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# County Board member's security privileges revoked



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Peoria County Board member Brad Harding's key card privileges to the County Courthouse have been revoked. He twice violated security procedures, once by bringing alcohol into the building and again by allowing someone inside. Public access isn't allowed through back doors of the courthouse.

Harding has key card canceled after breaking courthouse rules

BY CHRIS KAERGARD OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — After twice violating rules at the Peoria County Courthouse last month, County Board member Brad Harding has had his key-card privileges to the building revoked — meaning he'll have to pass through security screening just like

members of the public. Sheriff Mike McCoy confirmed Friday he made the call earlier this week after a thorough review of security film of the rule violations and consultation with State's Attorney Jerry Brady, 10th Circuit Chief Judge Michael Brandt and County Board Chairman Tom O'Neill.

Harding was seen on the security videos entering the courthouse through a back door with alcohol — forbidden in the courthouse under

county ordinance — before January's County Board meeting, and last week used his key card to let in attorney and 10th Circuit judicial candidate Matthew Hoppock without the latter passing through security screening as both men went to a meeting inside the building.

Attorneys, as well as other members of the public, are required to enter the courthouse through either the Main

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## SUPER BOWL XLVI



Super Bowl parties and chicken wings tend to be synonymous, and Alwan and Sons Meat Co. said it has stocked up for customers. Cashier Kim Burnham bags a batch of wings for Keith Thomas of Peoria as he gets ready for his Super Bowl party. Thomas said he wanted the Giants to win because the Patriots have had their turn.

# SET FOR GAME DAY?

With the game being played mere hours away, Sunday's matchup between the New York Giants and the New England Patriots is creating quite a stir in central Illinois.

### Hot and saucy

Forget Tom Brady and Eli Manning, the real stars of game day are the chicken wings that'll be served up at parties across the country.

Americans will consume 1.25 billion chicken wings during Super Bowl XLVI, according to the National Chicken Council.

Alwan and Sons Meat Co. of Peoria will sell anywhere between 8,000 and 9,000 pounds of wings, or about 30,000 pieces, this weekend as well as other popular items such as bratwursts, hamburgers, ribs and ground beef. With a mild forecast, much of the meat is bound for the grill, said Brian Alwan, an owner of the store.

The two area Buffalo Wild Wings locations will sell a combined total of about 100,000 wings on game day, mostly in takeout orders.

### Have a cold one

Local liquor stores also report a game-day bump.

"You can always tell the one who's having the party because they're the ones with two shopping carts full of stuff," said Ted Rex, manager at Friar Tuck.

While the store carries a wide variety of beverages, Rex said beer is the biggest seller for game day.

"How often do you see someone show up (to a Super Bowl party) with a nice cabernet,?" asked Rex.



### Smells like team spirit

Without a local fan favorite in this year's matchup, some people are choosing to jump on a bandwagon.

"There's always a run-up of sales before the game," said Jeff Grady, a manager at Pro Image in Northwoods Mall.

He said Patriots gear is outselling Giants merchandise by about a 2-1 margin.



### Stay safe

If you're planning to attend a party on Super Bowl Sunday, take precautions and stay safe, urged Dustin Pierce, the safety education officer at Illinois State Police District 8 headquarters in Germantown Hills.

State troopers will be out in full force looking for those driving under the influence on Sunday.

"A taxi ride is a lot cheaper and, of course, safer than a DUI," said Pierce.

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# Komen's reversal sees mixed reactions

Charity retreats from decision to end its funding for Planned Parenthood

BY PAM ADAMS OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — Jeanne Smith, a Peoria doctor with a special interest in women's reproductive health, planned to participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure for the first time this year.

Smith changed her mind Friday after Komen's national headquarters backed off a decision that would have ended opportunities for Planned Parenthood to vie for funding from the iconic breast cancer charity.

The dramatic retreat followed a three-day furor that resounded across the Internet, in Congress and — perhaps, most tellingly — across Komen affiliates, some of which openly rebelled, suggesting the leadership had bowed to pressure from anti-abortion activists.

But Smith, who with her husband, Dan, is prominent in central Illinois' right to

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# Cullerton talks of optimism on pension reform

BY CHRIS KAERGARD OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — Further pension reforms could see their day in the sun this year, state Senate President John Cullerton said Friday during an interview with the Journal Star editorial board.

The Chicago Democrat talked up a proposal he labeled as constitutional during the hourlong session — contrasting it to a Republican proposal he said doesn't pass legal muster — explaining that in essence it would involve



JOHN CULLERTON

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