



The Night Sky

By David Leake

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June 8-14
At tomorrow night's CU Astronomical Society meeting, Ph.D. candidate Tyler Linder will give a presentation on the hunt for Near-Earth Asteroids. Tyler will be in-person at 7pm at the Staerckel Planetarium at Parkland College and anyone can attend.
The Moon gets larger and is situated further eastward this week. When it's greater than half-lit, it's called a "gibbous" Moon, a word that means "humpback." Next

Tuesday we have what some call a "supermoon." Some of you know how I feel about supermoons! It is true that the Moon's orbit isn't a perfect circle so sometimes it is closer to us and anything closer looks larger, but the difference between a "normal" Moon and a "supermoon" is negligible. We're talking single-digit percentage points. And your eye won't notice the difference. Now if you see Tuesday's full strawberry Moon and it appears large as

it rises, it's not the supermoon. That's something called the "Moon illusion." Google it! In fact, anything closer to the horizon, even entire constellations, appear larger to our eyes. If you can catch it, even a crescent Moon will show this - it doesn't have to be full! But social media likes to play up the "supermoon" idea. Don't get me started on social media! Just go out and enjoy the Moon this week!

Philo Library: Alvin Decker 6/11

We have some exciting news! Philo's own Alvin Decker has written a new book "The Life of Hobo Bill". And, Philo Library is pleased to announce that on June 11, Alvin will be available in the Library to autograph copies of his book. He will be participating in the parade, but will be in the library before and after for those wanting to get a copy of his book. At 97 years of age, Alvin is not just alive, but alive and well and

writing as well as ever!
New Books: "The Whole Body Reset", this book explains why standard diet and exercise stops working as we approach midlife and reveals how simple changes to the way we eat can halt age-related weight gain and muscle loss. Katie Runde's, "The Shore" is a new novel as is "The Ravaged" which tells the tale of three different personal quests with eerily parallel outcomes.

If you haven't already signed your child up for Summer Reading at Philo Library, call us - (217) 684-2896 - we would be happy to add your child to the list. Pre-School Programs will begin on Friday, June 10 at 11 and Elementary Age & Up will begin on Monday, June 6 at 1 p.m. While we ask that you pre-register, walk-ins are welcome too.

Tolono Library Needlework Club

Election Day is Tuesday, June 28th. Did you know that the Tolono Public Library District is a voting place? Any Champaign county resident can come to the Library to vote! This year, early voting begins Monday, June 13th and runs through Monday, June 27th.
Early Voting Hours:
Monday through Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m.
Sundays: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
PROGRAMS & EVENTS THIS WEEK
Summer Bingo @ the Library: Wednesdays, 2:30-3:00 p.m. Play this ever-popular game, earn prizes, and enjoy some great company each Wednesday. No registration necessary! Recommended Ages: 5-18.
Needlework Club: Monday, June 13th, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Calling all fiber art enthusiasts! Bring your own materials and get ready for some good conversations and a fun place to complete your work. All ages welcome!
Adventures in Nature: Tuesday, June 14th, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Join us at the Library as the Champaign County Forest Preserve District brings hands-on activities and sensory experiences that will take you beyond the beaten path!

Public Health Officials Announce 32,605 New Cases of COVID-19 Over the Past Week


CDC Reports 19 Illinois Counties at High Community Level; Vulnerable People Should Avoid Crowded Indoor Spaces
The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today reported 32,605 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 47 deaths since May 27, 2022.
According to the CDC, 19 Illinois counties are now rated at High Community Level for COVID-19, an area that includes Chicago, Cook County and surrounding counties in northeastern Illinois as well as counties around Bloomington, Peoria and Springfield. An additional 31 counties in Illinois are now rated at Medium Community Level, the CDC reports.
Currently, IDPH is reporting a total of 3,318,982 cases, including 33,853 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the

beginning of the pandemic.
As of last night, 1,227 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 114 patients were in the ICU and 35 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators. The preliminary seven-day statewide case rate is 256 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Illinoisans.
The counties listed at High Community Level are Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Will, Boone, Lee, Stephenson and Winnebago in northern Illinois and Fulton, Knox, Logan, Mason, McLean, Menard, Peoria, Sangamon, Tazewell and Woodford in central Illinois.
"With 50 Illinois counties now rated at a High or Medium Community Level, we should all be paying attention to the transmission levels," said IDPH Acting Director Amaal Tokars. "At this time, we are all wise to put on our masks in indoor public spaces

and avoid indoor crowded spaces as much as possible. And if you test positive, promptly contact a healthcare provider to discuss which treatment is right for you."
The CDC recommends the following measures for people in areas that are rated at High Community Level for COVID-19 transmission:
• Wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status (including in K-12 schools and other indoor community settings)
• If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease
Wear a mask or respirator that provides you with greater protection
Consider avoiding non-essential indoor activities in public where you could be exposed
Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to take other precautions
Have a plan for rapid testing if needed (e.g., having home tests or access to testing)
• If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for severe disease consider self-testing to detect infection before contact, consider wearing a mask when indoors with them
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THE SIDNEY SCOOP

by Ann Rhoton, 688-2812



Look for your correspondent's Memorial Day Services and Ceremonies SCCTP Feature Article in this week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.
The Village of Sidney Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting should have taken place on Monday, June 6. Look for a report from your correspondent in next week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.
Tuesday, June 14 is Flag

Day. Don't forget to fly your American Flag!
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, June 20 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.
Have a great 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.

PEACE MEAL MENU

Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum Peace Meal menu for Thursday, June 9 through Wednesday, June 15.
Thursday, 6/9/22 - Taco salad with beans, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, sour cream, and taco sauce, taco chips, blushing pears, and a half pint of milk.
Friday, 6/10/22 - Baked ham, frosted sweet potatoes, Nantucket veggie blend, whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, mandarin oranges, and a half pint of milk.
Monday, 6/13/22 - Pork chop in gravy, mini potato bakers, Capri veggie blend, whole-grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, cinnamon applesauce, and a half pint of milk.

Tuesday, 6/14/22 - Salisbury beef patty, tomatoes and zucchini, corn, whole-grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, gelatin with fruit, and a half pint of milk.
Wednesday, 6/15/22 - Chicken and noodles, seasoned spinach, green and wax bean salad, dinner roll served with butter or margarine, mandarin oranges, and a half pint of milk.
OSF Peace Meal provides seniors, age 60 and older who qualify, with a nutritious lunch Monday through Friday. There is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for each meal, however, no senior will be denied a meal because of an inability to financially contribute. The Illinois Link Card is an accepted form of payment. For more information,

please go to <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/osf-peace-meal/> or call 1-833-923-3905.
The Homer Peace Meal congregate site is at the Homer Village Hall located at 500 East Second Street. 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.
Menu substitutions may occur due to global supply chain shortages, but a nutritious meal is still guaranteed.
The OSF Peace Meal menu is submitted for the OSF Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.

The Giving Place Weekly Newsletter

Forgiveness
"Jesus of Nazareth told us to say these twelve words when we prayed: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' ... And for those words alone, he deserves to be called; the Prince of Peace."
— Kurt Vonnegut
"It gives you a lovely, comfortable feeling to apologize and be forgiven, doesn't it?"
— L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables
"Remember that churches would be empty ruins without the sinners who transform them into places of life, love and worship."
— Rev. Kellen Roggenbuck
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.
The Giving Place is in need of the following items: 100% juice & kid's cereals. We will also be taking donations of and giving out school supplies for children in need for the next school year.
The next Free Clothing Giveaway will be Saturday June 4th from 9AM - 12NOON. Guidelines will be posted as you enter the WEST ENTRANCE.
The Giving Place today served 11 families (1 new) / 32 people / 8 children in the Food Pantry. Thanks to Donna, Jo Ellen, Dale & Mike for the efforts today.

Upcoming events:
The Trail Life boys will be pushing carts for The Giving Place during the Tolono Fun Day Parade on June 25th.
Mike Williams
Matthew 6:15
But if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
Matthew 18:21-22
Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.
Luke 6:37
"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;

Baby Formula Shortage cont'd from pg. 1

talking to your child's pediatrician before introducing it as part of your child's diet.
"That is something that we want you to contact us with because there is a little bit of a gray zone. We normally recommend holding off on starting milk until your child turns one. But in a situation like this, there may be some children that actually can get that milk a little bit earlier, but we want to help walk you through that and make sure that your child would do well with that and wouldn't have any issues," says Dr. Ho.
While the Abbott plant is expected to reopen and start production in the coming weeks, a noticeable change to supply could still be months away. Until then, both the Illinois Department of Human Services and Michigan's Health and Human Services

Department have resources on their websites for parents in search of formula, including specifics for WIC program participants. Dr. Ho says pediatricians are also available to help guide parents through accessing services. The bottom line, he says, is to keep an open line of communication with your child's doctor.
Having trouble finding formula?
The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) has trained caseworkers to assist families with formula questions on the IDHS Help Line at 1-800-843-6154.
State public health officials are urging families to purchase a modest supply of formula during the shortage, which is expected to ease in the coming weeks.
In coordination with the USDA Food & Nutrition Service, Illinois retailers are being encouraged to set aside formula for low-income families enrolled in the Special

Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.
For families whose babies require specialty, metabolic formulas, the FDA recently informed Abbott Nutrition that the agency has no objection to releasing urgent, life-sustaining supplies of certain specialty and metabolic formulas on a case-by-case basis. Abbott has established a request line for patients and caregivers seeking access to their specialty formulas: 1-800-881-0876.
Donor milk / Milk sharing
The FDA suggests that a decision to give donor breastmilk to your infant should be made in consultation with baby's health care provider and that only screened donor breastmilk should be used.
If you have an oversupply of breastmilk, consider donating extra milk to an area milk bank.

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Annual VFW Auxiliary RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, June 11

Villa Grove VFW Hall

9-11 S. Main Street

8am-2pm

Donations accepted June 1-June 8: No Furniture
Contact Villa Grove VFW 832-3051 after 3

