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Johnson sponsors concealed carry reciprocity legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—As promised, U.S. Rep. Timothy V. Johnson has introduced legislation to guarantee all citizens their constitutional right to carry concealed weapons.

The National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act, or H.R. 3543, would give Illinois citizens the same rights that Americans in every other state of the union enjoy.

“Overturning this prohibition in Illinois is long-overdue,” Rep. Johnson said. “Law-abiding citizens deserve the right to protect themselves. Over 100 years of Supreme Court rulings and the 14th Amend-

ment guarantee that no state can deny the rights and privileges of any citizen. The Second Amendment could not be more clear on this issue. Forty-nine other states understand this and have reasonable policies in place to ensure that only law-abiding people willing to go through authorized safety training are permitted this right. The only reason Illinois is the exception is Cook County. This is not acceptable.

“I will continue to work with the Illinois delegation, colleagues from both sides of the aisle, and leadership in Congress to see that this bill is brought to the House floor for a vote.”

Board members file for reelection, four seek recorder spot

DANVILLE—All three District 1 Vermilion County Board members have filed for reelection.

The three Republicans representing Hoopeston and the surrounding area are Gary Weinard, Chris Leigh and Todd Johnson.

Monday was the final day to file for the March 20 primary.

Incumbent county officers, including Denny Gardner, circuit clerk; Randy Brinegar, state’s attorney; Peggy Johnson, coroner; and Linda Lucas Anstey, auditor, filed for reelection and are running unopposed.

Vermilion County will have a new recorder of deeds, as four contestants are running for the office currently held by Barbara Young, who is not seeking reelection.

Running for the Republican nomination are Tom O’Shaughnessy, Deborah Runyan and Eric Rosson, and Democrat Nikki Bogart.

In Iroquois County, Jim Hurt of rural Wellington and John Wilkening of rural Cissna Park were

among nine incumbents who did not seek reelection. Eight challengers and 15 incumbents are running for 20 openings in the GOP primary, with contested races in three of four remapped voting districts.

The board is being reduced from five voting districts to four and from 25 to 20 members.

In District 3, covering an area from Milford to Cissna Park and Sheldon to Crescent City, candidates include incumbents Charles Alt of Cissna Park, Jean Hiles and Troy Krumwiede of rural Watseka, and Osborne Storm of rural Ashkum, along with newcomers Marvin Stichnoth of rural Milford and Donna Crow of Milford.

Alt, Hiles, Stichnoth and Crow will be among candidates in a lottery to determine ballot placement after the candidates filed simultaneously. The lottery is expected to be held Thursday.

Half those elected to the new board will serve two-year terms while the others will serve for four years. A random drawing will be held after the election to determine who will serve which term.

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Cornjerkers win 2 of 3 in quad meet; top Indiana team

Hoopeston Area wrestlers took two of three matches in a quad meet against Unity, Rantoul and Dwight on November 26 at Rantoul.

Cornjerker grapplers dropped to United 36-40, but won 47-30 over Rantoul and 45-24 against Dwight.

In the match against Unity, Ethan Linder won by pin at :29 against Wynn Burroughs in the 285 class.

Forfeit wins were recorded by Adam Hodge 113, Zach Drollinger 160, Robbie Irvin 170, Matt Watson 182 and Conner Willis 220.

In the match against Dwight, Linder again had a pin, at 1:30 over Gus Rieke. He was joined by Coty Coon at 2:57 in the 132 class; Drollinger over Anthony Bauer at 1:26; and Irvin at 3:07 over Michael Kelly.

Josh Johnson won by a 7-4 decision over Chance Larson. Matt Watson, Chazz Watson and Willis won by forfeits.

Linder got his third pin of the meet at 1:05 over D. Hart of Rantoul. Other pins were by Johnson at :27 over B. Gatherings; Coon at 2:22 over R. Steward; Irvin at :46 over C. Cargo; and Matt Watson at :12

over B. Washenfeldt. Drollinger won over J. Cobb with a 17-2 tech fall.

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On December 1, the Cornjerkers topped Gary Wallace, Ind., 44-26. HA had pins by Johnson at 2:56, Irvin at :47, marking his 100th win; Matt Watson at 4:27, Chazz Watson at 2:56 and Linder, 1:46.

Hodge scored an 11-7 decision and Willis won in a 12-7 decision. Devin Cartwright (106) Aiden Berg (152), Drollinger scored forfeits.



New Books at the Library



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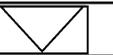
Robert B. Parker's Killing the Blues by Michael Brandman (Large Print)

Murder Unleashed by Rita Mae Brown (Mystery)

Lethal by Sandra Brown (Large Print)



Letters to the Editor



Grave photographs, info appreciated

I want to thank Bob, Nancy and Tony Cannon for taking the time to photograph graves at Floral Hill. I was able to find my grandfather's grave and leave a flower and note. His was always harder for me to locate in person. Also a huge thanks to all who do this wonderful work.

I was able to "leave" a flower and note at my granny's grave in Riverside Cemetery near Attica, IN. She passed

in 1954 and I have not been at that site since a child. It was a somewhat emotional moment to do so, with fondest memories.

For those who do not know about this, the website is www.findagrave.com. Not all are there as not all have been photographed, but even very small cemeteries have been photographed.

Alice J. Fink
Hoopeston

Letters to the Editor policy

Just the Facts welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed by the writer and must include a daytime phone number for verification. Letters must be in good taste and of general interest to readers. Unsigned letters will not be published. Letters may be mailed to P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942, or emailed to publish@justthefacts.net.

Police News



Jose Torres Jr., 38, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 8:26 p.m. Sunday in the 800 block of East Young. He was charged with criminal trespass to vehicle on a complaint from a 58-year-old Hoopeston woman after allegedly removing a vehicle from the property without permission.

He was released on \$100 bond and given a court date. No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 9:57 a.m. Monday in the 600 block of East McCracken.

Police said Jesus Montez, of Hoopeston, backed a 2002 Ford Explorer from a driveway and struck an east-bound 2002 Chevrolet Impala driven by Michelle Weber, also of Hoopeston.

A 42-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 11:05 a.m. Monday that someone took his wallet from his car sometime during the evening of December 1.

Weather



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