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LOVE AND ESPIONAGE DURING THE GREAT WAR

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Marion to host release of book about Harding's affair

By KURT MOORE
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MARION — President Warren G. Harding's hometown will play host to the release of a new book questioning whether his affair with a local woman changed history.

Cleveland attorney James Robenalt, author of "The Harding Affair: Love and Espionage During the Great War," will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at The Ohio State University at Marion. While the book is not scheduled to be released until the next day, copies will be available that night.

According to an Ohio State Marion press release, Robenalt received access to more than 800 letters written between Harding and Carrie Phillips, the wife of a prominent businessman in Marion. The papers were discovered in the 1960s but have been under seal in the Library of Congress.

The author raises questions such as whether the 12-year affair with Phillips, who allegedly convinced Harding to not run for president during World War I, could have altered the course of history.

"This really is a very significant event, the fact these

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Filing deadline passes

Write-in candidates have until Sept. 2

BY JAMES STEVEN
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MARION — While candidates for city offices were decided through the primary process, residents seeking to serve the public in county offices had until Thursday to file their petitions.

Close to 100 people have stepped up to seek voters' support for posts in township and village governments and on districts' school boards. Residents registered to vote by Monday, Oct. 5, can vote in the

people to fill these offices on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Thursday was also the deadline for tax issues and precinct options to be filed for placement on the ballot. As previously reported, River Valley Local Schools seeks additional money through a tax measure and Elgin Local Schools hopes voters approve a bond issue for partnership with the Ohio School Facilities Commission for a buildings project.

Marion County Children Service's replacement levy at a reduced rate will be on the ballot, as will tax issues for Marion Township for fire and emergency services, Battle Run Fire District, Scioto Valley Joint Fire District, and Green Camp Township for fire equipment and services.

Also seeking voter support are Waldo Township for operating expenses, the Village of Caledonia for administration expenses, the

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