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Crusinberry seeks group to take on fireworks fundraising

Bill Crusinberry has spearheaded recent fundraising for Hoopeston's annual fireworks. He now wants to find someone willing to take on the task.

In recent years, local fireworks have cost about \$40,000. Carle Foundation and Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation shared a majority of the expense. In 2019, Carle made its \$25,000 donation, but HRVF pulled out of the project, deciding to use its funds for other proiects.

It was then that Crusinberry announced he would coor-

dinate fundraising as a resident and not as a function of the city. Now, however, dealing with health issues has him looking for a successor.

Fundraising needs to be done in November or December, he said, so that in January, the city can tell the fireworks company how much money is available.

"If they want to maintain the fireworks we've had we need to raise about \$25,000," Crusinberry said. The City of Hoopeston donates \$2,500 annually, he added.

See FIREWORKS on other side



The start of something big

Stacks of bricks stand at the site of a planned Casey's General Store at Rtes. 1 and 9. During the September 21 Hoopeston City Council meeting, Mayor Bill Crusinberry announced that a Casey's representative said work on the new store would start soon. Last week, the bricks were delivered. The new store was officially announced in April 2019, when representatives of Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation met with Hoopeston City Council to announce Casey's had agreed to purchase property from HRVF for a new truck stop.



License Course taught by Carolyn Daniel Tuesdays, Oct 19 - Nov 16, 2021 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. **DACC Higher Learning Center** 847 E. Orange St., Hooopeston **Registration Deadline October 15 Space** is limited To register or for more information, call 217-283-4170 or register online at https://dacchoopeston.coursestorm.com **Class Fee \$99 plus** ServSafe Coursebook 7th edition with answer sheet (purchase separately)

Obituaries

McCASKY - Rev. Wilbur McCasky, 88, of Crescent City, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021 at Prairieview Lutheran Home, Danforth. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until the 3 p.m. funeral Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Schwer, where he was a former pastor. Burial will be in St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Toluca. Memorials are suggested to Prairieview Lutheran Home of Danforth or St. Peter Lutheran Church, Crescent City. Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

TRUEBLOOD - David Wayne Trueblood, 72, of Casey, IL, formerly of Covington, IN, passed away Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021 at 3:35 a.m. at Heartland Senior Living in Neoga, IL. He was born December 1, 1948, in Lafayette, IN, the son of Harold and May (Voyles) Trueblood.

He is survived by one daughter, Lisa Trueblood (fiancé Chris Gardner) of Casey; two sons, Mike (Brandy) Trueblood of Washington, IN and Brian (Nikki) Trueblood of Hoopeston; one sister Jacqueline (Dennis) Griner of Boswell, IN: one

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brother, Gary (Deb) Trueblood of Attica, IN; six grandchildren, Cole Braden, Emma Gullquist, Audra Gullquist, Clay Trueblood, Mathew Trueblood, and Mason Trueblood, three great-grandchildren, Berklee and Greta Braden and Lawson Trueblood, and three nephews, Noah and Nathan Trueblood and Joe Sheehan.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

David was a lifelong farmer. He also worked at FMC in Hoopeston for over 30 years until they closed. He enjoyed watching Purdue Basketball and taking his 69 Camaro to car shows.

A visitation will be held 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021 at Anderson Funeral Home 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. A Graveside Service will follow the visitation and begin at 12:30 p.m. at Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 61420, Staten Island, NY 10306.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view David's eternal tribute page and to send condolences to the family.

Anderson Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Soccer

Hoopeston Area earned a 6-2 victory over Judah Christian on September 13.

Freshman Dylan Judy started in goal, saving two shots for his second win. Kaleb Hollen came in and finished the game by saving the only shot he had against him.

Senior Nick Hofer made things 1-0 when he scored on a rebound. Cornjerkers made the score 2-0 when Talen Gredy-Nelson was able to score, thanks to Ben Brown cross. Judah Christian cut the lead in half when Joey Limentato scored from Evan Payan. Isaias Diaz made it 3-1 at halftime when he scored on a rebound.

In the second half the Cornjerkers scored 50 seconds when Gredy-Nelson took a corner kick and Preston VanDeVeer was able to jump high above to head the ball into the net. Ben Brown got his first of two goals on the

From the Blotter

Marcus C. Coe, 47, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic sotp at 3:22 p.m. Monday at South Sixth St. and Washington. He was charged with driving while license suspended, operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Court. Jarrett C. Skinner, 32, of Hoopeston, was charged

after a traffic stop at 3:50 p.m. Monday at West Maple and Fourth St. Charged with driving while license suspended, he was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court.

Fireworks continued from other side

Crusinberry hopes a local organization will step up to continue the tradition. Anyone interested in doing so may email him at mayorhoopeston@yahoo.com or reach him by phone, (217) 474-6873.

Hoopeston's Independence Celebration - held July 3 to get more bang for its fireworks buck - is one of the largest around and has been in several hands over the years, including Hoopeston American Legion, followed by the Chamber of Commerce, then car dealerships and the health foundations.

Weather

Showers likely today, tonight. High 76, low 63. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms, showers. High 74, low 60. For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/ weather/.

Sports

night with a great throw-in from Hofer. Judah fought to try to make it a game when Joey Limentato scored once again. Ben Brown and Isaias Diaz worked together to finish it off.

The Cornjerkers jumped back in to VVC play the following night against Iroquois West.

Kayden Wallace got the Cornjerkers on the board at the 20- minute mark of the first half by getting his head on the ball after Hofer fired a throw-in pass to him. Less than two minutes later Gredy-Nelson found himself in a perfect spot to make it 2-0 after Hofer once again made a great crossing pass. Hofer scored with five minutes and 27 seconds to make the score 3-0. Iroquois West's only score came right before halftime when Andreade Santiago was able to convert after a Cornjerker mistake.

The only goal of the second half was when goalie Owen Root punted the ball across the halfline and Gredy-Nelson took four dribbles and made a very nice shot in the lower left corner.

Hoopeston Area was down some starters September 16, but the bench stepped up in a big way with a 7-0 over Watseka.

Owen Crase made the score 1-0 when he chest the ball into the back of the net on a deflection off the hands of the Warrior goalie. Diaz had two unassisted goals on the night scored to make and later Gredy-Nelson and Diaz worked together making it 3-0 with 23 minutes left in the half.

Cornjerkers tallied three more goals in the second half to cut the time in half. Preston VanDeVeer made it 5-0 when he was able to sky high to score on a corner kick from Gredy-Nelson. Brown scored his only goal on the night when freshman Phoenix Webber was able to make a pass leading Brown to the goal. Gredy-Nelson made it 7-0 with 15:30 left in the game.

With the wins, the Cornjerkers record improved to 10-4 -1 overall and a 7-0 in conference play.

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