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# Remote meeting delays approval of new Ward 2 alderman

Naming Jeff Wise's replacement as Ward 2 alderman will have to wait for at least one more meeting.

Because Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting was fully remote - will all officials attending the Zoom meeting from places other than city hall -Mayor Jeff Wise opted to postpone the appointment until it can be done in person.

The Ward 2 seat became available after Wise resigned as alderman to serve as mayor, following the death last month of former Mayor Bill Crusinberry.

Wise said he has been contacted by two or three people interested in the position. He said at the January 4 meeting that he hoped to have a candidate named and approved by the council at Tuesday's meeting but that will now be moved to February 1.

Wise, as mayor, and whomever is named to the Ward 2 seat, will serve until the 2023 election, when each may run to fill the unexpired term of their respective positions.

In other business, the council approved an agreement with Fehr-Graham engineering of Champaign, to conduct a phosphorus removal feasibility study and phosphorous discharge optimization plan to meet new Illinois Environmental Protection Agency standards. The study is also to include probable capital costs and annual operation and maintenance costs to achieve the target level, said Ald. Lourdine Florek, water/sewer committee chairman.

After analyzing data to determine how much phosphorous is currently in treated wastewater discharge, Fehr-Graham engineers will then create a plan of phosphorus reduction measures.

The estimated cost of the study is \$20,000, and planning work is estimated at \$10,000.

Both reports are to be turned in to IEPA by April 30, 2022 and are required in the city's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit, Florek said.

The agreement was approved 5-0 with aldermen Joe Garrett and Kyle Richards absent.

In other discussion, Wise, who, as alderman, was street/alley committee chairman, reported that, in the absence of snow to plow, department employees have been grinding stumps left from last year's tree removal program. "We have tons of stumps grind so that will keep them busy for a while," he said.

After the meeting, Wise said city workers will continue to cut down trees as they are able to get to them.

## -*Briefly*

### Library goes to curbside service only

Due to staff shortages, as well as for the safety of our staff and patrons, Hoopeston Public Library will be open for curbside service only, effective January 18-31.

Patrons may still order books and pick up materials by calling 217-283-6711, which staff will deliver to patrons' vehicles. Copying and fax services will be available by appointment. Library hours will remain the same.

#### **Breast cancer support group**

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be January 20.

Please spread the word and join us to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

#### WMD meeting

Hoopeston Area Women Making A Difference will hold their first meeting of the year at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 at the First Church of God. .

All women are invited to attend. Come join us as we help our community. Let us know you're coming by emailing Hoopestonwmd@vahoo.com.







# **Olympic Hardware**

516 N. Dixie Hwy., Hoopeston (217) 283-5186 Open Sundays

#### From the Blotter

**Police are investigating** a burglary to a semi trailer, reported at 11 a.m. Tuesday by a 55-year-old Rossville man. He reported that someone forced entry into the trail-

er parked in the 200 block of West Orange and removed items

Anyone with information is asked to contact

#### **Obituaries**

**DAHLQUIST** - M. Susan (Lyon) Dahlquist, 75, of Coloma, Mich., formerly of Stockland, died unexpectedly on January 15, 2022, at home. Visitation will be 12:30 p.m. until the 2 p.m. funeral Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will follow in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to the family. Condolences may be shared at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

**REUTTER** - Anna Marie (Rudin) Reutter, 98, of Roanoke, formerly of East Lynn, died Sunday, Jan.

16, 2022 at Apostolic Christian Home or Roanoke. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Ruestman-Harris Funeral Home, El Paso, and 9-9:45 a.m. Friday at Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to Apostolic Christian Church of Roanoke. Condolences may be shared at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

Hoopeston Police Department

**Joseph D. Hart**, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested after officers reported seeing him at 5:37 p.m. Tuesday, digging around a dumpster at South Third St. and East Main. A computer check showed he was wanted on a Vermilion County warrant.

He was taken to the police station and the was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville by a Vermilion County Sheriff's Department deputy.

#### Weather

Sunny today. High 21. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 10. Tomorrow, sunny. High 26, low 13.

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



Photo submitted

### Pre-Christmas crash

A reader snapped this shot of two Republic Services garbage trucks that collided in rural Grant Township before Christmas, causing a mini traffic jam on the country road. No injuries were reported. Further details were not available at press time.

## Classifieds

#### FREE STUFF

Free water heater available. Call (217) 497-7495

#### HELP WANTED

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for swimming pool assistant manager and lifeguards. Application and job description are available at <a href="https://www.cityofhoopeston.com">www.cityofhoopeston.com</a> or at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

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.

KSi is looking for qualified candidates for the seasonal position of Production Associate in our Cissna Park facility. This position is primarily responsible for mechanical assembly of conveyors and final units. Potential candidates should possess a beginner level of mechanical skills and have a strong work ethic. Position would be M-F workweeks up to 45 hours per week. Majority of work would be in heated shop for cold winter months. Fill out an application from our website, <a href="www.ksiedge.com">www.ksiedge.com</a>, send inquiries to hr@ksiedge.com, or call 785-284-0600 ext. 1422. Applications may also be picked up at our location: 454 N State Route 49, Cissna Park, IL 60924.

Teasdale Latin Foods is hiring for a new temporary position. Competitive pay, 5-6 hrs./day, five days a week. Great for retirees, college students or someone laid off looking to work part time. Apply in person or online: https://teasdale-latin-foods.breezy.hr/

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is HIRING! Apply at www.full-fill.com/employmentopportunities Applications available onsite. EOE

HA CUSD #11 is accepting applications for a part time computer technician assistant. Duties include providing desktop support, assisting with infrastructure and A/V projects. https://phl.applitrack.com/roe54/onlineapp/default.aspx?

Category=Technology

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.

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 1st St. in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

#### HOUSES FOR RENT

Hoopeston 3 bedroom 1 bath, one level large deck, washer& dryer room. Call or text 217-495-2274