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Pre-eclipse fun

Brady Warren, 8, of Glendale Heights, left, touched a sliver of moon, handled by Lynette Morse, right, of the Chicago's Adler Planetarium at Shawnee Community College on Aug. 17. The Planetarium took its Galaxy Ride on the road to southern Illinois to various locations in the path of the total solar eclipse the week prior to the eclipse.

— Michele Longworth | Southern Scene

Illinois candidate for governor, Pawar, announces Cairo mayor as running mate

Press Release

Ameya Pawar, Democratic candidate for Illinois governor, announced on Aug. 15 Cairo Mayor Tyrone Coleman as his running mate for lieutenant governor.

Coleman is also a veteran, a pastor and a former radio show host.

"I asked Mayor Coleman to be my running mate because he embodies the struggle that every Illinois family and town is experiencing. While the wealthy keep getting wealthier, the rest of us are struggling to get ahead," said Pawar. "For too long, our state has been under the control of millionaires and big corporations that put profits over people — and the political insiders who enable them — leav-

ing us fighting over scraps. While Bruce Rauner and Donald Trump divide our country based on where people live and what they look like, Mayor Coleman and I will work to bring our entire state together and lead the fight to take our state back from the powerful special interests so everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

"Mayor Coleman and I are the only candidates in this race who are neither multi-millionaires or career politicians. Since taking office, the mayor has worked day and night to fight for public housing, economic development, and good jobs. Mayor Coleman will fight with me to bring new jobs and equitable funding for communities like Cairo, Englewood, Rockford,

Galesburg, Waukegan and Harvard."

"I was born and raised in Cairo," said Coleman. "When I grew up, it was the hub of the tri-state area. We used to draw people to Cairo for jobs, for entertainment, for medical care. I left for about 15 years, spent 10 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and came back on vacation and saw the devastation that years of disinvestment had caused. I saw that there was a need for my assistance here at home. Never thinking that I'd be in the position of mayor, I just thought that there was a better way of life for people who live in Cairo, and if I could do anything to make that thought a reality, I needed

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Catfish anglers will converge in Paducah for tournament

Press Release

The Cabela's King Kat tournament trail will hit the waters of the Ohio River Friday and Saturday, but this time not in Metropolis as in the past but in Paducah.

This is the opportunity for catfish anglers to compete for cash, prizes and a chance to advance to the Cabela's King Kat North and South Championship.

This year's Northern Championship will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 22 and 23 on the Cumberland River at Old Hickory Lake in Gallatin,

Tennessee.

The Southern Championship will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7 at Lake Wateree in Camden, South Carolina.

Late registration for the Paducah tourney will be held Thursday at Days Inn, located at 3901 Hinkleville Rd. in Paducah, KY from 5-7 p.m. A captains meeting/seminar will follow at 7 p.m. at the hotel.

Individuals must be a member of the King Kat Association to fish this event. A one year membership is \$30. To pre-register

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BarkAID will be held Sunday at Headlines Salon

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One man with a pair of scissors and a passion for raising awareness about homeless animals is bringing his mission back to Metropolis on Sunday, Aug. 27 with the third annual BarkAID Metropolis event. It will be held at Headlines Salon, 718 E. Fifth St., Suite 200.

Master hair stylist Patrick Lomantini, of Wichita, Kansas, is the founder of BarkAID, which is in its seventh year. He is set to make his third visit to Metropolis' Headlines Salon,

and will perform dry cuts for a minimum suggested donation of \$20. Proceeds from the haircuts throughout the day will benefit Project Hope's animal shelter.

Anyone wishing to participate in the third annual BarkAID Metropolis for Project Hope is urged to contact Headlines Salon at 618-524-4245 to schedule an appointment now. While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins on the day of the event are also welcome. The event will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Headlines Salon Owner Linda Ohmes said the last two BarkAID events have

been a lot of fun. "I really want to do all I can to help Project Hope and all the fur babies. It's just a small thing we can all do to keep them up and running," said Ohmes.

Ohmes says with Patrick's mission of cutting hair to help homeless animals, she was glad to host BarkAID Metropolis again this year.

Lomantini, a two-time world record holder, travels the United States — all 50 — making stops in several cities in each state, providing dry haircuts at salons, with the proceeds from the haircuts going to local shelters in each city.

The very first BarkAID

tour included 50 cities. This year there are 77 cities on the tour. Lomantini says BarkAID will be much bigger and better. "We are looking to reach new heights this year," says Lomantini.

Project Hope volunteers will have animals available for adoption on site at Headlines Salon to remind people where their donation to BarkAID is going. Project Hope will also have T-Shirts and other items available to purchase.

New this year, Jennifer Lang of Grand Chain will have her Easy Street Food

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You are invited!

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