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Menards Food Drive

June 1 until July 31, 2026. Your local Menards home improvement store is now serving as a drop site for a local food pantry during the months of June & July, 2026. We're excited to participate in this wonderful opportunity while lending a helping hand to the community during the next three months.

Menards offers a wide variety of non-perishable food items that can be donated to the food pantries, from boxes of cereal to cans of soup that can be found in our grocery department for immediate donation. There is a large collection box near the exit doors to place donations.

Please contact Menards Spokesperson, Jeff Abbott, at jabbott@menard-inc.com or 715-864-2658 for more information.

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.

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.

Village of Sidney Board of Trustees Discusses Electric Aggregation and Properties

By Ann Rhoton
SCTP News Correspondent

The Village of Sidney Board of Trustees met on Monday, June 1 in the Sidney Community Building meeting room at 8:00 p.m. Village of Sidney President John Finn brought the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. following the recitation of the pledge of allegiance by all in attendance and a roll call of trustees in attendance to include Trustees Donna Hooker, Bret Harris, Dan Gadeken, and Leroy Schluter. Trustee Matt Laurent arrived at 8:06 p.m. and Trustee Tyler Bickers was not in attendance.

Village of Sidney President John Finn asked if there was any public comment.

Sidney American Legion Post 433 Adjutant/Service Officer Bill McLane announced that the Sidney American Legion Post 433 are selling meat raffle tickets for \$10.00 each.

President Finn said that he wanted a

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Spend your summer Saturdays with the library



AFTER SIGNING UP for the Summer Reading Program, kids had the option to let their creativity shine through Bean Art. Various beans and glue were used to create masterpiece designs on a paper plate. Submitted photo.



HUNDREDS OF PATRONS stopped in the Tolono Library on Saturday, May 30 to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and celebrate its kickoff with crafts and treats! Submitted photo.



EVERYONE WHO CAME out to the Summer Reading Kick-off Party at the Tolono Library was treated to a scoop of ice cream from the Main Scoop. Submitted photo.

The Summer Reading Challenge is underway at the library, but you can still sign up to track your reading minutes and win prizes along the way! The Challenge is open to ALL AGES and we have grand prizes for three different age groups: kids, teens, and adults. You can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge through the Beanstack app or by using the link on our website: www.tolonolibrary.org/srp.

Spend your Saturday with the library! This Saturday, June

13, we will kick off our Summer Saturdays at the Park series at Hartman Park in Pesotum from 11:00-1:00. Summer Saturday at the Park is a unique chance to chat with library staff and gather information about events, programs, and resources. Kids can spin our prize wheel to win some fun prizes, including a free book! A sweet treat and yard games will also be available for all who stop by and say hi!

After you stop by the park, adults can head to the library

for an Adult Paint Class with resident artist and clerk, Megan! This month they will be painting "Summer Sunsets." But don't forget to register for this program ahead of time! Space and supplies are limited. You can register online or by calling the library to reserve your spot.

If your Saturdays are full and you're looking for something to do during the week, don't forget about Story Time happening every Friday from 10:00-10:30 for ages 0-5. This week, also

on Friday from 3:30-4:30, we have the Youth Tinker Club for kids who want to explore their creative abilities. Babies and expectant moms are also invited to Crisis Nursery's "Cuddle and Connect" program on Tuesday from 4:00-5:00. And don't forget our Senior Coffee Talk from 9:00-10:00 this Wednesday. For more information on all of our upcoming programs visit our website or find us on Facebook or Instagram.

Just a Reminder...

Our New Deadline Is Approaching!

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

