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**Lorraine to become speakeasy for murder mystery dinner**

Hearken back to the days when gin was made in bathtubs and gangsters ruled as the Lorraine Theatre offers up a whodunit over dinner.

On Saturday, March 11, guests will be welcomed to the Lorraine Theatre's 1922 Speakeasy, sure to be the event of the century!

This Murder Mystery Dinner takes you back to the roaring twenties as Jazz-Age flappers flouted Prohibition laws and the Harlem Renaissance redefined arts and culture.

The Seven Corpse Dinner will be presented by Campaign-Urbana Theater Company with jazz-themed music played by local supporter Theta Lee.

The "Lorraine Speakeasy" is requesting, but not requiring attendees to wear 1920's themed apparel. Awards to

be given for best-dressed couple, gangster, and flapper. Period related vehicles will be parked at the theatre the day of the event, as well.

The meal, with a 1920s flare, will be catered by Applewood Foods, of Covington, Ind. Hors d'oeuvres will include marinated olives and cheese plate.

The dinner portion will begin with a mixed greens salad with Asian vinaigrette. The main course features bourbon baked ham, cheesy potatoes, and roasted vegetables followed up with a pineapple upside down cake for dessert.

The meal will include each guest's choice of bottled water or a fountain drink. There will also be the option to purchase giggle juice for adult attendees.

See **MURDER** on other side



**In like a lamb...**  
 Hoopston saw March come in like a lamb Wednesday with an afternoon high of 57.7 degrees, according to the Just the Facts weather station. Hoopston also had lighter winds than have been experienced recently and no rain. The forecast for the rest of the week calls for cooler temperatures, stronger winds and rain and/or snow Friday.

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## Briefly

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Sign up today** for "Brain Health - It's a No-Brainer," presented by the Library and U of I Extension Educator Chelsey Byers. Sessions Mondays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27.

To register online, visit [go.illinois.edu/Brain-Health-Hoopeston](http://go.illinois.edu/Brain-Health-Hoopeston). To sign up in person, call 217-283-6711 or stop by Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St.

**City Chat**, 10:30 a.m. Saturday. A monthly informal gathering with Mayor Jeff Wise.

**Littles @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-

### Obituaries

**McCARTHY** - Elnora Faye (Polakes) McCarthy, 89, of Westville, died at 7:17 a.m. Sunday, February 26, 2023, at Gardenview Manor, Danville. She will be cremated and no services held. Memorials are suggested to Forest Glen County Preserve. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

For information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or stop by 110 N. Fourth St.

### Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring someone to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

### Addiction recovery group

Addiction recovery group for men. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

### Grave clean-up

It is time to get Floral Hill Cemetery ready for Spring. All winter grave decorations must be removed

by Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Decorations that are not removed by the deadline will be removed by cemetery staff.

### Grief Share group

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will host Grief Share meetings beginning at 3 p.m. March 19. There is no cost to participate in the 13 week sessions.

### From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:21 a.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of West Penn.

Police said Connie Strawser, 50, of Hoopeston, backed a 2017 Chevrolet Equinox from a driveway and struck a westbound 2022 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Kaydence N. Bailey, 17, also of Hoopeston.

Police said Strawser was at fault for improper backing from a drive.

### Murder continued from other side

Watch and listen closely! Guests are encouraged to snoop, eavesdrop, and be nosy! There may be arguments, secret liaisons, notes passed, deals done, loves lost and found, agreements made and broken! Five to 10 C-U Theater actors will mingle with guests through hors d'oeuvres and dinner, having conversations with the guests and with each other.

After dinner, one (or maybe more) of the characters "die". An investigator character takes charge to question suspects and find the murderer, with the help of the audience. Guests may become as involved as they like, and are encouraged to invent their own roles and relationships to the cast.

Gangsters and flappers alike will need a password to enter the Lorraine Speakeasy, at 324 E. Main, so doors will open at 6 p.m., with the performance starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person and are being sold in groups of two or four. Seating is limited to 80 people. Tickets are available online at [TheLorraineTheatre.com/tickets](http://TheLorraineTheatre.com/tickets).

### Weather

Breezy, rain/snow, then rain today. High 38. Tonight, cloudy, blustery, then mostly cloudy. Low 27. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 47, low 28. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 53, low 49.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

Pre-registration is requested to ensure enough workbooks for people participating. To pre-register, call 217-283-6738 Mon-Thurs., 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call Pastor Kathy Murphy at 217-369-7813.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

City of Hoopeston Parks Department is accepting applications for dependable seasonal employees. Candidates must have a valid Driver's License and the ability to operate a lawn mower and other lawn equipment. You may apply for the position at [cityofhoopeston.com/employment/](http://cityofhoopeston.com/employment/) or at the City Hall Administration Office, 301 W Main St. Questions, please call 217-283-5833.

Needed CDL drivers and general labor for spring help at United Prairie-Hoopeston. Please call Jordan Reese/Manager 217/918-2876 or office 217/888-1064

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