



South County
SPOTLIGHT



VGH CC @ PBL
10/11 at 4:30 pm

HHS VB @ Hutsonville
10/11 at 6:00 pm

UJHS GBB vs AO
10/11 @ 6:00 pm

UHS VB vs STM
10/11 @ 6:00 pm

UHS Frosh FB vs Rantoul
10/11 @ 6:00 pm

End of 1st QTR for Unity
Schools 10/12

UHS VB @ BCC Invite
10/12 time tba

UHS FB @ Rantoul
10/12 at 7:00 pm

Early dismissal for Heri-
tage Schools 10/12

VG homecoming parade
10/12 @ 2:00 pm

VGH FB vs Tri-County
(homecoming)
10/12 @ 7:00 pm

HJHS CC @ IESA State
Meet (Normal, IL)
10/13

Philo St Thomas CC @
IESA State Meet
(Normal, IL)
10/13

UJHS CC @ IESA State
Meet (Normal, IL)
10/13

Heritage School Board
MTG
10/15 @ 6:00 pm

VGH JV FB vs
Tri-County
10/15 @ 6:00 pm

HHS VB vs Judah
(sr night)
10/15 @ 6:00 pm

HJHS GBB @ Shiloh
10/15 at 6:00 pm

UJHS GBB vs Prairieview
10/15 @ 6:00 pm

UHS JV FB @ Rantoul
10/15 at 6:00 pm

UHS VB @ Rantoul
10/16 at 6:00 pm

VGH CC @ Tuscola

HHS VB @ Tri-County
10/16 at 6:00 pm

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Sidney Village Board discusses Trick or Treating, Water Plant Sale, WCIA Our Town

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October 1 Sidney Village Board of Trustees Meeting Coverage –

The Sidney Village Board of Trustees met on Monday, October 1 in the Sidney Community Building meeting room at 7:00 p.m. Village of Sidney President Chuck White brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. following the recitation of the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance.

President White then asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written of the Tuesday, September 4 regular meeting of the board. The minutes were approved following a motion from Trustee Cyndi McCloud and a second to the motion by Trustee John Finn.

Village President Chuck White asked if there were any public comment and, as there was none, proceeded with his comments by first addressing Village of Sidney Halloween trick or treat hours. A motion from Trustee Cyndi McCloud seconded by Trustee Jason Arrasmith to set Wednesday, October 31 Halloween night trick or treat hours from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. carried.

President White reported that he had nothing to report on the Truck Route 50/50 Match program and that folks can still register for the second Residential Electronics Collection (REC) taking place on Saturday, October 13 at

Parkland College. Anyone interested in participating must register in advance at <http://www.ecycle.simplybook.me/sheduler/manage/event/1/unit/3>.

President White provided an update concerning the abandoned property located at 202 South Harrison (the little white house by the Village of Sidney shed) by reporting that he thought he had found a new mailing address to resend a letter from the village to the property owner.

President White expressed the need for some sidewalk railings to be replaced. A motion from Trustee John Finn seconded by Trustee Jason Arrasmith to spend not to exceed \$300.00 to replace the sidewalk railing on David Street in the vicinity of the Split Ends hair salon located at 205 South David Street in downtown Sidney carried.

President White reported that he is continuing to attend and monitor Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals meetings to keep abreast of area solar farm plans and, that as a result, he had come across paper work from one of the solar farms in which they wanted the Village of Sidney to monitor and take care of a farm once in place.

President White stated that should not be the case. He reported that he met with Village of Sidney Attorney Marc Miller and that they drafted a letter from the Village of Sidney President protesting the

wording that he presented to the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals at their next meeting.

President White additionally reported that Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals Planning Commissioner John Hall told him that the paper work and wording was not in its final form and that it could still be changed. President White will continue to attend and monitor Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals meetings to monitor area solar farm plans.

President White announced that WCIA Television are looking at featuring Sidney in their Our Town 2019. The Village of Sidney hopes to request either Friday, July 5 or Friday, July 19 with feature reports being done about the village the week before whichever Friday the Village of Sidney ends up with.

President White concluded his comments by providing a report from the Illinois Municipal League Conference sessions he attended.

Sidney Community Library Head Librarian Rosemary McCarrey was unable to attend during the public comment section of the meeting due to attending a library board meeting and was asked if she wished to speak. McCarrey asked the Sidney Village Board of Trustees if they could enable the library's use of Royal Bookkeeping for library payroll as she felt that it would help with the library

audit.

A motion from Sidney Village Board Trustee and Water and Drainage Chair Troy Roberts seconded by Trustee John Finn to pass Ordinance #2018-06 revising billing and disconnection of water service in the Village of Sidney carried following discussion under Village of Sidney Attorney Marc Miller's comments.

A motion from Trustee Troy Roberts seconded by Trustee Cyndi McCloud to hire Gerald Hartman of Hartman Consultants, LLC concerning the potential sale of the Village of Sidney water system carried.

The Village of Sidney Board of Trustees additionally decided that they would like to sell the water tower and building along with the land and to acquire an easement for the village ESDA siren.

Village of Sidney Attorney Marc Miller will get together with Village of Sidney Engineer Michael Friend of the Farnsworth Group and Sidney Village Operations Manager and Water Superintendent Earl Bennett to draft an RFP (Request for Proposals) for the sale of the village water system for the Village of Sidney Board of Trustees to consider at their Monday, November 5 meeting.

Sidney Village Operations Manager and Water Superintendent Earl Bennett's report was not heard as he was called out on a fire call during the meeting.

Sidney Village Board Trustee and Finance Chair Cyndi McCloud gave the finance report. A motion from Trustee McCloud seconded by Trustee Tyler Bickers to pay all of the monthly bills carried.

Trustee McCloud reported that the village audit was good and asked that the Sidney Community Library request to have library payroll done by Royal Bookkeeping and the village codification ordinance be put on the

Village of Sidney Board of Trustees Monday, November 5 meeting agenda. Trustee McCloud additionally reported that there were three codification ordinance books; one each for Sidney Village Operations Manager and Water Superintendent Earl Bennett, Village of Sidney Clerk Carol Moore, and the Sidney Community Library.

Sidney Village Board Trustee and Streets and Alleys Chair John Finn reported that he didn't think that purchasing and renovating the Bues Accounting and American Legion buildings were a good option, but that he would continue looking into possibly purchasing and renovating the White's Hardware building and in to possibly erecting a new building at the old Sidney School lots the Village of Sidney owns.

Village of Sidney Engineer Michael Friend of the Farnsworth Group will put together a scope of the possible cost of either erecting a new building at the old Sidney School lots or purchasing and renovating the White's Hardware building and have it available for trustees to review at the Monday, November 5 meeting of the Village of Sidney Board of Trustees.

Mr. Friend asked for board members and employees to tell him what they would like the building to consist of and it was reported to him that they would like to have a meeting room to fit up to 100 people in, offices for the Village President, Village Clerk, Public Works, and ESDA, a kitchen, two bathrooms, and lots of storage.

Sidney Village Board Trustee and Water and Drainage Chair Troy Roberts gave the water usage report and asked for the water tower to be put on the agenda of the Monday, November 5 Village of Sidney Board of Trustees meeting.

Sidney Village Board Trustee and Public Property Com-

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Heritage High School Celebrates Homecoming 2018



Heritage High School 2018 Homecoming Court

Sidney Firemen Supporting Cancer Awareness



Left to right Sidney firemen Corey Lilly, Trent Bennett, and Grant Bennett sporting this year's Sidney Fire Protection District Second Annual Cancer Awareness T-shirt. Photo by Ann Rhoton

After School Crafts, Family Reading Night and Pajama Party at Philo Public Library

After school crafts -Thursday, October 18 & Thursday, November 8 3:30-4:30 p.m. Craft sessions are for anyone who has completed kindergarten and beyond.

It's a good way to unwind after a hard day at school -being creative and having fun with others. These are "make it and take it" projects -the kids will be bringing home their crafts on the days we meet.

Please call the library and give us your child's name, age and phone number so that we can have materials for all who attend. While registration is not necessary, participation is limited and it helps us plan the program if we know how many and what age group will be attending. Call 684-2896 today.

Philo Library is pleased to announce our Family Reading Night and Pajama Party. Thursday, November 15, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Anyone who likes a good story is invited. Kids can come in their pajamas, bring their favorite bedtime buddy and enjoy stories presented by some of our favorite readers from the Philo com-

munity. We'll even provide a bedtime snack. When the program ends at 8:00 p.m., you're ready to take the kids home and tuck them into bed.

One other event we'd like you to be aware of is our annual Ornament Workshop and Village Tree Decorating. Sunday, December 2 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Come at 3 p.m. and make holiday ornaments and decorations to take home plus one to hang on the Village Tree behind the Library. At 4 p.m. we will have caroling and trimming of the Village Tree followed by refreshments in the Library. For more information, contact us at Philo Library, 684-2896 or email us.

And don't forget, the Library Board of Trustees meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. Last but not least, HCE sponsors a coffee hour held each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Philo Library. Stop in for a warm cup of coffee, refreshments and a chance to see old friends and make some new ones.