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Crusinberry announces he will step down as mayor

In a sealed letter read during Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Mayor Bill Crusinberry announced he will soon resign.

Crusinberry has been absent from council meetings for a few months due to health issues. He outlined those issues, as well as his plans to submit a formal letter of resignation and the guidelines laid out by the Illinois Municipal regarding the process of a city council replacing a mayor, at a later date.

"As many of you know, in February 2020 I was diagnosed with cancer. I was told it would be very treatable. Last November, I had to make a decision as to whether I would seek another term as mayor of Hoopeston. I consulted with my doctors and was told



CRUSINBERRY

that my disease was still treatable. I talked with family and friends and decided to ask the voters of Hoopeston for their support for re-election as mayor.

"Nearly two years have passed and, while my cancer is still treatable, the treatments required are more extensive and have affected my everyday way of life. In talking with city supervisors, we feel that city business is being conducted thoroughly and effectively. However, I now feel that the time I have to be able to devote to conducting the business of the city does not meet the standards I expect from myself. Therefore, after much deliberation, I have decided that it is in the best interest of the city that I step down from the office of mayor of Hoopeston. I will soon be submitting my letter of resignation along with the process of the council seeking my replacement as laid out by the Illinois Municipal League. In their handbook, the league has definite guidelines which follow Illinois state statutes. This process will accompany my letter of resignation."

Crusinberry expressed pride in the progress Hoopeston has made in his time on the council.

"I am very proud to have worked with this council to achieve many of the goals we have set for ourselves. When asked to run for city council 17 years ago, it was not uncommon to walk down the street and hear comments like 'This town is dying.' It's not hard

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Sports

Hoopeston Area wrestlers traveled to Fairbury Saturday for the Prairie Central North South Multi Duals. The Cornjerkers were guaranteed fourth place in the meet. Match scores were:

Match #1 Round 1

El Paso-Gridlay defeated HA 41-30

- 138 - Dawson Elston (EP-G) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 145 - Ayden Larkin (HA) over Waylon Melick (EP-G) Fall 2:00
- 152 - Dax Gentes (EP-G) over Ethan Schwartz (HA) TF 16-1
- 160 - Angel Zamora (HA) over Ethan Whitman (EP-G) Fall 3:18
- 170 - Abel Colunga (HA) over Cody Langland (EP-G) Fall 1:37
- 182 - Bobby Shaffer (EP-G) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 195 - Jonathan Herron (HA) over Parker Duffy (EP-G) Fall 3:32
- 220 - Hunter Cannon (HA) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 285 - Jesse Gerber (EP-G) over Landon mills (HA) Fall 3:19
- 106 - Caleb Graham (EP-G) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 126 - Tyler Roth (EP-G) over Talon Nelson (HA) Fall 4:34
- 132 - Conlee Landrus (EP-G) over Gabriel Mckelvey (HA) Fall 1:02

Match #2 Round 2

HA defeated Riverton, 42-22

- 145 - Owen Crase (HA) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 152 - Ayden Larkin (HA) over Nolan Bates (R) Fall 1:23
- 160 - Colin Ripperda (R) over Ethan Schwartz (HA) Maj 14-6
- 170 - Angel Zamora (HA) over Emmorie Brown (R) Fall 0:42
- 182 - Abel Colunga (HA) over Dalton Leka (R) Fall 0:57
- 195 - Jonathan Herron (HA) over Walt Layman (R) Fall 1:59
- 220 - Hunter Cannon (HA) over Mayson Buckman (R) Fall 0:59
- 285 - Mathew Crouch (R) over Landon mills (HA) Fall 1:34
- 106 - Double Forfeit113 - Anthony Campo (R) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 120 - Talon Nelson (HA) over Connor Park (R) Fall 2:44
- 132 - Ethan Fordham (R) over Gabriel Mckelvey (HA) Fall 2:34

Match #3 Round 3

Monticello defeated HA 39-30

- 113 - Isaiah Ducker (M) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 120 - Talon Nelson (HA) over Daevion Fenelon (M) Fall 0:38
- 126 - Bryan Koon (M) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 132 - Gabriel Mckelvey (HA) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 138 - Gavin Ridings (M) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 145 - Jaxon Trent (M) over Ayden Larkin (HA) Dec 7-5
- 152 - Cal Spence (M) over Ethan Schwartz (HA) Dec 9-5
- 160 - Angel Zamora (HA) over Ryan Frazee (M) Fall 1:39
- 170 - Abel Colunga (HA) over Kaleb Reid (M) Fall 1:28
- 182 - Drew Schlabach (M) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 195 - Myles VonBehren (M) over Jonathan Herron (HA) Dec 11-5
- 220 - Hunter Cannon (HA) over Riley Jones (M) Fall 0:46
- 285 - Brandon Peters (M) over Landon mills (HA) Fall 1:26

Match #4 Round 4

GC defeated HA 39-30

Mayor continued from other side

to understand why citizens felt this way. During the 90s, Hoopeston had seen FMC remove their entire operation from town, either sold or transferring to another town. Schumacher Corporation decided that \$2-an-hour labor could build their battery chargers, taking 350 jobs out of Hoopeston. Stokley's, Vermilion Iron and various small businesses left or closed their doors. It makes it understandable why residents felt the way they did. Although not all the council's decisions were popular, I look around now and see the town on the move. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with these council members and the ones that have proceeded them."

- 160 - Angel Zamora (HA) over Kellen DeSchepper (GC) Fall 0:44
- 170 - Abel Colunga (HA) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 182 - Aiden Sancken (GC) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 195 - Jonathan Herron (HA) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 220 - Landon mills (HA) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 285 - Markus Miguel (GC) over Hunter Cannon (HA) Fall 1:04
- 113 - Jakob Howell (GC) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 120 - Shawn Schlickman (GC) over Talon Nelson (HA) Fall 1:31
- 132 - Corbin Ragle (GC) over Gabriel Mckelvey (HA) Fall 1:13
- 138 - Carson Maxey (GC) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 145 - Altin Nettleton (GC) over Ayden Larkin (HA) Dec 8-6
- 152 - Ethan Schwartz (HA) over Carter Kallal (GC) Fall 1:51

Obituaries

NORD - Douglas Edward Nord II, 29, of Danville, died at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, Danville. Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. He will be cremated. Memorials are suggested to the Epilepsy Foundation. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

TROXEL - Barbara Faye (Chaney) Troxel, 80, of Hoopeston, died at 3:55 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 at home. She will be cremated. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene, 402 E. Honeywell Ave., Hoopeston IL 60942. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

VITS - Joan Vits, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 11:08 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 48. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 36. Tomorrow, rain, chance of thunderstorms late. High 59, low 36.

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