

Douglas County Courthouse News

Douglas

(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

Wyatt J. Harper, 21, of Urbana was ticketed December 17 for driving while license is revoked on Harrison Street at Oak Street in Villa Grove. Ticket was filed December 20.

Tameka N. Hamilton, 28, of Mattoon was ticketed December 18 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Main Street at Sheldon Street in Arcola. Ticket was filed December 21.

Austin L. Lawrence, 21, of Mattoon was ticketed December 21 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Route 133 at Jefferson Street in Arcola. Ticket was filed December 21.

Ag in the Classroom teaches lesson on trees

There are almost 15,000 Christmas tree farms in the United States. Every year, there are approximately 25-30 million real Christmas trees sold. Real trees are a renewable resource. For every tree that is harvested, one to three seedlings are planted. The average growing time of a tree is seven years. The top Christmas tree producing states are Oregon, North Carolina, and Michigan.

Top selling trees are Fraser fir which is sturdy and ships well, Balsam fir which smells wonderful, and Douglas fir has a typical Christmas tree shape. Scotch pine and blue spruce are popular and have very sharp needles.

Real Christmas trees can be recycled after the holidays. Trees can be used for soil erosion control, sunk into ponds to provide fish refuge, or chipped into mulch.

There are several types of trees that can be grown for other purposes. There are trees that are grown for lumber and furniture. There are trees that provide you with nutritious treats like pecans. Oranges, apples, peaches, and many other fruits come from trees. Cinnamon and rubber are tree products as well. Maple syr-

Meghan M. Creech, 37, of Paris was ticketed December 22 for speeding 70 mph in a 55-mph zone westbound on U.S. 36 one-fourth mile east of Brushy Fork River in Newman. Ticket was filed December 26.

Damon A. Daugherty, 24, of Paris was ticketed December 22 for speeding 71 mph in a 55-mph zone eastbound on U.S. 36 at Brushy Fork River in Newman. Ticket was filed December 26.

Gregory A. Grubb, 49, of Union, Missouri, was ticketed December 22 for speeding 69 mph in a 55-mph zone eastbound on U.S. 36 at the bridge in Newman. Ticket was filed December 26.

Lisa K. Price, 48, of Homer was ticketed December 22 for speeding 76 mph in a 55-mph zone westbound on U.S. 36 at Brushy Fork River in Newman. Ticket was filed December 26.

Diana Strain, 29, of Sullivan, Indiana, was ticketed December 22 for speeding 69 mph in a 55-mph zone westbound on U.S. 36 at City Line Road in Newman. Ticket was filed December 26.

Jason L. Beech, 22, of Charleston was ticketed December 26 for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone on County Road 1505 North at

U.S. 45 in Tuscola. Ticket was filed December 27.

Wayne Donald Berry, 53, of Villa Grove was ticketed December 23 for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident southbound on Route 130 at County Road 1150 North in Camargo Township. Ticket was filed December 26.

Frank Rodger Minelli, 34, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, was ticketed December 22 for speeding 87 mph in a 55-mph zone and driving while license is suspended westbound on U.S. 36 at County Road 400 East in Garrett Township. Tickets were filed December 26.

Tony W. Imgram, 25, of Chicago was ticketed December 26 for driving while license is suspended on County Road 850 East at U.S. 36 in Tuscola. Ticket was filed December 27.

Ronald R. Violante, 21, of Broadlands was ticketed December 22 for driving with no valid driver's license (expired seven months) and failure to wear seatbelt on U.S. 36 at Park Road in Newman. Tickets were filed December 26.

Jason L. Beech, 22, of Charleston was issued an ordinance violation on December 26 for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams on County Road 1505 North at U.S. 45 in Tuscola. Violation was filed

December 27.

Jacob L. Schmidt, 35, of Decatur was ticketed December 23 for driving while license is suspended on Route 133 at Jacques Street in Arcola. Ticket was filed December 26.

Tami J. Haines, 35, of Camargo was ticketed December 22 for speeding 74 mph in a 55-mph zone eastbound on U.S. 36 at West Newman Bridge in Newman. Ticket was filed December 26.

Brandon L. Gire, 26, of Villa Grove was ticketed December 22 for driving while license is revoked on Lincoln Street at Spruce Street in Villa Grove. Ticket was filed December 26.

Criminal Petitions

Rodney Fitzpatrick Jr., 25, of St. Louis, Missouri, has been charged with aggravated fleeing or attempt to elude a peace officer, a Class 4 felony. Fitzpatrick is accused of failing to obey a peace officer on December 22 by willfully disregarding the officer's signal to stop (oscillating lights on a police vehicle) and driving away in an attempt to elude the peace officer at a rate of speed that was at least 21 mph over the speed limit. Charge was filed December 26.

Shatavia M. Kirkland, 32, of St. Louis, Missouri, has been charged with burglary, a Class 2 felony; retail theft more than \$300, a Class 3 felony; and retail theft with prior conviction, a Class 4 felony. Kirkland is accused of entering a retail merchant's establishment, Carter's in Tuscola, on December 22 with intention to commit therein a theft; of knowingly and willfully taking possession of certain merchandise without paying retail price for the items (clothing) and with intent to deprive the merchant permanently of the merchandise; and of stealing merchandise from Carter's after having a previous conviction for retail theft in St. Clair County. Charges were filed December 26.

LaMarr D. McClellan, 40, of Decatur has been charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, a Class 4 felony. McClellan is accused of knowingly possessing on December 21 less than 15 grams of a substance containing heroin, a controlled substance. Charge was filed December 21.

Real Estate

Illinois Housing Development Authority granted Gaylord F. Wallace and Melissa D. Wallace a release for Lots 4 and 5 in

Block 20 of the Original Town, Tuscola (309 East Pembroke Street, Tuscola).

First Neighbor Bank granted Philip M. Bowles a release for Lot 5 of Rose's Addition, Newman (503 S. King, Newman).

State Bank of Arthur, trustee of Trust 454, granted James L. Yoder and Carol L. Yoder a trustee's deed for a parcel in 30-15-7 (700 Mill Street, Arthur) and Lot 2 of Progress Industrial Subdivision, Arthur.

Anna Mae Schrock, Irene E. Schlabach, Katie Fern Schrock, Barbara Ellen Helmuth, Lonnie E. Diener, Esther Marie Helmuth, Paul Eugene Diener, and Enos M. Diener granted Lonnie E. Diener a warranty deed for a parcel in SW 32-15-7.

Anna Mae Schrock, Irene E. Schlabach, Katie Fern Schrock, Barbara Ellen Helmuth, Lonnie E. Diener, Esther Marie Helmuth, Paul Eugene Diener, and Enos M. Diener granted Joe A. Yoder and Martha Lucille Yoder a warranty deed for a parcel in SW 32-15-7.

Anna Mae Schrock, Irene E. Schlabach, Katie Fern Schrock, Barbara Ellen Helmuth, Lonnie E. Diener, Esther Marie Helmuth, Paul Eugene Diener, and Enos M. Diener granted Owen H. Schrock and Katie Fern Schrock a warranty deed for a parcel in SW 32-15-7.

Anna Mae Schrock, Irene E. Schlabach, Katie Fern Schrock, Barbara Ellen Helmuth, Lonnie

E. Diener, Esther Marie Helmuth, Paul Eugene Diener, and Enos M. Diener granted Mervin A. Helmuth and Barbara E. Helmuth a warranty deed for a parcel in SW 32-15-7.

Anna Mae Schrock, Irene E. Schlabach, Katie Fern Schrock, Barbara Ellen Helmuth, Lonnie E. Diener, Esther Marie Helmuth, Paul Eugene Diener, and Enos M. Diener granted Roger W. Schrock and Anna Mae Schrock a warranty deed for a parcel in SW 32-15-7.

Sharon J. Shiu granted Sharon J. Shiu and Wade A. Shiu a quitclaim deed for Lot 1 in Block 35 of the Original Town, Tuscola (302 South Parke Street, Tuscola).

Patricia Wright granted First National Bank of Ivesdale modification of mortgage for a parcel in 34-16-9.

University of Illinois Employees Credit Union granted Jacob Sanders and Melissa Sanders a release for Lot 1 in Block 4 of Finney and Wallace (706 N. Carico Street, Tuscola).

Nancy L. Melton and First Franklin Financial Corporation granted U.S. Bank assignment of mortgage for a parcel in Block 16 of Winston's Addition, Tuscola (210 E. Newkirk Street, Tuscola).

JP Morgan Chase Bank granted Ronald E. Wallace and Kathryn A. Wallace a release for Lots 3 and 4 in Block 3 of the Original Town, Atwood (302 N. Main, Atwood).

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Pictured is Kirstyn Jones from Villa Grove working on the escape box puzzles.

up is another delicious treat from trees. Many farmers are now practicing an agricultural technique called Agroforestry. Agroforestry is combining growing trees with other agriculture commodities. For example, planting a hay crop between rows of walnut trees.

Trees are valuable for the environment. The are a vital part of the oxygen and carbon dioxide cycle on earth. Trees provide habitat for birds, animals, shade for humans, and protect the

soil against erosion.

Students got to "escape" during this lesson. Patterned after the popular escape rooms - puzzles, codes and questions about trees were answered to unlock boxes and retrieve the prizes. Younger students made crafts featuring Christmas trees.

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Atwood Peace Meal Menu

For reservations, call 508-6464

Monday, Jan 7—Savory sausage stew w/beans, pineapple tidbits, biscuits, warm fruit strudel bites and milk

Tuesday, Jan 8—Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, w/gravy, breaded tomatoes, dinner roll, seasonal dessert and milk

Wednesday, Jan 9—Ravioli w/meat sauce, broccoli, corn, whole grain wheat, banana and milk

Thursday, Jan 10—Meatloaf, delmonico potatoes, spinach, dinner roll, cranberry apple salad and milk

Friday, Jan 11—Tuna noodle casserole, peas and carrots, bean medley, whole grain wheat, gelatin w/fruit and milk

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