

# Obituaries

## Bonnie Rose Miller

HOMER — Bonnie Rose Miller, 65, of Homer passed away at 8:56 a.m. Monday (Feb. 18, 2019) at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Funeral services were held Feb. 21. Pastor Barry West officiated. Burial took place at GAR Cemetery, Homer. Bonnie was born April 23, 1953, in Tuscola, the daughter of Claude and Myrtle Long Wells. She married Claudius "Bub" Miller on March 30, 1974, in Urbana. He survives.

Survivors also include her sons, Devin (Dawn) Miller of Indianapolis, Christopher (Ray Ann) Miller of Troy, Mo., Joseph (Nova) Miller of Villa Grove and Benjamin (Cynthia) McBride of Chatham;

daughter, Emilee (Donald Skeels) Miller of Homer; nine grandchildren; brother, Ed (Bonnie) Wells of Arcola; and sister, Mina Greenlee of Lodi, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother-in-law.

Bonnie was a member of Sidney Christian Church and Homer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary. Her hobbies included gardening, fishing, camping, and she loved fast cars. She also loved going to church.

Memorials can be made to the Bonnie R. Miller Memorial Fund in care of Kirby Funeral Home.

# Pet of the Week



**Sadie is a female medium sized mixed breed dog. She is very friendly and likes to be around people. Sadie is a young dog and has lots of energy. She and several cats are available for adoption at the Douglas County Animal Shelter. Call 253-4921 for more information or to adopt Sadie.**

# Incident Report

The following is Villa Grove Police Activity for Feb. 10-16:  
 Animal Complaint-1  
 Juvenile-1  
 Verbal Warnings-1  
 Written Warnings-1  
 Mental Subject-1  
 Assist Arrow Ambulance-2  
 Assist Villa Grove Fire Department-2  
 Assist Douglas County Sheriff's Office-3

Civil-2  
 Disorderly Conduct-1  
 Suspicious Person-3  
 Disturbing the Peace-2  
 Harassment by Telephone-1  
 Theft-1  
 DUI Arrest-1  
 Driving While License Suspended Arrest-1  
 Aggravated Battery Arrest-2



# Lions Club Report

The Villa Grove Lions Club met Tuesday February 19, 2019 with 9 regular members and 4 visitors in attendance. This is FFA week and members of the Villa Grove High School FFA Samantha Stevens and Lauren Matthews and their Leader Callie Parr brought a presentation to our group regarding their trip to Washington D.C. The club then voted to award the two young women \$200 each to go toward their trip.

The club is gearing up for the annual Pork Chop Dinner coming Saturday April 6, 2019. Tickets were distributed. All members will have them for sale for \$30 each with a grand prize of \$2500.

Quentin Spannagel with Community Blood Services gave a presentation regarding the Blood drive to be held at Villa Grove High School that



the Lions Club is sponsoring. It is coming up on March 15 from 2-6pm. Any one from the community is welcome to drop in and donate.

Top picture: Lauren Matthews, Samantha Stevens  
 Bottom: Callie Parr, Lauren Matthews, Samantha Stevens, Tim Spannagel, President

# Suspect Caught after Home Invasion - High Speed Chase - Crash - Six Plus Hour Pursuit

On February 22, 2019, at approximately 0230 hours, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office received a report of an armed home invasion in their county. In this incident, a white male, later identified as Timothy W. Stutts (34 years of age) allegedly forcefully entered a residence where he displayed a handgun and took possession of the resident's car. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office requested the Illinois State Police notify other law enforcement agencies in the area.

A short while later, the Sullivan Police Department observed the stolen vehicle in their city and attempted a traffic stop. The suspect vehicle did not yield to their emergency lights and a pursuit ensued. This pursuit went through Moultrie County, in to Douglas County, and later ended in Champaign County. This pursuit involved multiple law enforcement agencies from around the area. At one point

during the pursuit, a Douglas County Sheriff's Office squad car was damaged as a direct result of the suspect's flight.

At approximately 0450 hours, the pursuit ended when the stolen vehicle was mechanically disabled on Champaign County 1800 East, just north of 300 North (also referred to as Bongard Road). The driver of the vehicle, Stutts, immediately fled the vehicle. At this time, a perimeter was set up in the area where multiple law enforcement agencies assisted in searching for Stutts. At approximately 1126 hours, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a wireless caller advising they were in Champaign County and observed a suspicious person in the area of 1800 E. County Rd. 300 North, Champaign County.

Law enforcement officers from the Champaign County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Newman Police Department, Illinois State Police, and Villa Grove Police Department responded to the wireless call. The response yielded the arrest of Stutts on an active warrant out of Coles County. Additional charges stemming from the home invasion and pursuits are expected for Stutts. Stutts was transported to a hospital in Champaign County for injuries received during the course of his flight.

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



With Jim Balmer

Exodus 20:1-17 The Ten Commandments

God spoke, and these were his words: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, where you were slaves. "Worship no god but me. "Do not make for yourselves images of anything in heaven or on earth or in the water under the earth. Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am the Lord your God and I tolerate no rivals. I bring punishment on those who hate me and on their descendants down to the third and fourth generation. But I show my love to thousands of generations of those who love me and obey my laws. "Do not use my name for evil purposes, for I, the Lord your God, will punish anyone who misuses my name. "Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. You have six days in which to do your work, but the seventh day is a day of rest dedicated to me. On that day no one is to work—neither you, your children, your slaves, your animals, nor the foreigners who live in your country. In six days I, the Lord, made the earth, the sky, the seas, and everything in them, but on the seventh day I rested. That is why I, the Lord, blessed the Sabbath and made it holy. "Respect your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you. "Do not commit murder. "Do not commit adultery. "Do not steal. "Do not accuse anyone falsely. "Do not desire another man's house; do not desire his wife, his slaves, his cattle, his donkeys, or anything else that he owns."

# Blackwell Presents Mohr Letter of Commendation

On February 18, 2019, Douglas County Sheriff Joshua Blackwell presented Douglas County Correctional Officer Dakota Mohr with a Letter of Commendation for his recent achievements and graduation from the Basic Correctional Officer's (BCO) Academy. Ofc. Mohr, who resides in Tuscola, attended BCO in Sangamon County from January 7th to February 8th, 2019. During graduation, Ofc. Mohr was awarded the Outstanding Correctional Officer Award and Scholastic Achievement Award by the Police Training Institute (PTI)

based out the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Ofc. Mohr was nominated by his peers for his outstanding academic and professional achievement while attending BCO Academy #3320, and graduated in the top 10% of his class. In Ofc. Mohr's Commendation Letter, Sheriff Blackwell commended him on his "hard work, dedication, and professionalism" while attending BCO.

Attached to this press release is a photo of Ofc. Mohr and Sheriff Blackwell holding his awards and certification from the State of Illinois.

# Letter to the Editor

I understand the Douglas County Board is considering the siting of a wind power farm. I am writing to share my experience with wind power.

I farm in southern Grundy County, Illinois. We farm in and around Top Crop II wind farm which is owned by the same company, EDP Renewables, as is proposing the wind farm in your area. This wind farm was installed in 2010.

In the area where this wind farm is located, there is little opportunity for other economic development and therefore the real estate taxes on farmland provides a large part of the funds available to local taxing bodies. The Top Crop II project has paid a total of \$14,539,896 in real estate taxes through 2018.

Along with the construction of the windmills, the company improved dozens of township roads which has been a benefit to local citizens, school bus drivers, first responders and agricultural traffic.

In my opinion, wind towers have increased the value of the property due to the income they generate. Farming around the towers has caused minimal disruption to

our farming practices. Initially airplane application of fungicides was of concern. For a few years, helicopters were used when needed. It seems now that airplanes have become comfortable with the towers and are now offering their services in and around the towers.

We do not consider the sound generated by wind towers to be even remotely significant. The set back requirements seem to be more than enough to dissipate whatever minute noise there is. My son and his wife and our new baby granddaughter live adjacent to land with wind towers and sound has never been an issue.

As a farmer I support renewable energy. I believe a variety of energy sources is important to our energy security. My experience is that wind power and farming coexist well. Wind power in our county has increased tax revenues, improved roads, and increased land values with little to no drawbacks to the farmer or the surrounding residents. I would encourage you to take advantage of the benefits of the project.

John Dollinger

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# Menus

## Villa Grove Peace Meal

March 4 - March 8

- Monday:** Savory Sausage Stew w/Beans, Pineapple Tidbits, Biscuits, Fruit Strudel Bites
- Tuesday:** Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Breaded Tomatoes, Roll, Seasonal Dessert
- Wednesday:** Cheese Manicotti w/Red Sauce, Broccoli, Corn, Wheat Bread, Banana
- Thursday:** Meatloaf, Delmonico Potatoes, Spinach, Roll, Cranberry Apple Salad
- Friday:** Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas & Carrots, Bean Medley, Wheat Bread, Gelatin w/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.



# JAZZ

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Villa Grove

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