

# 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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## From the Blotter

**Elbert Cannon**, 58, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 12:37 a.m. Tuesday at Casey's, 912 S. Dixie Hwy. Found to be wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, he was processed at the police station and released to an Iroquois County deputy.

**Andrew Prattis**, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 5:03 a.m. Tuesday to the 800 block of North Fourth St, for an accident reported by a 29-year-old Hoopeston woman.

While investigating the accident, officers found one of the vehicles was stolen, resulting in a charge of possession of stolen vehicle. Prattis was also charged with violation of an order of protection.

Prattis was processed at the police station, then transferred to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Tajuana Burns**, 29, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 4:48 p.m. Tuesday at Dollar General, 111 W. Orange. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building to await arraignment.

**Brandon Arms**, 38, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 4:46 p.m. Monday to conduct a welfare check at South Sixth St. and East Main.

Arms was charged with two counts of driving under the influence, illegal transportation of alcohol and operating an uninsured vehicle.

He was taken to the police station for processing and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 5:03 a.m. Wednesday in the 800 block of South Fourth St.

Police said Kade Ramos, 28, of Hoopeston, backed a 2020 Volkswagen from a driveway into a parked and unoccupied 2002 Toyota Camry, owned by LT Garrett, also of Hoopeston.

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**Briefly**

**At the library**

Hoopeston Public Library needs metal cookie tins for an upcoming children's activity. Plain ones are needed, (like the ones Grandma uses for her sewing supplies) not Christmas-themed tins. They can be dropped off at the children's room.



**Spring Reading Challenge**, March 1-May 30. In March, read a book with a plant or flower in the title. In April, read a book with a green cover, and in May, read a book set in the countryside.

Complete the challenge by June 2, turn in the challenge sheet and receive a cute spring floral gift!

**Craft supply swap:** Clean out your closets for the second annual FREE Craft Supplies Swap, March 24-28 in the lower level meeting room.

Drop off unused craft supplies at the main desk from Mary 17-22 to receive a ticket for early admission to the swap, from 1-5 p.m. Monday, March 24. The swap will open to everyone else starting at 10 am. March 25.

Materials will only be accepted March 17-22.

**Obituaries**

**ALEXANDER** - Doris Jean (Brandt) Alexander, 98, of Champaign, formerly of Cissna Park, died at 4:37 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2025, at Country Health in Gifford. She will be cremated and a service held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Blurton Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

**EASTBURN** - Brenda K. (Long) Eastburn, 80, of Sheldon, formerly of Hoopeston, died Monday, March 3, 2025, at home. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Friday at Baier Funeral Home, Watska. Burial will follow in Sheldon Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice. Condolences may be shared at [baierfuneralhome.com](http://baierfuneralhome.com).

**HOFFMAN** - Laura Elizabeth (Dunbar) Hoffman, 102, of Cissna Park, died February 27, 2025, in Joliet. Private family graveside rites will be held. Memorials are suggested to Christian Bible Church, 1202 E North Road, Cissna Park, IL 60924; Ina Missionary Baptist Church, 200 W 3rd Street, Ina, IL 62846; or charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be shared at [knappfuneralhomes.com](http://knappfuneralhomes.com).

**HPL is still accepting** seeds for its seed library, including easy-to-grow flowering annuals; fruits and vegetables, including cucumbers, peas, peppers, green beans, yellow corn, carrots, zucchini and watermelon; and herbs, including basil, chives, cilantro, dill, oregano and rosemary.

Saved, leftover or new seeds may be dropped off at the main desk upstairs.

**Littles @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

**Church has Infant Needs Center**

First Christian Church of Hoopeston offers a service to parents of children ages birth to three. The Infant Needs Center provides free diapers, wipes, baby bath, and other

**Fire Calls**

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 11:43 p.m. Tuesday for a residential structure fire in the 500 block of East Young. Firefighters cleared the scene without further incident.

**Court Dispositions**

**February 12**

**Roger D. Catron**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restraint of dogs by owner, default entered, fined \$230. Status hearing set for March 12.

**Timothy A. Burkey**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for theft, default entered, fined \$230; status hearing March 12.

**Noe E. Vela**, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance; new status hearing March 12.

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**Shannon Miller**, 47, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 11:57 p.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of West Penn. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she was processed at the police station. A Vermilion County deputy then took her to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Weather**

Rain/snow likely, then chance of rain. High 42. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 26. Tomorrow, sunny. High 46, low 29. Sunday, sunny. High 53, low 35.

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baby products to those who qualify. The program is open 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 502 E. Main. Enter on the side door on Fourth St. To qualify, parents must live in the Hoopeston Area school district; provide proof of child (birth certificate/medical card) and a document with the parent's name and address, such as a driver's license.

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