



Center for History officials Alberta Adamson, left, and Wendy Miller will be the keepers of century-old documents and photos found in a time capsule at the old DuPage County Courthouse in Wheaton. The contents will be on display at the center's Front Street location in Wheaton once the items are properly preserved.

Time: Items will be on display in no time

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Naperville's objections in 1867.

Almost as dubious was a copy of the DuPage County Democrat newspaper. Wheaton is known as a Republican bastion.

"Imagine that," Adamson said while pulling the newspaper from the metal box. "We'll have to investigate that."

The contents will be on display at the Center for History's Front Street location soon. Also on display, for a shorter time,

will be a new time capsule that will replace the old one.

It will include an overview of recent Wheaton events, items preserved from the old courthouse, a train schedule and a scrapbook created by fourth-graders at Longfellow Elementary School.

What image did students choose as the first thing residents of the future need to know about the Wheaton of today?

The local Starbucks.

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Tossed: Tracks would have split about \$36 million

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casinos making more than \$200 million annually to send 3 percent of their revenues to the fund benefiting Illinois' horse tracks, with 60 percent of the money to be used to increase race awards and the rest spent on track and backstretch improvements. The Chicago-area casinos are the only ones taking in that much money.

The subsidy was estimated at \$36 million annually to be split among the tracks. Arlington Park would have received \$10 million.

Tom Swoik, executive director of the Illinois Casino Gaming

Association, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Petrungaro's opinion noted that nothing in the legislative record showed the suburban casinos had a greater impact on horse tracks than those downstate, yet the downstate tracks didn't have to pay.

A spokeswoman for the attorney general, who defended the lawsuit, said a decision on an appeal had not been made. If the state appeals, it would go directly to the Illinois Supreme Court.

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Ballot: Some township officials say meetings for local issues only

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officials abruptly ended their meeting before the issue could be discussed. "I was appalled that they shut the meeting down," she said.

Calls to Lisle Township officials Thursday weren't returned.

But officials in other townships say the resistance that DAWN supporters experienced before should be expected again.

"Our annual township business meeting is not the appropriate venue to vent frustration over the national military policy of this country," said James Flickinger, Milton Township trustee. "It just isn't the proper spot to do it."

York Township Trustee Paul Hinds said he expects the people who opposed the measure last year to return.

"It's not a township issue," Hinds said. "I think people saw them using the town meeting for something it wasn't set up to do."

Slovick said she doesn't understand why anyone would be opposed to asking voters for their opinion.

"Do they think that someone from Washington, D.C., is going to come to DuPage and slap their hands if they let this question on the ballot?" she said.

Some said they're resistant to the ballot measure because they question DAWN's motives.

"If they were honest about it, they would call themselves Democrats Against War Now," Durante said.

Still, that didn't stop Republicans leaders in Wayne Township from agreeing to put the question to a vote.

"The whole idea behind

these town meetings is for people to come and express themselves," Supervisor Bill Newell said. "It would be wrong not to let people express their viewpoints."

And while Wayne Township refused to put the question on the ballot last year, Newell said he doesn't expect Tuesday's vote to be as cut and dry.

"I think everybody has different feelings now," he said. "I imagine the vote might be a little different."

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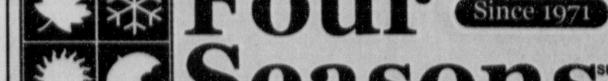
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