

The Night Sky

By David Leake

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June 1-7
Since we had a New Moon (meaning it was between the Earth and the Sun and not visible) this past Monday, we'll see a wonderful crescent Moon in the sky to start off the month of June. Look low in the west-northwest this evening and see if you can see the crescent shape. If not, it'll be easier tomorrow as the

Moon is higher and situation just beneath the star Pollux, marking one of the heads of the Gemini Twins. Now here's a challenge for you; look at the Moon Friday night in binoculars and look just left of it. Now you'll have to wait until the sky has darkened some (maybe 9pm) and see if you can see a star cluster to the left of the Moon. If you

have a pair of 7x50 binocular, you might get the Moon and the cluster in the same field of view. The cluster is called "The Beehive" or Praesepe, which is Latin for the manger. It contains about a thousand stars roughly 600 light years from us. Two of these stars have planets orbiting them (don't ask me which ones!).

PEACE MEAL MENU

Peace Meal menu for Thursday, June 2 through Wednesday, June 8.
Thursday, 6/2/22 - Sloppy Joe sandwich served on a bun, baked beans, broccoli, pears, and a half pint of milk.
Friday, 6/3/22 - Tuna noodle casserole, whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, Brussel sprouts, beets, fresh fruit, and a half pint of milk.
Monday, 6/6/22 - Breakfast casserole, tri-pepper and mushroom medley, warm fruit crisp,

whole grain fruit bar, and a half pint of milk.
Tuesday, 6/7/22 - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, Venetian veggie blend, apricots, dinner roll served with butter or margarin, and a half pint of milk.
Wednesday, 6/8/22 - BBQ meatballs, seasoned green beans, whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, carrots, tropical fruit, and a half pint of milk.
OSF Peace Meal provides seniors, age 60 and older lunch

Monday through Friday. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50, no senior will be denied a meal.
The Homer Peace Meal congregates site is at the Homer Village Hall. It is currently carry-out only. For reservations, please call 1-833-923-3905 by 12:00 p.m. the day before you want a meal. Home delivery in southern Champaign County is currently available in Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum.
The OSF Peace Meal menu is submitted by Ann Rhoton.

THE SIDNEY SCOOP

by Ann Rhoton, 688-2812



I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and were able to attend a Memorial Day service or ceremony held by one of many different veterans' organizations throughout Champaign County to pay tribute to service men and women who have paid the ultimate price for our country.

The next "The Mid Central Woman's Christian Temperance Union" meeting will be a joint meeting with the "The East Central Woman's Christian Temperance Union" and will take place on Monday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. at Wyman Park in Sullivan, Illinois.

Meeting attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch and drink with them and the group will go to the WCTU Fountain on the square in downtown Sullivan following the meeting. Call Vice President Marjorie Miller at (217) 202-4397 to join the group or to find out more information.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Village of Sidney Board of Trustees will take place on Monday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sidney Community Building located at 211 East Main Street in Sid-



Post 433 distributes poppies! Sidney American Legion Post 433 Historian Rollo Katterhenry distributing poppies at the Sidney Casey's General Store Saturday, May 21. Photo by Ann Rhoton.

ney. All monthly meetings, unless otherwise posted, are held in the Sidney Community Building meeting room.

Post Home located at 221 South David Street in downtown Sidney on Monday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m. Prospective new members are always welcome and encouraged to attend and

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
For weeks now, Leftists have been bemoaning the prospect of Roe being reversed and losing the "right" to slaughter unborn children in the womb. But now, with yet another school shooting, they suddenly become compassionate about the bloodshed of innocent human beings, all of whom are made in the image and likeness of Almighty God. In utero and out, disabled or extraordinary, every human being is of infinite value and worth, and should be honored, protected and cherished.
The further we drift away from God and His standards, the more callous we become as a culture. The utter disregard for the sanctity of human life is at the heart of the breakdown of the natural family, including fatherlessness. That, in turn, is at the heart of our drug addicted,

violent crime-ridden culture. Instead of restricting Second Amendment civil rights, our political, religious and academic leaders must deal with these root issues.
The Old Testament prophet Malachi warns us to "remember the Law of Moses" (the statutes and judgements). We must not neglect the Word of God for guidance and hope. With His help, the hearts of fathers will be turned back "to the children, and the hearts of the children [back] to their fathers."
The restoration and veneration of family and fatherhood is a tremendous first step in helping to rebuild a respectful, productive and peaceful culture. Our ultimate hope, however, is turning our hearts back toward our Heavenly Father, seeking Him and knowing Him better through the Bible.
David E. Smith

Poets Corner

Old Slow Joe was a befuddled soul,
And an addled old soul was he!
He called for his ice cream,
Opened the border,
And closed the baby food factory.
Big Mad Joe never shut his pie hole;
A marionette: how could he?
He gave away Afghanistan,

Hiked the price of gas,
And blamed covid... on you and me.
That lech, Sleepy Joe, was a power-drunk soul,
A handsy old soul was he!
He pounded his desk when the ice cream man asked
How many scoops?
"I'm the boss! Give me three!"
-Cato

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LUNCH 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DINNER 4:00 - CLOSE

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