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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.

Illinois schools grapple with AI cyberbullying, deepfakes as new law takes effect

Educators are working to understand how best to respond to rapidly evolving technology

By Naomi TaxayandMedill Illinois News Bureau

Earlier this year, administrators at Lake Zurich High School confronted a growing challenge facing schools nationwide: students using artificial intelligence to create sexually explicit images of their classmates. After reporting the matter to police, the district launched a series of student and family education efforts focused on on-line safety and responsible technology use.

The incident illustrates the kinds of situations Illinois lawmakers may have had in mind when they passed a bill last year requiring schools to address

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American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Elects Officers



SIDNEY AMERICAN LEGION Post 433 decorated with a special 1776-2026 banner commemorating our country's 250th birthday and the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Photo by Ann Rhoton.

June 25 American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Meeting Coverage

By Ann Rhoton SCCTP News Correspondent

The American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Commander Bob Henderson following opening ceremonies with 12 in attendance.

There were no minutes to approve from the May 28 meeting of the American Legion De-

partment of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion so Commander Bob Henderson moved on through the meeting agenda.

Acting American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Finance Officer Bob Henderson sitting in for Finance Officer J.R. Stillwell until the election of officers took place gave the finance report noting that the county had a checkbook

balance of \$1,038.14. The report was approved as given following a motion from Past American Legion National Historian Chuck Zelinsky seconded by Sidney American Legion Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch.

Sick call and relief were discussed. American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Le-

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LEFT TO RIGHT Sidney American Legion Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch accepts a hospitality resolution certificate for Post 433 hosting the June 25 meeting and election of officers from American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Commander Bob Henderson. Photo by Ann Rhoton.



LEFT TO RIGHT newly elected American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion 2026/2027 American Legion year officers Commander Paul Haines, Finance Officer Bob Henderson, and Senior Vice Commander Robbie Walker (not pictured Junior Vice Commander Darryl Hicks). Photo by Ann Rhoton.

Just a Reminder...

Our New Deadline Is Approaching!

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

