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### Tolono Food Pantries

Every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. and Friday 9-10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Charities, Tolono. Free Food Pantry located at the Parish providing fresh produce, meat and pantry items. Serving all of Champaign County.

Every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Giving Place is open in Tolono to help families in need of food items.

### Fun Day Committee Meeting

Third Thursday of every month Tolono Fun Day Committee Meeting 6:30 at the Police Station.

### Trustees Meeting

March 2 at 7 p.m. Village of Tolono Board of Trustees Meeting.

### American Legion Meeting

March 16 at 6 p.m. Sidney American Legion Meeting

### Indoor flea market

March 27 and 28. Clothing only sale March 27 and everything sale March 28 at the Annual Countryside United Methodist Church indoor flea market.



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Michael Holtz, *Nuptial Steps*, Photograph, 12 x15 inches

## Springer Cultural Center art exhibition

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — The Champaign Park District will present "Parallel Visions," a joint exhibition featuring artists Michael Holtz and Bonnie Switzer, at the Springer Cultural Center from Feb. 21 through March 21, 2026.

A public reception is scheduled for 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the cultural center, 301 N. Randolph St., Champaign.

The exhibition pairs Holtz's photography with Switzer's acrylic works on paper. Holtz's featured piece, "Nuptial Steps," is a 21-by-15-inch photograph. Switzer's "Google Earth," an acrylic on paper, measures 36 by 28 inches.

According to exhibition materials, the show highlights contrasting yet complementary artistic approaches, bringing together black-and-white

photographic imagery and richly layered abstract painting.

The event is supported in part by the Illinois Arts Council. Additional community support includes WEFT 90.1 FM.

The Springer Cultural Center is operated by the Champaign Park District and hosts rotating exhibitions and cultural programming throughout the year.

## Parkland College welcomes Fulbright visiting scholar to campus



Dr. Muhammad Arif Rahman Hakim

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Parkland College welcomed a Fulbright Scholar to campus this month.

On Wednesday, February 25, Dr. Muhammad Arif Rahman Hakim met with staff and faculty, including those from Parkland's Pre-College ESL program, toured campus, and took part in the humanities class, "Cultural Values in the Eastern World," among other agenda items.

"The Fulbright committee asked me to reach out to more universities and colleges to experience while in the U.S. and suggested Parkland College," Dr. Hakim said. "My objective is to learn the curriculum and different teaching methods and approaches while meeting with students and faculty. I'm looking forward to collaboration opportunities between my university in Indonesia and Parkland College."

Currently in residence at Ohio State University as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Dr. Hakim is conducting research on the implementation of a U.S. government-sponsored competency enhancement training program for madrasah English-language teachers in Indonesia. He serves as a lecturer in English-language education at

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## Kyle's Corner, a new Savoy Greek restaurant, has soft opening

Kyle Kirchoefer is the owner of "Kyle's Corner," a new Greek-inspired restaurant working with Chef Gus Kazakos, in the old Industrial Donut location at 501 Commerce Drive in Savoy. With breakfast, lunch and dinner options during the soft opening stage in

early March will graduate to the Grand Opening from 10:30am-8pm on Friday, March 6th with opening weekend giveaways.

Kyle calls himself a "serial entrepreneur" with his wife Chelsea Rector; also running the non-profit TM Horse Haven in Tolono.



AN INSIDE LOOK at Kyle's Corner 501 Commerce Drive in Savoy with Greek-inspired food in their "come as you are" casual diner. Submitted photo.



CHEF GUS KAZAKOS (L) and owner Kyle Kirchoefer (R) are looking forward to the Grand Opening of "Kyle's Corner" (old Industrial Donut location in Savoy) on March 6. Submitted photo.



Mark Adair (L), Village of Tolono board member, sits and fills out paperwork as Chef Gus and the owner of Kyle's Corner greet customers in their "soft" opening Monday, March 2. Submitted photo.

Just a Reminder...

## Our New Deadline Is Approaching!

Ads, Legals, Submitted Photos and Editorial Deadlines will be noon Friday starting our next edition.

