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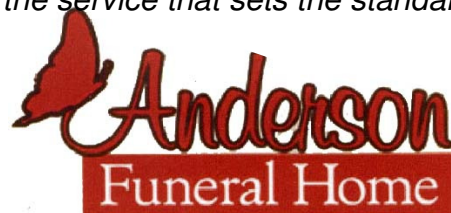
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Donohue announces candidacy for county State's Attorney

Editor's Note: William Donahue of Danville last week announced his candidacy for Vermilion County State's Attorney. Below are excerpts from his official announcement.

I am announcing my candidacy for the office of State's Attorney. For most of the past 24 years, I have been a prosecutor working to protect neighborhoods from the destruction violent crime brings. I have tried and won jury trials involving methamphetamine produc-

tion, sexual assault, aggravated battery to a child and much more. Sentences from these trials resulted in prison terms. Over the years I have developed a philosophy that every neighborhood becomes what they accept—and it is time for us to say we will no longer be the victims. It is time to go on the offensive and refuse to accept violence in our communities. To do that, we must work together and I want to begin in each community,

See DONAHUE on other side



At the wheel

John Hanson of Hoopeston guides a 1915 Frick steam engine in the National Sweetcorn Festival parade on Sept. 1, accompanied by engine owner Stephen Eyrich. Hanson reported he is a year older than the steam engine. Also pictured are, from left, Phil Marks of Springfield and Gage Jerome of Hoopeston.

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each neighborhood, to identify problems and solutions. When I ran for election in 2004, I met with many neighborhood groups. Each was concerned about the same thing: paying attention to the quality of life in their neighborhood. At that time, I advocated community focused prosecution to answer those concerns. With the creation of a community prosecution program that I am already advocating as a member of the County Board and will use as State's Attorney, we will do just that.

I have been a resident of Vermilion County for over 20

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years. It is my home. From Sidell to Hoopes-ton, from Oakwood and Fithian, and from Danville to Ridge Farm and every commu-nity in between, I have seen the positive side of our community. I want to be your State's Attorney and work on protecting the quality of life in each neighborhood, school and home. My qualifications come from years of trying cases to juries, and putting criminals in jail and prison. It comes from years of work-ing as a prosecutor in juvenile court working to protect families and working with kids *before* they crossed the line into crime.

I have worked directly with every police agency in the County, and I believe that our law enforce-ment personnel are second to none—but they need back up by prosecuting the cases they turn over. That prose-cution needs to be timely and responsive to the needs of victims and the community. No victim should wait a year before discovering if charges are to be filed when the police have already and timely completed their in-vestigation. No case should be dismissed, and victims suffer, because the State's Attorney's Office failed for at least a year to comply with court ordered discovery. By involving the police and local community leaders in helping prioritize and push cases, these problems will no

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longer occur. The simple process of regular communication will force decisions to be made and action taken.

I have worked as well with nearly every school and social service provider in this community and I have seen how hard they work. With your help, I can support them and their desire to protect our neighborhoods and the children who grow up here, looking for stability, security and frankly a safe place to play and learn.

I am licensed to prosecute capital litigation cases, something only a handful of attorneys are permitted to do in this county. By working in every division within the State's Attorney's Office, I have gained the experience and judgment required to appropriately prosecute cases. That degree of experience is reflected in the certification as lead counsel in capital litigation cases.

As a county board member for Vermilion County, I have worked to control taxes, voting against budgets that called for unnecessary tax increases and now working as finance chairman to control spending as well as target spending on necessary services like law enforcement. Working with our County Board Chairman, Jim McMa-hon, we have looked toward combining departments to save tax dollars and starting programs like community prosecution to help each neighborhood.

As a resident of this County, I have been a part of community groups, an active member of St. Paul Catho-lic Church, a former Big Brother and former advocate for children working with the Center for Children Ser-vices. I have worked with a variety of community groups. My parents grew up on farms in Ford and Livingston counties during the Depression. My mother's father, my grandparent, was forced to sell the farm dur-ing the Depression -- something that I know wore heavy on him in later years. My father left the family farm to

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serve in World War II and later worked in factories and met my mother. Life was not always easy, but my parents found a way to raise a family, send them to college and instill certain values in each of their children. My family taught me the value of work, family, tradition, community and respect for life. My friends here at home and their children, particularly a certain two that attend St. Paul School, have taught me the same things. As an Assistant State's Attorney, both here and in Iroquois County, I have never forgotten that everything I do touches the life of people like my family and friends who worked hard for their families and their futures. It continues to push me to try harder and as State's Attorney it will be a primary fo-cus.

As a candidate, I will support those traditions of family, community, hard work, respect for life, and want to clearly state that my campaign will support without excep-tion these traditional family values of my church, family and friends.

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