

# Obituaries

## Charles O. Bixler

OGDEN — Charles O. Bixler, 77, of Ogden passed away at 5:46 p.m. Sunday (June 17, 2018) at home.

Services will be held at later date.

Charlie was born Oct. 11, 1940, in Topeka, Kan. He married Lois Strong. She survives.

He is also survived by his son, Bryan (Donna) Bixlar of Homer; daughter, Shannon O'Neal of Urbana; three grandchildren, J.B. O'Neal, Dakota O'Neal and Mikki Martinez; sisters, Barbara

Beckwith of Topeka, Kan., and Marie Spencer of Seattle, Wash; and brother, Steve Place of South Padre Island, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Charlie was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Germany. He retired from the University of Illinois in 1996 from Building Services. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his friends and family.



Jesus Walks on the Water

Mark 6:45-52 At once Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to Bethsaida, on the other side of the lake, while he sent the crowd away. 46 After saying good-bye to the people, he went away to a hill to pray. 47 When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, while Jesus was alone on land. 48 He saw that his disciples were straining at the oars, because they were rowing against the wind; so sometime between three and six o'clock in the morning, he came to them, walking on the water. He was going to pass them by, [a] 49 but they saw him walking on the water. "It's a ghost!" they thought, and screamed. 50 They were all terrified when they saw him.

Jesus spoke to them at once, "Courage!" he said. "It is I. Don't be afraid!" 51 Then he got into the boat with them, and the wind died down. The disciples were completely amazed, 52 because they had not understood the real meaning of the feeding of the five thousand; their minds could not grasp it.

## Grace Marie Shissler

Grace Marie Shissler, 94, of Elmwood, formerly Philo, passed away at 2:20 p.m. Thursday (June 28, 2018) at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center, Galesburg.

She was born May 14, 1924, in Philo, to John and Stella (Cain) Daly. Grace married Everett "Gene" Shissler on Sept. 10, 1949, in Philo. He preceded her in death May 7, 2016.

Grace is survived by her two sons, Thomas (Julia) Shissler of Elmwood and Everett "Lynn" (Michelle) Shissler of Elmwood; six grandchildren, Jack, Andrew, Adam, Marshall, Grace and Charles; and six great-grandchildren, Ian, Brynn, Ashley, Graham, Elise and Aaron.

She was preceded in death by her son, Richard Shissler; parents; and two brothers, Joseph Daly and Charles Daly.

Grace was a registered nurse at Mercy Hospital in Urbana for many years. She was a founding donor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elmwood, a former member of Altar and Rosary Society and a founding member of Maple Lane Country Club. She served on the Elmwood Election Board and was also involved with the Elmwood School Mother's



Club. Grace enjoyed volunteering at Wildlife Prairie Park and Graham Hospital. She was also a dedicated St. Louis Cardinals fan. She celebrated her 50th and 60th wedding anniversary in Busch Stadium.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A funeral Mass will be at noon Aug. 4, 2018, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Elmwood. A visitation will be held the same day prior to the service from 10 a.m. to noon at the church. Burial will immediately follow in Elmwood Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to B.Y.E. and Elmwood Fire Department.

To view Grace's video tribute or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com).

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home, Elmwood, is in charge of arrangements.

## PEACE MEAL MENU

Sidney/Homer Peace Meal menu for Thursday, July 12 through Wednesday, July 18.

Thursday, 7/12/18 – Chicken parmesan, dinner roll served with butter or margarine, zucchini bake, cucumber and onion salad, cake with fruit, and a half pint of milk.

Friday, 7/13/18 – Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, Italian green beans, peaches, and a half pint of milk.

Monday, 7/16/18 – Pulled pork served on a bun, creamed peas and potatoes, Mexican corn, mandarin oranges, and a half pint of milk.

Tuesday, 7/17/18 – Salisbury beef patty, whole wheat dinner roll served with butter or margarine, mashed potatoes, Lyonnais carrots, fruit juice, and a half pint of milk.

Wednesday, 7/18/18 – Chicken broccoli alfredo, whole wheat dinner roll served with butter or margarine, mixed vegetables, creamy coleslaw, fresh fruit, and a half pint of milk.

The Sidney Peace Meal home delivered meals program continues Monday through Friday for seniors who qualify. Individuals who wish to attend a Peace Meal Congregate Meal Site are invited to attend the Peace Meal Congregate Meal Site in Homer.

Homer Peace Meal is served around 11:00 a.m. at 500 East Second Street in Homer. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday for seniors who qualify.

To reserve your spot call Peace Meal at 1-800-543-1770 by 12:00 p.m. the day before the meal you wish to attend. Skim milk and desserts with no sugar added are available in many locations. Ask the site supervisor for more information. Peace Meal sometimes needs to substitute on menus, but still guarantees a nutritious meal.

The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program suggests a donation of \$3.50 for each congregare and home delivered meal, however, no older person will be denied a meal because of their inability to contribute to the cost of the meal. The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program does accept the Illinois Link Card for payment.

The Sidney/Homer Peace Meal menu is submitted for the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.

## The Sidney Scoop

by Ann Rhoton, 688-2812



The Sidney American Legion Post 433 hosted the American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Thursday, June 28 7:00 p.m. meeting at the Post Home located at 212 South David Street in downtown Sidney.

American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Commander Cheryl Walker brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. following opening ceremonies and a prayer.

The roll call of county officers was taken, minutes of the Thursday, May 24 meeting were unanimously approved, and American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Finance Officer J. R. Stillwell gave the finance report.

Past American Legion National Historian and member of the American Legion National Organization 100th Anniversary planning committee Chuck Zelinsky provided legionnaires in attendance with information about commemorative items available for purchase from American Legion Emblem Sales to assist with the commemoration of the American Legion National Organization 100th Anniversary.

The celebration begins at the August 24 – August 30, 2018 American Legion National Convention taking place at the Minneapolis Convention Center located at 1301 Second Avenue S. in Minneapolis, MN and ends on Veterans Day November 11, 2019.

Mr. Zelinsky reported that an American Legion Day will take place on September 16, 2019 and that individual posts are being asked to request that their city/village governments proclaim September 16, 2019 as American Legion Day in their city/village.

A hospitality award was presented to American Legion Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch for the post's hosting of the American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion June 28 meeting.

The American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion adopted a new constitution at the meeting. One of the changes within the new constitution is that the council will not hold meetings in July, August, December, or January.

The American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion election of officers for the 2018 – 2019 year took place and resulted with Ronnie Turner Winston for Commander, Robin Vandiver for Senior Vice Commander, Chuck Mingee for Junior Vice Commander, and J. R. Stillwell for Finance Officer.

American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Commander Cheryl Walker brought the

meeting to adjournment following closing ceremonies and a prayer for American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Chaplain Paul Haines at 7:51 p.m. after which all in attendance enjoyed lunch provided by the Sidney American Legion Post 433.

The Sidney Village Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting took place on Monday, July 2. Look for a report from your columnist in next week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

The Sidney Christian Church, Countryside Methodist Church, and the Sidney United Church are hosting a Community Fun Friday Gathering, Grilling, Growing event at the Sidney United Church located at 501 East Main Street from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 13.

Food, games, videos, grilled pork burgers and hot dogs with sides and desserts will be provided at the event and all are invited.

The Sidney American Legion Post 433 will hold their next monthly meeting at the Post Home located at 212 South David Street in downtown Sidney on Monday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Save Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28 to your calendars for the Sidney Summer Fun Daze!

A Sidney School Reunion will take place on Saturday, August 11 at the Franks Center (site of the old Philo Grade School) located at 127 Washington Street in Philo, IL. All students, teachers, or folks who worked at the school until it closed are invited to attend.

Dress is comfortable and casual and festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour with a cash bar provided by Daly's in Philo, IL. A catered buffet dinner provided by Niemerg's Steakhouse from Effingham, IL will be served at 6:15 p.m. and a program will follow.

The cost is \$27.00 per person by August 1 and \$32.00 per person after August 1 space permitting. The committee reports they have a record number of reservations already so don't wait if you are interested in going! Please call Becky Bennett at (217) 688-2372 if you haven't received your invitation in the mail.

Don't miss out on a fun-filled evening catching up with old school mates. The Sidney School Reunion Committee hopes to see you there!

Have a wonderful week!

If you or your organization have news items you want published drop a line to Ann Rhoton at P. O. Box 491, Sidney, IL 61877 or call (217) 688-2812; don't hesitate to leave a message if there's no answer.

News items must be turned in by 10:00 a.m. each Friday to be published in the following week's paper. Items submitted after the deadline will be published in the following week's column.

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Pictured left to right are newly elected American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion officers for 2018 – 2019 Senior Vice Commander Robin Vandiver, Commander Ronnie Turner Winston, Junior Vice Commander Chuck Mingee, and Finance Officer J. R. Stillwell. Photo by Ann Rhoton.

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