Have you got extra things in your home that need to be repurposed? Salt and Light Ministries is a great option with locations in Champaign and Urbana!

My son Aidan graduated from Unity in May 2021 and is now learning some job skills with the volunteers at the Philo Road location and he really enjoys sorting, tabulating, pricing and finding treasures.

With bags of clothes that don't fit right and items from other chapters of life, I decided to give them away recently and found the hours (open til 8pm) very convenient. Friends at the Giving Place told me they're pretty well stocked and I also found out at Salt and Light they take stained, torn and tattered clothing to be shredded and sold to be used as stuffing.

I went to shop recently, picking up some produce and groceries and found a cool pair of red pants with my total under ten dollars?! I saw in the housewares section I could donate some dishes, vases and mugs taking up space in my kitchen cabinets as I try to get more minimalistic in 2022! I've really acquired



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cars at Salt and Light where he is volunteering and learning job skills and more. Photo by Diane Ducey.

so much over the years with Finding spaces that could use promotional items, gifts and knick knacks I've simply outgrown that have sat unused

purposing in the new year? transition into 2022!

freshening up? Little steps of progress each day, week or month could have you feeling great by the end of the year! Are you reducing and re- Keep after it as we enjoy this

# Philo Library: New Items Added in the New Year

Happy 2022 - It's a New Year and a clean slate. Here's hoping that 2022 brings health, hope and happiness to everyone.

As I mentioned in last week's column, I was expecting some new DVDs to arrive. They did and I've been busy processing the movies so people can stock up for New Ŷear's Eve or New Ŷear's Day if you're not a football fan, this can provide some relief for a few hours or a grand total of 14.5 hours excluding the Family Favorites 10 Movies which features some older but

still good movies like: "The Borrowers", John Goodman in "Matinee", Steve Martin as "Sgt. Bilko" and Fred Savage in "Wizard". There are ten titles all together for 15 hours of binge viewing. Better stock up on popcorn if you plan to watch all or most of this package.

Other movies added are "The Man Who Invented Christmas", "Joe Bell" with Mark Wahlberg based on a true story of one man's crusade against bullying in school. Then there's Harrison Ford in "Extraordinary Measures" with Brendan Fraser and Kerri Russell and "The Croods A New Age", Daniel Craig's last James Bond film "No Time to Die", and an older movie "An Unfinished Life" with an all-star cast -Robert Redford, J. Lo, and Morgan Freeman.

Just in, I added two new DVDs as well: "The Mitchells vs. the Machines" and "Ron's Gone Wrong" both are PG

Hopefully this will pique your curiosity and you'll stop in to see what else we've added in this new year.

Boys Basketball Claim 10th place in BSN tourney

Overcame by Trojans

After trailing by a single point at the half, the Hawks were outscored by 27 points in the second half to drop a 74-46 decision to Armstrong Potomac in their opening game of the 2021 BSN Classic. Drew Williams led HHS with 11 points, and Timmy Wilson backed him with 10. Williams and Wilson each pilfered 3 steals, while Julliyan Gray grabbed 7 rebounds. Joel Bear powered his way to five rebounds, as well.

Villa Grove

Remembered by Titans

Julliyan Gray poured in 18 points on 8 of 12 shooting, but it wasn't enough as the Hawks dropped a 68-39 decision to the Illinois Math and Science Academy on December 27th. Drew Williams pulled down 10 rebounds and dished out 6 assists for HHS.

Stampeded by Buffaloes

Heritage dropped a 68-48 decision to Georgetown-Ridge Farm on December 28, despite 12 points and 10 rebounds from Drew Williams. Timmy Wilson splashed 4 of 5free throws on his way to an 11-point night, Julliyan Gray

6:30 pm- Early Bird

7:00 pm- Regular Bingo

added 9 points, and Aaron Coffin made a pair of three pointers while chipping in 8

Swamped by Storm

20 Heritage turnovers led to 20 Salt Fork points as the Hawks dropped a 56-29 decision on December 28. HHS who was outscored 27-9 in the 3rd quarter, were led by Timmy Wilson, who scored 14 points on 7/8 shooting, including his only 3-point attempt. Drew Williams and Aaron Coffin each pulled down 5 caroms to lead the Hawks, who had only 3 assists

in the game. Jousted by Knights

The Indiana Math and Science Academy splashed 11 of 27 three-point attempts on their way to a 69-47 win over Heritage in the 9th place game of the 2021 BSN tournament on December 29. Drew Williams had 19 points, 15 rebounds and 6 assists to lead the Hawks. Joel Bear pulled down 9 boards and Robert Holloman pilfered 2 steals for

**BINGO** Every Friday Night VFW post 2876 Jackpots: Egg in a Basket Raffle Chance up to \$2000 Bingo Lic# B1934 Blackout Jackpot Chance up to \$1000 Pull Tab Lic# P-48



## The Night Sky By David Leake Retired Planetarium Director of Staerkel Planetarium at Parkland College, Co-Founder of the Champaign-Urbana Astronomical Society, Inc.

January 5-11

Happy New Year, everyone! Another fun year of skywatching is ahead, including two lunar eclipses later on in the

We begin the year with four planets in the western sky after sunset. If you want to see all four, start looking tonight and maybe even use binoculars. You'll see a thin crescent

Moon below and slightly left of Jupiter. To the lower right will be Saturn, Mercury, then Venus. Thank goodness Venus is so bright as it'll be nearest the glare of the Sun. Look soon after sunset. Venus will pass between the Sun and the Earth this Sunday and then venture into the morning sky. If you're up 6am, look in the

The Moon is at first quarter phase Sunday, a great time to check out mountains and craters on its surface, especially if you found a telescope underneath that tree late last month.

Seventy-six years ago tomorrow, the Army Signal Corps first bounced radar waves off the Moon. We've come a long way!

### Tolono Library Weekly Update coordinator at programs@to-

southeast and see if you can

Tolono Public Library News for Jan. 6-13, 2022

The Weather may be unpredictable during this time, so a good book is a great thing to have on hand. Stop by the library to see our newest additions to our collection. You can also use your library card number to order books through our new mobile app or on the library website. Use the Libby app to download e-books, e-magazines and audiobooks. Ask us how we can help you use all of these features of the Tolono Public

Program Events this Week Virtual After School Bingo: Zoom Event, Wednesdays lonolibrary.org to receive your custom Bingo card (one per person) and the Zoom login.

Celebrate Cops in the Community: Sunday January 9 1-2pm. Meet local officers, see a squad car and gear. Drop by event for all ages. Masks

Ĉhildren's Take-Home Craft Kit: Jan. 9-15: Pipe cleaner/bead snowflake. Drive Through Scavenger

Hunt continues through January 31. Stop by the library to register. Family Bingo in-person

event: Friday January 14; 6-630 pm. Masks required. Check our mobile app,

3:30-4 pm Email the program Facebook page, or website

for our calendar of events and see the new books available at the Library.

Pick up the latest edition of BookPage, the monthly publication with book reviews, Q&A's, feature articles, interviews and much more. Free copies are located on the round table in our lobby.

The Tolono Public Library is following the Mask Mandate set by the Governor of Illinois. Everyone over the age of 2 must to wear a mask, that completely covers the nose and mouth, while inside the library. If you are unable to wear a mask, please call the Library and arrange a curbside pick-up.

# **New Laws Taking Effect Impact Employers, Employees**

As we prepare for the new year, employers and employees should be aware of new laws taking effect January 1st, as well as those already

"The mission at the Illinois Department of Labor is the same from year to year: protecting the rights, wages and welfare of workers. The tools we have to accomplish that mission sometimes change with legislative changes. There are several new laws that have either taken effect or will in the coming days that impact employees and employers across the state," said Illinois Department of Labor Director Michael Kleinik.

The Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA) was amended to create the Violent Crime Victims' Leave Act, which allows employees who are victims of violence or who have family or household members who are victims of violence to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave per any 12-month period to seek medical help, legal assistance, counseling, safety planning, and other assistance. The amendment also prohibits employers from discriminating against employees who are victims of violence or who

have family or household members who are victims of

Beginning January 1, 2022, IDOL is responsible for maintaining a database that allows the public to search certified payrolls submitted by construction contractors on public works projects subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. This is the result of Public Act 102-0332, which is intended to ensure contractors are complying with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. Contractors are required to file those certified payrolls by the 15th of each month. By the 16th day of each month following the month work was performed, IDOL will make relevant information available to the public. More information about the database can be found here.

There are new health insurance coverage disclosures employers must make to better inform employees in accordance with the Consumer Coverage Disclosure Act. While state health insurance coverage requirements are limited to state-regulated plans, the new law brings transparency by requiring all employers doing business in Illinois to disclose to their

employees what group health plans do and do not cover, if they provide group health insurance. Employers offering group health insurance plans in Illinois must provide employees with a comparison of coverage by the employer's group health plan and the essential health benefits covered by ACA Marketplace health plans sold in Illinois. All in all, there are 42 medical services and treatments that employers must identify as covered or not. IDOL has provided employers guidance and necessary documents to comply with the disclosure requirements on its web site: Consumer Coverage Disclo-

Trampoline courts will be

subject to inspection and per-

mitting under the Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act (ARAS) in 2022. IDOL does not allow amusement rides or attractions to operate unless they have been inspected and permitted. Rides and/or attractions are insured and meet predetermined safety standards before operating in Illinois. IDOL crafted legislation to make sure these facilities and employees meet industry standards. At the time of inspection, owners are required to provide documentation for all employees involved with the operation of trampoline equipment that a criminal history records check and sex offender registry check have been conducted, provide documentation they received proper training and have a substance abuse policy in place, which includes random drug testing.



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