



IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

FEBRUARY 27TH YES For INDEPENDENT MAPS
Public meeting, Glen Carbon Library Community Room
6:30 p.m. Executive Director Mike Kolenc will discuss the
proposed amendment to the Illinois State Constitution to
give citizen control of redistricting. (see page 2)

**MARCH 6th MEET AND GREET FOR PRIMARY
CANDIDATES** , Edwardsville Library Meeting Room
7-8:30 p.m. All are welcome (see page 2)

MARCH 27TH IRON JAWED ANGELS film to be shown at
the Edwardsville Library Meeting Room in celebration of
Women's History Month. The film will start at 6 p.m. and
popcorn will be served.

APRIL 10TH LWVUS AGRICULTURE STUDY, All League
members are encouraged to attend a consensus meeting
on three major issues we are focusing on:
Animal Management, Food Safety and Food Labeling.

MAY 3RD LWVEA ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON
Time and Place to be announced.

OUR LEAGUE MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK:

YES FOR INDEPENDENT MAPS. Thursday, February 27th 6:30 Glen Carbon Library
A nonpartisan, grassroots campaign to put an Illinois Constitutional amendment on the November 4th ballot. The proposed amendment will take redistricting out of the hands of politicians. The amendment calls for the creation of an independent redistricting commission: a group of qualified Illinois citizens who will reflect the state's geographic and demographic diversity. It will also put an end to gerrymandering by politicians.

MEET AND GREET PRIMARY CANDIDATES Thursday, March 6th at 7 p.m. in the Edwardsville Library Meeting Room The following candidates have been invited: Rodney Davis, Republican incumbent for the 13th Congressional District and challengers Erika Harold and Michael Firsching; Democratic candidates for the 13th Congressional District, Ann Callis, George Gollin and David Green. Also appearing are the two Democratic candidates for sheriff: incumbent Bob Hertz and challenger John Lakin. Republican candidates for County Board in District 11: incumbent Brad Maxwell and challenger Don Weber.

AGRICULTURAL STUDY LWVUS

We need League members to participate in this study of current technology issues in agriculture including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), herbicides, pesticides, agricultural water pollution, antibiotics in livestock and accurate food labeling. The LWVUS has published information for this study and members are needed on the committee. If you are interested in helping in the study, email Evie Gorski at egorski5@gmail.com We are planning to have a consensus meeting for the membership on April 10th at the home of Evie Gorski, League President.

IRON JAWED ANGELS film to be shown at the Edwardsville Library at 6 p.m. on March 27th stars Hilary Swank, Julia Ormond, Frances O'Connor and Angelica Huston. The film concerns American women's suffrage during the 1910's. It follows political activists Alice Paul and Lucy Burns as they use peaceful and effective strategies to revolutionize the American feminist movement to grant women the right to vote.

AND FINALLY: Alison Lamothe and Lorraine Krusa registered 20 students to vote at Edwardsville High School in late January. Yvonne Jordan and Lorraine Krusa registered 23 students to vote at Madison High School in February.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW LEAGUE MEMBER

Wanda D. Brown has joined us. She is also the President of the local NAACP and is already helping on with Voter Services.



Don't Forget to Join us!

March 27th for the film

Iron Jawed Angels

Edwardsville Library

6 p.m.

May :3 Annual

Meeting and
Luncheon

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VOTER REGISTRATION REMINDER

League members who are involved with voter registration should be aware that the law Suffrage@17 was passed and signed during the summer. Any citizen who will be 18 by the general election on November 4,2014 can register to vote .

Voter Registration schedule fot the March 18 Primary

March 3—First day early voting

March 13—Last day mail ballot applications accepted

March16-17—in person absentee voting

March 17— last day mail ballot can be postmarked

March 18—Election Day

District 7 Board of Education Observed by Meg Oberlag

January 14, 2014 – At the previous meeting, the Board unanimously voted to sell Working Cash Bonds and to refinance 3.2 million dollars in building debt. These actions would help us get through the next two years without going for a tax referendum. At this meeting Dr. Hightower explained what would happen if we don't do this. Programs (both instructional and extra curricular) would be cut and massive staff layoffs would occur since 80% of the budget goes for teachers. Class size would increase and we would begin deficit spending. Rates would be high because we would have lost our good credit rating. If the economy doesn't pick up in the next two years, we would have to ask for a tax referendum.

The current plan would only raise our tax rate from \$4.20 to \$4.22 which would still be the second lowest of any district in Madison County. A citizen, Pat Hulme, said she is going to collect signatures to put the issue on the ballot which is allowed by state law

February 10, 2014 - The Board passed a resolution to sell bonds for the Working Cash Fund and to refinance previous building debt as discussed at the last meeting.

Because of all the missed school days, they voted to have school on March 3 and 21 which had been scheduled as holidays. They had sent out a letter for parent input and received only 41 replies and all but two were in favor. The two had made previous commitments for travel. Supt. Hightower said that the District will work with anyone who has a problem. As it now stands, the last day of school will be May 28 and commencement will be on May 24. Spring break will be April 14-18.

They also approved a new activity at EHS. It will be a Trap Shooting Club which will meet once a week during the spring and fall seasons. There will be no cost to the District. It will not be an ILSA activity but will be overseen by the athletic department. There will be no guns or ammunition allowed at the high school or in the parking lot. Those things may be stored at home or at the Edwardsville police department. The activity will take place off campus.

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