

# Obituaries

## Doris Gwen Thomas

Doris Gwen Thomas, age 81 of Orange Park, Fl., passed away April 8, 2019 in the Baptist Medical Center at Moosehaven retirement community in Orange Park Fl.

She was born to Von Dean and Clara (Allison) Gillespie on September 25, 1937 in Champaign, Il., she married Howard "Howie" Thomas on July 20, 1958 in Monticello, Il. Gwen was self employed as an IGA Grocery Store owner in Villa Grove, Il., with her husband, Howard Thomas for 17 years before retiring in 1987.

She will be remembered as a lover of horses and the trail rides she took with many friends. She became affiliated with the Women of the Moose on September 14, 1970 when she joined the Cape Coral Chapter # 815. Gwen received her Academy of Friendship on April 24, 1994. Gwen moved to Moosehaven on June 17, 2013 where she



resided for over five years.

Gwen is survived by her sister-in-law, Helen Gillespie of Bement, Il., a nephew, niece, and many cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, brother, an infant son and two nephews. there are no services planned for Gwen.

## Catherine L. (Lohr) White

Tuscola - Catherine L. (Lohr) White, 48, passed away on Tuesday (April 23, 2019) at her home.

Cathy was born February 3, 1971, in Tuscola, a daughter of Edward and Barbara (Brown) Lohr. Cathy grew up in Villa Grove and is survived by her two children, Adam (Sheyenne) White and Emilie (Shane) Zoch, both of Villa Grove and her sister, Tracey (Steve) Johnson of Champaign. Also surviving are her five beloved grandchildren, Adalynn, Annistyn, Jayce, Joey and Shania along with her favorite niece, Sarah.

She was preceded in death by both parents and her brother, David.

## VFW Annual Loyalty Day Parade

The VFW Annual Loyalty Day Parade is set for Saturday, May 4 along Main Street in Villa Grove. Line up begins at 9am with parade starting at 10am. Veterans are encouraged to ride on our trailer in the parade. Sports teams,

Cathy graduated from Villa Grove High School and worked as a teller for many years at Busey Bank in Tolono. Most recently she worked at Community Care Systems, Inc., and ESS Clean, Inc.

Cathy loved spending time with her family and friends. She especially adored her grandchildren. She attended Victory Church in Camargo where a memorial service will be held to celebrate her life on Saturday, May 4 at 10am.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Douglas County Mental Health; 114 W. Houghton St., Tuscola, IL 61953

clubs, churches, businesses, cars, motorcycles, etc. are encouraged to participate in the parade. Contact the VFW-832-3051 for additional info. Refreshments will be served to parade participants after the parade.

the trees. We got one from Phil Madigan. Phil Jones and Lance Little gave us trees. Those guys deserve a thank you and pat on the back, also.

<VGN> Greg is the greenskeeper, of course. I think he's done a great job. Has the course ever looked better?

<JS> In my opinion, the club house and course combination is as good as its ever been. We've got a good restaurant. The course is in great shape.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

<JS> My dad took me out here all the time. He's been on the board here for years, and he's passing the torch, I guess.

Are the membership numbers steady?

<JS> Golf membership numbers are down everywhere, and we're trying new ideas like the ten round membership to get new people to give us a try and see what we're all about. The men's league is pretty solid. There are more than twenty teams. We're working on a youth league. Maybe once a week for two months. We need some helpers for that, and hopefully we can get some volunteers and get that started.

<BJ> I think people enjoy it more when they start younger.

<VGN> Really? Why?

<BJ> You build good habits. My kids tell me that they'll start playing when they get older, but I always tell them they would enjoy it more if they started playing now.

Do you feel that this is something that must be ongoing, or are you at a spot where you can hold off for a while?

<JS> Probably not at this pace. I think we've got a good foundation here. Maybe one or two a year would be neat to do, but I feel like there's not the same sense of urgency that there was 12 months ago when we first started.

Are there any other environmentally friendly projects that you're working on?

<JS> <laughs> We've got all sorts of projects going on! As far as any environmental projects, I don't really know of any. We've cut down some dead trees and ground the stumps, filling those in with grass seed. We've been working on our irrigation system, along with general course maintenance things.

Brad, your main avocation is NOT running a tree spade, right? <laughs> You'll be getting thing fired up on the farm, soon?

<BJ> No, it is not! <smiles> We're hoping to get things started soon. I wanted to add that my grandparents and parents were members here, too. My grandpa got a hole in one here, they've been members here for a long time. It's nice to have a course like this, right here in town.

<JS> I want to mention that Greg Harbin has done a great job with this project. Once we put them in the ground, there's still a lot of work to be done, and Greg's done a good job of watering them and taking care of them.

<BJ> We should also thank some of the guys who donated



With Jim Balmer

Psalm 23 Good News Translation (GNT) The Lord Our Shepherd[a] 23 The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. 2 He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. 3 He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised. 4 Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me. 5 You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim. 6 I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.

## Incident Report

The following is Villa Grove Police Activity for April 21-27:

Juvenile-4  
Verbal Warnings-1  
Written Warnings-1  
Citations-1  
Ordinance Violations-1  
Animal Complaint-1  
Theft Arrest-1  
Criminal Trespass to Property-1  
Domestic-5  
Warrant Arrest-1  
Civil-1  
Assist Arrow Ambulance-1

Assist Douglas County Sheriff's Office-1

Traffic Accident-1  
Missing Person-1  
VILLA GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1020 N. Sycamore P.O. Box 133 Villa Grove IL 61956

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Dennis W. Gire, Chief of Police

## Governor Pritzker Signs Wind Energy Legislation

Submitted by Harvest Ridge Wind Farm-

On April 19, Governor Pritzker signed House Bill (HB) 2988 into law. HB 2988 clarifies the intent of existing law, which is that only counties and municipalities can enact wind energy zoning regulations. The Bill does not take away previously held authority from townships.

Instead, the Bill removes any ambiguity on the issue by explaining, in clear-cut terms, that townships do not have the authority to create zoning standards for wind farms.

The clarification, which was passed with strong bipartisan support in both the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate, takes effect immediately.

"We are pleased that Governor Pritzker recognizes that wind farms represent major economic development opportunities for rural Illinois," said Ryan Brown, Executive Vice President at EDP Renewables. "Clearing

up the confusion about which units of local government can enact wind energy zoning regulations will help enable the success of wind energy throughout Illinois."

The passage of HB 2988 removes a key obstacle to the construction of the Harvest Ridge Wind Farm proposed by EDP Renewables in Douglas County.

"We look forward to constructing the Harvest Ridge Wind Farm soon and generating clean energy, tax revenues, and jobs in Douglas County for years to come," stated Brown.

The Harvest Ridge Wind Farm will create up to 250 jobs during construction and 8-10 permanent jobs to operate and maintain the wind farm. Once operational, the project is expected to bring more than \$50 million in tax revenue to Douglas County, its schools, townships, and other public services over the project's lifetime.

## Annual VFW Auxiliary

# GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 18

Villa Grove VFW Hall

9-11 S. Main Street

8am-2pm



Donations accepted until May 6 - May 15

Contact Villa Grove VFW 832-3051

Villa Grove

## BINGO

Every Friday Night  
VFW post 2876

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



This Weeks Jackpots:  
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## Menus

### Villa Grove Peace Meal

May 6 - May 10

**Monday:** Salisbury Beef Pattie, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Texas Toast, Peaches

**Tuesday:** Taco Salad w/ Meat & Toppings, Salsa, Peaches, Taco Chips, Pudding

**Wednesday:** Chicken Pot Pie, Creamy Cole Slaw, Biscuits, Warm Chunky Applesauce

**Thursday:** Ham and Beans, Copper Carrots, Cornbread, Gelatin w/ Fruit

**Friday:** Roasted Pork Loin, Frosted Sweet Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Roll, Grapes

**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.

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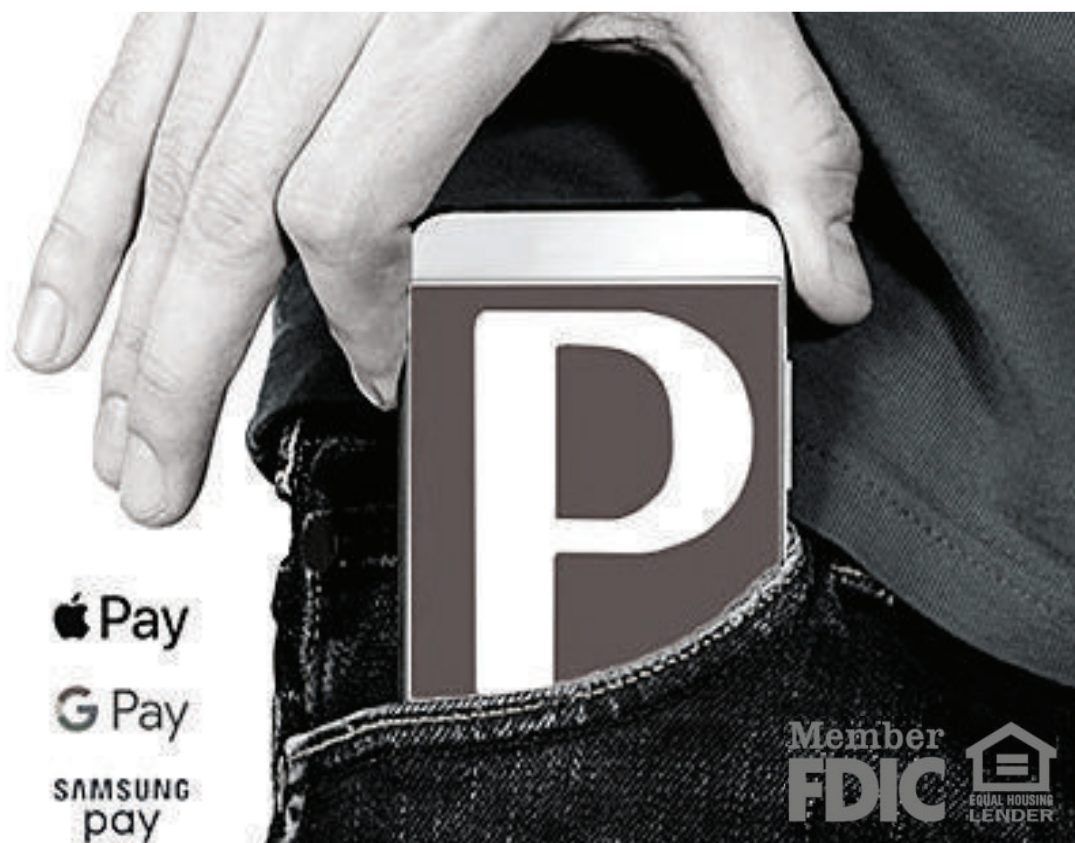
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