of the Lorraine Theatre has cut ticket prices to allow more residents to enjoy first-run movies.

Effective Friday, prices for people 12 and older will be lowered from \$7 to \$5 for movies starting after 6 p.m., said theater owner Kevin Alvarez. The cost to attend matinees for the age range will be \$3 per person.

For children under 12 and people 62 and over, admission will be \$3 for both matinees and evening showings.

Alvarez said it is "almost impossible" to get film companies to allow lower prices. However, he said, after explaining Hoopeston's economy, film companies agreed to the lower prices in exchange for Alvarez offering more show times per movie. "The film companies want to see Hoopeston keep their theater," he said. "I want to see Hoopeston keep their theater."

Alvarez is pleased that film companies are willing to work with him. "I think they're bending over backwards to make it work," he said. "I think it's great because they really don't have to."

New prices are reflective of those in the 1970s and will allow theater-goers to pay "discount prices on firstrun films," he said, adding there will be no further discounts allowed by film companies. "There's no way to go lower."

In coming weeks, the Lorraine will open films including "Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer" Friday; "Ratatouille" on June 29; "Transformers" on July 3 and "Harry Potter: Order of the Phoenix" on July 13.

If residents do not take advantage of lowered ticket prices and increased show times, film companies will demand that he raise ticket prices," Alvarez said.

## **Grocery change to save money**

A name change for a local grocery means lower prices for customers.

Effective June 1, Price-Less Foods became Sav-U-More Food Store, said owner Frank Smith.

Prices have been lowered on thousands of items in the store, he said.

For example, Duncan Hines cake mixes, which used to be \$1.79 per box, are now

99 cents per box every day. The only exclusion is the angel food variety, he said.

Name brands, such as Banquet, Bush, Kraft and Kellogg's, are not the only products to get the price ax. Prices on many store brands, including Valu Time and Shurfine have been lowered, as well.

Smith hopes the new format will entice more people from the area to shop the store and save money, while not sacrificing the quality customers have come to know and expect.

And while many things are changing at the store, one thing will remain the same. The store's meat department is something of a "sacred cow." No changes will be made in the quality of the meat offered at Sav-U-Mor, Smith said.

Another thing that will stay is delivery to local residents, which is offered Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. However, Smith said, in emergency situations, employees will deliver any day.

One thing has been discontinued in the changeover. The "Win What You Spend and More" promotion has been dropped.

However, with the change, residents may now register to win one of 50 bags of groceries to be given away free. Signups are available at the store.

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#### Lawbreakers force slab change

Due to stealing and illegal dumping at the city slab, the slab will be locked from 3 p.m.-7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. Beginning June 23, an b attendant will be on duty on Saturdays from 7 a.m.-noon.

The slab is for yard waste only. Anyone caught putting anything else at the slab or caught stealing, will be prosecuted.

#### Flea market seeks vendors

Vendors are being sought for a flea market June 22-23 at North Fork Conservation Club. The flea market will be held in conjunction with the club's annual picnic. There is no fee for vendors to set up. For information or to reserve a space, call (217) 202-5953.

#### Crossing closed

The Maple St. railroad crossing is closed for repairs until further notice.

#### Fishing clinics

Kennekuk Fishing Clinic will hold two demonstrations for local children. Clinic members will be at the Crabtree shelter at McFerren Park June 27 and July 31, from 9-11:30 a.m. both days. There is no charge.

#### **Soccer registration**

Online registration is now available for all age groups and communities for the fall 2007 season of Danville Soccer Association. Go to www.DanvilleSoccer.org for information, and to register.

Online registration is the only way to register for DSA

this year. Hoopeston will not hold individual registration dates. If you don't have access to the internet and still wish to sign your child up for DSA Soccer, contact Bob Brown, (217) 283-5475 or (217) 772-1202.



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#### **Police News**

John P. Elliott, 39, of 322 W. Washington was arrested after an incident at 7:28 p.m. Monday at BJ's Pump, 1023 W. Main.

Elliott was charged with battery on a complaint from a 46-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Elliott battered him.

Elliott was released on \$100 cash bond with a court date at Vermilion County Circuit Court, Danville.

Julie A. Holt, 41, of 410 N. Seventh St., turned herself in to police at 9:05 p.m. Monday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for contempt of court, she was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

The following bicycles have been found around the city during the past few months. Owners may identify and claim them at the police station:

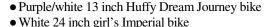
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#### Children's Room

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Peter Pan in Scarlet by Geraldine McCaughrean

### Weather



Sunny today and tomorrow. Highs 89, lows 64. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

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