

# Obituaries

## Albert Kearns

January 7, 1951 in Paris, IL.

**A L B E R T KEARNS, 97,** of Arcola, IL passed away at 8:14 A.M. on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Arcola Health Care Center.

Private services will be held, burial will be in the Arcola Cemetery. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Albert was born on September 6, 1921 in Humboldt, IL. He was a son of Frank and Bessie (Watkins) Kearns. He married JoAnn Evans on

He is survived by his wife JoAnn, five sons, Mike Kearns and his wife Pamela of Savoy, IL, Kevin Kearns of Arcola, Mark Kearns and his wife Susan of Wildwood, MO, David and his wife Kathy of Arthur, IL and Dean of Newman, IL; eight grandchildren, Sean Kearns and his wife Christi of Marion, IL, Aaron Kearns and his wife Lindsay of Mahomet, IL, Dawn Purdue and her husband David of Singapore, Brook Elam and her husband

Phillip of Champaign, IL, Megan Kearns of Tuscola, IL, Katie Pepperdine and her husband Craig of Catawissa, MO, Dana Kearns of Wildwood, MO and Tyler Kearns of Arthur, IL and a sister-in-law, Ilene Pyle of Mattoon, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter-in-law, Tami Kearns and five siblings, Wilma Byerly, Armour "Dollie" Kearns, Harold Kearns, Dale Kearns and Merle Kearns.

Albert was a Marine Veteran of WWII having served in the Pacific Theater.

He was a member of the Arcola First Christian Church.

He had worked at the Chevy garage in Arcola, IL, King Brothers in Arcola, IL,



International Harvester dealership in Arthur, IL, back to King Brothers in Arcola for several years and retired, then went to work at Mooney Ford in Tuscola for several more years.

Albert enjoyed tinkering in his garage, gardening and working in his yard.



With Jim Balmer

James 4:11-12

Warning against Judging One Another

Do not criticize one another, my friends. If you criticize or judge another Christian, you criticize and judge the Law. If you judge the Law, then you are no longer one who obeys the Law, but one who judges it. God is the only lawgiver and judge. He alone can save and destroy. Who do you think you are, to judge someone else?

## Incident Report

The following is Villa Grove Police Activity for January 19-26:

- Animal Complaint-1
- Juvenile-3
- Preserve the Peace-1
- Ordinance Violation-3
- Citation-1

- Verbal Warnings-2
- Activated Alarm-2
- Mental Subject-2
- Scam Call-1
- Suspicious Vehicle-1
- Domestic-1
- Disorderly Conduct-2
- Assist Arrow Ambulance-1

## Letter to the Editor

Virginia lawmakers recently rejected a bill that would have made it permissible to terminate a pregnancy throughout all three trimesters, just like the egregious bill New York recently legalized. While thrilled that Virginia lawmakers had the commonsense to vote this murderous legislation down, and we should celebrate that small victory, Laurie Higgins of the Illinois Family Institute reports that "there are 23 other states... that allow full-term babies to be killed and for the same reasons (as NY's bill). And 7 other states allow full-term babies to be killed for any or no reason."

Virginia governor Ralph Northam made this sickening statement about abortion Wednesday during a radio interview:

"If a mother is in labor... the infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians & mother."

Northam believes a woman's "choice" includes the right to slaughter a full term, fully formed, newly born baby. This appalling conviction of the "right" to murder your own child is barbaric and nauseating. When a baby's born, everybody can see

that the child's alive. You can see she's an innocent, beautiful, living, breathing human being, separate from the body of her mother; her own person with her own privileges.

You cannot deny a human, though tiny, her civil right to LIFE under the United States Constitution. The last phrase of the 14th Amendment states: "...nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." (emphasis added).

The left claims that by making abortion illegal, we are taking away a woman's right to decide what to do with her own body. But the fact is the rights of that little baby girl kicking inside of the woman are valid too. And you are taking away her "woman's right" to choose what to do with her own body by dismembering her and tossing her remains in the trash can.

Abortion is illegal. Not "should" be illegal, it is illegal. It is written right there in our country's founding documents. And now our leaders want to kill babies outside of the womb as well as within. How far we have fallen from the shining city on a hill we once were.

Abortion isn't a right, it's a crime.

Jenna Smith

## Letter to the Editor

January 22, 2019

To the Newman Board of Trustee Members

Regarding the Harvest Ridge Wind Farm:

First of all, I would like to thank the Trustee Members who are in support of the Wind Farm.

I would also like to express my disappointment in the Board members who voted for the new Zoning regulations regarding the Wind Farms. I feel that my tax dollars are being wasted on this ridiculous Zoning Ordinance. Your own attorney advised you not to pass this ordinance. If you are relying on some type of insurance to pay the attorney fees of a lawsuit, what happens if the claim is denied and/or what happens when the dollar amount exceeds the limit? Who is then responsible for the attorney fees and how will that impact

the taxpayers?

I believe the majority of voters and landowners in the Newman Township are in favor of the Wind Farm and as elected officials you are not representing the wants and needs of the people.

Help me understand why you would be against this major opportunity for our community considering the opportunities for tax revenue, jobs, housing improvements, etc. are unprecedented.

I hope you understand that this is a chance in a lifetime for many and we will never have this chance again.

For those of you who are against this project, I urge you to reconsider your vote. As elected officials, I hope you will support this project and its opportunities to better our community.

Thank you for your time.  
Bob Lewis, Savoy

## Letter to the Editor

I own farmland in both Newman Township and Champaign County, and taxes are noticeably cheaper in Champaign County even though the University of Illinois is there. The Harvest Ridge Wind Farm will keep from raising our taxes and revitalize this area, an area that is steadily losing its tax base. Our community is drying up, and the wind farm is giving us another chance.

I'm a trustee in a neighboring township, and I can't imagine going against the township attorney's advice and intentionally walking into a lawsuit that will result in even higher taxes. It doesn't cost anything to sit on the sideline and wait for the Murdock Township lawsuit decision. There's no harm in waiting. The only harm is in putting additional taxpayer dollars at risk when we're already struggling.

The wind farm will provide more than \$50 million in tax revenues to Douglas County over the project's lifetime, money that would otherwise come out of our pockets! The

schools benefit most, with over \$1 million going to the Shiloh, Heritage, and Villa Grove school districts in tax payments in the first year and over \$25 million over the next 30 years. We can't afford to turn down this opportunity for our future or our children's and grandchildren's futures.

I used to oppose wind farms because I didn't think they made sense economically. But after doing my homework, it's clear that wind farms are both economical and economically beneficial for the communities where they're built, something that Newman Township desperately needs.

Terry Brewer  
Homer

## Pet of the Week



Midnight is a female Domestic Long Hair cat. She is friendly and likes to be around people. He and several other cats are available for adoption at the Douglas County Animal Shelter. Call 253-4921 for more information or to adopt Midnight.

## "Signs of the Season"


By Jim Balmer



Old Man Winter froze the waters of the Embarras. Photo by Jim Balmer. To comment on any of the photos featured in Signs of the Season email us at vgnews@mchsi.com or send a letter to Villa Grove News PO Box 20, Villa Grove IL 61956. Comments may be published in future editions of the newspapers.

**Villa Grove BINGO**  
Every Friday Night  
VFW post 2876

6:30 pm- Early Bird  
7:00 pm- Regular Bingo



This Weeks Jackpots:  
Egg in a Basket Raffle \$1850  
Blackout Jackpot \$800

Bingo Lic# B1934  
Pull Tab Lic# P-48

**HELP WANTED**  
**Lincoln Street Lounge**  
**Broadlands**  
**Bartender and Waitress**  
Call 834-3010  
Leave Name and Number

## Menus

**Villa Grove Peace Meal**  
**February 11 - February 15**  
**Monday:** Chili Mac, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Roll, Warm Cinnamon Peaches  
**Tuesday:** Turkey Pot Roast w/Baby Carrots&Celery, Broccoli Cauliflower Bake, Roll, Fruit  
**Wednesday:** Chicken Casserole, Peas&Carrots, Green Beans w/Pimentos, Bread, Applesauce  
**Thursday:** Roast Beef in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage-Tomato Au Gratin, Roll, Fruit Salad  
**Friday:** Ham Loaf, Frosted Sweet Potatoes, Midori Blend Veggies, Bread, Fresh Fruit  
**For Reservations Call at 832-9445**  
Skim milk and desserts with no sugar added are available in many locations. Ask the Site Supervisor for information. Sometimes we need to substitute our menus. We still guarantee a nutritious meal. The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program suggests a donation of \$3.50 for each congregate and home delivered meal. No older person shall be denied a meal because of their inability to contribute towards the cost of the meal. We accept Illinois Link Card.

## Villa Grove School Breakfast and Lunch Menu February 11-15

11	12	13	14	15
<b>Lunch:</b> WG Pancakes Turkey Sausage Baked Tater Tots 100% Juice	<b>Lunch:</b> Pizza Calzone Marinara Sauce Carrot Sticks Applesauce	<b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Patty On WG Bun Sliced Tomatoes Corn Orange	<b>Lunch:</b> Hot Dog On WG Bun Baked Beans RF Cheese Doritos Pears Cookie	<b>Lunch:</b> No Lunch Served
<b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Pizza	<b>Breakfast:</b> Cinn. Coffee Cake	<b>Breakfast:</b> WG Biscuit And Sausage Gravy Or WG Donuts	<b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal Yogurt	<b>Breakfast:</b> Cinn. Roll Or Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel
			<b>Breakfast:</b> No Lunch Served	

## Valentines Day Giveaway!

Win a Family Pleaser From Monicals Pizza of Villa Grove

Valentines Message Cost \$10  
Published February 13  
Deadline: February 8  
Message:

Two ways to enter:  
Purchase a Valentines Message for your Valentine for \$10 published February 13 Or  
Submit a Valentines Poem to be published in the Newspaper  
Call us with any questions at 832-4201

Bring your Valentines message to the News Office; Call the News Office with your Message (832-4201) or Cut out and Mail the form with payment to Villa Grove News PO Box 20, Villa Grove, IL 61956  
Please include name & phone number to be entered into the drawing.