

## WHY RE★ELECT MAYOR BILL CRUSINBERRY?

### *Tax Increment Financing (TIF)*

One of the most misunderstood tools the City can use for economic development is the Tax Increment Financing Program (TIF). One major misconception is that it takes money from the taxing bodies. Actually, when the TIF District is created, all taxes for each taxing body in the TIF District are frozen and they will continue to receive the same amount of taxes through the life of the district.

if a developer chooses to take an under-producing piece of property in the district and improve it, the increase in taxes created by his investment goes into the TIF fund. The City can use the funds to assist the developer with the project or improve infrastructure supporting the project.

One example is Autumn Fields, an adult community, which was developed on approximately 5 acres of land previously taxed as farm ground, generating less than \$500 per year. The City partnered with the tax revenue created by this development to bring it to its completion. While the City is currently rebating the taxes for 9 years, in the years following, the development will be contributing nearly \$50,000 per year to the City's tax base, quite an increase from \$500.

Another example of how TIF dollars are working is the three separate projects near Rts. 1 & 9. The City had inquiries from companies to locate a facility capable of providing fuel for truck traffic on the highways. In talks with the First Farmers Bank, we learned they were considering combining their two facilities into one. After discussions and with the help of Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation, a plan was developed where two participants would be moved and a new Casey's truck stop would be built on the third parcel. The City's investment in the development of these three parcels was roughly \$350,000 in infrastructure and relocation costs. The new First Farmers Bank was built on land that had been owned by the City for nearly 20 years, generating no property taxes. Taxes generated by the bank over the life of the TIF District will repay the City's total TIF investment. The two remaining developments will add significant amounts to the City's tax base.

Also, using our TIF funds, we have awarded Façade Grants to no less than 8 downtown businesses to help them improve the appearance of their buildings.

Finally, we have a history of sharing a portion of TIF funds with the schools ranging from \$25,000 - \$50,000 per year.

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  
THE FUTURE OF HOOPESTON**

*Enjoy some casual time with the Mayor from 2-4 p.m. April 3 at  
112 Wine and Coffee Shop. Refreshments and answers provided.*

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## Briefly

### Holiday closings

- Just the Facts will not be printed Monday. Publication will resume Tuesday.
- Bulk garbage day will not be held Saturday due to the holiday weekend. The next bulk garbage day is April 17.

### Softball signups, fundraiser

Hoopeston Area Softball Association (HASA) is holding twilight signups from 2-4 p.m. every Saturday in April (3, 10, 17 and 24) at Fast Lanes. This is only for ages 14-18 (grades 9-12th).

The association will hold a chicken noodle dinner/movie fundraiser April 10 at the McFerren Park Civic Center. Carry-out dinners, which include green beans,

mashed potatoes, roll and a drink, will be available at 6 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and Raya and the Last Dragon will be shown at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per dinner, \$5 for the movie and \$15 for both at the door. Advance tickets are \$12 and are available from Mandi Hardcastle, Hollie Mastin or Traci Kohl, who may all be reached on Facebook or in person.

### Card shower to mark 100 years

A card shower is being held for former Rossville resident Dolly Redden.

Cards and well-wishes may be sent to Dolly Redden, 1402 Leslie Dr., Apt. 133, Carriage Crossing, Bloomington IL 61704.






  
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### ***Crusinberry supported for four more***

I am writing this letter in support of Mayor Bill Crusinberry. I worked with Bill when he was a councilman, and through eight years as Mayor. I can tell you, you will never find a more honest or dedicated man. If there is a question from a citizen, he won't tell you what you want to hear. He will look into it, and give you an answer that is in the best interest of the city and its citizens.

These are trying times, but Hoopeston is doing as well as any small town USA. Look around. How many towns of our size have a hospital and a great school system? We do, and we have things happening: new Subway, truck stop construction to begin soon, possibly a new hotel, a new unnamed venture on Rt 9, and many new and upgraded businesses within the last few years. These things

### **From the Blotter**

Blake M. Meehan, 20, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday in the 400 block of West Main. He was charged with theft over \$500, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

### **Fire Calls**

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5:44 p.m. Wednesday for a stove on fire in the 100 block of East Lincoln. No injuries were reported.

### **Obituaries**

**JOHNSON** - Dan Johnson, 72, of Mahomet, died at 1:54 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at Accolade Healthcare of Danville. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.


  
**Hoopeston Jaycees**
  
**Easter Egg Hunt**
  
 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3
   
**McFerren Park - Legion Shelter**
  
south of the Civic Center
  
Ages: 0-4, 5-7, 8-10 years
  
**FREE!**
  
 Come join the fun with thousands of eggs!
   
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## **Letters to the Editor**

didn't just happen on their own. It took the efforts of the city council and the leadership of the Mayor, and the business owners. It is not a one-man show.

The Mayor's opponent can't seem to find any complaints other than where the Mayor purchased his campaign signs. Not that it should be any concern of Mr. Bane; the signs are recycled from eight years ago.

Mr. Bane chose not to participate in the candidate forum due to what he says was a prior family commitment. I ask you, the citizens of Hoopeston, if this election and the future of this town were important, wouldn't you try to rearrange your schedule to be there, and let voters know how badly you want this position? Or is he afraid that he couldn't give a knowledgeable answer?

Mr. Bane says he is going to focus on burnt out and dilapidated structures. As zoning and ordinance administrator, he and an alderman initiated the start of the teardown of a building without first going through the proper channels to do this. Therefore, it has opened the City up for a potential lawsuit.

Have you ever wondered why Mr. Bane has changed jobs so often? Could it be, as with the ordinance and zoning job, he wouldn't do what was asked of him? Sort of like, if things don't go his way, he is going to take his marbles and go home. Is this how he would run the city? I am afraid that is the way it would be.

In closing, you need to remember the Mayor is not Santa Claus. He can't give every person everything on

### **Weather**

Sunny today. High 49. Tonight, clear. Low 33. Tomorrow, sunny. High 62, low 42. Sunday, sunny. High 69, low 47. Monday, mostly sunny. High 74, low 54.

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their wish list, but he has given it his all for the last 12 years, and if re-elected he will continue to work for the good of the people of this town.

Do we want a Mayor that makes threats when things don't go his way, or do we want a Mayor who is fair and honest to everyone and cares about and loves "OUR TOWN?"

Above all, exercise your right to vote on April 6, 2021.

Loni Gress  
Hoopeston

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