

Douglas County Courthouse News

Piatt

(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 Douglas County Circuit Clerk in the Courthouse, Tuscola.

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 Douglas County Clerk during the same weekly period.)

Traffic Tickets

Lauren R. Miller, 28, of Mattoon was ticketed October 1 for speeding 70 mph in a 55-mph zone southbound on Route 105 north of County Road 700 North. Ticket was filed October 1.

Jackie G. DeBerry, 42, of Decatur was ticketed September 27 for improper lane usage and driving while license is suspended eastbound on Route 105 east of County Road 400 East in Cerro Gordo Township. Tickets were filed October 1.

Teah K. Benson, 18, of Bement was ticketed October 1 for speeding 71 mph in a 55-mph zone westbound on County Highway 7 east of County Road 1200 East in Bement Township. Ticket was filed October 2.

Madelynn J. Sarver, 20, of Bement was ticketed October 1 for speeding 73 mph in a 55-mph zone westbound on County Highway 7 east of County Road 1200 East in Bement Township. Ticket was filed October 2.

Criminal Petitions

David L. Hall, 37, of LeRoy has been charged with two counts of theft not exceeding \$500, Class A misdemeanors. Hall is accused of obtaining on or about August 16 unauthorized control over property of Welch Custom Homes, two 6-foot step ladders having total value less than \$500 and 25 sheets of plywood having total val-

ue less than \$500, with intent to deprive the owner permanently of the use or benefit of the ladders and plywood. Charges were filed September 21.

Brian A. Smith, 44, a homeless person, has been charged with two counts of disorderly conduct, Class C misdemeanors. Smith is accused of yelling obscenities before a person on September 18 in such unreasonable manner as to alarm and disturb the person and to provoke a breach of the peace. Smith is also accused of yelling obscenities before members of the public on September 27 in the business district of the Village of Mansfield in such unreasonable manner as to alarm and disturb the persons and to provoke a breach of the peace. Charges were filed September 28.

Johnathan A. Burton, 31, of White Heath has been charged with domestic battery with a prior conviction for domestic battery. Burton, a person who has a prior conviction for domestic battery in Piatt County, is accused of making contact of insulting or provoking nature with a family or household member on or about September 17 by grabbing the person by the shoulders and tearing the person's clothing.

Dawne M. Westray, also known as Dawne M. Peters, 47, of DeLand has been charged with aggravated battery, a Class 2 felony. Westray is accused of knowingly making physical contact of insulting or provoking nature with a peace officer on or about September 18 by willfully punching the officer in the stomach while knowing that the peace officer was engaged in the execution of his official duties. Charge was filed September 18.

Matthew S. Morfey, 47, of Bement has been charged with aggravated battery, a Class 3 felony. Morfey is accused of making physical contact of insulting or provoking nature with a person by bumping the person in the chest. Charge was filed

September 21.

Jafa Khalid Muhammed, 21, of Champaign has been charged with aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, a Class 4 felony. Muhammed is accused of willfully failing or refusing to obey a police officer on September 27 by ignoring the officer's directions to stop the vehicle Muhammed was driving and of disobeying two other traffic control devices as he drove away from the police officer.

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued October 2 to Jordan Ray Barney and Tabitha Jane Dunn, both of Monticello.

A marriage license was issued October 3 to Antonio Tevaris Gouard and Elizabeth Jean Davis, both of Monticello.

Real Estate

Centrue Bank and Midland States Bank granted David A. Clark a release for Book 651 Page 967 Document 333591.

Morton Community Bank granted Jenna Torres a release for Book 622 Page 130 Document 327930.

Chad M. Ely and Haley E. Ely granted First Financial Bank a mortgage for Part of Block "A" of Hawk's Addition, Atwood.

David A. Clark granted Midland States Bank a mortgage for Part of NE SW 9-16-6.

Lucas K. Williams, Luke K. Williams, and Shannon R. Williams granted First Federal Savings Bank Champaign-Urbana a mortgage for Part of East Half of 31-18-5.

Busey Bank, Leslie Marie Leyhe, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Incorporated, and Ryan M. Schutte granted Home Point Financial Corporation a mortgage assignment for Book 769 Page 57 Document 356211.

Heartland Bank and Trust Company granted Jeffrey P. Condis and Melinda D. Condis releases for Documents 354719 and 354720.

Heartland Bank and Trust Company granted Kristin T. Cordova and Gabriel A. Gibson a release for Document 354709.

Melanie M. Brine granted Belle A. Brine a quitclaim deed for Part of NE 1-16-5.

Catherine M. Yates and Jason Yates granted Decatur Earthmover Credit Union a mortgage for Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 8 of La-Place.

Peggy J. Hargis granted Peggy Jo Hargis, trustee of Peggy Jo Hargis Trust, a quitclaim deed for One-Third Interest in SE NE 19-16-6.

Peggy J. Hargis granted Peggy Jo Hargis, trustee of Peggy Jo Hargis Trust a quitclaim deeds for NE NE 19-16-6 and One-Half Inter-

est in West Half of NE 20-16-6.

Beth Harp and Jason T. Harp granted Tonia N. Stull and Jason W. Winkleman a warranty deed for Part of Lot 2 of Subdivided Lot 8 in SW SE 18-17-6.

CEFCU granted Tonia N. Stull and Jason W. Winkelmann a mortgage for Part of Lot 2 of Subdivided Lot 8 in SW SE 18-17-6.

First State Bank granted John R. Weber and Melinda Weber releases for Book 793 Page 221 Document 360915 and Book 793 Page 364 Document 360939.

First State Bank granted Marcia Weddle and Terry Weddle a release for Book 746 Page 628 Document 351673.

First State Bank granted Walden Pond Development LLC a release for Book 807 Page 931 Document 363916.

Jared K. Gregg, trustee; Robert A. Peterson; Robert A. Peterson, trustee; Tracy L. Peterson, trustee; RAP Trust; and TLP Trust granted David Erickson and Nancy Erickson a trustee's deed for a parcel in West Half of NE 20-16-5.

Farm Credit Illinois granted Robert A. Peterson, trustee; Tracy L. Peterson, trustee; RAP Trust; and TLP Trust a release for Book 778 Page 568 Document 358102.

Jared K. Gregg; Jared K. Gregg Trust; Robert A.

Peterson; Robert A. Peterson, trustee; Tracy L. Peterson, trustee; RAP Trust; and TLP Trust granted Jared K. Gregg, trustee; Robert A. Peterson, trustee of Robert A. Peterson Trust; and RAP Trust a deed for Part of North Half of SE 17-16-5.

Jared K. Gregg, trustee; Robert A. Peterson; Robert A. Peterson, trustee; Tracy L. Peterson, trustee; RAP Trust; and TLP Trust granted Tracy L. Peterson, trustee, and TLP Trust a deed.

First Mid Bank and Trust N.A. granted Matthew A. Carr and Starla S. Carr a release for Book 782 Page 592 Document 358887.

Edwards J. Heidkamp and Mary K. Heidkamp granted Margaret E. Deagman and Andrew J. Heidkamp a TOD for Lot 1 and Part of Lot 2 in Block 1 of the Original Town, Cisco.

Emily F. Burtness and Thomas H. Burtness granted Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Incorporated, Mr. Cooper, and Nationstar Mortgage LLC a mortgage for Lot 12 of Wag-on Trail Road Subdivision.

Busey Bank granted Ryan C. Tucker and Shannon L. Tucker a release for Book 755 Page 251 Document 357444.

Kevin M. Egan and Patricia A. Egan granted Kendall J. Miller a warranty deed for Part of West Half of 4-16-6.

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accused of knowingly damaging the property of another (shrubs and flowers) on August 22 without the consent of the owner and with total value of damages not exceeding \$500. Creamer is further accused of entering upon the land of another located in Tuscola after having received prior notice that such entry was forbidden. Charges were filed August 28.

John A. Dilger, 42, of Urbana has been charged with presence of a sexual predator in a public park, a Class A misdemeanor. Dilger, a sexual predator, is accused of being knowingly present on July 11 on the real property comprising a public park (Jurgens Park in Arthur) in violation of Chapter 720 Section 5/11-9.4-(b) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. The charge carries up to 364 days in jail and a fine up to \$2,500. Charge was filed August 30.

Penny Stewart, 45, of Newman has been charged with deceptive practices, a Class A misdemeanor. Stewart is accused of writing a bad check on October 6, 2017, to Stumble In, Hindsboro, for \$200 to pay for merchandise, knowing that the check would not be honored by her bank, First Neighbor Bank. Charge was filed September 13.

Dissolution of Marriage Petitions

Melissa Sue Stutzman, 32, of Atwood filed a petition for dissolution of marriage from Nelson Lynn Stutzman, 42, of Atwood. Petition was filed September 27.

Sonja L. Hochstetler, 37, of Tuscola filed a petition for dissolution of marriage from Matthew Hochstetler, 33, of Charleston. Petition was filed September 26.

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued October 2 to Christy J. Herschberger of Arcola and Hannah Irene Gingerich of Arthur.

Real Estate

Randy L. Benefield and Jean Benefield granted Villa Grove State Bank a mortgage modification for Lot 3 of Atkinson & Watson's Addition, Camargo, and a parcel in NE SE 34-16-9.

First State Bank grant-

ed Ryan D. Kleiss satisfaction of mortgage for Lot 15 of Yoder's Addition, Newman (15 Raymond Drive, Tuscola).

First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Mattoon granted Brian E. Cummins and Susan C. Cummins a release for Lot 3 in Block 11 of Chandler and Bales First Addition, Arcola. 405 S. Ridge Street, Arcola).

Brett Adkisson and Catherine Adkisson granted First Bank and Trust a mortgage modification for Lot 2 in Block 3 of the Original Town, Tuscola (213 East Wilson, Tuscola).

Brett I. Adkisson and Catherine D. Adkisson granted First Bank of Champaign a mortgage modification for Lot 1 in Block 8 of Enterprise Subdivision, Tuscola (302 N. Prairie Street, Tuscola).

Brett I. Adkisson and Catherine D. Adkisson granted First Bank and Trust a mortgage modification for Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 16 of the Original Town, Tuscola (206 to 208 N. Parke Street, Tuscola).

Brent A. Scott granted Joseph H. Miller and Nova C. Coburn-Miller a warranty deed for Lots 4 and 5 in Block 4 of Hessler and Erwin's Second Addition, Villa Grove (516 N. Richman Street, Villa Grove).

Joseph H. Miller and Nova C. Coburn-Miller granted Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Incorporated and Paramount Bond and Mortgage Company Incorporated a mortgage for Lots 4 and 5 in Block 4 of Hessler and Erwin's Second Addition, Villa Grove (516 N. Richman Street, Villa Grove).

Federal National Mortgage Association granted J.B. Helmuth a warranty deed for Lot 1 of Rust's Block, Arcola (107 N. Arcola Street, Arcola).

CSX Transportation Incorporated granted Decatur and Eastern Illinois Railroad LLC a quitclaim deed.

Michael D. Coombs Jr. granted Quicken Loans Incorporated a mortgage for Lot 1 in Block 4 of Enterprise Subdivision, Tuscola (917 East Newkirk Street, Tuscola).

Sheriff Fred Galey, Betsy A. Orwick, and Travis N. Orwick granted Feder-

al National Mortgage Association a sheriff's deed for Lot 9 in Block 2 of McCoy's Second Subdivision, Villa Grove (305 Paul Street, Villa Grove).

First Bank Mortgage granted Jeremy D. Neighbors satisfaction of mortgage for Lot 3 in Block 2 of Gamin's Addition, Villa Grove (6 W. Vine Street, Villa Grove).

David Piercy granted Villa Grove State Bank a mortgage modification for Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 2 of Barricks Addition, Villa Grove (407 N. Pine Street, Villa Grove).

Villa Grove State Bank granted Leroy Johnson and MaryAnn Johnson satisfaction of mortgage for Lot 6 of Kracht's Addition, Villa Grove (510 Crawford, Villa Grove).

Curtis Von Lanken, Paula Von Lanken, and Beneficial Mortgage Company granted U.S. Bank a mortgage assignment for a parcel

in NE 3-15-8 (546 Southland Circle, Tuscola).

Beneficial Mortgage Company granted Curtis Von Lanken and Paula Von Lanken satisfaction of mortgage for a parcel in NE 3-15-8 (546 Southland Circle, Tuscola).

Bank of America and Mr. Cooper granted Matthew B. Conner and Amanda D. Conner a release for Lot 13 in Block 3 of Camargo South Addition, Camargo (411 S. Neel Street, Camargo).

Orville D. Frye granted First State Bank a warranty deed for a parcel in Block 7 of Kelly's Second Addition, Tuscola.

Ronald J. Winn Sr. and Rebecca J. Winn granted First Mid Illinois Bank and Trust a mortgage for a parcel in NE SE 5-15-8.

Dennis C. Opperman and Maribeth F. Opperman

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Zion News

Thought for the day: "Ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." —Jesus Christ.

Zion will have its Quarterly Congregational Meeting after the worship service on Sunday, October 14.

Rev. Gartung and members of Zion will lead the worship service at the Arthur Home at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16. The public is always invited to attend these services and visit with the residents living there.

Zion will host its annual community Wiener Roast and Potluck on Sunday, October 21, at Brad-O-Clen starting at 5:00 p.m. Hot dogs, buns, and drinks will be provided. Others will bring in covered dishes and desserts. There will be plenty of food for everyone, so please come!

On Sunday, October 28, Rev. Kenneth Roedder will be Zion's guest pastor. Rev. Roedder served Zion for many years and always has a heart-warming message to offer when he returns to what he still calls his "home" church.

It's hard to believe, but we will soon have to start thinking about Christmas! Zion will host the Atwood-Hammond Area Association of Churches annual Advent Sing on the first Sunday of Advent, November 4. More details to come.

We are so thankful that Katana Ponder is home after a hospital stay from a recent traffic accident involving a grain truck. We pray for her

speedy recovery.

We are also thankful that no one was hurt this past week when a combine Ed Beauchamp was using caught on fire. Multiple fire departments came to contain the blaze.

On the last Sunday afternoon of September, Rod and Carol Randall took Jennifer, Kyle, and Ryker McCormick to Aikman Wildlife Adventure and The Great Pumpkin Patch to enjoy the beautiful day. Eleven-month-old Ryker enjoyed all the animals at both attractions. How fortunate we are to have in our community such wholesome, family-oriented places to go to or take people.

Our prayer concerns still include Jerry and BJ Hale. Also keep in your prayers Phyllis Romine who is most likely facing surgery on her back and her son, Jeff, who is also facing serious health issues.

Others on our prayer list: Bobby and Reagan Miller, Jim and Jackie Tholen, Becky Ponder, April Patient, Cheryl Harris, Leland Lust, Sharon Parsano, Donna Schultz, Earl Trammel, Scott Rexroad, and Ben Valerio.

Chuckle for the day: Some people cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.

Rev. Gartung welcomes your calls and email. You may reach him at 460-1892 or at dennis@gartung.me.

Zion's worship service starts at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday with various Sunday School activities following. Everyone is welcome!



PET OF THE WEEK. Gypsy is a seven-week-old female Domestic Short Hair cat. She is very friendly and loves to play. She and a few other cats are available for adoption at the Douglas County Animal Shelter. Call 253-4921 for more information or to adopt Gypsy. Photo courtesy of Hands-4-Paws, Tuscola.