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Letters to the Editor

Remember issues when voting

What is Democracy? Should we clear our minds of the issues that face Americans before we vote again? When all the dust settles from the government bail-out of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and AIG (Insurance Co.), perhaps we can forget. After all, most voters have forgotten about the Keating Five Savings &

Multi township assessment board to hold first meeting

Members of the newly-formed multi-township assessment district board will hold their first meeting at 4 p.m. Friday at the Grant Township office, 525 S. Market..

The district includes Grant and Butler townships. Board members are Butler supervisor and clerk Dave Anderson and Wayne King and their Grant counterparts, Bill Boose and Sharon Johnson.

The meeting is being held to elect officers, decide the legal name of the district, set the salary for the multi-township assessor to be elected in April 2009 and set compensation for board members.

The meeting is open to the public.

Loans bailout 20 years ago.

Should we accept McCain's running mate, Sarah Palin with open arms and forget about her alleged abuse of power as governor of Alaska?

Surely we can't forget about the lives devastated by the ungodly war in Iraq.

Today the talking heads of mainstream media and the huge headlines in newspapers want us to concentrate on race. Should we forget that Sen. Obama is half white; had a white mother; was raised by white grandparents; chose a white running mate and has white supporters, like me? Love of power and money and the desire to spew hate divides nations, churches, family and friends.

I realize that some newspapers executives and television heads, who are making more than \$250,000 a year, don't want Bush's tax cuts to end, and that may be the reason they will vote for Palin/McCain. But, I will remain hopeful that the abuse of power we have endured for eight long years will end in November. It is sad.

Vera Crozier
Hoopeston

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Battle of Chickamauga is centerpiece of this year's Vermilion County Civil War Days

Civil War and area history buffs will want to head down to Kennekuk County Park September 27 & 28th for the third annual Vermilion County Civil War Days. The two day event is hosted by the Illiana Civil War Society and will draw in Civil War reenactors from the region.

This year's event will center around the 1863 battle of Chickamauga. The two-day engagement was fought in Northeast Georgia between the Union Army of the Cumberland under William Rosecrans and the Confederate Army of Tennessee commanded by Braxton Bragg.

Following the Confederate defeats at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, Confederate officials wanted a victory to raise morale and to drive Union troops out of Chattanooga, a city that could be used as a staging area for a push into Georgia. Bragg's Confederates, despite command problems, were able to drive the Federals from the field, but did not follow up. While Chickamauga was a major Confederate victory in the West, Bragg's inability to take Chattanooga resulted in the Union Army's campaign against Atlanta and Sherman's march to the sea.

In the 1863 battle, two Vermilion County-raised regiments, the 35th and 125th Infantry were a part of the Union forces.

Elements of the battle of Chickamauga will be featured on both days of the event. Other activities will include a loading and firing contest, a period fashion show, artillery and infantry demonstrations, a Civil War period dance, and the popular night firing of the assembled Civil War artillery pieces.

In addition, Max and Donna Daniels of Wheaton will return to impersonating President and Mrs. Lincoln. Also back this year are The Generals, a living history group representing Civil War Generals Grant, Lee,



Kevin Young of Rossville instructs area students on how to form a Civil War Infantry Company as part of Vermilion County Civil War Days to be held at Kennekuk County Park September 27 & 28.

Photo contributed

Longstreet, Sherman and others ranking officers. Visitors are also welcome to tour the various camps during the day.

Gates will open both days at 8:30 a.m. Admission

is \$5 per person or \$10 a car load.

The event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Danville Area Arts Council, Danville Township, Kiss/Kool Radio, the Danville Commercial News, and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the Vermilion County Conservation District, Big R, and Country Tyme Lanes of Rantoul.

For more information call 217-442-1691.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 83. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 54. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 82, low 53.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:29 a.m. Monday in the 300 block of East Main. Police said Gregory L. Wardell, of Hoopeston, in a 2000 Chevrolet truck, was backing from a parking space when he was hit by a 2002 Pontiac van driven by Scott Lackey, also of Hoopeston.

A 42-year-old woman reported at 10:50 a.m. Monday that someone tore a screen from a door to her back porch and entered the porch. Nothing was reported missing. The incident occurred in the 500 block of East McCracken.

Jacob D. Goodin, 17, of Hoopeston was arrested at 4:33 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of East Thompson on a juvenile warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A 17-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Monday that a purple and black Ridgewood Mountain 10 speed bike was stolen Friday from the 700 block of East Wyman.

Classifieds

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Obituaries

BRYANT - Cecil Bryant Jr., 54, of Milford, died at 12:04 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008 at home. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Milford Christian Church. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford and one hour before service Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice or Milford Christian Church.

REEVES - June E. (Decker) Reeves, 85, of Holiday, Fla., formerly of Milford, died at 12 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, 2008 at Brownsburg Health Care Center, Brownsburg, Ind. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Brownsburg Health Care Center, Brownsburg, Ind.