



**South County
SPOTLIGHT**



St. Thomas JHVB @ St. Johns-Mattoon
1/30 at 6:00 pm

UHS BBB vs Mt. Zion
1/31 @ 6:00 pm

VGH GBB @ Martinsville
1/31 at 6:00 pm

Frosh BBB @ GRF
1/31 at 6:00 pm

UHS BBB vs PC
2/1 @ 5:30 pm

VGH BBB @ Oblong
2/1 at 6:00 pm

UHS Wrestling vs Individual Regionals @ UHS
2/2 times tba

UHS Frosh BBB vs SJO & PC
2/2 @ 10:00 am

UHS BBB vs IVC
2/2 @ 10:00 am

VGH Frosh BBB vs Heritage Tourney
2/2 @ 10:00 am

St Thomas VB vs Bement
2/4 @ 6:00 pm

UHS BBB @ Pontiac
2/4 @ 5:30 pm

UHS GBB @ IHSA Regional tourney at UHS vs Blue Ridge
2/4 at 7:30 pm

UHS Frosh BBB @ Tuscola
2/4 at 6:00 pm

HJHS VB vs Chrisman
2/4 @ 6:00 pm

VGH BBB vs Tri-County
2/5 @ 6:00 pm

St Thomas VB @ Judah
2/5 @ 6:00 pm

UJHS VB @ Jefferson MS
2/5 at 4:15 pm

HJHS VB @ BH
2/5 @ 6:00 pm

VGH GBB @ IHSA regional Tournament at W-L vs Maroa Forsyth
2/6 at 7:30 pm

UJHS VB @ Urbana MS
2/7 at 4:15 pm

VGH Frosh BBB @ Uni High
2/7 at 6:00 pm

HJHS VB vs Salt Fork
2/7 @ 6:00 pm

HJHS VB vs VG
2/8 @ 4:00 pm

ST Thomas VB vs Arthur Christian
2/8 @ 6:00 pm

UHS Wrestling @ IHSA Setional Meet
2/8-2/9 kil kklm m mt2et times TBA

If you have an upcoming event that you would like to see featured in Spotlight, email us at vgnews@mchsi.com or call us at 832-4201



Unity HS Hosts Senior Citizen's Sweetheart Dinner and Cappella Event

Unity High School Hosts Sunday, February 10 Senior Citizen's Sweetheart Dinner And Saturday, February 16 Thirteenth Annual All Out A Cappella Event –

By Ann Rhoton SCCT News Correspondent

Every senior citizen from the Unit 7 School District is cordially invited to attend a free Senior Citizen's Sweetheart Dinner event taking place on Sunday, February 10 at the Unity High School located at 1127 County Road 800 North in Tolono.

The Unity A Capella will

provide the music for a musical program beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Polly Anderson Auditorium, bingo and euchre will begin at 4:15 p.m. in the high school gym and cafeteria, and a dinner of ham, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, salads, and desserts will be served at 5:30 p.m. in the Liz Osborn Gym.

Those interested in attending are asked to make reservations by calling the school at (217) 485-6230 by February 4. Delivery of meals to your home if you prefer are also available.

The 13th Annual All Out A Cappella event sponsored by the Unity Music Boosters will take place on Saturday, February 16 at the Unity High School located at 1127 County Road 800 North in Tolono!

Shows will take place at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Polly Anderson Auditorium at the high school and \$15.00 adult and \$10.00 student reserved tickets are available online at www.unitymusicboosters.org. Tickets on the day of the shows (if not sold out) will be sold at the door for \$18.00 for adults and \$13.00 for students.

The doors at the high school open ½ hour before each performance.

No Comment, Xtension Cords, and Rip Chords from the University of Illinois, On the Brink of Normal and Clef Hangers from Illinois State University, QB from Elmhurst College, and Surreal Sound from Unity High School will be performing at both shows and a performance from the Unity West 5th grade choir will take place at the 4:30 p.m. show only.

Raffles will be available including an 8 day/7night

stay at the Liki Tiki Village in Orlando, Florida and a pair of tickets to see the Broadway show Hamilton in Chicago with a \$50 Visa gift card for lunch! You do not need to be present to win and all proceeds go towards enhancing music in the Unit 7 School District as well as for scholarship opportunities for students.

Folks can contact the Unity Music Boosters at www.unitymusicboosters.org or on their Facebook page for more information.

Sidney Village Board Appoints Trustee John Finn to Serve as President, Discusses Village Jobs

January 23 Village of Sidney Board of Trustees Special Meeting Coverage –

By Ann Rhoton SCCT News Correspondent

The Village of Sidney Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, January 23 in the Sidney Community Building meeting room at 6:30 p.m. Village of Sidney President Chuck White thanked the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

First on the agenda was the task of appointing a replacement to serve out the rest of Village of Sidney President White's unexpired term through April 2021.

A motion from Trustee Leroy Schluter seconded by Trustee Tyler Bickers to appoint Trustee John Finn to serve out the rest of Village of Sidney President Chuck White's unexpired term through April 2021 carried

following discussion amongst the trustees and President White.

Resigning Village of Sidney President Chuck White thanked Trustee Finn for his willingness to serve out the remainder of his unexpired term as Village of Sidney President. Village of Sidney President Chuck White is resigning effective January 31 and Village of Sidney Board of Trustees Trustee John Finn will be sworn in as Village of Sidney President at the Monday, February 4 Village of Sidney Board of Trustees meeting.

Discussion concerning the Village of Sidney filling out an application to obtain a Village of Sidney Casey's General Store gas card for the sole purpose of purchasing gas took place.

A motion from Village of

Sidney Board Trustee and Finance Chair Cyndi McCloud seconded by Trustee Jason Arrasmith for the village to fill out an application to obtain a Village of Sidney Casey's General Store gas card for the sole purpose of purchasing gas carried.

Village of Sidney Clerk Carol Moore reported she had assembled a Village of Sidney employment manual listing village jobs and their duties for the Village of Sidney Board of Trustees and Village of Sidney President to review, discuss, and revise if they so choose.

The recording of vacation and sick time of village employees was discussed and it was noted that Royal Book Keeping will keep track of that for all Village of Sidney employees and that used vacation and sick time along with

current balances will appear on employee pay stubs.

It was additionally noted that paid time off for some federal holidays; i.e. Martin Luther King Jr., etc. had been taken away at some point and were no longer being offered to village employees. A motion from Trustee Cyndi McCloud seconded by Trustee Jason Arrasmith to provide paid time off for all federal holidays for Village of Sidney employees to include the day after Thanksgiving carried.

The Village of Sidney Board of Trustees moved on to discuss village job descriptions and pay beginning with the Village of Sidney Clerk position as the need to hire and train an individual is essential pursuant to the announcement of Village of Sidney Clerk Carol Moore's retirement effective April 1, 2019.

The following was decided for the position following extensive discussion. An individual filling the position will work 45 hours a month minimum for \$1,200.00 a month. Hours of work at the Village of Sidney Clerk's office are from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Required qualifications and skills for the job include having a high school education or GED, being computer literate and able to learn software, having basic math skills, having communication skills (being able to deescalate), and possessing organizational skills. A motion from Village of Sidney Board Trustee and Finance Chair Cyndi McCloud seconded by Trustee Tyler Bickers to post the job for the Village of Sidney Clerk carried.

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St. Thomas Pancake, Sausage Breakfast a Delicious Success



From ready and waiting to full steam ahead, Year 52 of the annual St. Thomas Pancake & Sausage Breakfast has come and gone.

"Signs of the Season"
By Jim Balmer



Geese enjoying the a crisp winter morning in the semi-frozen waters. Photo by Jim Balmer. To comment on any of the photos featured in Signs of the Season email us at vgnews@mchsi.com or send a letter to Villa Grove News PO Box 20, Villa Grove IL 61956. Comments may be published in future editions of the newspapers.

Philo Library: New collection of Large Print Books, DVDs and Questionable Weather

For those of you who need/like Large Print books, we've just received a new collection from our co-op. There are westerns, mysteries, romance, and those are just some of the books that will be on our shelves for the next two months.

One Large Print of our own that just arrived is James Patterson's "Liar, Liar" Detective Harriet Blue, who you may have met in "Never Never" is on the run from a killer. The man known as Regan Banks

just killed the only man Harriet ever loved and is now going after her. Check it out if you like a thriller!

We've found two DVDs this week "First Man" with Ryan Gosling portraying Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, but it's more than a replay of the moon landing, it tells the story of Armstrong, his family and the human aspect as well as the lunar landing event. And, "Sgt. Stubby an American Hero" (based on a true story about America's most decorated

military dog. This animated feature is "a family friendly tale about heroism and friendship".

Just a reminder, in times of questionable weather, please call ahead to confirm we are open. 684-2896. We don't want anyone, including our staff, to make trips out when weather could be considered unsafe. Also, please feel free to call us if you need to renew books or movies instead of traveling out in the cold and snow. We are happy to provide this service over the phone.