

SPORTS

QUESTIONS?

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CALENDAR

TODAY

• 6:35 p.m. Cavemen at Dubois County Bombers

THURSDAY

• 6:35 p.m. Cavemen at Terre Haute Rex

FRIDAY

• 5:05 p.m. Cavemen vs. Danville Dans (home). Double-header

SATURDAY

• 6:35 p.m. Cavemen at Springfield Sliders

MONDAY

• Fall high school sports practices begin.

AUG. 9-12

• Quincy Table Tennis Club, four-day table tennis camp, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., second floor of the Quincy Park District. ttennisinqc@yahoo.com

RUNNING

Cross-country runner with local ties approaching Hannibal

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It won't be long before participants in the 2011 LA-NY Foot Race across America add Missouri to the list of states they have passed through during their trek. The runners are scheduled to be in Hannibal later this week.

According to Brandi Resa, a graduate of Hannibal High School, her husband, Markus Mueller, has now been running for over 40 days.

"To date he has run approximately 1,735 miles through California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, and now Missouri," she wrote in an e-mail update sent out Sunday.

A race highlight for Mueller and the other runners was a recent encounter with a rain shower, the first in 42 days.

"It brought nice, cool relief to his day. He said he forgets how much faster he can run when the temperatures are normal," she wrote, referring to a temperature range of between 80 and 90 degrees.

When the runners reach Hannibal, Resa says they will be hosted by the Oakwood Christian Church, which will be providing a meal for the runners and crews, and the Parks and Recreation Department, which will allow participants to spend the night in the Admiral Coontz Recreation Center.

"He has enjoyed the race director's great organizational skills as well as the wonderful hospitality from locals along the route," wrote Resa.

Resa says the "experience has been everything he has dreamed," although she added that it has proven "tougher than he thought and he was ready for super tough." Mueller has no regrets, according to his wife, who wrote that participating in the race has been "worth all the sacrifices and effort from the past two-plus years."

"We are both looking forward to seeing each other in Central Park, New York, in just 28 days," wrote Resa.

For race updates, visit



From left, Italo Orru from Sinnai Sardegna and Markus Mueller of Eagle, Colo., stand by a monument in Foyil, Okla., dedicated to Andrew Payne, who won a transcontinental foot race from Los Angeles to New York City in 1928. Both men are participating in the 2011 LA-NY Foot Race across America which will be passing through Hannibal later this week. Mueller's wife is Brandi Resa, a Hannibal High School graduate. CONTRIBUTED

www.lanyfootrace.com or check out Mueller's Face- book page — Markus Runs America.