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Fun Day Committee Meeting

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

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.

Menards Pet Supplies Drive

Wed., April 1 and running until Sunday, May 31. Menards has started a Pet Supplies Drive at all store locations. There are more details on the attached press release, plus a Menards Store Manager list to contact your local store manager for an interview or questions.

Caregivers group

If you are caring for a loved one (spouse, parent, child with a disability, etc.) there is a caregivers group where people share experiences, suggestions, and resources. They meet at the Zest for Life Center in Villa Grove, 610 East Harrison at 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. They are a free and informal group. If you have questions, text or leave a message at 217-369-7071.

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

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School's out for summer...



AS UNIT SEVEN SCHOOLS wrap up the Spring Semester and send students out on their summer break, Unity West Principal, Darin O'Connell summed up his feelings with this statement. "We had a really good school year for 2025-26. Many new initiatives were started, such as positive referrals, staff shout outs, student of the quarter, Rocket Lunch for Parents, social media recognitions, the Rocket Brew crew and the West CARES program. Staff and students worked hard to achieve new goals set throughout the year. Fun Fridays with bubbles and music let students smile, laugh and jump for joy as well as the excitement felt on the last day of school with the inflatables and local first responders giving kids a chance to experience their vehicles in front of the school as they rotated around to the "touch a truck" station. Everyone is looking forward to even more progress in the '26-'27 school year with registration happening in August. Until then, I wish everyone a safe and happy summer break."

Sidney American Legion Post 433 Discusses Poppy Distribution, Memorial Day, and Flag Day American Flag Retirement Ceremony

May 18 Sidney American Legion Post 433 Meeting Coverage

By Ann Rhoton SCCTP News
Correspondent

The Sidney American Legion Post 433 met on Monday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Post Home located at 221 South David Street in downtown Sidney.

Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch brought the meeting to order at: 6:05 p.m. following opening ceremonies and a prayer being given by Post 433 Chaplain Fred Olds with eleven members and one guest; your correspondent in attendance.

Commander Hensch asked members if they had read the Mon-

day, April 20 meeting minutes that had been emailed or mailed to post members and if there were any additions or corrections. There were no additions or corrections and the meeting minutes were approved following a motion from Post 433 legionnaire Mel Goodman and a second to the motion by Post 433 legionnaire Mike Shepard.

Commander Hensch introduced and thanked your correspondent for attending the meeting and reporting on it.

Post 433 Finance Officer Susan Mantell gave the April and, as of Monday, May 18, finance report.

The report was approved as read following a motion from Post 433 First Vice Commander Glenn Dillman and a second to the motion by Post 433 legionnaire Mike Shepard.

Sidney American Legion Post 433 Finance Officer Susan Mantell additionally reported that she will be attending a 6:00 p.m. Champaign County Veterans Assistance Commission meeting at the Bennett Administrative Center in Urbana on June 10.

There was no American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State committee report.

Sidney American Legion Post 433 Adjutant Bill McLane reported that more poppies will need to be ordered for next year's poppy distribution under the American Legion Post 433 Poppy Distribution committee report.

Sick Call, Relief, and Employment were discussed.

Post 433 Adjutant Bill McLane reported that the post has 45 members under membership.

There was nothing to report under communications.

Sidney American Legion Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch re-

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TOLONO HISTORICAL SOCIETY and Veterans Museum presented speaker Jane Faust with her "Saved by the Bell" talk at the Tolono Public Library on Wednesday, May 20th at 9am. Several participants brought their own bells and shared stories about how it touched their life. Small bells were handed out to remind everyone about the 13 chimes at 1pm (Central Time) on Independence Day that was proclaimed by John F. Kennedy in 1963 with America's "National Bell Ringing Day" on the 4th of July. The Tolono Historical Society and Veterans Museum told those gathered for the Coffee Talk that they were welcome to come to their building (across from the Tolono Post Office at 101 E Holden) and ring bells together. The meeting the second Friday of the Month will have members (and those interested in becoming members) gathering on June 12th at 9:30am and one of the topics on the agenda will be Tolono Fun Day plans during the 11am parade on Saturday, June 27th. Those who like to view the parade from that location are also welcome to explore their exhibits during their open house. 8-passenger golf carts will be used to haul members who plan to participate in the parade as Grand Marshals. Those interested in supporting the Tolono Historical Society and Veterans Museum can find information or message them on facebook, where gratitude was recently expressed to those who came to Tolono cemeteries to help plant flags near the graves of fallen soldiers for Memorial Day.



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