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Funeral home to send messages skyward during parade

"Miss them up there? Then say "Hi!" from down here" is the message for Anderson Funeral Home's entry in this year's National Sweetcorn Festival Parade. The funeral home will have hold a remembrance balloon launch along the parade route. Each balloon will contain a message from a local person to a person or pet that has died.

Messages may be sent via message on Anderson Funeral Home's Facebook page; emailed to them at andersonfh427@hotmail.com, phoned in to (217) 283-6696 or dropped off at the funeral home from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 427 E. Main. The remembrance launch is not limited to customers See MESSAGES on other side



Catching up
 Fourth grade teacher Laura Behrends listens to a student before the first day of school Monday at Honeywell Grade School, as other youngsters wait for their school day to begin. Motorists are asked to exercise caution as children will be walking and biking to and from school.

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Messages continued from other side

of Anderson Funeral Home, but is for anyone who would like to send a message, said Megan Anderson, co-owner of the funeral home with her husband, Ryan.

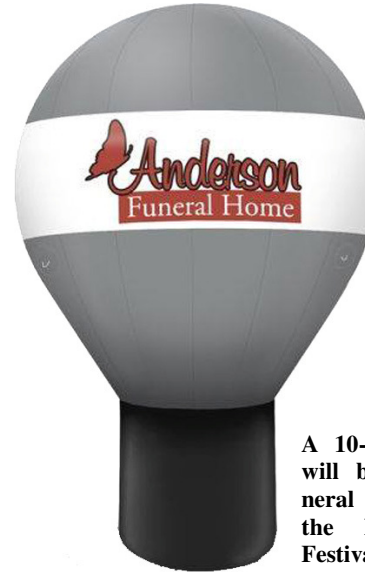
The idea for the launch came a couple months ago when funeral home staff discussed what to do for this year's parade.

"We thought it would be something different and a way of giving back to not only the families that we have served, but to our community and surrounding areas," Anderson said. "We know everyone misses their loved

ones they have lost so we thought this would have great meaning to people."

Being a funeral home, sometimes new ideas can be difficult. It was Brock Baker, the business' funeral director Brock Baker who came up with the idea of the balloon launch.

Each message will be placed on a note card and attached to a balloon with string. Anderson is hoping for 500 messages, and if they reach that goal, have determined that one



A 10-foot hot air balloon will be on Anderson Funeral Home's float during the National Sweetcorn Festival Parade.

message will be released every six seconds while the float travels the parade route.

Balloons will be placed in a 10-foot-tall hot air balloon on their float.

They will also release a special balloon in front of the queens in honor of Misti Runge, who did so much for the pageant, Anderson said.

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Obituaries

BEATY - Virgie (Garrett) Beaty, 75, of LaVergne, Tenn., died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015. Visitation will be 6 p.m. Tuesday at Woodfin Chapel, Smyrna, Tenn. She will be cremated. An online guestbook is available at www.woodfinchapel.com.

GERARD - Janet R. Gerard 60, of Hoopeston, died at 6:49 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

LEPPARD - Steven E. Leppard, 58, of Hoopeston, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015. At Presence United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Memorial service was at 11 a.m. Saturday at Milford Christian Church. He was cremated. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.

Weather

Sunny today. High 73. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 52. Tomorrow, sunny. High 75, low 53.