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Tom Bennett will not seek reelection as 53rd District senator

Illinois State Sen. Tom Bennett (R-Gibson City) announced his plans to retire from his career in the General Assembly at the completion of his current term representing the 53rd District.

"Serving in the General Assembly has been one of the most challenging, amazing and rewarding times in my life," said Bennett. "The only way I know how to do this job is full-time, often six or seven days-a-week and my family and I have decided that after this term, it is time to slow down," Bennett said.

Bennett served in the Illinois House of Representatives representing the 106th District from 2015 until 2023 when he was appointed to the State Senate on behalf of the 53rd District, including Bureau, Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, LaSalle, Livingston, Marshall, McLean, Peoria, Putnam, Tazewell, Will, and Woodford Counties.

"Sen. Bennett is as well-known for his kindness and compassion as he is for his legislative skills," said Illinois Senate Republican Leader John Curran (R-Downers Grove). "The accomplishments and impact that he continues to make will be felt throughout the capitol and the state for many years to come. I am grateful for the chance to serve alongside him and look forward to working with him in his final session and endeavors beyond the capitol."

Bennett spent his career in education as a high school and junior high science teacher and later as an IT professional.
 See BENNETT on other side

From the Blotter

Paul E. Odom Jr., 27, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 10:08 a.m. Tuesday at North Eighth Ave. and West Young. He was cited for stop sign and child restraint violations and was issued notices to appear in Vermilion County Court.

A **31-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 4:04 a.m. Wednesday that a red Ford Festiva was stolen from the 700 block of East Main.


The vehicle was recovered by Hoopeston police at 11:42 a.m.

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Fall 2023 Adult Education Classes at Hoopeston HLC
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Briefly

Addiction recovery group

Men's addiction recovery group meeting. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

HMA school supply applications

Hoopeston Multi Agency is taking registrations for Hoopeston Area school supply assistance until July 28.

Obituaries

EHMEN - Phyllis J. (Muehling) Ehmen, 86, of Watseka, formerly of Cissna Park, died Monday, July 24, at Iroquois Resident Home, Watseka. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. funeral Saturday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial will follow in Melvin Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to family wishes. Condolences may be shared at baierfuneralhome.com.

Death Notices

CORDOVA - Guadalupe "Lupe" Cordova, 84, of Hoopeston, died at 4:54 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2023, in Wellington. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Families who need help are asked to call the office at 217-283-5544 between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and have the following information ready: Parents name and address, students name, grade, age and shoe size and whether it is an adult, kids or toddler shoe size. We will also ask you for the household size as well as the monthly income. We reserve the right to ask for verification on any of the information.

Donations of school supplies or money to purchase them are also welcome.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

Bennett continued from other side

sional at State Farm Insurance. His passion for education stemmed into his political career, where he was a leader on education, participating in many negotiations and legislative packages in the House and passed multiple bipartisan education bills, specifically ones in the Senate, focused on addressing the state's teacher shortage. He also took an active role in agriculture, small business, public safety and transportation issues.

Legislation aside, it is the people he has met along the way that brings Bennett the most joy. "It's amazing what my staff has done over the last nine years for countless constituents across our district and our state to make a positive difference in people's lives," he said, adding, "I make this announcement today so the hardworking and fair-minded people I represent are in the best position to elect a new leader."

In the meantime, Bennett said he looks forward to making the most of the remainder of. "Today is not the end of my work as a senator, it is simply the beginning of the sprint to the finish," he said. "I have a lot of legislative work left to do and a lot of people yet to meet. Because, as I learned from a friend a long time ago: it's all about the people."

Bennett's term ends at the completion of the 103rd General Assembly in January 2025.

Weather

EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING through 8 p.m. Friday, Heat Advisory through 7 p.m. Saturday. Today, hot. High 97. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms, showers. Low 73. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 88, low 62. Sunday, sunny. High 83, low 59.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

School supply drive

First Church of God and Heritage Healthcare are doing a back-to-school drive. Supplies needed include pens, #2 pencils, notebooks, markers, crayons, scissors, etc. Items may be dropped off at 515 W. Chestnut.

At the library

Register for the July 31 adult craft, Bandana Wreath. All supplies included. Session is limited to 10 people. Call or stop by to sign up. No online or email signups, please!

For more information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or visit 110 N. Fourth St.

Classifieds

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Silver Brothers Construction is seeking a full time employee. Must be 18+, Must have a driver's license, Must have transportation, must pass a drug test, must be able to lift 80+ pounds. Pay depends on experience. Pick up an application at the office 105 E. Washington St Hoopeston 217-283-7751

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RUMMAGE SALES

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ROSSVILLE: Multi-Family Rummage Sale-Sat. 8-1 a.m. 313 Benton Street Housewares, puzzles, glassware, luggage, Americana décor Christmas décor.

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