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State gubernatorial hopeful stumps in Hoopeston Saturday

Darren Bailey, Republican candidate for Illinois governor, wants to bring some old fashioned ideas back to state government.

Bailey, one of a handful of candidates running to be the GOP candidate to face incumbent JB Pritzker next year, attended Saturday's Learn & Lead Academy Color Run/Walk at McFerren Park, where he laid out a platform based on faith, family and fiscal responsibility.

Taking on education, Bailey said students are being taught controversial subjects and parents' concerns are being ignored. Education reforms are necessary because youngsters are the future of Illinois. "If we lose our future, we lose everything," he said.

Bailey is no stranger to education. He and his wife, Cindy, founded a preschool through grade 12 Christian school in southern Illinois. He also served for 17 years on the North Clay Unit 25 school board, including 12 years as president.

Bailey told the crowd he was not happy to hear that the University of Illinois was named the second most liberal college in the country. The governor handpicks trustees for public universities, he continued. "Public higher education is being hijacked," he said, adding "People are waking up."

The solution to problems in our schools starts at the local level and citizens need to become involved. If parents want change, Bailey encouraged residents to start attending meetings. "One of the things that strikes fear in them most is people showing up," he said, telling residents to ask questions and hold elected officials accountable for their actions.

People also need to be willing to run for local offices: school boards, town councils, county boards. "Every position must be held by a freedom-loving Illinoisan," Bailey said.

He recounted that Benjamin Franklin, coming out of the Constitution Convention, was asked by a group citizens what form of government had been created. "A republic, if you can keep it," Franklin replied. "Now



Republican gubernatorial hopeful Darren Bailey addresses a crowd at McFerren Park Saturday morning.

we're at the 'if you can keep it,'" Bailey said. "All it takes is participation."

If elected, Bailey said he would reopen schools and the economy. Currently representing the Illinois 55th senate district, Bailey has been a vocal opponent of Gov. JB Pritzker's handling of the Covid pandemic in Illinois and his list of executive orders.

Bailey plans to return to Vermilion County during his campaign, which will stretch at least until the primary in June 2022, and even longer if he gets the Republican nod.

Bailey is pro-life, pro Second Amendment. If elected, he will work to lower property and income taxes and will promote transparency and enact safeguards against government overreach. More information on his campaign, or a way to donate, is available at baileyforillinois.com.

Electronics collection Saturday

Vermilion County Health Department, Keep Vermilion County Beautiful, Danville Area Community College and Vermilion County are teaming up for a free electronics collection day for county residents.

The event will be held from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at DACC, 2000 E. Main St., Danville.

Accepted items include CRT, tube, flat screen or LCD televisions; CRT, flat screen and LCD monitors; computers, printers, electronic keyboards, fax machines, VCRs, portable digital music players, video disc players, video game consoles, electronic mice, scanners, converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers and video disc recorders.

See ELECTRONICS on other side

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Listening session on Covid set Tuesday at Palmer Arena

DANVILLE -- Elected officials, healthcare workers and the general public are invited to a Vermilion County-wide COVID-19 "Listening Session" from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at the Palmer Arena in Danville.

Those in attendance are invited to come and share COVID-19 stories or opinions - pro or con - about the

Electronics continued from other side

The collection is free to county residents; please bring proof of residency. There is a limit of seven items per vehicle. Items must be in enclosed trunks, truck beds or trailers, not in the front or back seats of vehicles.

Donations to Keep Vermilion County Beautiful will be accepted for future events. Collected items will be recycled or reprocessed.

As a reminder, Danville-area recycling companies do not take TVs or computer monitors but can accept many electronics items for recycling or reprocessing during their normal business hours. Contact them to learn more.

For more details, visit www.vchd.org or call (217) 431-2662, ext. 5.

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"vaccine" and/or COVID-19 mandates.

This listening session is non-partisan and is meant to be a Town Hall-style civic event where the public will get to speak for up to 2½ minutes. It is asked that only personal stories involving direct family members be shared.

Congresswoman Mary Miller (IL15) has a representative attending, with Illinois Rep. Mike Marron, Vermilion County Health Department Administrator Doug Toole, and Westville Mayor Mike Weese among those who have agreed to attend. All officials or their liaisons will be recognized at the event.

Gov. JB Pritzker's mask mandate will be required of all those attending

A free raffle will take place at the end for two tickets (or cash equivalent) to see "Kevin Costner & The Modern West" on October 27th at the Palmer Arena—forward center section. Must be present to win.

Questions should be directed to Fr. Timothy Sauppé at (217) 267-3334.

Briefly

Volunteer group needed

Mayor Bill Crusinberry is looking for a group to raise funds for upcoming Hoopeston fireworks displays. Anyone interested in doing so may email him at mayorhoopeston@yahoo.com or reach him by phone, (217) 474-6873.

At the library

Pumpkins are available at Hoopeston Public Library for its annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Take a pumpkin home, decorate it and email a picture of it to the library for judging. Categories are ages 5-7, 8-11, 12-15, 16-adult and Family/Group. Prizes will be awarded in each category. Entries are due by October 19.

Stitchin' Time, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew or other needlecraft, bring your project and coffee and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

Grave decorations to be removed

Ross/South Ross Cemetery District will remove grave decorations on or about Oct. 11. This includes Rossville, Mann's Chapel, Bethel, Prairie Chapel, and Miller cemeteries.

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From the Blotter

Mason R. Livingston, 33, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 8:11 a.m. Thursday at South Sixth St. and East Maple. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was released on bond with a new court date.

Joseph Cannon, 49, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 9:20 p.m. Thursday to Fast Lanes, 719 W. Elm, for a domestic disturbance. Based on a complaint from a 41-year-old Hoopeston woman, Cannon was arrested on a preliminary charge of domestic battery and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

An altercation that occurred between 5-6 p.m. Friday at South Market and East Main resulted in the arrest of Samantha K. Shoulders, 18, of Hoopeston. She was taken into custody on the preliminary charge of aggravated

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department and Arrow Ambulance were called to a single vehicle accident at 5:30 a.m. Friday at Rt. 9 and 2150 E. Rd. One person was outside the vehicle and another injured in the vehicle but not trapped. The person was taken to Carle Hoopeston emergency room. State police took control of the scene.

Obituaries

BEMOUNT - Alvie Bemount Sr., 87, of Rantoul, died at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021, at OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center, Urbana. He was cremated. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Maplewood Cemetery, Rantoul. Blurton Funeral Home, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

CLARK - Sarah Genevieve "Jenny" Clark, 99, of Hoopeston, formerly of Potomac, died at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Oakridge Cemetery, Catlin. Memorials are suggested to Potomac Church of Christ. Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

Weather

Showers, breezy today. High 82. Tonight, showers likely. Low 68. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 76, low 66.

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ed battery and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

James E. Miller, 28, of Wellington, was arrested after a traffic stop at 11:03 p.m. Friday in the 1000 block of West Main. According to police reports, he was charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

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