

# Obituaries

## Lynda L. Watkins

Lynda L. Watkins, age 83 of Carol Stream, IL, formerly of Villa Grove, IL, died at 11:40 PM on Tuesday March 19, 2019 in Carol Stream, IL. Graveside funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday March 23, 2019 in the Villa Grove Cemetery with Rev. Mike Zylstra officiating. Joines Funeral Home (II RT 130 S) Villa Grove is handling arrangements, there will be no visitation.

Miss Watkins was born October 20, 1935 in Villa Grove, IL, a daughter of William M. and Matildia L. (Owens) Watkins, she was a beautician for many years, in Villa Grove. Lynda is survived by some nieces and nephews, she was preceded in death by her parents, 5 brothers and 3 sisters. Memorials can be made to an organization of the donors choice.

## Thomas L. Bosch

Thomas L. Bosch, 86, of Villa Grove Illinois passed away at 5:07 pm, Friday (March 22, 2019) at Carle Foundation Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.



Born in August 1932 in Broadlands, the son of the late George and Grace (Byrnes) Bosch, Tom graduated from Villa Grove High School. He served 4 years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and married Barbara Reed on February 2, 1957 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Bongard. They recently celebrated 62 happy years of marriage.

Grove. He was a very active member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and ushered weekly. Tom was an avid Illini, Cubs and Bears fan. He loved gardening, crossword puzzles and enjoyed visiting state and national parks.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, George, and two sisters Maxine and Rosie.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 am on Tuesday March 26, in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Aloysius Ndeanaefo officiating, visitation were one hour before the service in the church, burial with military rites were held in the St. Josephs Cemetery, Bongard, IL. Joines Funeral Home (II Rt 130 S) Villa Grove is handling arrangements.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara, three children, Kathryn (Terry) Stierman of Kingwood, TX, Steve of Columbia, MO and Joey (Mark) Adomaitis of Plainfield, IL. Additionally, surviving are five grandchildren, Beth, Bryan (Julie), Kristin, Megan, and Julia and sisters Marge Koberlein, Nellie Mullins and Ruth Babbs.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or charity of your choice.

He was a longtime employee of USI and lifetime member of the VFW 2876 in Villa



1 John 3:19-24 Good News Translation (GNT)  
 Courage before God 19 This, then, is how we will know that we belong to the truth; this is how we will be confident in God's presence. 20 If our conscience condemns us, we know that God is greater than our conscience and that he knows everything. 21 And so, my dear friends, if our conscience does not condemn us, we have courage in God's presence. 22 We receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. 23 What he commands is that we believe in his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as Christ commanded us. 24 Those who obey God's commands live in union with God and God lives in union with them. And because of the Spirit that God has given us we know that God lives in union with us.

## Sweet Soul cont'd from pg. 1

ning to find defined roles for each of you here at the boutique?

(SR) Because of her time limitations with her other job, it's what's working. Dana does a lot of the ordering.

(DC) it's something I can do at night. Jim is our IT guy, he's done the financial part. You know Jim. When he does something, he does it right and he does the research behind it.

(SR) He's been a Godsend, but we knew he would be.

(DC) He works with Quickbooks and meets with our accountant.

(SR) He and Bob were the ones who insisted that we install the cameras. We have this great security system because they said "We're cops and we know what you need!" <laughs>

Anything else that you would like to add?

We've got a special where you can have your card punched for each \$20 you spend and when you reach \$100 you can redeem it for \$10.

It's really cool that it's grown organically.

(SR) It really has, and it's turned into sort of a family business between our fami-

lies. Cooper (Dana's son) comes in and he's putting ties on the bags and doing the stickers. He can run the register. My son Keaton will come in and he's in back doing all the software stuff we hate to do, we call him junior Jim! <both laugh> Delaney's been in here helping. It's really turned into a good family business and that's what we wanted. Everyone in our families have found their roles, too.

Any negatives that you've seen?

(DC) One of the drawbacks is that we have had so many wonderful people wanting jobs. We could hire good people that want to work in here, but we're not hiring anyone yet. That makes me sad because I think they would be great. That's hard for me, because I want to hire them all!

What's the near future hold?

On April 26th, we're having a wine tasting event called Sweet Soul Sip and Shop. It's a fund raiser and it's at 6 and the public is welcome. We're going to convert this area (indicates cash area) into a bar and people can taste wine, shop, and converse.

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Fellow Douglas County Citizens,

I am writing in regard to the ongoing Energias De Portugal (EDP) effort to erect approximately 50 - 590 ft. wind turbines in Murdock and Newman townships. Each of these industrial turbines would stand just 40 ft. shy of the St. Louis Gateway Arch! Please imagine 50 - nearly 600 ft. structures, forever etched in our backyards, until our grandchildren have children of their own, who will never know what an unobstructed sunrise or sunset looks like. Who is watching out for our children's future today? If you live in another part of Douglas County, and think these won't affect you, this is only phase 1. There is more in store (we are hearing whispers of it already) but we probably won't find out the details until our Portuguese investors feels it is appropriate for us to know, just like this first phase. That was over 10 years in the making and fortunately, it got "leaked" to the general population approximately 2 years ago. I assume only EDP knows what the whole plan is for our county and we residents might get the privilege of learning incrementally exactly what that is: but only after they tried to sneak the project in without the general population's knowledge, are currently lobbying our legislatures in a manner like never before observed in Springfield, attempted to stop locally desired safety regulations with legal action, or collected enough NDAs to squelch the growing opposition's free speech.

this was originally going to be The Broadlands Wind Farm) and we were not. Champaign County certainly had learned from others of the possible detrimental affects and chose to protect the public health of their residents and serenity of the countryside.

According to Accountable Development & Smart Growth For Working Families, EDP (headquartered in Portugal) has received \$722,468,855 of our federal grants and tax credits since 2000. Is it wise to avail nearly ¼ of a billion dollars to a foreign company that competes with our own US companies? Their sales pitch is an endless stream of the huge amounts of money they are going to flood into our county. Current wind turbine neighbors warn that those numbers need to be in writing, guaranteed and unalterable, if and when the company is sold to another entity, which is commonplace in the wind industry. With the promise of this money there is no regard given to the health effects from the non-audible infrasound to nearby residents, the tendency for declining property values in and near the site, the hazard of flying ice, the danger to wildlife, as well as the added dangers to aerial crop spraying and the interruption of our sub-surface drain tile systems. These are some of the known negative effects when turbines come into a neighborhood. What others will we discover in the years to come? Where does the money come from to address these issues when they arise? Will Energias De Portugal be here to remedy those concerns, and will money (assuming any is available at that time) "fix" what it does to our county and its inhabitants?

This is their industry and how they make their living. They have instigated this same battle time and time again. Stop The Douglas County Wind Farms has been made aware of many of these battles and the wind complexes strategies. The wind companies have been called ruthless for many of their past practices, from those previous locations! When the many concerns were uncovered some groups were able to get the construction halted entirely, some got proposed expansion stopped. Since this is Douglas County's first exposure to such tactics, in my opinion, we were woefully unprepared. The turbines got dumped in our laps when Champaign County was smart enough to make ordinances to protect their citizens (when

In my opinion, as a grain farmer, taking land out of production and putting a pox on nearby acres in an area with some of the most productive soils of the Midwest, seems ridiculous if not irresponsible. There are many sources of energy, but only one source of food. It seems logical to me, if the powers that be must promote this inefficient form of energy, to put these behemoths on federal land in the desert that has no humans or livestock within a 10-mile footprint, and let our county return to a peace for which we choose to reside.

Darrell McCumber

**Villa Grove Lions**  
**29th Annual Pork Chop Dinner**  
**and \$2500 Cash Grand Prize!**  
**Only 250 Tickets Sold**  
**Saturday, April 6, 2019 • 5:00-7:00pm**  
 Villa Grove School Cafeteria  
 Tickets \$30.00  
**Includes 2 Pork Chop Dinners**  
**& Entry Into Drawing**  
 Child's Meal Available \$5.00  
 Drawings Begin @ 7pm  
**Contact: Mike Leon 217-417-0255**  
 or Jim Mikeworth 217-493-7171  
**For more information or to purchase tickets**

## Incident Report

The following is Villa Grove Police Activity for March 10-16:

Juvenile-2	Animal Complaint-1
Verbal Warnings-1	DUI Arrest-1
Written Warnings-6	Unlawful Possession of Cannabis Arrest-1
Citations-1	Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Arrest-1
Domestic-1	Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver Arrest-1
Preserve the Peace-1	Unlawful Possession of Stolen Vehicle Arrest-1
Suspicious Vehicle-1	VILLA GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Activated Alarm-1	1020 N. Sycamore
Traffic Accident-1	P.O. Box 133
Ordinance Violation-3	Villa Grove IL 61956
Scam Report-1	Emergency: 217-832-2511
Assist Arrow Ambulance-2	Non-Emergency: 217-832-2521
Assist Villa Grove Fire Department-1	Fax: 217-832-9723
Assist Douglas County Sheriff's Office-1	Dennis W. Gire
Assist Champaign County Sheriff's Office-1	Chief of Police
Assist Parole-1	
Welfare Check-1	

**RE-ELECT MIKE LEON**  
**ALDERMAN WARD I**

- Alderman Ward I 1993-2005
- Chairman, Planning & Zoning Committee 2005-2015
- Building Inspector 2005-2015
- Alderman Ward I 2015-2019

**THE CITY OF VILLA GROVE IS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS**

1. A New Water Treatment Plant
2. Hopefully A New Community Building At Richman Park, Pending Grant Approval
3. A Community Stage on Main St. For Future Events (Vacant Lot Next To JR's)
4. A New Emergency Services Building
5. Update/Repairs To Our Infrastructure
6. Sewer Plant Upgrades
7. Co-Op With IDOT On Repairs To Rt. 130
8. Goal Setting & Project Planning For TIF District
9. Continued Support For School District & The Business Community

**I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON APRIL 2, 2019**

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON APRIL 2

**VOTE**

**Little Dozing Service, Inc.**  
 2 miles southwest of Villa Grove

- General Dozing
- Brush Removal Ditch Work
- Excavating
- Soil Conservation Work
- Dozers
- Backhoes
- Scrapers

Free Estimate, 832-9511

**FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF VILLA GROVE**

**Annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

SAT, MARCH 30 7 AM - 10 AM

\$5 per person

At the fellowship hall behind dollar general

**HELP WANTED**

**Lincoln Street Lounge**  
**Broadlands**  
**Bartender and Waitress**

Call 834-3010  
 Leave Name and Number

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

**BINGO**

Every Friday Night  
 VFW post 2876

This Weeks Jackpots:  
 Egg in a Basket Raffle \$2000  
 Blackout Jackpot \$625

Bingo Lic# B1934  
 Pull Tab Lic# P-48

## Menus

**Villa Grove Peace Meal**  
**April 1 - April 5**  
**Monday:** Biscuits & Gravy, Breakfast Pattie, Baby Bakers, Fruit Juice, Warm Fruit Compote  
**Tuesday:** Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Black Eyed Pea Salad, Tx Toast, Pineapples  
**Wednesday:** Brat Sandwich, Corn, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Bun, Fruit Salad  
**Thursday:** Chili w/ Beans, Lettuce Salad w/Spinach, Pears, Crackers, Cake or Brownie  
**Friday:** Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Apple Slices

**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.

**Classified Deadlines-**  
**Friday @ 2pm**  
**News-Friday @ 2pm**  
**Ads-Friday @ 2pm**