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## Multiple generations of Irish tea drinkers lead woman to open tea shop, host tea party

There are tea drinkers and then there are Irish tea drinkers.

Angela Graveline, an Irish tea drinker, turned her love of Irish teas into a business when she opened Anna's Irish Teas & Gifts last year. The shop is located at 315 E. Orange, sharing space with the Raining Moon Salon, owned by Graveline's daughter, Andrea.

When the space, which had been used by a fashion and jewelry designer, became available, Graveline said she asked herself, "When I travel, what do I like to do." The answer was "drink tea." She realized there was no tea

### Lady Cornjerkers headed to state

Two members of Hoopeston Area's girls track team are heading to state after qualifying at the competed St. Anne sectional May 9.

Senior Vivian Walsh qualified in high jump. Earlier this season, she also set the HAHS school record with a jump of 1.60 meters. Junior, Claire Dixon qualified in triple jump for the second year in a row.

The girls will compete Thursday during HAHS senior week. Walsh will miss her senior trip. If she qualifies for finals in high jump, she (and Dixon) will compete again Saturday and miss her graduation just as last year's track senior, Brielle Crose did.

The girls are coached by Ron Cade, Erika Seidel, Shannon Anderson, and Alex Cade.

shop nearby, and the tea and gift shop was born.

The Anna of Anna's Irish tea, is Graveline's grandmother, who treated her grandchildren to tea served in the Irish fashion, with milk and sugar. Like her grandmother, Graveline is now passing the tradition to her grandchildren. Her three-year-old granddaughter daintily holds out both pinkies while holding her cup of tea, which she "slams it down like an old Irish sailor!" she said.

To share her love of Irish teas with locals, Graveline is planning a tea party at 2 p.m. May 25. A large tent will be put up for the outdoor event. In case of inclement weather, a rain date will be announced.

Tickets for the party are \$28 per person and tea for two is \$50.

Along with tea, the event will feature refreshments, including lemonade, scones, cookies, little cakes, and finger sandwiches, catered by the Rossville Family Restaurant, owned by Graveline and her husband, Jim. He bought a special suit to participate in the fun, pouring tea at the May 25 event.

Door prizes will be given away during the event, which is for people of all ages.

Tickets for the tea party are available at The Raining Moon and Rossville Family Restaurant or by phoning (217) 213-7601.

For those who want to feel extra special for the event, tiaras may be purchased at The Raining Moon prior to the tea party.

Graveline hopes to encourage others to have tea parties of their own and has come up with the novel idea of stocking tea sets for rent. Tea sets are available in sets of six or eight cups and also includes teapot and stand to put the tea service on. The accoutrements come in a tote for easy transporting.

The shop offers several types and flavors of tea, including well-known varieties like Earl Grey, yerba mate, spearmint, rooibos, lemongrass, and, of course, Irish Breakfast Tea. Others feature red rosebuds, chocolate, white peony and lavender, and still others may help with ailments, such as "Cold and Flu Brew."



Angela Graveline, of Anna's Irish Teas & Gifts, considers teas at the shop that will be used for a tea party the business will hold on Saturday, May 25.





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## What About Me?

Last week while shopping, a gentleman told me he enjoyed my Corner and asked if I would write one about me. To tell you the truth, I had never thought about it, I decided it may be a good idea.

I was born and raised on a farm near Paxton. My family consisted of me, my mother, grandparents and two uncles who all lived together. My uncles and grandpa farmed our 80 acres.

Being an only child, I was spoiled! One time, I wanted a pair of high heeled shoes for prom. The shoes were priced at \$20, which was a lot of money back then! My uncles made a big fuss about it! "No shoes should cost that much, wear what you have!" But the day before prom, my uncle came into the house with my high heels in a box with a bow on top, "You better wear these XXOO shoes a lot" he stated!

For those of you who know farming, you know there is always something to do. My uncles raised tomatoes. We picked them, sorted them and took them to Hoopeston Canning Company! How strange is that! We lived about two and half miles from Rt. 9. When winter snows came, the roads often would be closed. One time one of my uncles put me on

a tractor, but the snow was so deep, we only got part way so my uncle walked with me the rest of the way to meet a bus going to Gibson City for a ball game. Getting to the game was important!

After I graduated high school, I worked at Chanute Air Force base in Rantoul. There were only four women among 300 Airmen that ate at the commissary. When I came in they all stood until I got my food. It was crazy! Everyone figured I would marry someone from the base. I had offers from generals and captains but never took them up on it!

My husband and I met in a snow drift he came to get me out of. I didn't care for him and did not go out with him. But he stopped at our house and got to know my mother. She thought he was great and urged me to go out with him just once to see if I liked him. Well, here we are 61 years later and I not only like him. I am crazy about him!

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## Obituaries

**LOCKHART** - Lee Ann Lockhart, 68, of rural Milford, passed away at 1:15 a.m. Friday, May 10, 2024, at her home. She was born February 22, 1956, in Danville, the daughter of Robert and Marilyn (Leverenz) Lockhart. They preceded her in death.



LEE ANN LOCKHART

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Bobby Lockhart.

She is survived by one daughter, Stephanie Stebbins of Watseka; one sister, Viki Hart, of Pagosa Springs, CO; one granddaughter, Marissa Coonce of Watseka; two great-granddaughters, Ava and Alexa Conley of Watseka; two nieces, Molly and Tammy Lockhart; "adopted" son, Tony Coonce of Watseka; and significant other, Urban Edelman of Onarga.

Lee Ann worked as the office manager at Dralle's in Watseka until her retirement. She enjoyed horses, especially the Kentucky Derby, listening to music, and attending tractor pulls. Most of all, Lee Ann enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Per her wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held 4 - 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2024, at The Legion, 502 E. Penn St., Hoopeston.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Lee Ann to IMH Hospice, 200 Laird Lane, Watseka, IL 60970.

Lee Ann's family would like to give a special thank you to Lisa McCann from IMH Hospice. The world is truly

blessed to have people like you who give so much of their time and energy to helping those in need. We cannot thank you enough for the kindness and compassion you've shown to us throughout this difficult time.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Lee Ann's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**CURTIN** - Judith A. (Bertram) Curtin, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 5:35 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 2024, at Iroquois Memorial Resident Home, Watseka. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the noon celebration of her life Sunday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston VFW #4826, 428 W. Orange St. Hoopeston IL 60942. Condolences may be shared at [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

## Cissna Park man killed in two-vehicle accident early Monday

A Cissna Park man was killed in a two-vehicle accident Monday morning.

Iroquois County sheriff's deputies were sent at 9:37 a.m. to county roads 1600 East and 1900 North for an accident with injuries. The intersection is between Watseka and Crescent City.

Rodney Windhorn, 77, of Cissna Park, was pronounced dead. The driver of the second vehicle, Rhonda Kollman, 66, of Ashkum, was taken to a local hospital then airlifted to a second hospital for treatment.

Preliminary reports indicate Mr. Windhorn, in a 2004 Ford F150 pickup truck, was southbound and failed to stop at the marked intersection and reportedly struck a 2014 Chrysler Town and Country van, driven by Kollman.

Crescent City EMS and Watseka firefighters were sent to the scene. Illinois State Police Crash Reconstruction Team members assisted deputies.

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## From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:45 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of North Fourth St.

Police said Olivia LaBounty, 20, of Hoopeston, backed at 2012 Toyota from a parking space into a parked 2012 Buick owned by Jennifer Cundiff, also of Hoopeston.

Kevin E. Lefever, 25, of Penfield, was taken into custody after police were called at 6:31 p.m. Saturday to Primrose/Larkspur Lane for a disturbance. He was arrested on preliminary charged of domestic battery and intimidation of a witness. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.



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**Spring cleaning book sale** going on now! Everything for sale by donation.

**Littles at the Library**, 10:45 a.m. Tuesdays. May 21 will be the last Littles until October.

### Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be May 16. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.



Photo provided

### In concert

The Praisemen of Maranatha Baptist University in Waterton, Wis., will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, 323 E. Seminary, Hoopeston. The group is made up of six men and one woman. The group travels during the summer using music, song and bible content during the performance.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

### 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 some-one 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.

### P.E.P. Party

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main St. Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those who want to bring a side dish or dessert to share are welcome to do so.

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### RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: Moving sale . 901 Lockhart. Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (across from Church of God).

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WELLINGTON: Maxwell St. Sale Saturday, 8-?