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The United States Dept. of Veterans Affairs, through the National Cemetery Administration, provides burial benefits including a government headstone or marker, at no cost to the family. For Joseph Kohout, a historically correct headstone was crafted bearing his name and his affiliation with Co. H of Iowa's 31st Infantry Regiment in recognition of his military service during the Civil War. The new stone replaces a worn and broken stone, which made no mention of his service.



Members of Solon American Legion Stinocher Post 460 fire a 21-gun salute for Civil War veteran Joseph Kahout Saturday, October 22 at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Solon. Thanks to the efforts of Air Force veteran LeAnn Hugeback, Joseph finally received a government issued veteran's headstone.

Chris Umscheid • Staff Photos

Iowa City man dies in Hwy 1 collision

JOHNSON COUNTY — An Iowa City man died early last Saturday in a collision on Hwy. 1 at 280th St. According to the Iowa State Patrol Riley Joseph Reynolds, age 22 of Iowa City, was southbound on Hwy. 1 when he collided with a semi trailer, which was blocking the southbound lane as the truck driver (Parvinder Kaur, age 38 of Elk Grove, CA) was attempting a U-turn. Reynolds sustained injuries incompatible with life during the collision and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol, Johnson County Ambulance Service, Solon Fire Department, Iowa City Fire Department (Engine 4), Johnson County Medical Examiner, and Iowa Dept. of Transportation Motor Vehicle Enforcement responded to the accident scene.

ANASTASIA takes the stage this weekend in Solon

SOLON — Solon High School Drama will present ANASTASIA: The New Broadway Musical this weekend in the Solon Center for the Arts.

Inspired by the beloved films, ANASTASIA transports us from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

All tickets will be purchased online, otherwise, if still available, can be bought in person at the door on show days! Ticket prices are as follows: \$7, \$9, \$12, & \$15, depending on where you are seated!

To purchase tickets in advance go to <https://sc4a.ludus.com>, click on the performance you wish to attend, choose your preferred seats, pay online and then email or text your tickets to yourself.

The curtain goes up twice on Saturday at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

Solon Robotics to host meet Nov. 17

SOLON — The four First Tech Challenge teams of Solon Robotics (Solon Community School District) will host eight other teams in a league meet Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Solon Community Center.

Anyone interested in robots and competition are welcome to watch the action. There is no charge for admission, and the teams are always happy to discuss their robots.

The matches are scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. and will wrap up by 9:00 p.m.

Coach Bill Mattaliano notes, "This is NOT 'Battle Bots,' although many times, parts do fall off of the robots."

For more information contact Bill at solonrobotics367@gmail.com.

A quest to honor a veteran

A chance encounter and much research lead to recognition after 146 years

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SOLON — Joseph Kohout was born around 1844 (exact dates are unavailable) in Bohemia and immigrated to the United States with Adelbert/Albert/Adolph (father) and Katerina/Catherine (mother) in 1854. They settled in Monticello. In 1872 he married Antonie Schimbersky in Western Twp. (Linn County), and died in Sept. 1876. He was buried in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Solon.

However, there's more to the story.

Having been interred for 146 years, Joseph Kohout may well have been all but forgotten. His headstone, weathered and broken, the only tangible reminder he'd



Doug Thompson, Chaplain for Solon American Legion Stinocher Post 460, presents shell casings from a rifle salute to Tiffany Halverson.

once been alive; a son, a husband, and the father of two daughters.

In July LeAnn Huge-

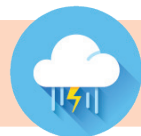
back, Secretary of the St. Mary Catholic Church, did a sweep of the cemetery to photograph and catalog

headstones. "One of my passion projects with the St. Mary Cemetery Committee is to repair and replace headstones that need some 'love' in our cemetery in Solon," she said. She came across the broken, weather-worn, and barely readable monument for Joseph. It was clear a new headstone was needed. But the cemetery is not a "perpetual care cemetery," which means they do not have the funds to maintain and replace headstones forever, LeAnn explained. What followed was a genealogical journey. "I find and contact descendants of the people buried in the cemetery in hopes that they will volunteer to repair or donate funds

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Weekend weather

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