



Moultrie County Courthouse News

Moultrie

(Editor's note: The following is a report of the traffic tickets, criminal charges, and law and divorce cases filed within the past week at the office of the Moultrie County Circuit Clerk in the Courthouse, Sullivan.

Tickets and cases covered were issued to or filed against residents of Douglas, Moultrie, and Piatt counties and towns within the circulation area of this newspaper.

Real estate transactions listed below were filed in the office of the Moultrie County Clerk during the same weekly period.)

Traffic Tickets

Johnathon T. Vehige, 23, of Shelbyville was ticketed June 23 for illegal transportation of alcohol by passenger. Ticket was filed June 27.

Daniel J. Higgenbotham, 27, of Mattoon was ticketed June 23 for driving 11 to 14 mph over the speed

limit. Ticket was filed June 27.

Reynaldo Garza Aleman, 20, of Arcola was ticketed June 27 for driving 21 to 25 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed June 28.

Kandra L. Guidebeck, 28, of Decatur was ticketed June 28 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed June 29.

Ashley M. Clough, 27, of Bethany was ticketed June 29 for driving 21 to 25 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed June 29.

Chase A. Ashenfelter, 22, of Oakley was ticketed June 29 for driving 21 to 25 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed July 2.

Nicolas T. Danko, 38, of South Holland was ticketed June 29 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed July 2.

Jamie L. Rice, 49, of Sullivan was ticketed June 30 for improper turn signal. Ticket was filed July 2.

Wyatt J. Jenkins, 31, of Sullivan was ticketed June

30 for improper turn signal. Ticket was filed July 2.

Kyla A. Brown, 19, of Shelbyville was ticketed June 20 for improper turn signal and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Tickets were filed July 2.

Jamie L. Wallis, 40, of Findlay was ticketed June 30 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Ticket was filed July 2.

Scott W. Connelly, 55, of Lovington was ticketed July 1 for illegal transportation of alcohol by driver. Ticket was filed July 2.

Austin D.F. McDowell, 16, of Mattoon was ticketed July 1 for headlight or tail-light violation. Ticket was filed July 2.

Zachary T. Jamison, 21, of Atwood was ticketed June 30 for fleeing in attempt to elude a peace officer, driving on suspended license, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Tickets were filed July 2.

Drew A. Carter, 30, of Decatur was ticketed June 30 for driving on suspended

license. Ticket was filed July 2.

Twyla E. Wiley, 28, of Decatur was ticketed June 29 for driving while license is revoked. Ticket was filed July 2.

Mikayla A. Morena, 19, of Hinsdale was ticketed June 29 for driving 26 to 34 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed July 2.

Ariel R. Heiserman, 21, of Mattoon was ticketed June 29 for illegal transportation of alcohol by passenger. Ticket was filed July 2.

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued July 2 to Travis James Trimble of Sullivan and Erin Christine Mowry of Gays.

A marriage license was issued July 2 to Roger Wayne Punches Jr. and Penny Sue Cooley, both of Sullivan.

Dissolution of Marriage Petitions

Ronnie Elder, age not available, of Bethany filed a petition for dissolution of

marriage from Ruth Elder, age and address not available. Petition was filed June 28.

Brandi N. Denton, age not available, of Sullivan filed a petition for dissolution of marriage from Cole W. Denton, age not available, of Sullivan. Petition was filed June 28.

Criminal Petitions

Zachary T. Jamison, 21, of Atwood has been charged with possession of methamphetamine less than five grams, a Class 3 felony. Jamison is accused of possessing on June 30 less than five grams of a substance containing methamphetamine. Charge was filed July 2.

Justin L. Tribby, 23, of Sullivan has been charged with possession of methamphetamine less than five grams, a Class 3 felony. Tribby is accused of possessing on June 30 less than five grams of a substance containing Methamphetamine. Charge was filed July 2.

Law Petitions

Fifth Third Bank of Chicago filed a complaint for damages against Edward L. Applegate of Mattoon. Fifth Third Bank seeks judgment against Applegate for damages amounting to \$10,000 to \$15,000. Complaint was filed June 29.

Real Estate

Patricia L. Cazel granted James M. Cazel and Chastity Cazel a warranty deed for a parcel in NE SE 4-14-6.

James Palmer, Linda Moxley, and Vicke Wake-land granted Gary Palmer a warranty deed for Lots 6 and 7 in Block 4 of Noble's Addition.

Farm Service Agency and U.S. Department of Agriculture granted Brandon Wayne Stewart and Katie Nichole Stewart a release for a parcel in SE NW 9-14-5.

Gregory E. Yoder granted Guy Sean Little and Vanessa Jeanne Little, co-trustees of Sean and Vanessa Little Trust, a corrected deed in trust for a parcel in NE NW 13-13-5.

Gregory E. Yoder granted Gregory E. Yoder and Jennifer Yoder a corrected deed for parcels in NE NW 13-13-5, SE NW 13-13-5, and NE NW 13-13-5.

Kathy A. Hawbaker and Robert D. Hawbaker granted JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. a mortgage for a parcel in NW 5-13-5.

Dieterich Bank and First National Bank of Dieterich granted Nathan D. Thayer and Evonda J. Thayer a release for a parcel in SE 14-12-6.

Clint D. Walker granted Staley Credit Union a mortgage for two lots in M. Haney Subdivision.

Brian T. Mellendorf and Caitlin A. Mellendorf granted Brian T. Mellendorf and Caitlin A. Mellendorf a quitclaim deed for a lot in Bonair

Heights.

Scott State Bank granted Lawrence D. Edwards and Heather A. Edwards a release for Lot 12 in Block 3 of Camfield's RR Addition.

Lawrence C. Edwards and Heather A. Edwards granted Scott State Bank a mortgage for Lot 12 in Block 3 of Camfield's RR Addition.

Moultrie County Sheriff granted Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Kenneth E. Ducker, and Joy L. Ducker a deed for two lots in William Patterson's Second.

First National Bank of Arthur granted Robert D. Dudley and Frances A. Dudley a release for Lots 1 and 2 in Block 3 of Kensington Place.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Company granted Chad A. Rasmussen and Melissa H. Rasmussen a warranty deed for Lot 7 in Block 2 of Roanes' Addition.

Brandon Stone and Misty Stone granted First Community Bank of Moultrie County a mortgage for a parcel in SW NW 18-13-6.

Historical Society to hold general meeting on July 19

Moultrie County Historical and Genealogical Society will hold their monthly General Meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, in the Heritage Center in Sullivan.

The program for the evening will be the presentation of a DVR titled "Chicago—A City at War." This documentary is a telling of nearly everything that happened in Chicago during World War II. It details how the city was transformed with every man, woman, and child contributing to the war effort. The armed forces took over different areas of the city and persons who were not native born were incarcerated.

Thanks to Charlie Steck for making this historical presentation available to us so that we will learn little known facts about what happened in Chicago during World War II!

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF PREVAILING WAGE RATES

TAKE NOTICE that on the 19th day of June, 2018, the President and Board of Trustees of the Bourbon-Lowe Cemetery District, Illinois adopted an Ordinance determining prevailing wage rates for public works in accordance with Chapter 820 ILCS 130/0.01 et. Seq.; and said determination is available for inspection by any interested party at 225 South Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2018.

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOURBON-LOWE CEMETERY DISTRICT
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Town Talk

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received many inquiries about the hearse and exactly how it all came about that a magnificently built, historically accurate, beautiful carriage came to be. So, here is my story I wrote three years ago about the Lincoln hearse.

Yes, the story is three years old, but it answers many questions about the hearse that, hopefully, many of you were able to see on Freedom Celebration Saturday.

In 2013 P.J. Staab, owner of a Springfield funeral home, was contacted by the Lincoln Funeral Coalition about procuring a hearse to be used in the Lincoln Funeral commemorations planned for May 1-3, 2015.

The original hearse had been destroyed in 1887 in a fire in St. Louis where it was

stored. The massive blaze at the livery stables killed three people and over 200 horses.

Staab's research led him to the conclusion, to be historically accurate, the new hearse would have to be recreated to match the original as closely as possible. In the process of doing so, the journey took him across the country to assemble a team of artisans and craftsmen from places such as Tombstone, Arizona, and right here in the Arthur area.

One of the biggest challenges the group faced in building the hearse was that there was very limited information left about it. There was an 1865 photograph taken in Springfield and a detailed eyewitness account from a Springfield newspaper from that time. There was also a woodcut done from a sketch by someone who had attended the services at Oak Ridge Cemetery in 1865.

From these three sources the dimensions, materials, and detail work were determined, and Jack Feather, a nationally known fabricator and owner of Tombstone Hearse and Trike Co., was hired to assemble a crew of military veterans from the Blue Ox School for Veterans in Eureka, California, to reconstruct the hearse.

Materials and ornamentation were obtained from many different companies, several of which were in Illinois. However, not only did the hearse have to "look" accurate, it had to function as well to move through the streets of Springfield. This is where the Arthur connec-

tion comes in.

Howard Miller of Miller Coach and Wheelworks located just south of town was contacted about providing the "fifth wheel" turning mechanism as well as poles, swing poles, and two sets of doubletrees.

John Chupp from here was the blacksmith.

Howard's son Olen Miller, who was involved in the manufacturing process and as a consultant, said, "They were very specific about what was needed even down to the screws and nuts used. They provided lots of detailed information for us to go by."

"I traveled with two other men involved with the project, Pat Keen and Duane Hill, to Tombstone," said owner Howard Miller. "We met Jack Feather and his crew along with others involved in the project to discuss how everything would fit together."

Miller Coach and Wheelworks also provided various other functional pieces that would be used in the recreation of the hearse in what was truly a collaborative effort.

Both Howard and Olen agreed that everyone involved was great to work with and enjoyed being part of the process of building such a special piece for the historical occasion.

The connection to the Arthur area does not stop there either.

The hearse, of course, would have been pulled by a team of horses, and other horses were involved in the funeral procession through Springfield.

Karl Luthin, a River-ton veterinarian and Civil War and Lincoln enthusiast who has procured horses and props for different productions (He is the owner of KEL Equine Productions) over the years contacted Joseph Yoder in our area about draft horses. Joseph Yoder referred Luthin to Richard Yoder, horse trainer and owner of Shady Lawn Stables.

Luthin, a member of the Lincoln Funeral Coalition, much like P.J. Staab, and the hearse reconstruction group knew not only did the horses have to "look the part" but they had to be functional performing in front of thousands of spectators.

"Luthin came down with a fellow he works with, Brian Sharp, and they told us exactly what they wanted," said Richard Yoder. Yoder prepared two bay horses which would follow the six horses pulling the hearse according to the specifications provided by the two men. The horses used were Dutch Harness horses and Dutch Harness crossbreeds.

"We had a stallion as our lead horse. He is a very versatile horse. The two bays were actually sired by this horse," said Yoder.

"Dean Yoder drove the six, and Lawayne Schrock drove the pair. The carriage the pair pulled was actually one used in the Lincoln Funeral held in 1865."

Yoder said the horses and crew (drivers and outwalkers) all left on Friday morning for Springfield where they were stabled and

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