

WHY RE★ELECT MAYOR BILL CRUSINBERRY?

Who is Bill Crusinberry?



As I begin this series of articles detailing my ideas on the Campaign, I realize that there are residents of Hoopeston who do not have any knowledge of who I am.

I am a lifelong resident of this area, having spent my first 16 years on a family farm northeast of Wellington. I attended the Wellington School system for 10 years.

When my family moved to Hoopeston, I attended Hoopeston Schools for two years and graduated from Hoopeston High School. I later attended Danville Junior College, where I received an Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Through the years, I have worked in the agricultural industry, serving the area's farmers. For nearly 14 years, I owned and

operated Crunch's Restaurant & Bar, a fixture in downtown Hoopeston.

I have been a member of Hoopeston Jaycees, Sons of the American Legion, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce Board, and am a member of the Church of God.

Now retired, full time is spent on City Government, first elected Alderman in 2005 and then Mayor in 2009, 2013, and 2017. I would like to be elected for another term as your Mayor to see that the programs we have in place are brought to completion.

I would appreciate your vote, and I will continue to work for
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HA officials look at new ways to communicate with community

Hoopeston Area officials are looking at ways to get information on what is happening in the schools to the public and discussed possibilities at its March 18 meeting.

A link or email address will be implemented for people to ask questions. Those questions would then be answered on a digital platform, such as Youtube, Facebook and the district's cable channel, said Supt. Robert Richardson. He and board President Dave McFadden would respond to the questions and also present information on things like registration, how and when the district will return to all in-person instruction and other topics "I don't mind doing the talking," he said, "but we need (McFadden) there as the pretty face," he said, getting a laugh from the board and attendees.

The goal is to "bombard our public with information," he said. "I don't want anyone to say, 'Well, I didn't know.' There's a lot happening right now and we want to get the word out."

McFadden said April 16 is the target start date with an email expected to go out March 31 seeking questions from the public.

In personnel business, the board:

- Approved a stipend for the sixth grade girls volleyball coach, which was originally listed as a volunteer position. The coach, Channele Davis "did an excellent job" and was recommended for a stipend by Athletic Director Nate Burkowski. Her stipend will be the same as the sixth grade basketball coach, three percent of salary.

- Hired Marcella Noel as long term sub for eighth grade math, effective March 1 and accepted resignations from Bryan Piggush, middle school special ed teacher; Ryan Jones, John Greer PE teacher; and Madison Baer, high school special ed teacher.

- Approved tenure for Kandi DeLahr, pre-K teacher; Elizabeth Hart, fourth grade teacher; Brad Jones, middle school history teacher; and Natalie Rayfield, middle/high school art teacher.

- Approved the lists of tenured and non-tenured teachers.

- Hired Bonnie Sterrenberg, pending background check, as eighth grade science teacher, effective August 16.

- Approved employment contracts with two percent raises for Maple Principal Susan Root, middle school Principal Michelle White and assistant Steven Chorak, Curriculum Coordinator Emily Brown, high school Principal John Klaber and assistant principal Kim Hutzel.

Action was tabled on John Greer Principal Dan Walder's raise pending some clarification on his contract, said Supt. Robert Richardson. The increase is expected to be approved in April, he added.

- Approved dismissing 13 long-term substitutes at the end of the year, including Maria Baldwin, Benjamin Cravens, Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin, Terry Griffith, Kevin Heiser, Christy Lee, Dustin Wells, Macella Noel, Mara Sutton, Susan Waldbeser, Eric Jones, Erika Seidel and Marcella Noel.

See **COMMUNICATE** on other side

School to partner with city to provide cleanup help

Hoopeston Area is planning to partner with the City of Hoopeston to provide help to those needing help disposing of bulk items.

Supt. Robert Richardson said at the March 18 board meeting that he and Ald. Bill Goodwine have discussed high school students removing bulk garbage items and debris for residents the city deems truly in need of help.


"If they can't get it there, you'll see me and some of our students picking those things up and taking them to the dumpster," he said.

Richardson hopes to get students interested in community service projects of various kids. Recently, he and two students he described as "hardy," moved 16,000 bottles of water from Hoopeston IGA to the high school, to be dispersed throughout the district. Bottled water is currently being used in the buildings instead of water fountains as a Covid measure.


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Vaccine clinic at Carle HRCH set for Saturday, Sunday

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Limited dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available at vaccine clinics Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center, 701 E. Orange. Patients should enter through the northwest doors.

From the Blotter

A bicycle was found at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at South Third St. and Penn. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department and police officers were called at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday for a dryer on fire in the 300 block of North Ninth Ave. The fire was put out and no injuries reported.

Communicate continued from other side

Board member Craig Lee voted "present" on his wife, Christy Lee's, dismissal.

Richardson said the dismissals were a formality suggested by the district's attorney, indicating "no expectation of continued employment" beyond this school year. The dismissals do not preclude the district from rehiring them next year.

In unrelated action, the board:

- Approved spending \$13,771 with Flinn Scientific for microscopes and a stereoscope.
- Approved a pay request from Reliable Plumbing and Heating for \$81,450 to pay for supplies purchased for the HVAC and electrical upgrades at John Greer and Maple.

Smoked BBQ
 at the
Rossville Family Restaurant
 has been bumped back due to Easter.
 Smoked BBQ will be
Sat. April 10th & Sun. April 11th.
 Stay tuned for more!

To schedule appointments, call (217) 902-6100. Appointments are recommended. "Walk-in appointments are available, but you may be assigned a time slot later in the day based on capacity. Those people would be asked to return five minutes before their time slot to accommodate social distancing," Heather Tucker, MSN, hospital administrator said.

Patients must wear a face covering, practice social distancing and plan to allow at least 15 minutes for observation after the vaccination. Wear clothing allowing easy access to the upper arm.

Obituaries

LANGELLIER - Delmar Dean Langellier, 83, of Hoopeston, died at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6 2021, at home. He was cremated. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

SHEAGLEY - LaDene (Rodkey) Sheagley, 92, of Avon, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 1:45 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2021 at Brownsburg Meadows. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Weather

Partly sunny, breezy today. High 55. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 42. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of rain late. High 69, low 41. Sunday, sunny. High 55, low. 34.

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