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lead the parade at 11:05am near the State Farm Center and our community still has time to get an entry in with information found at July4th.net Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets will be the band performing as part of the evening program with activities for the kids, food trucks and of course, fireworks!

Tolono Fun Days will also have a fireworks show coming up this weekend and lots of music on stage and the hometown salute to our Tolono Historical Society and Veterans Museum as Grand Marshals in the 11am parade on Saturday June 27th. The Masonic Lodge located downtown will have a breakfast from 7:30-10:30am and nearly 30 vendors will be setting up to sell items in West Side Park along with the petting zoo, kiddie tractor pull (12:30 sign up, starts at 1), Cake Walk at 2 and 25/8 Xtreme attractions like the zipline, rock climbing wall, bounce pad, inflatable ax throwing, obsta-

cle course and even a FOAM party?! I look forward to Sean Talbott's pork chop sandwiches as our local pit master with Rick's Country Market's meats. It's been great seeing the Philo Exchange Bank finish up their newest location off Route 45 (where the Village Pet Doctor used to be) just in time to support our Fun Day weekend! The beer pavilion and food options will be great both days ahe 5k will start at 6pm with a new route and following most of that new route (see map on social media or TolonoFunDays.org) is where the Golf Cart Parade will go starting at 8pm (Condit, Deerpath, James, Holden, Cory and Austin Streets in more of a rectangle with less turns to be more appealing to participants). Of course, the Drone Show on Friday Night June 26th should be great and if the weather is tricking, keep up to date with a FunDay text to 67283. A big thanks to all the volunteers stepping up to help make this a successful last weekend of June!



BOB AND JAN Blaney with granddaughter Autumn prepare to leave the St Patrick's Parish Hall in Tolono with their unit promoting the 2nd Wednesday of the Month Senior Luncheon and the pantry that is open a few hours at the beginning and end of the week. (Diane Ducey, Tolono Fun Day committee member and parishner at St Pat's in the picture, too).

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Sammy and the Coaltrain were set to perform from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. followed by Braden Pridemore and band performing from 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. to end the evening.

I sadly could not attend the late afternoon and evening portion of the wonderful event, but my brother-in-law Greg Rhoton and sister-in-law Debbie Rhoton attended the late afternoon and evening portion of the event and offered to take

some photos of both Sammy and the Coaltrain and Braden Pridemore band performing at the event for me.

Look for their photos published in this week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper. Thank you, Greg and Debbie!

It was recommended that and many folks did bring lawn chairs with them so that they could sit down and enjoy an afternoon and evening of great music.

It was wonderful that two businesses could come together, support each other, and sponsor a great event. Thank you to Winston's Old Bank and the Sidney Saloon!

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Post 433 Finance Officer Susan Mantell gave the May and, as of Monday, June 15, 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 Robert Riefsteck.

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

Sidney American Legion Post 433 Adjutant/Service Of-ficer Bill McLane reported that he still needed to count the poppies to see if more poppies need to be ordered for next year's poppy distribution un-der the poppy distribution re-port and explained that he had not had time to do the poppy count with all of the American Legion activities going on, but that he would do so.

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

Adjutant McLane reported that he had received a letter ica 250-year birthday and the from Department stating that signing of the Declaration of his Post Officers report was Independence 250 years ago late and needed to be done on July the fourth under new and that it had been due June business.

1, 2026 under communica- tions. He reported that he would get it done soon.

Sick Call, Relief, and Em- ployment were discussed.

Post 433 Adjutant/Service Officer Bill McLane talked of Illinois Champaign County about the posts' meat raffle under old and unfinished

business.

He reported that he had been selling tickets at the Philo Tavern and that he had approached an individual who turned out to be Village of Philo President Larry Franks who asked if he had a permit to sell the raffle tickets in Philo.

McLane told him that he didn't and that he didn't know he needed one and was told by Mr. Franks that he needed a permit and where to get it.

McLane provided that he had purchased a permit in the Sidney American Legion Post 433 name to sell raffle tickets in Philo and what the permit number is.

There are 750 tickets to sell; ten tickets per book for \$10.00 a ticket.

The meat being raffled is a 1/4 beef, the winner will be announced at the end of the Saturday, July 25 Sidney Fun Daze Car Show, and the winner can take the 1/4 beef or a cash amount to be announced.

Adjutant McLane reported about the America 250 event of ringing a bell at 12 noon on the Fourth of July in honor of the United States of Amer-

ica 250-year birthday and the signing of the Declaration of Independence 250 years ago late and needed to be done on July the fourth under new and that it had been due June business.

Sidney American Legion Post 433 legionnaire Mike Shepard reminded members in attendance that there is a Thursday, June 25 7:00 p.m.

Adjutant/Service Officer Bill McLane talked of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Le-

gion meeting that the Sidney American Legion is supposed to host and provide a meal for.

Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch reported that the election of officers will take place at the meeting and that the Sidney American Legion did not have to do anything other than to provide the council with a place to meet and a meal following the meeting and stated that he will get food for the meeting.

Post 433 Commander Hensch led a lengthy discussion concerning the Post 433 Mt. Hope Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony. Commander Hensch and members in attendance thought that it was the best ever attended ceremony they had ever had.

Commander Hensch went on to thank Post 433 Finance Officer Susan Mantell and her husband Pete for putting out all of the chairs for the ceremony and stated that he thought that Sidney Christian Church Pastor Doug Krukewitt had done a great job as guest speaker.

Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch additionally reported that the Sidney American Legion Post 433 Sunday, June 14 Flag Day American Flag retirement ceremony had gone well and stated that he thought that it was the most attended one that they had ever had.

Sidney American Legion Post 433 Finance Officer Susan Mantell reported that she did not attend the 6:00 p.m. June 10 Champaign County Veterans Assistance Commis-

sion meeting at the Bennett Administrative Center in Urbana.

She reported that she had received a cryptic email from them and that she isn't sure what is going on with them, but that she will look into it and report back at the Post 433 Monday, July 20 meeting.

The Sidney 50-year time capsule was briefly discussed. The presentation of the time capsule and what is inside reveal will take place on Saturday, July 25 at 11:00 a.m. during the Sidney Fun Daze in front of the Sidney American Legion Post 433 located at 221 South David Street. Further discussion about it will take place at the Post 433 Monday, July 20 meeting.

Sidney American Legion Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch brought the meeting to adjournment at 6:48 p.m. following a motion from Post 433 Sergeant at Arms David Dillman, a second from Post 433 Finance Officer Susan Mantell, and closing ceremonies and a prayer from Post 433 Chaplain Fred Olds.

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, July 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.



PITMASTER SEAN TALBOTT and Tolono Mayor Terrence Stuber in the "Pie in the Face" kids game area.



JACK GADY drives an antique tractor representing sponsor Martin Equipment.

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Look for your correspondent's Sidney American Legion Post 433 Sunday, June 14 Flag Day American Flag Retirement Ceremony SCCTP Feature Article and Monday, June 15 Sidney American Legion Post 433 Meeting Coverage published in this week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

Winston's Old Bank and the Sidney Saloon teamed up to host a Saturday, June 20 Street Fest in downtown

Sidney. Look for your correspondent's feature in next week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Village of Sidney Board of Trustees will take place on Monday, July 6 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 meet-

ing room.

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The Sidney Fun Daze 2026 will take place on Fri-

day, July 24 – Saturday, July 25 with events taking place on Friday from 2:00 – 11:30 p.m. and a full day of activity on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Come on out and enjoy a great time in Sidney! 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 between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 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.



The Back Porch Boys perform at the Winston's Old Bank and Sidney Saloon Saturday, June 20 Street Fest. Photo by Ann Rhoton.



Braden Pridemore performs at the Winston's Old Bank and Sidney Saloon Saturday, June 20 Street Fest. Photo provided by Debbie Rhoton.on.