



The Night Sky

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11/22-28
The Moon will continue eastward each night to be near Jupiter both Friday and Saturday evening. We'll see more and more of the Moon each night so, by the weekend, we'll see a waxing gibbous phase. In between times, the Moon passes from Aquarius to Pisces. The zodiac was created by ancient skywatchers to track the motions of the Sun, Moon and planets. That's it, pure and simple! Aquarius and Pisces both deal with water. In ancient times, when the Sun was in the spot in the sky, it was the rainy season. Make sense?

The Moon is full Monday night, rising a bit north of east near one of the horns of Taurus, the Bull. November's full Moon is the Beaver Moon as this is the time beavers begin to build their winter dams. I taught a class this fall where we discussed if the Moon "affects" you. Many are convinced it does. But how? If it's the Moon's gravity, keep in mind the Moon traverses the sky from east to west once a day. People would have to "go nuts" daily! Maybe you fit that description! It is true that there's more crime during a full Moon but that's because there's more light for the criminals to see! My advice isn't to "go nuts" but enjoy the Moon rise this week. And happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Wed 11/22	Thu 11/23	Fri 11/24	Sat 11/25	Sun 11/26	Mon 11/27	Tue 11/28
45° 31°F	49° 31°F	45° 29°F	42° 25°F	42° 23°F	42° 23°F	43° 24°F
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	AM Clouds/PM Sun	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
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Philo Library: Upcoming Holiday Craft & Tree Lighting

Family Reading Night was last Thursday. We had good attendance and a great program. Puppetfolk Productions, featuring Anne Newman, treated everyone to a slightly different version of "Little Red Riding Hood". "Red" was done with hand-puppets which Anne made. The wolf really wasn't big and bad but he was a big hit. And, Granny and Little Red played their parts perfectly. Anne did all the voices and puppeteering - what can I say except she's good at what she does and she's having fun too. She is an advocate of puppet making and encouraged everyone there to try creating their own puppets and stories. Prior to the start of the show, Anne brought out marionettes that schmoozed with the audience and each had a story of its own. The favorite marionette was a small dog, Toshie, that pranced about, sat on outstretched hands, licked people and charmed everyone. After the show, everyone went backstage and tried their hand at getting Toshie to perform. We thank Puppetfolk Productions pro-



fusely for another successful Family Reading Night.

Now that Reading Night is in the rearview mirror, we have Sunday, December 3, to look forward to. From 3:00-4:00 p.m. kids can visit tables set up throughout the Library and make ornaments and decorations to take home. There is a special area for Pre-Schoolers and crafts especially for little fingers. At 4:00 p.m. there will be Christmas carol-

Tolono Library Programs & Events

TOLONO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 23-29, 2023

The Library will be closed Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, the 24th for Thanksgiving.

UPDATES

The small study room is available again! Thank you for your patience as we renovated and updated the space. The archival materials have been re-homed and distributed throughout the community. Now there is space for a larger study table that seats five people and lets you power electronic devices with built-in charging ports. The room also features a new magnetic whiteboard for brainstorming and a mounted television that pairs with your personal devices for digital projects and presentations. We hope these technological updates are of

greater use to our patrons. Please don't hesitate to bring your next study session to the Library and see the makeover. The room is used on a first come, first served basis, so drop in any time!

PROGRAMS & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Children's Storytime / Tuesday, November 28th, 10:00—10:30 a.m. Come to the Library for a fun story time filled with stories, songs, and silly rhymes. Recommended Ages: 0-5.

Play Group with Friends / Tuesday, November 28th, 10:30—11:00 a.m. Bring your children for a playdate at the Library while you enjoy conversation with other parents and caregivers in the community. Recommended Ages: 0-5.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Santa at the Library / Friday, December 1st, 5:00—6:30

p.m. Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa is coming to the Library! Stop by to get your photo taken with Santa, design a vial of hot cocoa, snap a photo in the selfie corner, and get a special wrapped gift for attending! All ages welcome.

Winter Holiday Crafts / Saturday, December 2nd, 11:30—1:00 p.m. Come to the Library to create holiday crafts and learn about the winter holidays celebrated in Champaign County. Recommended Ages: 6-11.

Page Turners Book Club / Saturday, December 2nd, 2:00—3:00 p.m. Join other readers at the Library to discuss "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. Light refreshments are provided. No registration necessary. Recommended Ages: 18+.

THE SIDNEY SCOOP

by Ann Rhoton, 688-2812



The Sidney American Legion Post 433 regular monthly meeting should have taken place on November 20. Look for a report from your correspondent in next week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

The Sidney Lions Club are selling their Sidney Lions Club 2023 Christmas Cash - New Years Dash raffle tickets for \$10.00 each! Tickets can be purchased from Sidney Lions Club President Bill Hensch by calling (217) 649-6989 or from any Sidney Lions Club member.

A daily winner is drawn every day of the month of December with prizes ranging from \$25.00 - \$500.00 and each daily winning ticket is put back in to the drawing with possible chances of winning again. Proceeds from the raffle go directly to the Lions Club Scholarship Fund for graduating Unity seniors and for assistance to those in need of Lions Club services; i.e., the Lions Club Eyeglasses Program in the Sidney area.

The Sidney Improvement Group (SIG) sponsored Sidney Hometown Christmas 2023 will take place on Saturday, December 2 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.!

The event kicks off with a donation accepted breakfast being served from 8:00 - 10:00

a.m. at the Sidney United Church located at 501 East Main Street in Sidney with a menu consisting of pancakes, cinnamon rolls, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, and sausage patties. Yum!

The Shop at Home part of the event will run from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Sidney Community Building located at 211 East Main Street in Sidney. Hourly \$25.00 cash drawings will take place and a food truck will be on sight in the Sidney Community Building parking lot from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

A Christmas parade will step off at 5:00 p.m. Call Donna Hooker at (217) 621-4929 for more information.

Free carriage rides provided by Merrybeth Farm Carriage Service will be available from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the downtown Sidney area and Santa Claus will be on hand to visit with children at the Sidney Community Library located at 217 South David Street from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

A warming center will be provided by the Sidney American Legion Post 433 located at 221 South David Street in downtown Sidney where folks can warm up and enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies served by the Sidney American Legion Post 433 Auxiliary Unit 433.

The next regular monthly

meeting of the Village of Sidney Board of Trustees will take place on Monday, December 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.

The Eastern Illinois Food Bank FOODMOBILE travels to Sidney every month to serve those in need of food assistance and are at the Sidney Community Building parking lot located at 211 East Main Street in Sidney the first Tuesday of every month from 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

The next Tuesday that they will be in town is Tuesday, December 5 and folks can visit the food bank web site at www.eifoodbank.org for more information.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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 WEEKLY MENU

Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum Peace Meal menu for Thursday, November 23 through Wednesday, November 29.

Thursday, 11/23/23 - Closed for Thanksgiving.

Friday, 11/24/23 - Closed for Thanksgiving.

Monday, 11/27/23 - Beef and noodles, Nantucket veggie blend, cauliflower, peaches, whole-grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

Tuesday, 11/28/23 - Chicken pot pie, mixed veggies, zucchini bake, mandarin oranges, biscuit served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

Wednesday, 11/29/23 - Taco salad with beans, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, sour cream, and taco sauce, taco chips, Tropical fruit blend, 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 is submitted for the OSF Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.

The Giving Place Weekly Newsletter & Upcoming Events

"The things and people you have in life and may have taken for granted are exactly what someone is praying for."

— Bernard Kelvin Clive

"Anything I cannot thank God for for the sake of Christ, I may not thank God for at all; to do so would be sin. ... We cannot rightly acknowledge the gifts of God unless we acknowledge the Mediator for whose sake alone they are given to us." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"We should just be thankful for being together. I think that's what they mean by Thanksgiving, Charlie Brown." - Marcie, A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

Today The Giving Place served 7 families (0 new) / 20 people / 5 children at The Giving Place. Food totaled \$405.00 (9 boxes at ~\$45.00 per box). Thanks to Cindy, Karen, Donna, Pastor Gail, Dale and Mike for serving our clients Wednesday night.

If you would like to make a food donation, TGP is in need of the following: canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, cereal, spaghetti, canned spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned beans of all kinds, canned tomato products, dry pasta and spaghetti and canned vegetables of all kinds. All donations of food are most welcome as the need in our community is great.

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.

This ministry can't survive without the support of our community. Thanks to all who donate throughout the year. Please keep our clients and this ministry in your

prayers throughout the year.

Mike Williams

Psalm 107:1 - "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

Colossians 3:15 - "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"

Poets Corner

THANKSGIVING
by Ed Blair
When comes Thanksgiving weather,
With snow, and frost, and sleet,
And old friends meet together
To spend the hours so sweet,
Forget not those in sorrow,
The few who may not see
The beauties of Thanksgiving,
If it were not for thee.
A word of cheer to some one,
Food for the hungry poor,
A message to the sick one,
Almost forgot before.
These little things so easy,
Mixed in with Life's alloy,
Will cause the tears to trickle,
But 'twill be tears of joy.

Poets Corner:
e-mail poems to
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Happy Thanksgiving!

from all of us at



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