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The Scott County Times is looking for reader submitted photos that show life in Scott County. Photos will be published in full color each week.

To submit a photo, email it to nliehr@campbellpublications.net, with the words "County life photo" in the subject line.

You may also mail a photo to: Scott County Times, P.O. Box 138, Winchester, IL 62694, or drop it by our office between the house of 8:30-noon on Monday, or 8:30-11:30 on Friday.

Please identify everyone in the photo, and provide a short description of what is going on in the photo.



Skilled gardeners needed to teach others

If you have a strong interest in gardening and enjoy teaching others, you are invited to apply to become a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener. The Calhoun-Cass-Greene-Morgan-Scott University of Illinois Extension Unit is accepting applications for Master Gardener training which will begin Jan. 15 and be held on consecutive Tuesdays, ending March 26. Training will be in Jacksonville from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Tuesday. Space in the training class is limited, so apply early.

Increase your knowledge and understanding of such varied topics as lawn management; growing fruits, vegetables and flowers; plant disease and insect pest identification and control and much more. Instructors are Extension professionals and University specialists. To become a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener volunteer, you must attend all the training sessions, pass an examination and volunteer 60 hours of horticultural service to the community through Extension educational program-

ing. Such service could include teaching youth gardening, planting and maintaining Extension demonstration gardens, answering gardening questions from the public or instructing the disabled, elderly or incarcerated persons in gardening. There are many other volunteer options as well. For more information about being a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener call 217-243-7424 or go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ccgms/mg/>.

White Hall Bank, Wemple Bank to merge with Peoples Bank and Trust

John Gardner, CEO of Peoples Bank & Trust, Gary Edwards, Chairman of the Board of Wemple State Bank, headquartered in Waverly and White Hall Bank in White Hall, Ill., are pleased to announce an agreement to merge Wemple State Bank and White Hall Bank with Peoples Bank & Trust. The bank resulting from the merger will be Peoples Bank & Trust.

The agreement is subject to regulatory approval and is expected to close early this winter. In the coming weeks, Wemple State Bank and White Hall Bank customers will receive additional specific information explaining the transition before the actual transition date. "I'm excited to bring Peoples Bank & Trust to White Hall, Waverly, Morrisonville and Palmyra," Edwards said. "When I initially came to our communities, I was received with open arms. I can only expect the same welcome for Peoples Bank & Trust as they commit to the same strength, stabil-

ity and community dedication as Wemple State Bank and White Hall Bank."

"This is a new opportunity for us to serve more customers and more communities. We're eager to get to know our new customers," said Gardner. "Our motto is, 'We Put People First', and we'll work to do that in White Hall, Waverly, Morrisonville and Palmyra just as we have in each of our other banking communities." Peoples Bank & Trust, Wemple State Bank and White Hall Bank also announced that all of the existing staff of Wemple State Bank and White Hall Bank will be retained by Peoples Bank & Trust as part of the transaction.

"Aside from the opportunity to be part of new communities, we're excited about the opportunity to have the outstanding employees of Wemple State Bank and White Hall Bank join our existing team," said Gardner. "We believe the most important relationships in bank-

ing are the personal relationships between the customer and the bank employees that serve their financial needs. Respecting that relationship is our first step to provide outstanding customer service." Peoples Bank & Trust, headquartered in Pana, has five additional locations in Charleston, Altamont, Tower Hill, Taylorville, and Springfield. With the addition of the White Hall, Waverly, Morrisonville and Palmyra branches, Peoples Bank & Trust will have locations and total assets of approximately \$400 million.

As a locally owned, independent community bank since 1954, Peoples has a tremendous history of providing financial solutions for individuals, farmers, commercial businesses and municipal organizations in central Illinois. People First Bancshares, Inc., with corporate offices in Pana is the holding company for Peoples Bank & Trust. For more information about Peoples Bank & Trust, visit www.bankpbt.com.

Banned Books Readings Oct. 3 at Lincoln Land

Lincoln Land Community College will host its twelfth annual Banned Books Readings from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, in A. Lincoln Commons. LLCC students and faculty will read selections from books that have been banned at one time. The public is invited to attend at no charge.

The event is held in conjunction with the Thirtieth annual Banned Books Week: celebrating the Freedom to Read, which has been observed during or near the last week of September since 1982.

According to the American Library Association's website (ala.org), "Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community - librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types - in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular." Coordinator of the LLCC event is Dr. Deborah Brothers, professor of English.

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Kids ages pre-K through 6th grade are invited to color the Halloween scene above and return the finished artwork to Campbell Publications. Random submissions will be published in our Oct. 24 and Oct. 31 editions.

Please print the following information and return with the finished submission.

Name: _____
Age: _____ Town: _____

Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the Campbell Publications, 832 S. State Street, Jerseyville, IL 62052, Attn: Coloring.