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# Social Security announces 5.9 % benefit COLA for 2022

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 5.9 percent in 2022, the Social Security Administration announced today.

The 5.9 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), the largest in 39 years, will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2022. Increased payments to approximately 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 30, 2021. (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 \$147,000 from \$142,800.

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.

See COLA on other side



Blown up A house on South Second Ave. makes use of air to decorate for Halloween. Both the castle and dog are inflatables. Banners, pumpkin decorated leaf bags, spider web-adorned straw and pumpkins complete the holiday look.



# **Online Auction**

Jay and Connie Stump Ends Monday, Oct 18 @ 6 pm Vintage, Furniture, Collectibles, Tools, Firewood, Bikes, Jewelry & much more JONWITVOETAUCTIONEER.com

(ServSafe)

**Food Service** License Course taught by Carolyn Daniel Tuesdays, Oct 19 - Nov 16, 2021 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. **DACC Higher Learning Center** 847 E. Orange St., Hooopeston **Registration Deadline October 15 Space** is limited To register or for more information, call 217-283-4170 or register online at https://dacchoopeston.coursestorm.com **Class Fee \$99 plus** ServSafe Coursebook 7th edition with answer sheet (purchase separately)

### **From the Blotter**

**Julie Stevens**, 38, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 2:43 p.m. Tuesday after a city employee reported criminal damage had been done to Hoopeston City Hall.

After an investigation, Stevens was charged with criminal damage to state supported property and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

### **COLA** continued from other side

Information about Medicare changes for 2022, when announced, will be available at www.medi care.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 2022 are announced.

Final 2022 benefit amounts will be communicated to beneficiaries in December through the mailed CO-LA notice and *my* Social Security's Message Center. The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated.

To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

**Iroquois County Sherriff's Police** arrested Joseph D. Hart, 36, of Milford, Saturday. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear for driving while license suspended, he was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where he was released on bond.

**Timothy A. Hopkins**, 51, of Milford, was arrested by Milford Police Sunday, charged with domestic battery.

He was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where he was released on bond.

# **Court Dispositions**

#### September 8

**Brian K. Swinford**, Danville, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance, status hearing November 10.

**Julie R. Stevens**, Kokomo, Ind., failed to appear at initial appearance for criminal damage to property, found guilty by default, fined \$180 plus possible restitution; status hearing October 13.

Gary R. Wilson, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, status hearing October 13

## If you're counting on social media for your business advertising, consider:

People 55 and older control 70% of disposable income in America, yet fewer than half report using social media. Among younger people, 22% report less than daily usage. If your event isn't seen, your business could suffer a

Consider Just the Facts

### HHS meeting to feature Ghostnet Paranormal crew at Lorraine

Everyone is invited to the Lorraine Theater, 324 E. Main, Hoopeston, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, as the Hoopeston Historical Society welcomes central Illinois paranormal investigations group, Ghostnet Paranormal.

Group members Travis Cain, Matt Mullins, Eleena Mullins, Jack Gaffney and Meranda Cable are bringing their investigation equipment and will share with HHS members how they investigate locations and their experiences, including findings from the Saturday, October 16, Old Hoopeston City Hall investigation.

Ghostnet Paranormal, whose mission is finding the truth of what lies beyond our realm has been featured on WCIA Living and Travel Channel's Paranormal Caught on Camera and can be found on their Facebook page Ghostnet Paranormal.

### Obituaries

**HUSTON** - Vickie Lynn (Phillips) Huston, 65, of Rossville, died at 5:59 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, at home. Visitation will be 1:30 p.m. until the 3:30 p.m. celebration of her life Saturday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. Burial will follow in Gundy Cemetery. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

**PFINGSTEN** - Elroy "Bud" Pfingsten, 90, of Watseka, formerly of the Woodworth area, died Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, at home. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Woodworth. Burial will follow in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Woodworth. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran School of Woodworth or donor's choice. Baier Funeral Home, Watseka, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.baierfuneralhome.com. **STEVENS** - Dennis G. Stevens, 71, of Rankin, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. He was cremated. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Cox-Knapp Funeral Home, Paxton, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.coxknapp.com.

### Weather

Showers likely today, tonight. High 74, low 60. Tomorrow, showers likely, clearing late. High 69, low 46. For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/ weather/.

# Classifieds

#### APARTMENTS FOR RENT

3 BR upstairs apt. \$475 + security deposit. Must have good references, good history. Garage. No pets. (217) 304-3477 for appointment. Agent-owned.

#### HELP WANTED

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Full-Fill Industries in Henning is HIRING! New starting wage is \$18/hour. Full-time positions with benefits and part-time positions available for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shifts. Apply at www.full-fill.com/employment-opportunities Applications available onsite. EOE

United Prairie-Hoopeston has opening this Fall for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL. Pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd Hoopeston. For more information call 217/888 -0164.

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking a full time applicator. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Silver Brothers is looking for part-time mixer drivers. Hours will vary. Must have Class B CDL, pass a drug test, be able to climb a ladder, and lift 75 lbs. Pay will be \$20/hour to an experienced driver. Perfect opportunity for a retired person wanting some extra money. Stop by 105 E. Washington, Hoopeston for application.

Dogtown Heating, Air, & Plumbing is in search of an experienced HVAC technician to help serve our customers in the area. Pay based on experience. Health insurance, Life insurance, and 2 weeks paid vacation. We have a family atmosphere that serves our customers with honesty and integrity. Email brad.dogtown@gmail.com

Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1<sup>st</sup> St. in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

#### RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 606 S. Fourth St. Fri, 8-6, Sat., 8-1. Multi family sale. Clothes - girls from sizes 4 to 5, boys from 18 most to 5 and 6; home décor, Christmas items and lots of misc.

