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Lorraine Foundation takes a look back, looks to future of 100-year-old theater

Many people have fond memories of the Lorraine Theatre and on Sunday afternoon, scores of them came to share those stories.

Save the Lorraine Foundation held a celebration Sunday to mark the theater's 100th year of providing entertainment to Hoopeston and the surrounding area.

Jim Richards, foundation vice-president, regaled party-goers with several memories. Ray Stump, who worked at the Lorraine through several owners and who met and married his wife, Julie, at the theater, also had a story or two to tell.

Back in 1920, Elijah J. Boorde, and his son, John, had an idea for the theater. Groundbreaking began in April 1921 and on March 6, 1922, the theater opened to the public, having cost the princely sum of \$100,000.

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Centennial entertainment continues with local talent

Local talent will take to the Lorraine Theatre stage Sunday for "Lorraine Locals: A Live Lyrical Showcase."

Showcasing their talent will be Bill Murphy, the Taubert Ladies, Bob Wilson, Hoopeston Area High School Show Choir, Tyler Robinson and Jerry Urich.

Admission is by freewill donation.

The event is part of the Save the Lorraine Foundation's "Celebrating Our Centennial" events that will be held throughout this year.

The next event will be live theater with "The Play That Goes Wrong, at 7 p.m. March 25,26 and 2 p.m. March 27. Tickets are \$16 and may be purchased at www.thelorraine theatre.com/tickets.



Jim Richards, Save the Lorraine Foundation vice president, regales guests with stories and memories of the Lorraine Theatre Sunday during a celebration of the theatre's 100th year. Fontella Fraley Krout, who bought the Lorraine theaters after a previous owner went bankrupt, and donated them to the foundation, attended the centennial event and is seated in the last seat in the back row.

From the Blotter

Melissa Morefield, 33, of Milford, was arrested by Iroquois County Sheriff's Police Saturday. Wanted on a Kankakee County warrant for failure to appear on possession of methamphetamine, she was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where she remained in lieu of bond.

Obituaries

HUGHES - Debra Lynn Hughes, 70, of Rossville, died at 7:51 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2022, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

First Baptist Church to show movie, 'Sabina' Friday, Sunday

Sabina Wurmbrand was an ambitious, worldly atheist until God's love transformed her into one of the greatest Christian women in the 20th century.

A film about her life will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 11 and Sunday, March 13, at First Baptist Church, 323 E. Seminary, Hoopeston.

"Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years," depicts how Sabina risked her life to save three Nazi

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ter over the years. Near the end of 1922, Boorde's brother-in-law, John Randolph Thompson, a restaurateur and owner of a grocery store chain in Chicago, bought the lease from Boorde. In August, 1924, Frank and Martin Polka, of the Chicago Polka Bros. theater circuit, bought the lease and sold in March 1925, to Arthur McCollum and Tracy Orr. Orr later gave up his share and McCollum became the sole owner.

In 1962, Art Nelson, McCollum's theater manager, bought the lease and held it until 1987, when he sold it to Greg Boardman and Jim Franklin.

Boardman owned the theater for 20 years and made many improvements in that time, including opening the

soldiers, members of the army that killed her entire family.

Sabina and her husband, Richard, co-founded The Voice of the Martyrs and led an underground Christian ministry to those who suffered under Nazi and Communist oppression in Romania.

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Lorraine II in 1998.

Kevin Alvarez, of Wisconsin, bought the theater in May 2007 and sold it in October 2008 to Josh Caudle, of California.

He remodeled the theater but economic circumstances forced him to close it in April 2012. MainSource Bank held the loan and took the theaters and, after they went through bankruptcy, sold them to Fontella Fraley Krout.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 47. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 27. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of snow late. High 43, low 26.

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She donated them to the Save the Lorraine Foundation and was a special guest at Sunday's centennial celebration.

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for the position of probationary police officer. Applications will be accepted until the testing date of April 2, 2022. Testing will begin at 10 a.m. April 2 at Hoopeston Area Middle School Library for the written test. The physical agility test will take place immediately after the written exam.

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