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Jennifer Lind mans the pizza paddle as husband, Bill looks on. The couple bought Pizza King in November.

## Bill and Jennifer Lind do double duty to run pizza business

On a recent Friday night, watching Bill and Jennifer Lind work the Pizza King dining room was like watching a dance. The much taller Bill raised pizzas high as he walked to the counter, while Jennifer twirled out of her husband's way as he went to take an order.

The husband and wife team are the new owners of Pizza King in Hoopeston. They took ownership of the business November 1, 2021 and were up and running on November 3.

Owning the restaurant is a dream come true for Bill, a trained chef. He moved from Indiana to Hoopeston several years ago to be the chef at Hubbard Trail Country Club. In September 2020, he was Hoopeston's representative to WCIA Channel 3's "Our Town Grill Master" competition. He came in second in the event, sponsored by Illinois Pork Producers. In the years in between, he has cooked for special events and family activities. When

See PIZZA on other side

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the couple learned Pizza King was for sale, they contacted Carl and Marlene Shipman, only to learn someone else also had their eyes on Pizza King.

Disappointed, the couple went on with their life, with Bill working as a shift supervisor at Silgan Containers and Jennifer working for Hiltz Portable Sanitation.

Communication from the Shipmans put them back in the game. “We got a text asking “Are you still interested,” Bill said. They were.

Both went from one job each to two, keeping their current positions and adding restaurant duties to the mix. So far, it’s working. “Some days, I’m ready to come in and I think, ‘I’m so tired,’” Jennifer said. “Then I get here and I think, ‘This is fun!’”

When asked how he juggles Pizza King and being a swing shift supervisor, “It’s been a struggle,” he admitted, adding that getting familiar with the working of Pizza King makes juggling the jobs easier.

Both said they will keep their day jobs as earnings from the restaurant are put back into the business. They have already had to replace some equipment. Also, a couple of weeks after buying the Pizza King building, at 111 E. Main, incorporated as Smoke and Pizza Pies, LLC, the Linds purchased the adjacent 109 E. Main in hopes of expanding their dining area.

Bill said he would like to expand the kitchen area and move the order area towards the front of the Pizza King building. A few tables would remain for customers to wait for their food. An expanded dining area would be created in the new-to-them building. But all of that will take time and money, he said.

For now, the couple is focusing on expanding the Pizza King menu. Pizza King is not a franchise, Bill said. Owners of the 73 Pizza Kings - 72 in Indiana and one in Hoopeston - have to serve items specific to Pizza King using Pizza King ingredients. That includes items such as strombolis and the pepperoni used for pizzas.

Owners can create new delights for customers, which the Linds have already done, introducing The Wreck, a sandwich combining sausage, pepperoni, cheese, onions and jalapenos with a nacho cheese sauce, served on a Vienna loaf. A Wreck of a pizza has also been created.

Pizza King will be offering oven-baked French fries soon and the popular breadsticks have been shined up with a bit of garlic butter.

A grilling aficionado, Bill is adding Italian beef and pulled pork offerings to the menu, including a nacho pulled pork pizza, a straight up pulled pork pizza, and pulled pork nachos.

They’re also offering a homemade marina sauce.

He started to talk about a new chicken dish when Jennifer made a face. “We just had new menus made,” she said, and that isn’t on it.”

It may not be on the menu, but Pizza King will probably be serving it soon - if unofficial taste testers like it.

When Bill gets an idea, he creates it, then offers samples to customers. Sometimes, employees make suggestions, too. If the items get favorable reviews, they’re in.

The Linds’ son, Will, 17, started working at Pizza King under the Shipmans and now works for his parents. Their daughter, Kennedy, at 14, is too young to legally do many food service tasks but is expected to join the crew when she turns 15.

Although the family will be working together, Jennifer and Bill agreed early on that they need to take time away from Pizza King to spend time as a family. Tuesday evenings and Sundays are now reserved to spend time with

**Obituaries**

**EVANS** - Robert D. Evans, 86, of Milford, died Sunday, April 3, 2022, at home. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to Milford Methodist Church. Condolences may be shared at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

**From the Blotter**

**Police were called** at 4:17 p.m. Sunday to the 200 block of West Maple, where a 41-year-old Hoopeston man alleged someone burgled his vehicle. Police were unable to find the suspect but in the early morning hours Sunday, Marty Fink came to the police department to report suspicious activity. He was arrested at 3:29 a.m., charged with burglary to auto and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 1:35 p.m. Monday at West Penn and South First Ave. Police said Marciara N. Mitchell, 29, of Glenwood, was northbound, stopped, and proceeded to turn right on Penn when she struck an Ameren pole.

**Tyler J. Bruens**, 26 of Watseka, was arrested Monday by Iroquois County Sheriff’s Police. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended, he was taken the tie Iroquois County Jail and released on bond.

each other and other family members.

Since opening, the Linds have survived Covid-19, scheduling difficulties, supply shortages but still are excited about what they’re doing and enthusiastic about the community they serve.

Jennifer remembered early on, Pizza King was out of straws. A quick call to Doug Wagoner at Fast Lanes solved that problem. She also talks about the cards and flowers they received when they opened, including from the owners of other restaurants. “They’ve come in here to eat and we go to their places,” she said.

The restaurant was featured on a local television station recently. A group of widows was eating there and a view-

**Classifieds**

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Hoopeston business is looking for an employee with data entry and telephone skills and multiple other office duties. Send resume to [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net).

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Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please

er called in to pay their bill. A Champaign County resident was in Cissna Park shortly after and came to Hoopeston after seeing the segment on television.

Pizza King is open for dine-in customers at 111 E. Main. For take-out or delivery, customers may call (217) 283-5911.

**Weather**

Breezy, showers, rain today, tonight. High 70, low 38. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 44, low 29.

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