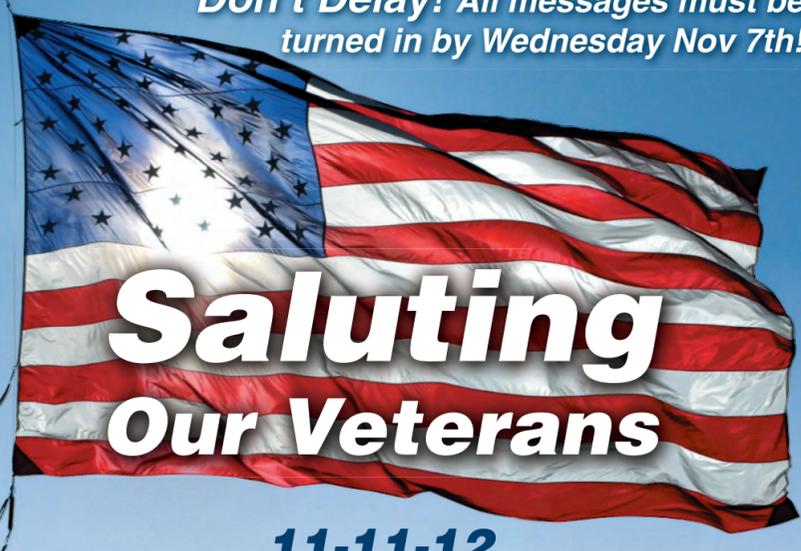


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Saluting Our Veterans

11-11-12

On Veteran's Day, we salute the brave men and women who are currently serving or retired from the Military. We invite you to share a personal message honoring these American Heroes on Veteran's Day. All messages will appear in our special Veteran's Day coverage on Sunday, November 11th.

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OBITUARIES

Frank Sawyer

URBANA — Frank Alexander Sawyer of Oak Park, formerly of Urbana, died on Sept. 23, 2012, at his home.

Frank was born May 29, 1950, in Champaign to Alex and Janet Sawyer. As a youth, Frank was a member of Boy Scout Troop 1, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Champaign. Frank graduated from Bradley University, Peoria, in 1972, with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

He moved to Chicago in 1973; his first job in Chicago was as a Burns security guard. Frank worked for the Social Security Administration in Chicago from 1974 until his death.

Frank was a loyal member of his family, helping take care of his parents in their later years. Despite challenges with stuttering, he was willing to step outside his comfort zone to participate fully in his family's life, including holiday celebrations, weddings, funerals, and caring for elderly relatives.

Frank was an avid reader, including political news, science fiction and Rolling Stone magazine. He had a dry wit and a keen sense of irony. Frank was a generous brother and uncle. He was a wonderful gift-giver and was ready to support charitable organizations.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Janet

More obituaries, B-4.

Shrader Funeral Home, 20 N. Locust St., Arcola, was in charge of arrangements.

Lesa Stewart

TOLONO — Lesa Kay Stewart, 57, of Tolono passed away peacefully on Tuesday (Oct. 2, 2012) at Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana.

Lesa was born May 23, 1955 to Cecil and the late Ernestine Plackett. She married Dee J. Stewart on Sept. 1, 1978; he survives.

Also surviving are her daughter, Katie (Stewart) Pieczynski and her husband Matt, and their two children Abigail and Carter, all of Tolono, and her son, Joshua Stewart of Urbana; her brothers and sisters who include Sandy and the late Rick Dowdy of Tolono, Jaynie and Leo Page of Olney, Gary and Vicki Plackett of Pesotum, and Ken and Susan Plackett of Tolono and a whole lot of nieces and nephews.

Lesa enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom, raising her two kids, bowling and working for the family business.

She was a member of The City Country Club in Villa Grove and enjoyed beating her husband in golf.

There will be a private viewing at Freese Funeral Home in Tolono prior to public graveside services at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Bailey Memorial Cemetery in Tolono, with Rev. Mike Frazier officiating.

The family would like to extend great appreciation for the professionalism and caring services that was provided by the 7th floor nursing and technical staff at Provena Covenant Medical Center, and the nursing staff at the Christ Clinic oncology department.



SAWYER

Sawyer; his brother-in-law, Richard Green; and his nephew, John Matthew Sederholm.

He is survived by his sisters, Kathryn (Alan) Garrison of Mackinaw, Margaret (Greg) Stanton of Urbana, Charlotte Green of Champaign and Ellen (Steve) Cantrell of Edelstein; and brother, Ralph (Becky Rhodes) Sawyer of Metamora.

He is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews, including Anita (Tim) Sorrells and children, Robert, Zech, Joshua, and Allyssa; Katie (David) Schlappi and son, Cole; Chris (Patti Calvo) Stanton; Gabe Stanton; Jordan (Cheryl) Green; Alice (Rob) Callahan and daughter, Charlotte; Joe (Stacey) Cantrell; Ben Cantrell; Patrick Cantrell; and Adam Sawyer.

Visitation and memorial services will be held Monday, Oct. 15, at the Quaker Meeting House, 1904 E. Main St., Urbana (1 p.m. visitation; 2 p.m. memorial service followed by reception). Burial in Clements Cemetery, northeast of Urbana, will be private.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorial donations can be made to Neurofibromatosis Midwest (www.nfmidwest.org/donate/). Condolences may be offered at www.renner-wikoffchapel.com.

Linda Sepahirod

CHAMPAIGN — Linda Sepahirod, 58, of Champaign died at 4:35 p.m. Monday (Aug. 27, 2012) at Heartland Health Care Center, Champaign.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Arcola Cemetery, Arcola. The Rev. Kris Light will officiate.

URBANA SCHOOLS

Board approves policy revisions

By MEG DICKINSON

URBANA — The Urbana school board Tuesday unanimously approved revisions to a policy that lays out expectations for board members before, during and after board meetings.

The board passed the original

policy in June, and some residents and a News-Gazette editorial were critical of it.

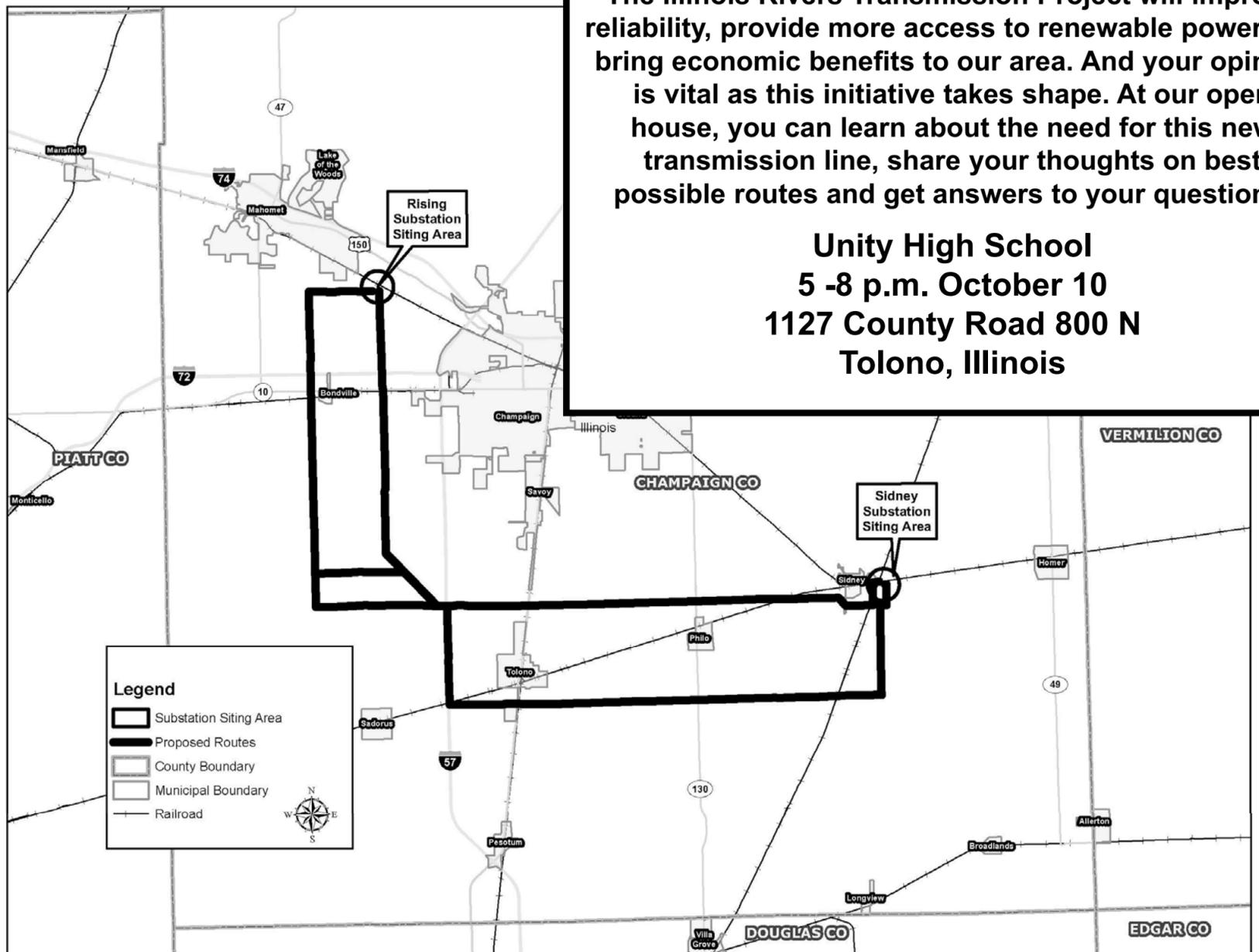
The revisions include more language about how board members are expected to make decisions in open session at meetings.

The school board passed the revisions Tuesday with no dis-

ussion.

At a meeting last month board member Peggy Patton suggested adding wording that says the district's administration will give information to the public at the meeting specifically relating to the board agenda. That revision was added to the policy, as well.

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