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### Kane County Flea Market kicks off its 49th season



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Dealer Sumaya Securro, left, helps Wende Lindmark pack a plant into a vintage case she also bought at the Kane County Flea Market.

### CAMPAIGN 2016

## Three in GOP aim for Foster

Uphill climb for hopefuls in 11th House district

By **ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS**  
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A cardiologist, a physicist and a DuPage County Board member are vying in the Republican primary for the chance to take on Democratic U.S. Rep. Bill Foster this fall in a west and south suburban district drawn to elect a Democrat.

Tonia Khouri, on the County Board since 2012, has raised the most money and has the backing of much of the local GOP establishment. Herman B. White, a veteran scientist at Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, cites experience on national advisory panels. Nick Stella, a heart doctor, wants to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

The winner of the March 15 primary faces Foster, who won the redrawn 11th Congressional District in 2012. The oddly shaped district extends from Aurora east to Burr Ridge and south to Joliet, and includes parts of Naperville.

More Democrats tend to vote in Illinois in presidential election years, and Foster has a huge money advantage, so it'll be an uphill climb for the Republican primary winner come November.

Khouri, listed as part of the National Republican Congressional Committee's "young guns" candidate recruitment program, has raised \$263,505 so far and lent her campaign another \$215,250. White has raised \$53,100 and lent his campaign \$10,100. Stella had lent his campaign nearly \$92,000 last year.

Foster, on the other hand, had \$1.97 million to start March.

The Republican candidates say growing resentment of the Affordable Care Act and the skyrocketing federal debt has left voters frustrated with Congress and ready for a change in leadership in the district this fall.

Khouri, 46, said her work as the owner of the small business Green T Services — a landscaping and home services company — and County Board experience have prepared her to lead in Washington. As the board's economic development chairman, she helped start an employment program that recruited and trained for manufacturing jobs, voted against raises for elected officials and championed a symbolic measure against a proposed graduated state income tax increase.

"I have a proven record of getting things done, that's what I'll do in Washington," said Khouri, who lives in Aurora with her husband and three children.

The desire to improve health care, education and the economy led White, 67, to run for Congress.

As a Fermilab physicist for more than 40 years — Foster also worked there for more than two decades — White said he's served as an expert advising Congress and other federal institutions on science research and education, and has served on national advisory panels for agencies like the Department of Energy, NASA and the National Academy of Sciences. Locally, he's been on the boards of North Central College and Edward Hospital and has served as a Naperville police and fire commissioner.

## 'A DESTINATION FOR US'

By **DENISE LINKE**  
The Beacon-News

In 1967, J.L. and Helen Robinson of St. Charles attended a flea market in Princeton.

"When they went to leave, she got in the car and told her husband, 'That's what I want to do,' and he said, 'You're crazy!' " the couple's granddaughter, Mardell Robinson, said.

Forty-nine years later, the antique and collectibles show that Helen Robinson organized after she returned from Princeton was named one of the 10 best flea markets in the world by Jet Setter magazine — alongside long-standing traditional markets in Paris, London and Oslo, Norway.

That market, the Kane County Flea Market, drew more than 250 dealers and thousands of shoppers during the first day of the 2016 season at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

"You have to go a long way to



These stuffed bull and buffalo heads, priced at \$600 each, disappeared within hours of the Kane County Flea Market opening.

find a better market than this one," said dealer Phil Cuthbert of Sycamore as he arranged postcards, walking sticks, snake skins and mounted animal heads in his outdoor booth before the gates opened Saturday morning. "It's one of the biggest ones around, and it draws dealers and shoppers from lots of different places. On a nice summer weekend in July, you'll see hundreds of vendors outside from one end of the

fairgrounds to the other. Dealers who don't have reserved spaces start lining up at the gates at midnight and hope they can get in the next day."

The 500 to 600 dealers who participate in the market's peak weekends pale in comparison to the 1,200 or more booths that once filled the fairground along Randall Road from Route 64 to Bricher Road, recalled Mardell Robinson's brother Robert.

"I miss the size and the sheer

volume of dealers and customers we used to deal with," said the 37-year-old, who began working at the market at age 8. "Our visibility shrunk when the fairgrounds (management) sold the north and south ends of the property to Meijer and Costco in the 1990s. People used to love taking the footbridge over Route 38 to get from one side of the market to the other. Now that bridge isn't there anymore and hasn't been for years."

The rise of eBay, Craigslist and other Internet sales outlets further strained the traditional market.

"A lot of our regular dealers dropped out because it was so much easier for them to take pictures of their items and sell them online instead of loading up their trailers, driving for hours and unloading them here," Mardell Robinson said.

"But after awhile, people got to the point where they didn't

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## Kendall districts forming new special ed co-op

By **SARAH FREISHTAT**  
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More than half of the six school districts in the Kendall County Special Education Cooperative are in the process of forming a new co-op to provide services after the existing organization disbands.

School districts in Plano, Newark and Lisbon are working to form the Plano Area Special Education Cooperative, which is set to begin providing services after the decades-old Kendall County co-op dissolves at the end of June. Yorkville Community Unit School District 115, the second largest district in the current co-op, is planning to provide most special education services in-house.

"Yorkville school district is a much larger district, and was able to essentially provide those services that are being provided by Kendall County staff members in our system," said Hassan von Schlegell, Yorkville's director of



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The Kendall County Special Education Cooperative will dissolve in June. Some of the districts are forming a new co-op.

student services.

Kendall County Special Education Cooperative members voted to dissolve the co-op in its current form after Oswego-based Community Unit School District 308, the largest of the member districts, moved to withdraw by

the end of June, taking almost two-thirds of the organization's students with it.

The five remaining districts — Yorkville, Plano Community Unit School District 88, Newark Community High School District 18, Newark Community Consolidat-

ed District 66 and Lisbon Grade School District 90 — then had to decide whether to form a new cooperative, join another co-op or offer services on their own.

Officials from the four districts in the planned Plano Area Special Education Cooperative said it was too small to provide comprehensive services on its own. Von Schlegell, meanwhile, said the Yorkville school district has changed since the Kendall County cooperative formed in 1974, and being part of a co-op no longer made sense.

Officials in many of the districts said they were working to ensure students and families see minimal or no changes in their special education services.

Many students who will be part of the new co-op will continue to receive services in the same location, and many current co-op staff members will transition with the students to the new co-op, District 308 or

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