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**JAMBALAYA DINNER & MARDI GRAS PARTY**  
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(Proceeds go toward our Mission Trip to Jacksonville, FL)  
**MARDI GRAS EVENING**  
Tuesday, March 4  
**ST. ANTHONY PARISH HALL**  
Serving from 4:30 to 7 p.m.  
Adults \$10- Under 10, \$5  
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**Just the Facts** Lourdine Eyrich, Owner  
**Monday, March 3, 2025**  
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**Briefly**

**Meetings**

- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include approval of a contract with Arrow Ambulance and discussion on a powered bicycle/scooter ordinance. The council will meet at 6 p.m. to review ordinances.
- South Ross Township board will hold a joint session for February and March meetings. The board will meet at 7 p.m. March 3 at the South Ross Township Building.

**Siren testing**

Hoopeston tests its outdoor warning sirens at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month. The test will be canceled in case of bad weather.

**From the Blotter**

**Jackson Grooms**, 30, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 12:47 a.m. Thursday for a domestic battery complaint from a 74-year-old Hoopeston woman. Police found Grooms, charged him domestic battery and took him to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Fire Calls**

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 2:14 Wednesday for an active fire alarm in the 400 block of South Third St. They cleared without incident.

**FAT Tuesday**  
Rossville Family Restaurant  
All-you-can-eat  
Spaghetti, Alfredo, Lasagna, Ravioli  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 4**  
Served with garlic toast and soup or salad  
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**Madrigal 2025**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 7:00 P.M.**  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
323 E. SEMINARY AVE., HOOPESTON



**MARANATHA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

**The PIT STOP at EAST LANES**  
**Lunch & Dinner Specials**

**Monday:** Meatloaf, Spaghetti, Taco Salad and grilled or breaded Tenderloins  
**Tuesday:** Chicken Pot Pie, Speedway Burger and Chicken or Beef & Noodles  
**Wednesday:** Rib eye sandwich, Prime rib sandwich or Pork Chops  
**Thursday:** Swiss steak or Popcorn shrimp  
**Friday:** Cod, Rib eye steak, and Rib dinners  
**Saturday:** Prime Rib and Rib Eye steak dinners

Breakfast served 6-10 a.m. Mon.-Sat. 6-11 Sun.  
Breakfast Buffet 7-10 a.m. Sat 7-Noon Sun.  
Sunday lunch 11 - 1:30  
**Starting March 10 breakfast starts at 5:30!**  
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**RUSSELL** - Myrtle Joann Russell, 94, of Hoopeston, passed away at 1:31 a.m. Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Living in Hoopeston. She was born September 14, 1930, in Hoopeston, the daughter of Marion C. and Marion Lucille (Peile) Williams. She married Omer James Russell in September 1956, in Hoopeston. He preceded her in death.



**MYRTLE RUSSELL**

She is survived by two grandsons, Callahan (Jamie) Russell of Hoopeston and Jonathan Russell of Hoopeston; one great-grandson, Asher Russell; and seven nieces and nephews, Judi Sutton, Jeanne Sutton, Sandy Lewis, Cathy Powell, Carolyn Edwards, Mike Bloyd, and Joe Tunget.

In addition to her husband, Joann was preceded in death by one son, James Lloyd Russell and two sisters, Margaret Bloyd and Pat Tunget.

Joann worked at Weber's Drug Store for several years before working at the scale house at Stokley's. She later worked with her husband, helping him on the family farm. She enjoyed collecting glassware and antiques, playing bingo, and working crossword puzzles and word searches. Most of all, Joann loved her family.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2025, at Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston with Pastor John Morris officiating.

Memorial donations in Joann's memory may be made to the American Heart Association or Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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

### Weather

Partly sunny today. High 48. Tonight, mostly cloudy, chance of rain. Low 40. Tomorrow, rain, breezy. High 56, low 42.

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

## Obituaries

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**VANIER** - Raiven Coleen Vanier, 28, of Bismarck, formerly of Hoopeston, passed away Monday, February 24, 2025. She was born October 16, 1996, at Lakeview Hospital in Danville, the daughter of Jason Vanier and Loretta Spencer. They survive.

Raiven grew up in Hoopeston and graduated from Hoopeston High.

In 2015, she met her fiancé, Dominick Key and together they had a daughter, Dehlilah Key. Raiven also had what she liked to call her "bonus" girls, Alaina and Hayleigh Key and Peyton Davis. They survive. She is also survived by one sister, Ellen Schulte; two brothers, Anthony and Andrew Spencer-Foster; and paternal grandparents, Jack and Sarah Miller.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Robert and Roberta Spencer.

Raiven was a stay-at-home mom, caring for her family. She enjoyed tattooing, shooting guns, fishing and traveling to new places. She especially loved her family and was always trying new ways to add a smile to their faces. She and her dad started going to Cubs games when she was 8 and it continued and included Dehlilah when she was born. Raiven deeply loved and cared for her family and everyone in her life.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A visitation will be held 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St, Hoopeston. Memorial service will follow the visitation at noon and a mass service will be at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 423 S. Third St., Hoopeston, at 1 p.m. Burial will be at a later date.

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

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**NOSLER** - Linda Sue Nosler, 71, of Hoopeston, died



**RAIVEN VANIER**

at 1:14 a.m. Thursday, February 27, 2025, at home. Visitation will be 2 p.m. until the 3 p.m. memorial service Tuesday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. She will be cremated. Condolences may be shared at [blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

**SHIELDS** - Janice (Smith) Shields, 74, of Hoopeston, died at 5:30 a.m. Friday, February 28, 2025, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 12 p.m. funeral Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Condolences may be shared at [anderson-funeral-home.com](http://anderson-funeral-home.com).

## Lunch Menus

### Maple/John Greer

**MONDAY:** Chicken nuggets, corn, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

**TUESDAY:** Hamburger/bun, fries, baby carrots, peaches, milk

**WEDNESDAY:** Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, milk

**THURSDAY:** Chicken pot pie, biscuit, mixed vegetables, baby carrots, pineapple, milk

**FRIDAY:** Cheese pizza, salad, mixed fruit, Veggy juice, milk

### Hoopeston Area Middle School

**MONDAY:** Chicken nuggets, corn, veggies, applesauce, milk

**TUESDAY:** Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, milk

**WEDNESDAY:** Spaghetti, Max Stick, salad, pineapple, milk

**THURSDAY:** Mini corndog, baked beans, veggies pineapple, milk, juice

**FRIDAY:** Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

### Hoopeston Area High School

**MONDAY:** Chicken nuggets or hot ham & cheese, corn, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

**TUESDAY:** Chicken noodles or calzone, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

**WEDNESDAY:** Spaghetti or rib/bun, Max Stick, salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice

**THURSDAY:** Mini corndog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice

**FRIDAY:** Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice