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New Woodstock North High School athletic director committed to culture building

Fostering a positive culture is key for longtime teacher and coach Derek Crabiill who will bring his varied sports experience into his new role as Woodstock North High School athletic director.

“We want to make sure that we’re using athletics to build young people toward making championship choices in their lives and becoming great leaders,” Crabiill said. “As we do that, that’s going to help build an even stronger school culture.”

Crabiill, of Woodstock, will replace athletic director Dave Rose who recently took a job closer to his family. Crabiill is now the assistant athletic director at Crystal Lake Central High School where he also teaches science and is the girls varsity basketball coach.

WNHS Principal Josh Segura said Crabiill is a great fit for the Thunder where he already has many strong connections. “We’re excited about his passion for developing strong student leaders and about his commitment to a positive school culture.”

While much of his attention has been on Crystal Lake students and athletes, Crabiill has also been a Thunder fan for several years. His oldest daughter Avery graduated from Woodstock North two years ago and plays basketball at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa just down the road from where he ran the hardcourt at Clarke University.

Crabiill and his wife Shauna also have a sophomore at Woodstock North, Adelyn, who plays volleyball, basketball and softball for the Thunder. Their youngest, Ainsley, is a first-grader at Mary Endres Elementary School.

“My wife is excited that she won’t have to divide her attention to watching my games on her phone while she’s at Adelyn’s games in person,” Crabiill said.

Crabiill, who has taught at Crystal Lake Central for the last 12 years, has a wide range of sports experience coaching both girls and boys in basketball and golf, respectively. He even worked as a minor league baseball umpire and in the Venezuelan Winter League.

He said he's excited about coming to WNHS where he enjoys the close-knit community and already knows many of the families. Crabill said he plans to help create a continuous foundation for multi-sport athletes by getting coaches together and maintaining his efforts in turning student athletes into leaders.

"I've been amazed at how much I've seen players grow as people," Crabill said. "I've seen how much of an impact culture can make on a person so I put a lot of focus on that."

The Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 Board of Education approved Crabill's hiring with a salary of \$113,000 at its April 9 board meeting. His position will begin on July 1.