

Obituaries

Albert Kearns

ALBERT 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 January 7, 1951 in Paris, IL.

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.



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?

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

Heritage CUSD Special Board cont'd from pg. 1

Student Lockers in Hallways

- Homer Track Upgrade requested by Coach

- Broadlands Main Gym Scoreboard Replacement

- Broadlands High School sidewalks repair phase 2

- Broadlands parking lot re-paving

- Broadlands main gym air conditioning (Shiloh & Oakwood consulted)

- Broadlands main office entry remodel

- Broadlands Softball Fencing Additional Work requested by Coach

- Broadlands Football, Softball, and Baseball Fields and Concessions Stand

- Broadlands New Service Supply Rear of School area

- Broadlands Main Gym End Pad Safety Upgrade

- Transportation Discussion & Funding

- Bus Fleet discussion with payments now complete on 5 Propane Units

- Propane Gas Tank at Homer Discussion

- Activity Van - Add One to Fleet?

- Extracurricular Mileage and State Transportation Audit Findings

- IASB Spring Dinner for February 28, 2019 Mahomet- Reservations at February Board Meeting

- Next Meeting - Note Tuesday February 19, 2019 due to President's Day

- Other

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(If needed) - to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Also; Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

The Sidney Scoop

by Ann Rhoton, 688-2812



The Village of Sidney Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting should have taken place on Monday, February 4. Look for a report from your columnist in next week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

The Village of Sidney Board of Trustees are holding two special public meetings concerning the pros and cons of selling or keeping the Village of Sidney water system. The public meetings will take place on Saturday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. and on Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. Both public meetings will be held at the Village of Sidney Fire Station located at 302 South David Street.

The Sidney American Legion Post 433 will hold their next monthly meeting at the Post Home located at 221 South David Street in downtown Sidney on Monday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Have a wonderful week!

If you or your organization have news items you want published drop a line to Ann Rhoton at P. O. Box 491, Sidney, IL 61877 or call (217) 688-2812; don't hesitate to leave a message if there's no answer.

News items must be turned in by 10:00 a.m. each Friday to be published in the following week's paper. Items submitted after the deadline will be published in the following week's column.

PEACE MEAL MENU

Sidney/Homer Peace Meal menu for Thursday, February 7 through Wednesday, February 13.

Thursday, 2/7/19 - Meatloaf, Delmonico potatoes, dinner roll served with butter or margarine, spinach, cranberry apple salad, and a half pint of milk.

Friday, 2/8/19 - Tuna noodle casserole, peas and carrots, one slice of whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, bean medley, gelatin with a half a cup of fruit, and a half pint of milk.

Monday, 2/11/19 - Chili mac, tossed salad with dressing, dinner roll served with butter or margarine, warm cinnamon peaches, and a half pint of milk.

Tuesday, 2/12/19 - Turkey pot roast with baby carrots and celery, broccoli cauliflower bake, dinner roll served with butter or margarine, tropical fruit, and a half pint of milk.

Wednesday, 2/13/19 - Chicken casserole, peas and carrots, seasoned green beans with pimentos, one slice of whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, chunky applesauce, and a half pint of milk.

The Sidney Peace Meal home delivered meals program continues Monday through Friday for seniors who qualify. Individuals who wish to attend a Peace Meal Congregate Meal Site are invited to attend the Peace Meal Congregate Meal Site in Homer.

Homer Peace Meal is served around 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday in the Homer Village Hall located at 500 East Second Street in Homer. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday for seniors who qualify.

To reserve your spot call Peace Meal at 1-800-543-1770 by 12:00 p.m. the day before the meal you wish to attend. Skim milk and desserts with no sugar added are available in many locations. Ask the site supervisor for more information. Peace Meal sometimes needs to substitute on menus, but still guarantees a nutritious meal.

The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program suggests a donation of \$3.50 for each congregare and home delivered meal, however, no older person will be denied a meal because of their inability to contribute to the cost of the meal. The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program does accept the Illinois Link Card for payment.

The Sidney/Homer Peace Meal menu is submitted for the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.

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

Why preplanning a funeral is so important Pathway from Pekin Life Insurance Company

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