

# Moultrie County Courthouse News

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### Traffic Tickets

Nicholas A. Vasquez-Gill, 25, of Decatur was ticketed December 26 for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone westbound on Route 121 at County Road 825 East. Ticket was filed December 27.

Keyoffa M. Whitfield, 22, of Decatur was ticketed December 26 for speeding 55 mph in a 40-mph zone westbound on Route 121 at North St. John Street in Bethany. Ticket was filed December 27.

Kaleb N. Hedenberg, 19, of Decatur was ticketed December 16 for disobeying a stop sign southbound on Route 121 at Route 128 in Dora Township. Ticket was filed December 28.

Joshua P. Fedie, 28, of Lovington was ticketed December 19 for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone eastbound on Route 133 at Cadwell Road in Lowe Township. Ticket was filed December 28.

Darius C. Fuller, 24, of Decatur was ticketed December 16 for speeding 101 mph in a 55-mph zone and disregarding a stop sign southbound on Route 121 at Route 128 in Dora Township. Tickets were filed December 28.

### Criminal Petitions

Elizabeth Campbell, age not in file, of Sullivan has been charged with deceptive practices, a Class A misdemeanor. Campbell is accused of presenting a check for \$41.95 drawn on Morton Community Bank and signed by Elizabeth Campbell to EK Petro Mart in Sullivan on April 11, 2018, to pay for certain merchandise, knowing the check

would not be paid by the depository. Charge was filed December 28.

Dana Mingus, 35, of Mattoon has been charged with deceptive practices, a Class A misdemeanor. Mingus is accused of presenting a check for \$56.78 drawn on First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust and signed by Dana Mingus to EK Petro Mart in Sullivan on June 22, 2018, to pay for certain merchandise, knowing the check would not be paid by the depository. Charge was filed December 28.

### Law Petitions

Punches Properties (Ricky Punches) of Sullivan filed a complaint in forcible entry and detainer against Ricky Jaeger and Karen Jaeger of Sullivan. Punches properties own a premises located at 315 N. Washington Street in Sullivan that is leased to the defendants. The plaintiff (Punches) seeks judgment against the defendants for possession of the premises, costs of suit, and other relief deemed appropriate by the court. Complaint was filed December 28.

### Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued December 28 to Jonathan Sheewon Park and Stephanie Jeeyeon Hong, both of Champaign.

A marriage license was issued January 2 to Nelson Leroy Kurtz of Hartwell, Georgia, and Esther Bontrager of Sullivan, Georgia.

### Real Estate

Decatur Earthmover Credit Union granted Jeff Stoner a release for Lots 6 and 7 in Block 13 of the Village of Dalton City.

Decatur Earthmover Credit Union granted Patrick E. Howella release for Lots 1 and 2 in Block 13 of the Village of Lake City.

Staley Credit Union granted Angela Coon a release for Lot 21 of Charles Addition, Lovington.

Thomas P. LeHew and Mary C. LeHew granted John R. Tyink and Cheryl P. Tyink a warranty deed for a parcel in NE SW 23-14-4.

Johnny R. Tyink and Cheryl P. Tyink granted CIBM Bank and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Incorporated a 4-mortgage for a parcel in NE SW 23-14-4.

PNC Bank N.A. grant-

ed David M. Jacobus and Kim Jacobus a release for a parcel in Block 2 of Nathan Cheever's First Addition, Lovington.

PNC Bank N.A. granted David M. Jacobus, trustee of David M. Jacobus Trust, a release for a parcel in Block 2 of Nathan Cheever's First Addition, Lovington.

Tracy A. McCallister and Tamara M. McCallister granted State Bank of Bement a mortgage for a parcel in NE SE 6-13-6.

Sanctum Properties LLC II granted Morton Community Bank a mortgage for Lots 11 and 12 in Block 5 of Gibson's Second Addition, Arthur.

Zachary L. Hughes and Kelli R. Hughes granted Todd A. Ernst and Angela K. Ernst a warranty deed for a parcel in SE 31-13-6.

Todd A. Ernst and Angela K. Ernst granted Midwest America Federal Credit Union a mortgage for a parcel in SE 31-13-6.

James A. Robinson, Judy Hubmer, Ronald G. Robinson, and Connie Carlyle granted Clint W. Robinson a warranty deed for a parcel in SW NW 30-14-5.

Scott State Bank granted Michael E. Winskill a release for Lots 1 and 2 of DMM Edwards First Addition, Bethany.

Roger Smith Jr. and Denise Smith granted United Community Bank a mortgage for a parcel in SW SW 8-13-6.

John C. Edinger granted John L. Jess and Viola A. Jess a warranty deed for a parcel in SW 13-14-5.

John Jess, also known as John L. Jess, granted Farm Credit Illinois FLC A a mortgage for a parcel in SW 13-14-5.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources granted Emma E. Kaufman a quitclaim deed for a parcel in SE NW 27-15-6.

Larry Herschberger and Henry D. Herschberger, co-trustees of Larry Herschberger Employees Profit Sharing Trust, granted Larry W. Yoder a trustee's deed for multiple lots and blocks in the Original Town of Arthur.

Robert E. Trussell and Brandy R. Roberts granted Scott State Bank a mortgage for Lots 2 and 33 in Block 10 of Meeker's Addition, Sullivan.

Doyle K. Arnold granted

Wilma Miller a warranty deed for a parcel in South Shores Subdivision of Sullivan Township.

First Mid Wealth Management Company Trust 44960310 granted The Life Center of Sullivan a trustee's deed for Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Block 1 of Graber Subdivision, East Nelson Township.

State Bank of Arthur, a division of Morton Community Bank Trust 239 granted State Bank of Arthur, a division of Morton Community Bank Trust 488 a deed in trust for a parcel in 10-14-6.

Hickory Point Bank and Trust granted Follett Family LLC a release for multiple parcels in 2-15-4.

Citibank N.A. granted Susan Ann Robinson a release for a parcel in NW SW 32-14-5.

Thomas LeLand Moffett Marianna C. Moffett granted Brock A. Montgomery and Kendra L. Montgomery a warranty deed for a parcel in SW SW 22-12-6.

First Mid-Bank and Trust N.A. granted Duane A. Voegel and Carletta K. Voegel a release for multiple parcels.

Irv Thompson Enterprises Incorporated granted Freda I. Thompson a quitclaim deed for a parcel in NE 19-15-4.

Freda I. Thompson granted Jane E. Thompson a quitclaim deed for multiple parcels.

Freda I. Thompson granted R.S. Farm LLC and Joel D. Cheatham a quitclaim deed for multiple parcels in 12-14-4.

Jonathan C. Huggins and Mary H. Huggins granted Cynthia H. Peters and Shirley H. Cooper a warranty deed for multiple parcels in 22-15-5.

Scott State Bank granted Charles L. Hill and Sylvia J. Hill a release.

Charles L. Hill and Sylvia J. Hill granted Scott State Bank a mortgage.

Scott State Bank granted Thomas P. LeHew and Mary C. LeHew a partial release.

First Mid Wealth Management Company Trust 44961030 granted Rathje LLC a trustee's deed.

## Wise and Otherwise



## The call of the wild (the avian version)

By KENT A. STOCK  
Staff Writer

Right now, we have a pair of owls in our neighborhood who are quite the conversationalists. From other reports, several pairs of our nighttime callers are hanging out about town. I like to hear them but don't so much like the coyotes howling of an early morning when I walk the dog. That sound gives me the creeps. But the owls I enjoy hearing and sometimes I try to join in, but I'm sure that does not surprise you if you have ever read this column more than once.

I like birds, in general, but not up close and personal. That is the way I feel about some people, too, but then that is a topic for another column. I feed my backyard birds through the winter because I figure if they are willing to stay here with us in the cold and snow, I might as well feed them to say thanks.

My favorite birds are owls and penguins. I think it would be a neat idea if someone were able to merge the two into an owlguin or a pengowl. They would be very cute, would they not? This is why I am not allowed to actually practice any science type stuff.

All this bird calling calls to mind a trip my family made to St. Louis Zoo a few years (decades) back. It does involve the bird house there and an adventure we won't forget.

First of all, our mom disliked birds in the extreme but agreed to go in the bird house. She had childhood trauma with chickens is all I can remember, but she decided to be brave this trip. The very first room we went in had these large birds roosting on limbs or posts. That was it, they were just there staring at us and we were staring at them with nothing to stop them from swooping down and pecking our eyes out.

That was when Mom made an early exit from the bird house, charging back out the entrance, knocking people out of the way like Walter Payton breaking tackles. She may have been only 5'3" but she had quite the fore-

arm. She joined my dad outside to wait for us to come out.

We walked around talking to the birds, of course, and trying to get them to move because for all we knew they were stuffed and mounted in their enclosures. We even sang the kookaburra song to the, duh, kookaburra. He did not laugh; perhaps we weren't Australian enough.

We were about at the end when we were all standing, looking at what was a fairly ugly bird from Upper Zimbabwe or some such exotic locale. All of a sudden there was this horrible honking, screeching noise.

I was at the end of the line, so I turned to my family and said loudly, "What the heck was that?" My family all took a step back and at the other end of the line was a gray crested, bespectacled, nose blower wiping his schnoz with a handkerchief and looking none too happy.

What did we do, burst out in laughter which really set the bird house alive, including the ugly bird from Upper Zimbabwe. I think even the kookaburra was laughing. So, we decided to make a speedy exit, laughing hysterically and literally running out of the bird house.

Our parents were waiting there as the obviously hysterical crowd of kids, grandkids, strollers, and whatever else came speeding toward them. I remember my dad's face and knew he was thinking, "Oh good grief, what have they done now."

"We have to move; he is after us."

At this point my parents just went along, following at a safe distance behind their crazy brood. They were probably concocting a story for the St. Louis Zoo security team when they arrived to check on the disturbance and the disturbed.

"We'll tell them it was the heat," which is always a good excuse for a July day in St. Lou.

The story still makes us giggle to this day. A nice memory while I sit here writing up my plans on how to combine an owl and a penguin. Do I hear a kookaburra laughing?

## Zion News

Thought for the day: "You can never make the same mistake twice, because the second time you make it, it's not a mistake, it's a choice." —Unknown

Rev. Gartung and his wife Ruthie hosted a small, informal get-together at the parsonage from 10:00 p.m. until midnight to pray the old year out and the new year in. The evening concluded with the ringing of the church bell at the stroke of midnight.

Ruthie prepared the Paraguayan version of Eggnog. It contained a lot of fruit and other ingredients. Very tasty.

Rev. Gartung's background of being a "city-boy" was displayed in bold relief. In the evening, Rev. Gartung and Ruthie noticed the parsonage was getting a little chilly. By 10:00 p.m. the temperature inside was 50 degrees. Wally Smith and Rev. Gartung checked the propane tank and found it was completely empty! Rev. Gartung has never lived in a house heated by propane, so he didn't think to check it. Too late then to do anything about it.

However, everyone wore their coats, and the church bell rang 12 times at midnight. The propane tank was filled the next morning, so all is well, except Rev. Gartung is still blushing about inviting guests to a cold house!

Here are some "Praise the Lord!" happenings. Lane Drake is home from the hospital. Mary Fern Carlyle is home from the hospital and is at The Arthur Home in Room 35. Patty Heit has a new great-grandbaby!

Don't forget the Blood Drive at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 128 E. Illinois Street in Arthur on Thursday, January 10, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00.

The Arthur Ministerial Association is planning a pulpit exchange on Ecumenical Sunday, January 20. Rev. Bruce Weiman of the Arthur United Methodist Church will speak at Zion, and Rev. Gartung will speak at the First Baptist Church of Arthur.

Our prayer concerns continue to include Paul Knobloch, Katana Ponder, Jerry and BJ Hale, JB and Jean White, Todd Martin and his family, Bobby and Reagan Miller, Jim and Jackie Tholen, Sharon Parsano, Donna Schultz, Jeff Romine, Ben Valerio, David Walker, Elsie Winings, Betty Sawyer, Wilmer and Lela Otto, LaVerne Smith, Jim Dycus, Marvin Helmuth, and Henry Schrock.

Rev. Gartung's suggested New Year's resolution: "Living Lord, I long for a deeper devotional life. May I consecrate myself completely to You. Amen."

Chuckle for the day: "Faith is like Wi-Fi. It's invisible, but it has the power to connect you to what you need."

Rev. Gartung welcomes your calls and email. You may reach him at 460-1892 or at dennis@gartung.me. He and his wife, Ruthie, would be glad to visit with you. Just give them a call or send an email.

Zion's worship service starts at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday with various Sunday School activities following at 10:30.

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# Piatt County Courthouse News

## Piatt

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### Traffic Tickets

Adam R. Baker, 24, of Bement was issued a civil law violation on December 28 for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams. Violation was filed December 31.

John T. Riddle, 23, of Bement was issued a civil law violation on December 28 for possession of drug paraphernalia. Violation was filed December 31.

Matthew R. Dambacher, 28, of Springfield was ticketed December 31 for driving under the influence of alcohol and DUI with alcohol concentration in blood or breath equal to or greater than .08. Tickets were filed December 31.

Sean M. Olson, 33, of Monticello was ticketed December 22 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Tickets were filed December 26.

Richard A. Meyers, 65, of Atwood was ticketed December 21 for speeding 21 to 25 mph over the speed limit. Tickets were filed December 26.

Rickey La Shawn Murff, 29, of Austin, Texas, was ticketed December 22 for speeding 15

to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 26.

Robert W. Bryson, 32, of Champaign was ticketed December 22 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 26.

Laur A. Lotzgesell, 57, of Urbana was ticketed December 22 for speeding 21 to 25 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 26.

Jaylen R. Dillow, 19, of Bement was ticketed December 22 for driving while license is suspended. Ticket was filed December 26.

Steven R. Jepsen, 28, of Manhattan, Kansas, was ticketed December 26 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 27.

Melissa A. Lowry, 26, of Lincoln was ticketed December 26 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 27.

Vanessa M. McClellan, 25, of Decatur was ticketed December 20 for speeding 21 to 25 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 27.

Michael Damien White, 25, of Charleston was ticketed December 20 for operating a motor vehicle with valid registration. Ticket was filed December 27.

Evan C. Menge, 22, of Monticello was ticketed December 28 for disregarding a stop sign. Ticket was filed December 28.

Danielle D. Benjamin, 50, of DeLand was ticketed December 27 for speeding 11 to 14 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 28.

Daniel A. Blazquez, 31, of Urbana was ticketed December 27 for speeding 11 to 14 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 28.

Patrick Hise, 27, of Brownsburg, Indiana, was ticketed December 27 for speeding 1 to 10

mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 28.

Valerie A. Light, 46, of Teutopolis was ticketed December 27 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 28.

Delbert W. Harms, 23, of Seymour was ticketed December 27 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Ticket was filed December 28.

Aaron Tochimani, 32, of Warrenville was ticketed December 27 for speeding 1 to 10 mph over the speed limit, driving while license is suspended, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Tickets were filed December 28.

Kenneth D. Owens, 45, of Sherman was ticketed December 29 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 31.

Megan E. Price, 22, of Normal was ticketed December 29 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 31.

Dillon J. McMullen, 19, of Champaign was ticketed December 28 for speeding 26 to 34 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 31.

Amanda K. Harris, 30, of Louisville, Kentucky, was ticketed December 28 for speeding 25 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed December 31.

Andrew T. Allison, 17, of Bement was ticketed December 28 for operating a motor vehicle on a G.D.L. with more than one passenger in the front seat. Ticket was filed December 31.

Damien C.D. Law, 28, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was ticketed December 30 for speeding 21 to 25 mph over the speed limit and driving while license is revoked. Tickets were filed December 31.

Matthew R. Dambacher, 28, of Springfield was ticketed De-

cember 31 for illegal transportation of alcohol by driver. Ticket was filed December 31.

Marissa A. Rohm, 19, of Decatur was ticketed January 1 for speeding 26 to 34 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 3.

Harry T. Coleman, 31, of Monticello was ticketed December 29 for operating a motor vehicle with expired registration. Ticket was filed January 3.

Irvin L. Smith, 59, of Decatur was ticketed January 2 for speeding 26 to 34 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 3.

Theodore R. Peoples III, 55, of Decatur was ticketed December 31 for speeding 11 to 14 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 3.

Shantell M. Bibbs, 21, of Champaign was ticketed December 31 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 3.

Phillip J. Hutcherson, 40, of Tuscola was ticketed January 1 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 3.

### Criminal Petitions

Christopher J. Seybold, 37, of Mansfield has been charged with domestic battery, a Class 4 felony. Charges were filed December 27.

### Real Estates

Keith W. Gaskill, Keith Gaskill, Melinda S. Gaskill, Melinda Gaskill, Frankie L. Duncan, and Piatt County Sheriff granted Moron Community Bank a sheriff's deed for Lot 12 of Subdivision 58.

Steven L. Koss; Kathleen Koss; and PNC Bank N.A., independent administrator of Scott L. Wiegel Estate, granted PNC Bank N.A., independent administrator of Scott L. Wiegel Estate, a quitclaim deed for 6-18-6.