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# City to have two races, school board lacking in candidates

Hoopeston voters will have a choice in who will lead the city after next year's municipal election.

Incumbent Mayor Jeff Wise, who resigned his seat as alderman to serve as mayor after the death of his predecessor, Bill Crusinberry, in December 2021, is seeking re-election. He is being challenged by newcomer Tracy Carter.

In Ward 1, voters will elect a new alderman or a newer alderman. Toby McElhaney newly appointed to the seat, which was vacated by Nicole VanHyfte, is running to retain the spot. Andrew Atchie has filed to represent the ward, as well.

Other incumbents are running unopposed, including

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6:00 P.M.

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Clerk Brad Hardcastle, Treasurer Yolanda Woods and council members Kellie Ferrell, Ward II, Tim Scharlach, Ward III and Bob Porth, Ward IV.

Hoopeston Area School Board will be one person short, as three people are running for four seats.

Incumbents Deborah Klaber and Elizabeth Silver are seeking re-election and newcomer Rosie Kelnhofer has thrown her hat in the ring.

Incumbents Cheryl Steiner and Travis Field did not seek a second term.

This is the first at-large election for the district, after voters approved eliminating longtime practice of voting by congressional townships.





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### **Obituaries**

**McKINLEY** - Rexanne A. (Balanoff) McKinley, 69, of Watseka, formerly of Stockland, died Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at home. Visitation was 3 p.m. until the 5 p.m. funeral service Tuesday at Baier Funeral Home,

#### From the Blotter

Cheyenne Wagoner, 30, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an accident at 5:06 a.m. November 29. Police said Wagoner damaged the Hoopeston Fire Department building at 110 N. Market.

She was arrested on preliminary charges of leaving the scene of a crash, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court. Her vehicle was towed from its location.

#### Weather

Sunny today. High 28. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 19. Tomorrow, sunny. High 41, low 31. Sunday, mostly sunny then rain. High 51, low 43.

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Watseka. Private burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery, near Stockland, at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team. Condolences may be shared at baierfuneralhome.com.

**SOLIS** - Perfecta (Guajardo) Solis, 89, of Hoopeston, died Monday, December 2, 2024, at home. She will be cremated. Burial will be held at a later date in Floral Hill Cemetery. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at blurtonfuneralhomes.com.



