



The Night Sky

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March 30-April 5
The Moon will appear to move towards the Sun until we have New Moon on Friday. Saturday is the beginning of Ramadan, the ninth month in the Islamic calendar and a month of fasting, prayer and reflection. The Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar and months begin with the sighting of the evening cres-

cent Moon. Why not look for it Saturday night in the west? The planets continue to dance together in the morning sky this month. Monday morning and again Tuesday morning Saturn is very near Mars. Check them out in the southeast at around 5:30am, to the upper right of a much brighter Venus. By the end of next week, Mars is between

Venus and Saturn and Jupiter peeks above the horizon closer to due east. On the morning of the 17th, all four planets form a nice straight line, angled to the horizon, with the planets equally spaced. A crescent Moon joins up on the 27th and then Venus and Jupiter almost appear to touch on the morning of the 30th. Set and alarm and watch the dance!

THE SIDNEY SCOOP



By Ann Rhoton, 688-2812

Look for your correspondent's Monday, March 21 Sidney American Legion Post 433 Meeting Coverage published in this week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Village of Sidney Board of Trustees will take place on Monday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sidney Community Building located at 211 East Main Street in Sidney. All monthly meetings, unless otherwise posted, are held in the Sidney Community Building meeting room.

A Sidney Improvement

Group sponsored Easter egg hunt for kids up to age 12 at the Witt Park Ball Park in Sidney will take place on Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. They plan to have areas divided up for different age groups with kids 8 - 12 walking the trails looking for eggs and treats. A Saturday, April 16 rain date has also been set for the event.

The Sidney American Legion Post 433 will hold their next monthly meeting at the Post Home located at 221 South David Street in downtown Sidney on Monday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. Prospective new members are always welcome and encouraged to attend and all monthly meetings, unless otherwise posted, are held at the Post Home.

The Sidney Improvement Group sponsored Sidney Fun Daze will take place on Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30.

Check out their Facebook page for raffle fundraisers to

help them make the Sidney Fun Daze happen and to send messages to if you have ideas for the event! The Sidney Improvement Group Facebook page can be found online at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Sidney-Improvement-Group-100771466655233/>.

Folks can also call Sidney Improvement Group President Mike Roy at (309) 838-3704.

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.

Tolono Library Weekly Update: Local Artists Display; Adult Craft & Chat

Tolono Public Library News for 3/31 TO 4/7/2022

The Tolono Public Library will host art displays during the Boneyard Arts Festival. Visit the library while it's open on Saturday April 2 and Sunday April 3. See original artwork from local artist, Melinda Wilcox. Some of you may know Melinda, she used to work at the library. Budding artists from Unity East

and West will also display their unique creations. Bring the family!

Program Events this Week
Outdoor Preschool Storytime: Mondays 10-10:30 am. Themed stories and activities. Outside event. Bring something to sit on. Dress for the weather. Register on-line or by calling the library.

Virtual After School Bingo: Zoom Event, Wednesdays

3:30-4 pm Play Bingo virtually with friends. Earn prizes. Recommended ages 5-18. Register on-line or by calling the library.

Adult Craft and Chat: Thursday April 7; 6-6:45 pm Paper Pennant Banner. Bring a friend! Space is limited. Recommended ages: 18+. Register on-line or by calling the library.

Check our mobile app,

Facebook page, or website for our calendar of events and see the new books available at the Library. Ask us about our newest resource: Hoopla!

A new edition of BookPage is out. The monthly publication features book reviews, Q&A's, feature articles, interviews and much more. Free copies are located on the round table in our lobby.

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SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today reported 8,039 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including an increase of 109 deaths since March 18, 2022.

Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 3,061,224 cases, including 33,307 deaths, in 102

counties in Illinois. The age of cases ranges from younger than one to older than 100 years. Since March 18, 2022, laboratories have reported 563,249 specimens for a total of 56,891,628. As of last night, 470 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 64 patients were in the ICU and 33 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity for cases

as a percent of total test from March 18-24, 2022 is 1.4%. The preliminary seven-day statewide test positivity from March 18-24, 2022 is 1.6%.

A total of 21,315,893 vaccines have been administered in Illinois as of last midnight. The seven-day rolling average of vaccines administered daily is 7,513 doses. Since March 18, 2022, 52,589 doses were reported administered in Illinois. Of Illinois' total population, more than 76% has re-

ceived at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, more than 68% of Illinois' total population is fully vaccinated, and almost 50% is boosted according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

All data are provisional and will change. Additional information and COVID-19 data can be found at <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19.html>.

Arthur Quilt Show Returns; Entries Now Being Accepted

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The Arthur Quilt Show Committee is accepting entries for the 31st Annual Arthur Quilt Show to be held Thursday through Saturday, April 28-30 at the Otto Center south of Arthur on the County Line Road.

To obtain an entry form, entry rules, vendor space, or additional information contact Jolene Stutzman, committee chairperson, at (217) 543-2287 or email her at stitchandsew20@gmail.com. Forms can also be downloaded at arthuril.us or illinoisamishcountry.com

Entry deadline is April 15, 2022. Fee is \$2.00 per item. The show has five judged

categories which include Baby, Wall Hangings, Antique, Pieced (pieced machine quilted and pieced hand quilted), and Mixed Techniques. Ribbons and gift certificates will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each category along with the Best of Show winner receiving a \$100.00 gift certificate and all are redeemable for merchandise at participating Arthur merchants. Visitors to the show will determine the winner of the People's Choice Award ribbon.

You can even purchase a quilt to take home with you from the one hundred which will be auctioned off starting Saturday, April 30 at noon. Those in attendance will

also have the opportunity to enter a raffle drawing to win a queen-size Amelia's Dancing Star quilt. The drawing will take place on Saturday afternoon.

In addition to the quilts on display there will be a market/vendor area and a lunch stand with sandwiches, desserts, and drinks available.

For over three decades attendees have come from all over the state and even some international visitors each spring to the annual Arthur Quilt Show and Old-Fashioned Quilt Auction to see some of the finest crafted quilts you'll find anywhere. It attracts entries from all over Illinois, including many Amish-crafted quilts.

Organizers are once again excited to invite you to the Otto Center (2056 County Road 1800 East-just one-half mile south of Arthur) to attend this outstanding event which is open from 10 am to 4 pm each day Thursday, April 28 through Saturday, April 30. The show is set up for those who have a passion for quilting or those that just enjoy the handiwork.

In conjunction with the quilt show, the Arthur Area Association of Commerce will once again sponsor a Quilt Walk at participating downtown businesses. It will run from Monday, April 25 through Saturday, April 30.

Sidney American Legion cont'd from pg. 1

pants and shirts from American Legion Flag & Emblem (formerly American Legion Emblem Sales).

Adjutant Bill McLane reported that he would send an email to post members who participate in the color/honor guard asking for their sizes so that Dannie could order pants and whatever was needed for jackets and shirts.

Judge Advocate Susan McLane reported that she needed a figure as to how

much money the Commander could authorize spending on expenses before needing membership approval in order to complete the update of the post constitution and by-laws under Old/Unfinished business.

Legionnaires in attendance decided to set a \$300.00 spending limit for the Commander. Expenditures above that amount are to be approved by post members.

Adjutant Bill McLane made

a motion to make Champaign American Legion Post 24 Color Guard Captain Scott Rhoton an honorary member of Sidney American Legion Post 433 due to his ongoing assistance with color/honor guard turnouts. The motion carried following a second to the motion by legionnaire David Dillman and congratulations were given.

Champaign American Legion Post 24 Color Guard Captain and Sidney American Legion Post 433 honorary member Scott Rhoton asked if the Post 433 Color/Honor Guard wanted to have a tune up session for the guard ahead of the Monday, May 30 Memorial Day Service as last year and reported that the tune up had taken place the Friday before Memorial Day following their coffee and doughnuts hour at 10:00 a.m. Post 433 Color/Honor

Guard members in attendance decided that they wanted to have the tune up session again this year and agreed that it will take place on Friday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the post following the post 9:00 a.m. coffee and doughnuts hour.

Commander Bill Hensch brought the meeting to adjournment at 7:35 p.m. following a motion from Adjutant Bill McLane, a second to the motion by legionnaire Michael Schumacher, and closing ceremonies and a prayer from Chaplin Fred Olds.

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The Giving Place Weekly Newsletter

Forgiveness

"Man cannot measure the bounds nor fathom the depths of divine forgiveness..."

— James Talmage

"To be convinced in our hearts that we have forgiveness of sins and peace with God by grace alone is the hardest thing."

— Martin Luther, Commentary on Galatians

The Giving Place in Tolono will start having the Free Clothing Giveaways for anyone living in the Unit Seven School District once again. The first one will be SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND FROM 9AM - 12NOON. Guidelines will be posted as you enter the WEST ENTRANCE.

We served 7 families (0 new) / 27 people / 14 children in the Food Pantry.

Thanks to Pastor Catherine, Roberta, Donna, Jo Ellen,

Tom, Dale & Mike for the efforts today.

The Giving Place is a Christian ministry serving families in need in the Unit 7 School District. If you know of any families in Unit Seven that are in need, please encourage them to visit TGP on Wednesday from 4:00 - 6:00. Thanks to all that donate to this ministry. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without your continued support.

Mike Williams
Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Mark 11:25

And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

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