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Social Security, SSI benefits to increase 3.2% in '24

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 71 million Americans will increase 3.2 percent in 2024, the Social Security Administration announced last week. On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by more than \$50 per month starting in January.

More than 66 million Social Security beneficiaries will see the 3.2 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) beginning in January 2024. Increased payments to approximately 7.5 million people receiving SSI will begin on December 29, 2023. (Note: some people receive both Social

Security and SSI benefits).

"Social Security and SSI benefits will increase in 2024, and this will help millions of people keep up with expenses," said Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

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 \$168,600 from \$160,200.

Social Security begins notifying people about their new benefit amount by mail starting in early December. Those who have a personal *my Social Security* account can view their COLA notice online, which is secure, easy, and faster than receiving a letter in the mail. People can set up text or email alerts when there is a new message--such as their COLA notice--waiting for them in *my Social Security*.

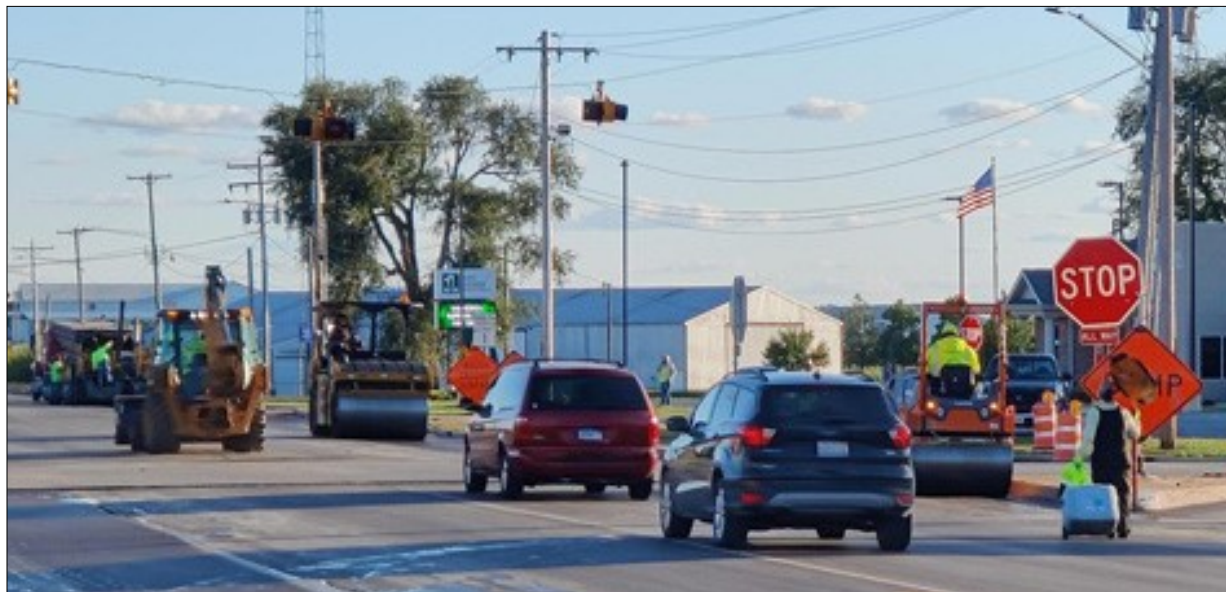
People will need to have a *my Social Security* account by November 14 to see their COLA notice online. To get started, visit www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2024 will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare, their new 2024 benefit amount will be available in December through the mailed COLA notice and *my Social Security's* Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides how the COLA is calculated. The Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. To read more, please visit www.ssa.gov/cola.



The Grand Prize winner is
 Kathy Murphy, of Hoopeston, is the \$100 grand prize winner in the 2023 Summer Snaps Photo Contest, sponsored by Just the Facts. Murphy snapped a shot of Stella, the donkey, in White Gate, County Clare, Ireland.



Weekend work

Motorists wait as road workers spend a Saturday resurfacing Rt. 1 at the intersection of Rt. 9 on October 7. The project, from south of Rossville to the Iroquois County line, is taking longer than expected due to recent rains. Motorists are asked to use caution in the area due to shoulder drop offs and minimal striping on the new surface.

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From 5 p.m. - close Tuesdays & Wednesdays, we're donating \$5 of each dine-in cheeseburger to a local church or school. Tuesday's recipient is **BHRA Study Hall needs**

Kids Meals not included, Limited to 1 cheeseburger/person

Rossville Family Restaurant
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Court Dispositions

September 13

Anthony J. McMillan, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Terrance L. Poke, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for trespassing, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing October 11.

Jeff H. Chandler, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for tampering with containers or contents, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing October 11.

Amanda J. Plonka, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to general nuisance at initial appearance; trial set for October 11.

Brandon W. Davis, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance, found guilty by default. He complied and was fined costs only, of \$80; status hearing October 11.

Courtney J. St. Clair, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for trespassing, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Clarence Callahan IV, Hoopeston, appeared for general nuisance; fine paid in full, case closed.

From the Blotter

Cole Alkire, 25, of Hoopeston, is set to appear in Hoopeston City Court after he was cited for an incident that occurred at 10:02 p.m. Thursday at East Honeywell and North Seventh St. Police were called to the area regarding a report of harassment.

He was located, charged with unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct and released on a notice to appear.

Holly Irvin, 43, of Hoopeston, was charged with retail theft after employees of Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy., alleged she stuffed items into a bag.

Irvin was processed at the police station, then released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court.

Jesse Armstrong, 38, of Melvin, was arrested after a traffic stop at 5:50 p.m. Sunday at 323 E.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:42 p.m. Sunday to the 500 block of East Washington for a report of a smell of gas. No injuries were reported.

Briefly

Community fund grant apps open

The United Community Fund of Grant Township is accepting applications for funding from local 501c3 organizations for fiscal year 2024.

For more information or to obtain an application, contact Tricia Freeland at Hoopeston Public Library, (217) 283-6711.

Application deadline is November 15, 2023.

Alley cleanup

Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin October 16, weather permitting. This is for yard waste only. Piles that contain concrete, bricks, lumber or landscape materials will not be picked up.

Those who don't have alleys may leave their piles curbside but not in the gutter.

The route will begin on the southwest side of town.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 60. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 40. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of showers, breezy late. High 67, low 51.

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

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring for 2nd Production Machine Operators, \$18/hour. Apply at www.full-fill.com Applications available onsite. EOE

Hoopeston VFW is looking for a weekend bartender. Sat., 5 p.m. 1:30 a.m. and Sun., 5 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Cook and kitchen help also needed Weds.-Fris., 3-8 p.m. Apply in person at 428 W. Orange.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a part time animal control officer. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, must be comfortable handling aggressive animals, must be willing to attend required training at city's expense and must be willing to be employed on an on-call basis. Candidates will be required to enforce State, County and City codes, ordinances and laws governing animal control, animal identification, recognition of illness, habits and behaviors of various animals and the techniques and equipment used in capturing, restraining, receiving, feeding, caring for, grooming and releasing domestic and wild animals. Job functions include, but not limited to: capture domestic and wild animals; may require chasing, climbing fences and crawling under houses, etc.; inspect animal facilities to ensure animals have adequate food and water and have sanitary and appropriate living conditions; issue citations, warnings and/or legal notices. Applications available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main or www.cityofhoopeston.com. For questions call (217) 283-5833.

East Lynn Fertilizer is looking for a full-time custom applicator. Competitive Pay. Health Insurance & Retirement Plans. Apply in person at 41284 S Main St. East Lynn, IL.

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Aquality Solutions is looking for men or women to deliver its products to area businesses and residential customers. This position offers benefits and incentive bonuses. Apply in person at 102 N 1st Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

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