





EASTER SUNDAY

Free To Go Meals

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH 2022

10 A.M.-12 P.M.

112 WINE AND COFFEE SHOP

112 EAST MAIN STREET

HOOPESTON, ILLINOIS

 Reservations not needed



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Willdon ownership goes from foundation to fitness group

The Lorraine Foundation has spearheaded multiple economic and restoration projects including the Little Lorraine, Old City Hall, Sewing Boutique (now "Stay Awhile"), 402 E Main clean-up (old gas station east of Lorraine), but the most impressive, second only to the Lorraine itself, has been the revitalization of the Willdon Building.

After being vacant for nearly 13 years, the Lorraine Foundation reopened its doors only six months after taking possession in January 2017. The foundation had a significant amount of help to make Willdon plans a reality but none more critical than the investment Sculpt Fitness provided as the building's anchor tenant. Without Sculpt's partnership, the project would not have been possible.

The foundation is happy to share that Sculpt Fitness is taking their investment to the next level by assuming ownership and responsibility for the building itself.

The Sculpt team, doing business as Willdon Development LLC, purchased the Willdon Building to expand their business and continue restoration efforts for future expansion on the upper floors.

Originally listed at \$79,000, the Willdon sold for \$50,000, said Alex Houmes, Lorraine Foundation president. The lower price was based on Sculpt's previous investment, as well as both groups' aligned vision for the building's future and being local owners.

When the Willdon was placed on the 2016 tax sale, foundation members feared an absentee owner might purchase the building and strip it of its interior. "We had the opportunity to secure another historical structure and felt it was something we had to do," Houmes said. "With Sculpt's help, our risk paid off an downtown has been bettered because of it."

In the intervening years since the foundation took on the Willdon, its board planned to consolidate their efforts to better focus on the Lorraine.

Private investment has brought exciting new devel-



Photo submitted

Pictured, from left, are Rachel Fenner and Kasey Moore, new owners of Sculpt Fitness/Willdon Development LLC and Alex Houmes, Lorraine Foundation president outside of the Willdon Building.

opment and growth to downtown Hoopeston, he said. "Now is the perfect time for our organization to continue stepping back from these additional projects to better focus on our core mission of the Lorraine Theatre's restoration and entertainment." Among its other holdings, the Lorraine Foundation also owns the building

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Briefly

Lions Club winners

Winners in Hoopeston Lions Club's fundraiser raffle are: Julie McCrory, 1/4 beef from Lockhart Angus; Rich Eisenmann, 1/2 hog from Wonderpork; Dean Grimes, \$100 Kirby Foods gift card; Steve Mastin, \$75 gift card from 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe and Rose Norman, \$50 Pump gift card.

The Lions Club congratulates the winners and appreciates the support of the community.

At the library

Coming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **STEAM Lab**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Project is building a roller coaster with drinking straws.

Willdon continued from other side

directly across the street from the Willdon. That building is set for demolition, Hourmes said, adding, "We do not have intentions to acquire additional properties at this time.

"We sincerely thank all who have had a part in the Willdon Building's revitalization. Best of luck and thank you to Sculpt Fitness & the new Willdon Development business!"

Kaylynn L. Krueger, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police responded at 1:38 p.m. Monday to a report of a senior citizen being battered in the 600 block of East Thompson. She was charged with domestic battery and criminal damage to auto over \$300 and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Dakota D. Daugherty, 30, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called to a child custody dispute at

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 11:15 a.m. Monday to KBA Limited Properties, 102 N. First Ave., for railroad ties on fire. Firefighters were called to the scene again at 1:20 p.m. after the fire re-ignited.

No injuries were reported.

Weather

Severe thunderstorms, breezy today. High 70. Tonight, thunderstorms/showers likely. Low 39. Tomorrow, sunny, breezy. High 55, low 39.

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From the Blotter

3:50 p.m. Monday in the 200 block of West Elm.

He was charged with disorderly conduct and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

An investigation into a report of damage to property reported Sunday led to the arrest of three Hoopeston

boys.

The youngsters - two aged 13 and a 15-year-old - and their parents were questioned at the police station, where they were charged with criminal damage to property and released on notices to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

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