

**CHURCH**

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Ambrose Stump  
Sunday, Sept. 23  
8:15 a.m. Worship  
†  
**Rushville Seventh-day Adventist**  
(Meeting in the Lower Level of the Phoenix Opera House)  
Rushville  
Worship Services;  
Saturdays –  
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
Bible Study:  
Wednesday at 7 p.m.  
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Larry DeSha, Pastor  
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Thursday –  
6:45 p.m. Bible Study  
Sunday –  
10 a.m. Sunday Service  
The public is welcome. Come as you are.  
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**St. Clare's Anglican Mission**  
(Meeting at 424 W. Washington St., Rushville)  
The Very Rev. Lewis A. Payne, SSC  
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217-223-8934  
10:30 a.m. First and Third Sundays

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**Ripley Church of God (Abrahamic Faith)**  
Ripley, Ill  
Karen Laning, S.S. Supt.  
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
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**Sheldons Grove United Methodist Church**  
R.R. 1, Browning  
Rev. Steve Granadosin,  
Directing Pastor  
Barbara Wooldridge,  
Lay Speaker  
David Little,  
Lay Speaker  
Church Ph. (309) 329-2740  
Office Ph. (309) 329-2040  
Sunday –  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
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**Browning United Methodist Church**  
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Barbara Wooldridge,  
Lay Speaker  
David Little,  
Lay Speaker

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Lay Speaker  
David Little,  
Lay Speaker  
Sunday –  
9 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
Tuesday –  
6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Deb & Di's Restaurant  
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**Sugar Grove United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Steve Granadosin,  
Directing Pastor  
Barbara Wooldridge,  
Lay Speaker  
David Little, Lay Speaker  
Jean Zackey,  
Sunday School Superintendent  
Sunday, Sept. 23  
9 a.m. Rolls and coffee  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Steve Granadosin  
Tuesday, Sept. 25  
6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Deb & Di's Restaurant  
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**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
424 W. Washington St.  
Rushville  
Joseph Eckman, Jr., Pastor  
Sunday, Sept. 23  
7:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
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Church Office: 997-2289  
Parsonage: 997-5894  
Cindy Krause, Pastor  
stpetersarenzville@yahoo.com  
Sunday –  
9 a.m. Youth and Adult Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship Service  
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Sunday –  
8:30 a.m. Mass  
Altar and Rosary Society Meetings second Monday of the month.  
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**The Church of the Nazarene**  
621 E. Washington St.  
Rushville  
Phone: (217) 322-3095  
Pastor Fred Fritz  
Sunday –  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6 p.m. Evening Worship  
Wednesday –  
7 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service  
First Wednesday of each month, NWMS meeting at 7 p.m.  
Monthly business meeting second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.  
Last Friday of the month - Potluck at 6 p.m. and singspiration at 7 p.m.  
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**The Love Center**  
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Pastor Nedra Bollinger  
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10 a.m. Worship Service  
7 p.m. Evening Service  
Wednesday –  
7 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer and Praise  
†

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Sunday –  
10 a.m. Morning Worship  
7 p.m. Evening Services  
Thursday –  
7 p.m. Bible Study  
†

**LaGrange Chapel**  
LaGrange Locks Road  
217-430-4203  
Pastor Matt Haberman  
Sunday –  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m. Church School

**AA MEETINGS**  
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at the Schuy-Light Christian Coffeehouse, 226 N. Liberty St. (enter through the back door) and Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at

the Schuyler County Jail, 204 W. Lafayette St. (enter through the front door). Industry AA meetings will be held Wednesday and Sunday evenings from 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Rotary building, behind Thom's Autobody.

**Narcotics Anonymous Meetings**  
Narcotics Anonymous open meetings are Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Schuyler County Mental Health building, 127 S. Liberty St., Rushville. Enter the building at the door beneath the carport (south side).

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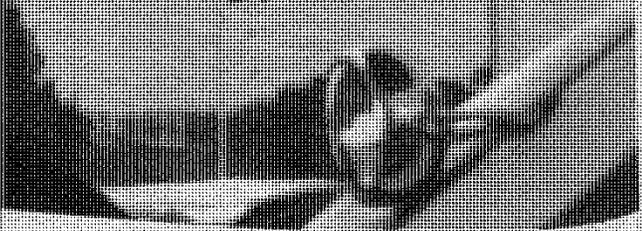
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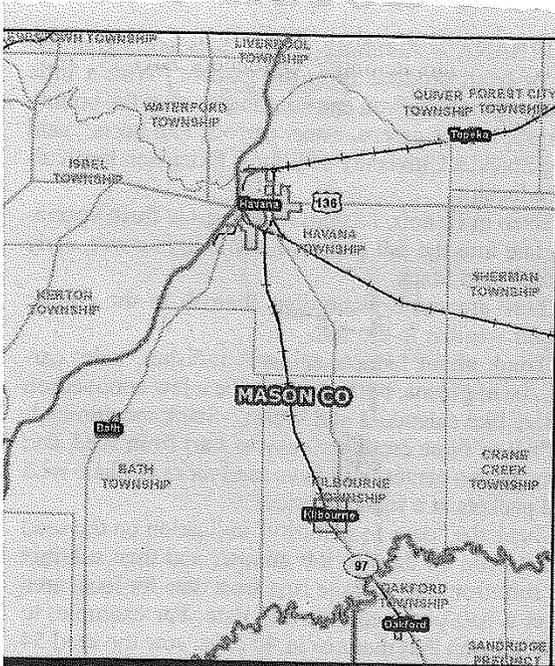


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**Interview for a Channel 22 video**

Daily Ledger advertising representative Jessica Dickinson meets with Mayor Kevin Meade at his office in the city building to interview him about the history of the city's water supply for a video to be shown at noon Thursday and Saturday on local television cable Channel 22 in Canton, Cuba and Lewistown. The tape will be shown on 24-hour repeat play both days. Also interviewed by Dickinson for the video were Alderman Eric Schenck, water treatment plant Superintendent Greg Pollitt and campgrounds hostess Jeanette Ewing.

**Canton's water system**

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Schenck says four mayors held fast to improving Canton's water system: Edwards, Jerry Bohler, Rod Hines and Meade. Each tried to put the community first, and city councils were supportive. City staff and Maurer-Stutz Inc. engineers deserve a lot of credit as well, he says.

Schenck notes the city took advantage of low lake levels this year to upgrade the "old" (south) and "new" (north) boat ramps in a cost-effective way. Funds generated by the lake were used to make the improvements. The drive at the south boat ramp still needs to be completed.

Ewing, the campgrounds hostess, notes there are 36 camping sites with both electric and water hookup and 14 with electric only. There are also 14 tent sites with electric hookup, along with sites for primitive camping. Tents and primitive camping are limited to two weeks. There is no limit on motorized campers; some stay the entire summer, she says.

Ewing says those at the campgrounds hold community events such

as potlucks, bags tournaments and horseshoe tournaments. Twice a month, DJs play music. Everyone is welcome, not just those camping. Several areas on the lake can be walked down to for fishing. Crappie and other fish have been biting recently, she says.

Pollitt notes the campgrounds are open from April 15 to Oct. 15. Reservations are not required but recommended, he says. The phone number for the campgrounds hostess is 309-647-9600. More information also is available at the Water Department in the city building at 647-0288.

Unlike the campgrounds, the lake is open all year for fishing, including ice fishing, Pollitt says. If the road becomes impassable, however, gates will be closed to the lake. No fishing is allowed near the dam, bridge or past buoys. Bass tournaments are held about once a month during warm weather. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources stocks the lake. Fish caught can be taken home, within reason; creel limits are posted, he notes.

**Author's theory**

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For his proof, Churchward offers written records from both Greeks and Egyptians; books from the Yucatan and Central America written by Mayas; writings, inscriptions and legends from India, China, Burma, Tibet, and Cambodia; remains and inscriptions among Pacific islands; the inscriptions of cliff dwellers in western North America; and other legends throughout the world.

Other evidence is found, Churchward claims, in stories of villages of blond, white Indians in Honduras and Guatemala, as well as tribes of Pygmies in the coastal area of the Yucatan.

While Churchward's conclusions are based on what seems flimsy evidence and coincidence, perhaps we should not dismiss his ideas as total fantasy. Not many years have passed since archeologists found evidence that the legendary Troy actually did exist and that the fanciful continent of Atlantis had a basis in fact. And the remains of vanished civilizations are still being found in remote parts of the world. Perhaps the story of Mu does contain a kernel of truth.

And before we condemn as naive and backward people like Churchward who seem to fall for outlandish schemes, let's not forget that even rational, skeptical people like ourselves have been known to fall prey to what turn out to be simply wild rumors or elaborate hoaxes.

**Chicago BBQ wins rib cook-off**

SPARKS, Nev. (AP) — After 24 years, Chicago BBQ is claiming its first top prize in the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off.

Owner Tom Ferguson tells KRNVTV (http://bit.ly/107vgXD) the Best in the West title is the most treasured award in barbecue. It also comes with a \$7,500 prize.

Winners were announced Monday.

This year's second place winner was Sweet Baby Ray's, also based in Chicago.

But rib cookers say prize money is secondary. They compete mainly for bragging rights.

Twenty-four teams competed in the six-day rib fest at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks.

**Labor Day is marked with parades, political speeches**

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Parades, picnics and politicians celebrated the American worker on Labor Day, with President Barack Obama seeking votes from Ohio union members and rivals for Senate seats marching in Massachusetts and Virginia.

But for many, Monday's holiday was a last chance to enjoy a final summer cook-out, roller coaster ride or day at the beach. Or perhaps even a stroll from Michigan's Upper Peninsula to its Lower Peninsula — along the longest suspension bridge in the Western Hemisphere.

Politics was a big part of Labor Day, the time when much of the public usually starts to pay attention to the campaigns.

Terence Glaze, a 47-year-old firefighter, waited to catch a glimpse of Obama's motorcade at the president's speech in Toledo, but his two young sons were eager to get to the movies instead.

"It's a time for the family to be together and just spend time with one another. That's the most important aspect," Glaze said.

"But I do also think about the sacrifices unions have made, as it relates to wages, as it relates to safety issues," he added.

At his speech to members of the United Auto Workers and United Steelworkers, Obama noted his decision to rescue automakers General Motors and Chrysler in 2009 — a move opposed by his rival, Republican nominee Mitt Romney.

"If America had thrown in the towel like that, GM and Chrysler wouldn't exist

today," Obama said. "The suppliers and the distributors that get their business from these companies would have died off, too. Then even Ford could have gone down as well."

Romney supporter Kenneth Harbin, a member of the University of Toledo College Republicans, waved signs for his candidate outside the rally and scoffed at Obama's decision to visit the labor stronghold.

"He's gotta come home and say, 'Here's what I did for you. Now here's what you can do for me,'" Harbin said.

Getting union voters in Ohio to turn out in November will be crucial for Democrats. About 650,000 workers in the state — or 13 percent — are union members. The national average is just less than 12 percent.

Union worker Mike Schreiner showed up for Toledo's annual Labor Day parade because he loves the bands, the school teams and the hot dogs.

"All the kids line up and we throw Frisbees and get the candy out to 'em. They won't even have to do any trick or treatin' this year — they got enough candy," said Schreiner, 57.

More than 300 people marched in the Charlotte, N.C., Labor Day Parade, an overwhelmingly pro-Obama event a day before Tuesday's kickoff of the Democratic National Convention.

North Carolina bans collective bargaining for teachers and other public workers and has the lowest percentage of union members in the U.S.

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# Sports

## Lady Giants win frosh/Soph VB Tournament

CUBA — The Canton Lady Giants won the North Fulton Frosh/Soph Volleyball Tournament on Saturday. The Lady Giants defeated Farmington 28-26, 25-23, split with North Fulton 26-24, 22-25, and tied PORTA 25-13, 23-25.

"It was a good day for the Lady Giants getting first place at Cuba," said Canton coach Sheila Quilty. "Through the stats, you can see that it was a team effort. Morgan Kumer finished with an All-Tournament Team medallion. She played well in all three games."

### Tourney summary

#### vs. Farmington

Service points: Amanda Robinson, 6; Morgan Kumer, 4; Drew Swise, 4

Kills: Swise, 5; Kumer, 4; Sydney Shubert, 4

Set assists: Taylor Chasteen, 7; Harley Barnard, 5

Solo blocks: Madison Wefenstette, 2

Assisted blocks: Kumer, 7; Swise, 2; Chasteen, 2

#### vs. North Fulton

Service points: Shubert, 8; Kumer, 3; Barnard, 3; Chasteen, 2

Kills: Kumer, 5; Shubert, 4; Elaina Dry, 3  
Set assists: Jasah Dwyer, 5; Chasteen, 4; Brittany Murphy, 3

Digs: Shubert, 3; Savannah Johns, 3; Kumer, 2; Murphy, 2; Dry, 2

#### vs. PORTA

Service points: Kumer, 7; Barnard, 6; Chasteen, 5; Swise, 4; Kalen Meacham, 2; Wefenstette, 2

Kills: Barnard, 3; Kumer, 2

Set assists: Chasteen, 2; Barnard, 2

Assisted blocks: Swise, 2

Canton scored 149 points on the day.



The Canton Lady Giants won the North Fulton Frosh/Soph Tournament on Saturday. Coach Sheila Quilty's team defeated Farmington and split their matches with North Fulton and PORTA.

## Murray finally wins Grand Slam with US Open title

NEW YORK (AP) — His considerable lead, and a chance at history, slipping away, Andy Murray dug deep for stamina and mental strength, outlasting Novak Djokovic in a thrilling five-set U.S. Open final Monday.

It had been 76 years since a British man won a Grand Slam singles championship and, at least as far as Murray was concerned, it was well worth the wait.

Ending a nation's long drought, and snapping his own four-final skid in majors, Murray finally pulled through with everything at stake on a Grand Slam stage, shrugging off defending champion Djokovic's comeback bid to win 7-6 (10), 7-5, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2.

Yes, Murray already showed he could come up big by winning the gold medal in front of a home crowd at the London Olympics last month. But this was different. This was a Grand Slam tournament, the standard universally used to measure tennis greatness — and the 287th since Britain's Fred Perry won the 1936 U.S. Championships, as the event was known back then.

Murray vs. Djokovic was a test of will as much as skill, lasting 4 hours, 54 minutes, tying the record for longest U.S. Open final. The first-set tiebreaker's 22 points set a tournament mark. They repeatedly produced fantastic, tales-in-themselves points, lasting 10, 20, 30, even 55 — yes, 55! — strokes, counting the serve. The crowd gave a standing ovation to salute one majestic, 30-stroke point in the fourth set that ended with Murray's forehand winner as Djokovic fell to the court, slamming on his left side.

By the end, Djokovic — who had won eight consecutive five-set matches, including in the semifinals (against Murray) and final (against Rafael Nadal) at the Australian Open in January — was the one looking fragile, trying to catch breathers and doing deep knee bends at the baseline to stretch his aching groin muscles. After getting broken to trail 5-2 in the fifth, Djokovic had his legs massaged by a trainer.

No one had blown a two-set lead in the U.S. Open title match since 1949, and Murray was determined not to claim that distinction.

When Djokovic sent a forehand long on the final point, Murray crouched and covered his mouth with both hands, as though even he could not believe this moment had actually arrived. The 25-year-old Scot removed his sneakers, grimacing with each step as he gingerly stepped across the court. Djokovic came

around to offer congratulations and a warm embrace, while "Chariots of Fire" blared over the Arthur Ashe Stadium loudspeakers.

Murray was one of only two men in the professional era, which began in 1968, to have lost his first four Grand Slam finals — against Djokovic in the 2011 Australian Open, and against Roger Federer at the 2008 U.S. Open, 2010 Australian Open and 2012 Wimbledon.

The other guy who began 0-4? Ivan Lendl, who just so happens to be Murray's coach nowadays. Murray's forehand is one of the improvements he's made under the tutelage of Lendl, who sat still for much of the match, eyeglasses perched atop his white baseball hat and crossed arms resting on his red sweater — in sum, betraying about as much emotion as he ever did during his playing days.

During the post-match ceremony, Murray joked about Lendl's reaction: "I think that was almost a smile."

The lack of a Grand Slam title for Murray, and for his country, has been the subject of much conversation and consternation in the United Kingdom, where the first of what would become tennis' top titles was at awarded at Wimbledon in 1877.

Djokovic, in contrast, was bidding for his sixth major trophy, fifth in the past two seasons. He had won 27 Grand Slam hard-court matches in a row.

Murray and Djokovic were born a week apart in May 1987, and they've known, and competed against, each other since they were about 11. Before Saturday's semifinals in New York, they shared a computer and sat together to watch online as Scotland and Serbia played to a 0-0 draw in a qualifying match for soccer's World Cup.

It was windy at the start Monday, gusting above 25 mph, and Murray dealt with it much better. Djokovic admitted after his semifinal that he was bothered by heavy wind while falling behind 5-2 in the first set Saturday; that's when play was suspended until the next day, the reason the tournament finished on a Monday instead of Sunday for the fifth consecutive year. Murray faced similar conditions in the semifinals, too — when a changeover chair skidded onto the court as he served one point — and joked after that victory that growing up in wind-whipped Scotland helped.

With the air carrying balls and making them dip or dart this way and that, nearly every shot became a

bit of an adventure. Both players repeatedly needed to adjust mid-swing, contorting their bodies simply to make contact. Both let service tosses fall to the ground because the ball would move out of hitting range. As the wind wrapped around the chair umpire's microphone, it made a loud, distracting sound that resembled thunder.

They traded nearly mirror-image breaks in the first two games, and that made sense, given how good both are at returning serve. Two of the best in the game right now, maybe ever. Djokovic crouches low, his back nearly parallel to the ground, before an opponent serves. Murray shuffles his weight from leg to leg and hops forward at the last second to cut off angles.

Both worked hard, the physical nature taking a toll. Djokovic's right knee was bloodied after he scraped it during a few tumbles to the court when he lost his footing, and he switched shoes late in the third set. Murray clutched his left thigh while deciding not to chase a lob.

There were 10 points of at least 10 strokes each in the first-set tiebreaker, which lasted 25 minutes.

Djokovic saved each of Murray's initial five set points, the last with a 123 mph ace to make it 10-all. But Djokovic's backhand flew long at the end of a 21-shot exchange to cede set point No. 6, and this time Murray converted, hitting a 117 mph serve that Djokovic couldn't put in the court.

Murray turned toward his guest box and bellowed, "Come on!"

That loss to Federer in this year's Wimbledon final left Murray in tears, his voice cracking as he told the supportive Centre Court crowd, "I'm getting closer." He appeared to be really, really close Monday, after spicing that epic first set and then racing to a 4-0 lead in the second.

But Djokovic is nothing if not tenacious, and he would not go quietly. Raising his level of play as Murray took a step or two backward, Djokovic broke for 4-1 and then again when Murray served for a two-set lead at 5-3. That's when Murray made three unforced errors, truly showing some jitters, as though the prospect of such prosperity was a tad overwhelming.

When Djokovic held to

5-all, it seemed as though the second set might head to a tiebreaker, too.

But with Djokovic serving while trailing 6-5, he was the one who faltered. On a 31-stroke point, Djokovic missed a forehand to make it 15-30. Then Murray's defensive skills came into play, as he got one overhead back and

forced Djokovic to hit a second, which sailed wide. Chest heaving, Djokovic put his hands on his hips, having a hard time understanding what was happening. Two points later, Djokovic pushed an inside-out forehand wide, giving Murray that set. Even Lendl rose to his feet.

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# Video shows Libyans trying to rescue ambassador

CAIRO (AP) — Libyans tried to rescue Ambassador Chris Stevens, cheering "God is great" and rushing him to a hospital after they discovered him still clinging to life inside the U.S. Consulate, according to witnesses and a new video that emerged Monday from last week's attack in the city of Benghazi.

The group of Libyans had stumbled across Stevens' seemingly lifeless form inside a dark room and didn't know who he was, only that he was a foreigner, the man who shot the video and two other witnesses told The Associated Press.

The account underlines the confusion that reigned during the assault by protesters and heavily armed gunmen that overwhelmed the consulate in Benghazi last Tuesday night, killing four Americans, including Stevens, who died from smoke inhalation soon after he was found. U.S. officials are still trying to

piece together how the top American diplomat in Libya got separated from others as staffers were evacuated, suffocating in what is believed to be a consulate safe-room.

The Libyans who found him expressed frustration that there was no ambulance and no first aid on hand, leaving him to be slung over a man's shoulder to be carried to a car.

"There was not a single ambulance to carry him. Maybe he was handled the wrong way," said Fahd al-Bakoush, a freelance videographer who shot the footage. "They took him to a private car."

U.S. and Libyan officials are also trying to determine who was behind the attack. Still unclear was whether it had been planned beforehand or was sparked by an anti-Islam film made in the United States that, hours before the Benghazi assault, had sparked protests

at the American Embassy in Cairo.

On Sunday, Libyan President Mohammed el-Megarif contended foreign militants had been plotting the attack for months and timed it for Tuesday's 9/11 anniversary.

However, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Susan Rice said it appeared spontaneous and unplanned, that extremists with heavier weapons "hijacked" the protest and turned it into an outright attack. She noted Libya is awash with weapons.

A CIA memo sent to U.S. lawmakers this weekend, and obtained by The Associated Press, says current intelligence still suggests the demonstrations in Benghazi "were spontaneously inspired by the protests at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo" and "evolved into a direct assault" on the diplomatic posts by "extremists."

Soon after the attack, Libyan civilians roamed freely around the trashed consulate, its walls blacked and furniture burned. Among them were the videographer al-Bakoush, and a photographer and art student he often works with.

They heard a panicked shout, "I stepped over a dead man," and rushed to see what was going on, al-Bakoush said. The body had been found inside a dark room with a locked door accessible only by a window. A group of men pulled him out and realized he was a foreigner and still alive.

He was breathing and his eyelids flickered, al-Bakoush said. "He was alive," he said. "No doubt. His face was blackened and he was like a paralyzed person."

Video taken by al-Bakoush and posted on YouTube shows Stevens being carried out of the room through a window with a raised shutter. "Bring him out, man," someone shouts. "Out of the way, out of the way!"

"Alive, Alive!" come other shouts, then a cheer of "God is great."

The next scene shows Stevens lying on a tile floor, with one man touching his neck to check his pulse. Al-Bakoush said that after that scene, they put Stevens in a private car to rush to the hospital.

The video has been authenticated since Stevens' face is clearly visible and

he is wearing the same white t-shirt seen in authenticated photos of him being carried away on another man's shoulders, presumably moments later. The photographer and student who were with al-Bakoush at the scene gave the same account as he did.

"We were happy to see him alive. The youths tried to rescue him. But there was no security, no ambulances, nothing to help," said Ahmed Shams, the 22-year-old arts student.

When they entered the consulate, "there was no one around. There was no fire fighters, no ambulances, no relief," said the photographer, Abdel-Qader Fadl.

The accounts of all three witnesses mesh with that of the doctor who treated Stevens that night.

Dr. Ziad Abu Zeid told The Associated Press last week that Stevens was nearly lifeless when he was brought by Libyans, with no other Americans around, to the Benghazi hospital where he worked. He said Stevens had severe asphyxia from the smoke and that he tried for 90 minutes to resuscitate him with no success. Only later did security officials confirm it was Stevens.

Fadl said he drove to the hospital behind the car carrying Stevens.

During the assault, more than 30 U.S. staffers were evacuated from the consulate. So far, U.S. officials have not announced the results of an investigation into the circumstances of the four Americans' deaths.

They have said preliminary reports said that amid the evacuation, Stevens and foreign service officer Sean Smith were inside the consulate with a regional security officer. They got separated in the smoke. The security officer and others went back in to try to find the two of them and found Smith dead. They pulled him out but flames and gunfire forced them to flee before they could find Stevens.

Al-Bakoush and his colleagues said that once they learned his identity, they were stunned Stevens had been alone.

"I've never seen incompetence and negligence like this, from the two sides, the Americans and the Libyans," he said. "You can sacrifice everyone but rescue the ambassador. He is the ambassador for God's sake."

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Athletic Director John Grzanich said the idea was to develop a strategic plan to evaluate the current athletic program and develop goals and strategies to improve it so as to benefit participants, the district, and the community. The analysis would include all levels and sports, from youth programs and middle school programs to high school programs.

A secondary purpose would also be to determine and bring consensus about where athletes fit in on the spectrum of importance in the school system and the community.

"The environment of the district's athletic program is not healthy," Grzanich remarked. "It can't all be the coaches' or the kids' fault. We

need to improve what we are doing."

Several board members commended Grzanich for trying to find a better way to run the athletic program.

Board members Bernard and Jane Lewis agreed to serve on the committee.

In other action, the board:

- Approved a bid from Spoon River mechanical of \$41,990 for heating and cooling work at the administrative building.

- Approved raising non-certified the substitute pay rate from \$9.25 to \$9.75 per hour.

- Approved a five-year agreement with the Canton Softball Association for use of a softball complex at 1000 North Fourth Avenue.

- Approved a \$27,000 donation from the

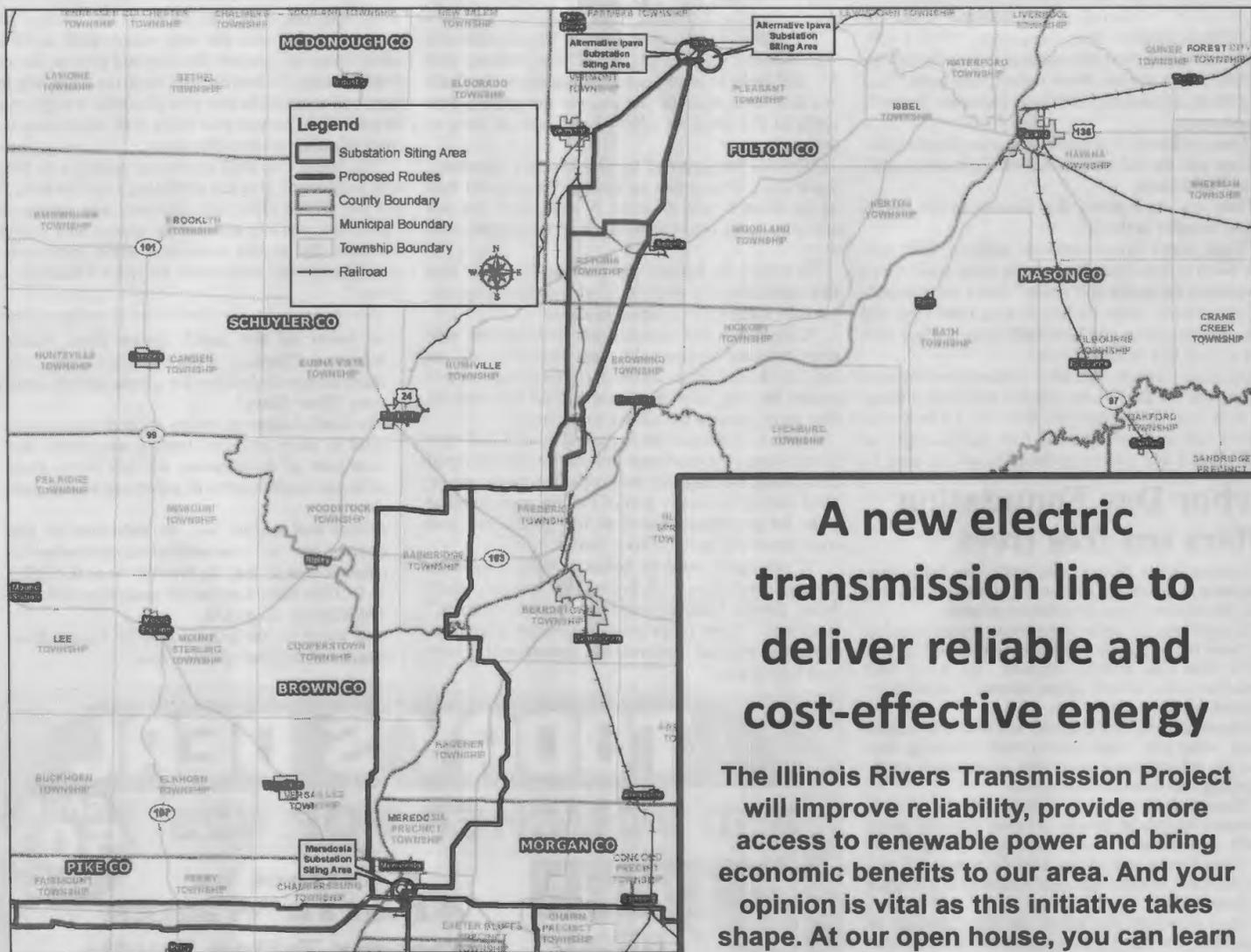
Canton Park District for the Lincoln Elementary School track fund, as well as to name it the Charlotte Bennett Track.

- Approved Janet Werry as election clerk for the April 9, 2013, consolidated election.

- Approved the resignation of paraprofessional Katherine Therrien and the medical leave of absence of bus driver Ed Patton.

- Approved the employe of paraprofessionals Sheryl Cunyningham and Carol Williams and part-time paraprofessional James Dever.

- Approved the employment of Chad Fawcett as head eighth grade girls basketball coach and Ashley McKown as assistant eighth grade girls basketball coach.



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