

The Village of Cobden will sponsor a Community Yard Sale Day and Downtown Park Block Party on Saturday, September 20.

Yard sales will be held throughout the village and at the Community Park (Locust Street).

The Block Party will host an art/craft fair, bounce houses and kid zone activities, food vendors, and other activities in the downtown park from 9a.m.-4p.m. Bring a chair and come enjoy a community event.

A special exhibit will be conducted on the history of the Cobden Connection. It was in 1985 (forty years ago) that Cobden High School teacher, Carla Winters, assigned a class to research communities that were named Cobden. Communities were found in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Minnesota. A teacher from Australia visited Cobden, Ill. and this started visitor exchanges to all of the communities. The Connection lasted for about twenty years, but life-long friendships and long-term memories were formed.

The display will be at the downtown park shelter from 9a.m.-4p.m. An informal reunion of past participants will be conducted 1-2p.m. Anyone who participated in Cobden Connection activities are encouraged to attend and relive past memories.

The Union County Museum, 117 S. Appleknocker will conduct extended hours and be open 9am.-5p.m. The Museum will have the following special exhibits: history of the First National Bank, a scrapbook on the history of the 1964 Cobden Appleknockers basketball team, photos of past Cobden Peach Festival Queens, and a unique collection of bird eggs. The Shop for the Benefit of the Museum will also be open and will offer antiques, collectibles, and Fall/Halloween merchandise.

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