

SERVING ALL OF SOUTHERN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

South County SPOTLIGHT

St. Patrick Catholic Charities - Tolono
IL Free Food Pantry
Every Monday from
5-6:30 and Friday
9-10:30 -Located at
the Parish - Serving
all of Champaign
County providing
Fresh produce, meat
and pantry items.

The Giving Place
is open every
Wednesday from
4pm-6pm in Tolono
to help families in
need with food items.

VFW of Villa Grove
Bingo Every Friday
Night @7pm

4/10 Unity High
Homecoming

4/17 Annual Villa
Grove VFW Garage
Sale @ VFW in Villa
Grove from 8am-2pm

4/22 Earth Day

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upcoming event that
you would like to see
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The Giving Place Weekly Newsletter

"Remember Jesus of Nazareth, staggering on broken feet out of the tomb toward the Resurrection, bearing on his body the proud insignia of the defeat which is victory, the magnificent defeat of the human soul at the hands of God."

— Frederick Buechner, The Magnificent Defeat

"His crucifixion is the key; His resurrection is the door... it is only by his death that we have the mandate to enter into the gates of eternal life. His doors are open always. Christ is king!"

— Israelmore Ayivor

"It was inevitable that Jesus Christ should be crucified. It was also inevitable that He should rise again."

H. R. L. Sheppard

We had a quiet day at The Giving Place. We served 3 families (0 new) / 10 people / 3 children. If you know of any families in Unit Seven that are in need, please encourage them to visit TGP on Wednesday nights.

Thanks to Pastor Catherine, Jo Ellen, Karen, Roberta, Dale and Mike for serving clients, accepting and sorting donations of food and clothes and stocking shelves Wednesday afternoon.

Thanks to those who make

Unity High 2020-2021 Homecoming Court



Pictured above: Unity's 2020-2021 Homecoming Court. Homecoming this year will be held on Saturday, April 10. Freshmen Attendants: Shelby Hoel and Henry Thomas. Sophomore Attendants: Maddisen McConaha and Cale Rawdin. Junior Attendants: Annabelle Jokisch and Carson Willard. Senior Alternates: Summer Day and Abel Juerissen. Queen Candidates: Caroline Bachert, Marissa Charleston, Chloe Reed, Lilly Styan and Kyleigh Weller. King Candidates: Kyle Burgoni, Nate Drennan, Lane Innes, Logan Jones and Hudson Ritchie

Easter Fun! Sidney Improvement Group Community Easter Bunny Parade

By Ann Rhoton SCCT News Correspondent

The Sidney Improvement Group (SIG) gives back to the Sidney community by hosting a Saturday, April 3 Easter Bunny Parade!

The Sidney Improvement Group hosted the Easter Bunny in a parade throughout the Village of Sidney on Saturday, April 3. The Easter Bunny kept busy throwing packaged Easter treats to children while following social

distancing guidelines. The Sidney Fire Protection District Fire Department helped out by providing transportation for the Easter Bunny around the Village of Sidney.

Village of Sidney President and Sidney Fire Department Captain Jason Arrasmith drove the Sidney fire truck and SIG member and Village of Sidney Trustee Donna Hooker helped the Easter Bunny throw packaged treats

(Photo on Right) Left to right at the Easter Bunny Parade Sidney Dairy Barn launch site are Sidney Improvement Group member and Village of Sidney Trustee Donna Hooker, the Easter Bunny, Sidney Dairy Barn owner Dennis Riggs, and Village of Sidney President and Sidney Fire Department Captain Jason Arrasmith holding packaged treats to be thrown out to children along the Saturday, April 3 Easter Bunny parade route. Photo by Ann Rhoton.

to the children. Lynne Hovel also volunteered. Thank you

Sidney Improvement Group for hosting the parade for kids

young and old in the Village of Sidney!



Rolling in Wins: Rocket Football Reports Wins in First Games of the Season

Coach Tony Reetz offers an official report from the first two games of the Unity football season.

The season started off with a canceled game due to COVID-19 rules. Coach Reetz was ready to report that "after having week 1 canceled due to COVID concerns, we came out and played very well despite being short handed (some players still out in quarantine) and missing the previous week of practice. We traveled to IVC and knocked



Photo Above: Lane Innes dives into the endzone for the winning TD in OT at IVC. Photo Left: Grant Albaugh and Dylan Rutledge bring down a Pontiac ball carrier. Photos courtesy Lori Garrett and Sandy Gorman.

off the reigning conference champions and ended their 14 game conference winning streak.

It was a looking like the Rockets would go home with a loss, however Reetz reports that the tables turned in the fourth quarter, "we came from

14 points down and tied it up late in the 4th quarter and won the game in overtime".

More good news to report going in to week two of the season, "In week 2 we continued to execute well (this time with a full roster) on another long road trip to Pontiac. We

jumped out to a 40-0 lead and ended up winning the game 46-8.

We are excited about coming home for a big rivalry game with SJO this week and playing on the turf in front of a home crowd" said Reetz.

