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## Yaden out as alderman

### *Resignation effective immediately*

A second alderman has resigned mid-term from the Hoopeston City Council.

Chad Yaden submitted his resignation Sunday, effective immediately. No reason was given in his brief resignation letter. He did not respond to a request for comment. He was elected in 2015 to represent Ward I and ran unopposed last year.

Chairman of the city's cemetery committee, he recently spearheaded the effort to digitize records at Floral Hill Cemetery. He also served on the civic and street and alley committees.

He is the second alderman to resign in a month and a half. Alex Houmes resigned his Ward 3 seat on September 3. His resignation was also immediate.

## Briefly

### Library offers craft kits

The doors may be closed, but we're still here for you at Hoopeston Public Library!

To celebrate the Halloween season, we have take home craft kits for children, teens and adults now available in limited quantities. Call the library - (217) 283-6711 - during our open hours to arrange pickup of your kit.

### Time to put the lights up

Volunteers are needed for Christmas light setup starting at 8 a.m. October 23 and 24. Volunteers (16 or older) are asked to meet at McFerrer Park office. Friday will be primarily moving displays from storage, and Saturday will be assembling and securing the displays. Volunteers will be fed lunch both days. Anyone with a truck and trailer is encouraged to bring it Friday.

For more info, call Russ Leigh at (217) 283-9336.

## Social Security announces 1.3% increase in 2021 benefits

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 1.3 percent in 2021, the Social Security Administration has announced.

The 1.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2021. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2020. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits).

The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$142,800 from \$137,700.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail starting in early December about their new benefit amount. Most people who receive Social Security payments will be able to view their COLA notice online through their personal *my* Social Security account. People may create or access their *my* Social Security account online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

Information about Medicare changes for 2021, when announced, will be available at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). For Social Security beneficiaries receiving Medicare, Social Security will not be able to compute their new benefit amount until after the Medicare premium amounts for 2021 are announced. Final 2021 benefit amounts will be communicated to beneficiaries in December through the mailed COLA notice and *my* Social Security's Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola).

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## Obituaries

**STEINER** - Norman E. Steiner, 88, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Buckley and Watseka, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020 in Chandler, Ariz. Due to current health concerns, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014; Calvary Lutheran Church, Watseka, IL; Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 3257 E. University Drive, Mesa, AZ 85213; or Epiphany Lutheran Church, 800 W. Ray Rd, Chandler, AZ 85225. Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

**STOLLER** - Harry J. Stoller, M.D., 84, of Cissna Park, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020. Private graveside

service will be held in Bremen Cemetery, Bremen, Ind., at a later date. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

**WOLFORD** - Linda (Byerly) Morgeson Wolford, 80, of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 6:20 a.m. October 11, 2020. She was cremated and no service will be held. Among her survivors is a sister, Bonnie Caldwell, of Wellington.

## Weather

Chance of thunderstorms, then partly sunny today. High 63. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 53. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 78, low 61.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).



If you advertised an event on social media and had a disappointing turnout, consider this: in a recent study, **32.8%** of social media users reported **not** receiving an event notification in time to attend.

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