

Shabbona Express

September, 2024

Village Government News

By Joshua Snyder

The Village Board Meeting took place on August 26th.

A preliminary engineering agreement for a quiet zone with the BNSF railroad was agreed upon by the board. This is for BNSF to do a feasibility study with an estimated cost of around \$24,000 but the final amount is subject to change depending on the actual amount billed. This does not include the final costs of implementing a quiet zone but it is a start. The quiet zone will give the railroad operators the option to go through town without sounding the horn. It would ultimately be up to the operator's discretion whether to sound the horn or not.

The Village President proposed two new ordinances to restrict "urban camping" and hotels/motels. There wasn't much information about these new ordinances available at the meeting but we will be looking into the details of the new ordinances.

The Village President proposed and the board agreed to changes to the public comment policy. This changes the previous time limit a citizen has to speak from 5 minutes to 3 minutes and sets a maximum time limit of 30 minutes for the public comment as a whole.

Shabbona Community Church Scholarship Board Fundraiser – Drive Thru

SLOW SMOKED BBQ



October 2, 2024 - 4-6pm

104 E. Navaho

Tickets \$15 each

Slow Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwich, with sauce on the side, 6 oz. Cowboy

Beans, Apple Sauce, Coleslaw, Cookie

Tickets can be purchased from the church office, 815-824-2359 or see

Gail Loes or Josh Merchant

Advance sales preferred by September 25th

Limited tickets available that night

Events

September 7 – Farmer's Market @ 8 AM – 12 PM
@ Purdy Park

September 14 – Farmer's Market @ 8 AM – 12 PM
@ Purdy Park

September 14 – Community Game Night @ 6 PM –
9 PM @ 104 W Comanche Ave (Up Realty)

Shabbona Express

Events

September 21 – Farmer's Market @ 8 AM – 12 PM @ Purdy Park

September 21 – Malta's Fall Fest @ 3 PM – 11 PM @ Malta Lions Park

September 28 – Farmer's Market @ 8 AM – 12 PM @ Purdy Park



E-mail
advertise@shabbonaexpress.com

History Behind the Name Shabbona Express

By Joshua Snyder

This article is taken out of the Shabbona Centennial Booklet. It outlines a history of the original Shabbona Express, which is the inspiration behind this newsletter's name.

The Shabbona Express was started by Bloodgood and Hunt in 1876. Mr. Bloodgood was publisher of the Sandwich Free Press and Mr. Hunt, who had been one of his employees in the Sandwich office, became local editor of the Express with a small job press to do job work. He wrote the local news and sent it to Sandwich, where the paper was printed. The subscription price was one dollar per annum. The office did not pay, so Mr. Hunt resigned in October, 1876, and W.H. Ray, the agent of the American Express Co., was induced to take charge of the Express in Shabbona while it was still printed at Sandwich. It was not a paying business and Mr. Ray had to earn his way as Express agent while editing the paper. He bought an 8x10 hand job press and \$200.00 worth of type and did job work, which was limited in the small town.

In 1878 he bought out Mr. Bloodgood's interest and had the paper printed at Paw Paw in the Lee County Times office for two years, and then had it printed at Hinckley by the publisher of the Review for about two years. Mr. Ray then purchased an Army press and hired Mr. Stephen Corry of Hinckley to attend to the mechanical part of the printing. Now the paper was printed at home, one page at a time. After a year he purchased a Washington hand press and printed the paper on that for two years, when he traded it toward an 8 column Fairhaven cylinder press which he ran by hand. Press day was a hard day's work. He hired compositors to set the straight reading matter and he set up the advertising matter. He later bought a gas engine to run the press and bought a 10x15 job press, which was also powered by the gas engine.

(This article continues on the next page)

Computer trouble?

VISIT US AT 104 W COMANCHE AVE!

Welsh Systems

Computer Services

- ✓ Repairs
- ✓ Setup
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Lessons
- ✓ Full Service Plans
- ✓ Local business rated 5 Stars on Google

for a limited time

50% OFF

first service call or full month of Support*
call or text

630-492-1164

WelshSystems.com
expires 11/15/24

*first-time customers only

Shabbona Express

History Behind the Name Shabbona Express

(Continued from the Previous Page)

About this time business began to improve, so a competitor came to town, and owing to the county seat war, some of the monied men in town raised \$1500 to set him up in business. He ran it a while, and after a couple of years he left one night, leaving the people who furnished the money. So the Express, which was to have been closed up in six months, was still in possession of the field.

Mr. Ray, getting along in the years and having to depend on hired help, sold out in May, 1914, to A.W. Hubbard and Co., and retired, after about 38 years in the newspaper field.

Hubbard came to Shabbona in 1914, and purchased the equipment and good will of the Shabbona Chief, then owned by Mrs. Mary Nolan. After Hubbard bought the Shabbona Express from Mr. Ray, the two papers were combined, and published under the name of the Shabbona Express during the years 1914-24 inclusive.

Pfremmer bought the paper from Hubbard, and operated it for a year or more. He sold to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mallory, who operated it until 1928, when it was sold to C.O. Trytten.

In 1932, the Express was still being printed on a "Country Campbell", until Mr. Trytten purchased at Babcock Optimus cylinder press from Briggs Printing in DeKalb. The press, made in 1871, is reputed to have been on display at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. It was disassembled, moved, and re-assembled by Lyle Lane and Jack Jarvis, and was operated until the paper, by then renamed "DeKalb County Express", was discontinued in 1960.



Save thousands when you list your
home or business with Up Realty!

On a \$200,000 sale you
could save \$4,000 or more!

\$2,000 Flat Fee Listing!

Set Your Own Offer of Commission For Buyer Brokers.

Up Realty LLC
Joshua Snyder
Designated Managing Broker

331-222-7697
josh@uprealty.io
104 W Comanche Ave
Shabbona, IL 60550

Shabbona Express
PO Box 172
Shabbona, IL 60550

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S.POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM Retail

*****ECRWSSDDM****

Local

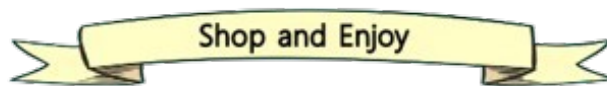
Postal Customer

Shabbona Express

Shabbona Farmers Market



Saturdays
June-September
8:00am - Noon



Locally produced
Foods & Crafts

Purdy Park
East Navaho Ave, Shabbona

Find Shabbona Farmers Market on Facebook
or email us at
ShabbonaFarmersMarket@gmail.com.