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Traffic Tickets

Roger W. Ray, 71, of Sullivan was ticketed December 22 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle westbound on Route 121 at St. John Street in Bethany. Ticket was filed January 3.

Kayla J. Walker, 26, of Sullivan was ticketed December 22 for speeding 50 mph in a 40-mph zone and operating an uninsured motor vehicle eastbound on Route 121 at St. John Street in Bethany. Tickets were filed December 31.

Tabitha R. Willoughby, 38, of Sullivan was ticketed December 29 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on N. Worth Street in Sullivan. Ticket was filed December 31.

Justin S. Durbin, 36, of Warrensburg was ticketed December 30 for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone westbound on Route 121 at County Road 725 East. Ticket was filed December 31.

Lillian A. Chandler, 21, of Lovington was ticketed December 29 for operating a motor vehicle with no valid registration eastbound on County Road 2000 North one-half mile west of Route 32. Ticket was filed December 31.

Charles R. Sedenger, 52, of Mattoon was ticketed December

29 for speeding 74 mph in a 55-mph zone westbound on Route 16 at County Road 1500 East. Ticket was filed December 31.

Case A. Crawford, 18, of Sullivan was ticketed December 29 for speeding 76 mph in a 55-mph zone eastbound on Route 16 one-half mile east of County Road 1500 East. Ticket was filed December 31.

Isaac W. Kitchen, 20, of Arthur was ticketed December 28 for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone southbound on Jonathan Creek Road at County Road 1700 North. Ticket was filed December 31.

Anitra R. Schulte, 38, of Geneva, Illinois, was ticketed December 29 for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone westbound on Route 121 at County Road 725 East. Ticket was filed December 31.

James H. Butler, 70, of Decatur was ticketed December 29 for speeding 78 mph in a 55-mph zone eastbound on Route 121 at County Road 625 East. Ticket was filed December 31.

Katrina Marie Melton, 22, of Decatur was ticketed December 28 for driving while license is suspended on Harrison Street at Market Street in Sullivan. Ticket was filed December 31.

Alyssa R. Harris, 23, of Sullivan was ticketed December 29 for driving while license is suspended and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Graham Street at Jackson Street in Sullivan. Tickets were filed January 7.

Lyn Matthew Harner, 24, of Lovington was ticketed December 30 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Jefferson Street at Hamilton Street in Sullivan. Ticket was filed January 7.

James M. Hodge, 28, of Sullivan was ticketed December 30 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Hamilton Street at Jackson Street in Sullivan. Ticket was filed January 7.

Matthew L. Reed, 23, of Pana was ticketed December 30 for

operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Madison Street at Water Street in Sullivan. Ticket was filed January 8.

Timothy G. Painter, 19, of Assumption was ticketed December 28 for disregarding an official traffic control device and driving with no valid driver's license (was never issued a driver's license) on Hamilton Street at Hawthorne Drive in Sullivan. Tickets were filed December 31.

Kaden M. Cook, 19, of Mattoon was ticketed December 29 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Route 121 east of Route 32 in Sullivan. Ticket was filed December 31.

Sebastian Blake Carron, 19, of Bethany was ticketed December 28 for speeding 58 mph in a 45-mph zone and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Route 121 east of Route 32 in Sullivan. Tickets were filed December 31.

Nicholas A. Vasquez-Gill, 25, of Decatur was ticketed December 28 for speeding 57 mph in a 45-mph zone on Route 121 east of Route 32 in Sullivan. Ticket was filed January 8.

Brent J. Payne, 35, of Decatur was ticketed December 29 for speeding 61 mph in a 45-mph zone on Route 121 east of Route 32 in Sullivan. Ticket was filed January 8.

Juan J. Mendoza-Hernandez, 39, of Lovington was ticketed December 20 for driving while license is suspended on Jackson Street in Sullivan. Ticket was filed December 31.

Tabitha R. Willoughby, 38, of Sullivan was ticketed December 29 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with no valid registration westbound on Route 32 at County Road 1125 North. Tickets were filed January 2.

Kenneth J. Misner, 25, of Charleston was ticketed January 2 for speeding 68 mph in a 50-mph zone eastbound on Route 121 at Main Street in Bethany.

Ticket was filed January 3.

Brittany L. Norman, 21, of Decatur was ticketed January 2 for speeding 68 mph in a 45-mph zone eastbound on Route 121 one-fourth mile east of Route 32. Ticket was filed January 3.

Emmanuel F. Williams, 25, of Charleston was ticketed January 2 for speeding 76 mph in a 55-mph zone northbound on Route 121 at County Road 1275 North. Ticket was filed January 9.

Marlana K. Rissler, 24, of Lovington was ticketed December 27 for driving under the influence of alcohol and DUI with alcohol concentration in blood or breath equal to or greater than .08 on S. Railroad Street at East Middle Street in Lovington. Tickets were filed January 3.

Law Petitions

Westport Apartments of Sullivan filed a complaint in forcible entry and detainer against Hannah LaFollette of Sullivan and Unknown Occupants. Westport Apartments, the plaintiff, owns Apartment 3 located at 4 Westport Drive in Sullivan. The apartment has been leased to Hannah LaFollette, defendant. The plaintiff alleges the defendant failed to make full monthly lease payments for the apartment and therefore defaulted on the terms of the lease. Plaintiff seeks judgment against LaFollette and any unknown persons residing in the apartment and in favor of the plaintiff for possession of the apartment and immediate eviction of the defendant(s). Petition was filed January 3.

Dissolution of Marriage Judgments

Marchita L. Sanchez, age not available, of Arthur was granted a dissolution of marriage from Tyler James Sanchez, age not available, of Arthur. Dissolution was granted January 2.

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was is-

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Zion News

Thought for the day: "What if you woke up today with only what you thanked God for yesterday?" —Unknown

As Christians, we have the Spirit of God in us. Our responsibility is to keep sin out of our lives so that the Spirit can produce His fruit in us. And, as Christians, we have only one authority, one compass, for doing that—the Word of God.

Abraham Lincoln in a letter to a friend said, "I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance upon faith. You will live and die a better man."

Begin the day with the Book and, as the day comes to a close, let the Word speak its wisdom to your soul. Let it be the firm foundation upon which your hope is built. Let it be the Staff of Life upon which your spirit is nourished. Let it be the Sword of the Spirit which cuts away evil from your life and fashions you in His image and likeness. Amen.

This coming Sunday, the Arthur Ministerial Association has planned a Pulpit Exchange for Ecumenical Sunday. Rev. Bruce Weiman of the Arthur United Methodist Church will be speaking at Zion, and Rev. Gartung will be speaking at the First Baptist Church of Arthur.

It is easy to think of prayer requests as something like bad news. However, a prayer can also be a "Thank You!" So we are again thankful that Lane Drake is home, Mary Fern Carlyle is doing well at the Arthur Home, and Patty Heit's new great-grand-baby is also doing well.

Our condolences to the family of Bob Doan who will be missed by the Arthur community and surrounding area for his civic leadership. Bob worked tirelessly to help make the Arthur area a great place to live, work, and visit.

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.

A sign on a public restroom wall: "Wash your hands and say your prayers because Jesus and germs are everywhere."

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 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Wise and Otherwise



Wish you were here!

By KENT A. STOCK
Staff Writer

I think we've all received postcards and maybe we've sent a few ourselves with those words—wish you were here. Well, I'm not falling for it!

No, you don't wish we were there; what you want to tell everyone is really "HA HA, I'm here and you are stuck at work, stuck in the cold, or stuck wherever 'not on vacation' or whichever case it may be."

It is like our snowbird friends who constantly remind us that the weather is very warm where they are and that they walked on the beach today and they ate ice cream and they ran around naked in the yard. Okay, scratch that last one as that might only be my friends. Just kidding!

Yes, cavorting in warmer climes while we are here waiting for the temperature to get enough above freezing so we can wash 16 layers of salt off our vehicles. While you are riding rollercoasters, we are in training for Disney on Ice up here by slipping and sliding around on actual frozen surfaces.

Millions of us live in the north, and we have made peace with the winter weather, well, all weather really. I like the change of seasons, and I don't mind winter too much. I like the snow, if you don't have to travel; I like the cold, as long as it is not windy and I know there will be a thaw, eventually.

Dementia support group, adult day care launches at senior living community

Carriage Crossing Senior Living located at Green Mill Village development in Arcola is hosting a free Dementia & Alzheimer's Support Group every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. at 909 Green Mill Road in Arcola.

The support group is open to any family member or friend caring for a loved one with dementia and/or Alzheimer's disease. It is an opportunity to make new friends, learn new care techniques, and meet with certified and qualified care staff.

Ongoing meetings are held weekly offering an opportunity to talk freely about one's feelings as well as to learn tips and strategies from each other.

In addition, Carriage Crossing will launch full-service Adult Day Care Services at their senior living and memory care facility.

These services extend to seniors, 55 and up, with a variety of care needs including cognitive impairments such as advanced

I think the thing I like least about the winter is the changing of clothes. When it is bitter cold, you have to put your layers on. You go outside, do your thing, and you have to take them off. I can't drive with a big heavy coat on, so off comes the coat. I still get warm, so off comes the sweatshirt. I get really hot and off comes...next thing you know I'm running around naked in the yard. Just kidding, again!

Of course, all those different changes of clothes and footwear have to go somewhere, and all good northerners have a coat rack or a closet just for that purpose. This is why when guests come over, the coats and all winter clothing accessories have to go on the washer/dryer or in a bedroom; there is no room left where they should go.

As for the coat rack, whether it is on the wall or standing, it is to hold an impressive array of coats, hats, gloves, scarves, dog leashes, keys, snow suits, shopping bags, and who knows what else. Getting all these accessories on and off is like playing a winter clothing version of Jenga because if all the stuff hung up on there or in there falls on you, it might take hours to locate you.

All you'd hear from underneath the pile of Under Armor, ski poles, scarves Grammy-knitted, boots, mittens, and hoodies would be "Wish you were here!" Enjoy winter, everyone, only 70-some odd days until spring!

Piatt County Courthouse News

Piatt

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Traffic Tickets

Gabrielle E. Barrow, 20, of Springfield was ticketed December 31 for possession of drug paraphernalia. Ticket was filed January 4.

Adora J. Sims, 18, of Champaign was ticketed December 31 for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams. Ticket was filed January 4.

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, 32, 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 driving 11 to 14 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 3.

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

Phillip J. Hutcherson, 48, of Tuscola was ticketed January 1 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 3.

Gabrielle E. Barrow, 20, of Springfield was ticketed Decem-

ber 31 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Tickets were filed January 4.

Kaye M. Smith, 70, of Clinton was ticketed January 2 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 4.

Micah P. Muth, 35, of Decatur was ticketed January 3 for driving 21 to 25 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 4.

Glody O. Inze, 25, of Champaign was ticketed January 3 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 4.

Ronnie C. Fobbs, 25, of Decatur was ticketed December 28 for illegal transportation of alcohol by passenger. Ticket was filed January 4.

Matthew K. Kerr, 17, of White Heath was ticketed December 24 for speeding 26 to 34 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 4.

Carlos A. Greaten, 22, of Decatur was ticketed December 28 for speeding more than 35 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 4.

Jennifer Mary Waelti, 24, of Rockford was ticketed December 29 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 4.

Keemari Dante Lee Thompson, 24, of Westmont was ticketed December 29 for driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 4.

Michael Damien White, 25, of Charleston was ticketed December 20 for operating a vehicle overweight on axle. Ticket was filed January 7.

Aaron M. Sederwall, 52, of Champaign was ticketed January 8 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 9.

Austin A. Carr, 24, of DeLand was ticketed January 5 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 9.

Blake B. Shelly, 46, of Oakley was ticketed January 9 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 10.

Dawn M. Creath, 42, of Monticello was ticketed January 9 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 10.

Michael W. Gentile, 71, of Hammond was ticketed January 9 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 10.

Nicole M. Rutherford, 34, of Lincoln was ticketed January 7 for driving 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 10.

Criminal Petitions

Jeanette M. Sebens, 33, of Bement has been charged with forgery (issue or delivery of a false document), a Class 3 felony. Charge was filed January 7.

Camden E. Rodgers, 38, of Monticello has been charged with aggravated battery with prior violations, a Class 3 felony. Charge was filed January 8.

Storm J. Cochrane, 26, of Monticello has been charged with aggravated unlawful restraint, a Class 3 felony, and domestic battery with prior violations, a Class 4 felony. Charges were filed January 8.

Andrew M. Swaim, 31, of Bement has been charged with delivery of methamphetamine, not more than five grams, a Class 2 felony. Charge was filed January 10.

Crystal D. Swaim, 32, of Bement has been charged with delivery of methamphetamine, not more than five grams, a Class 2 felony, and intimidation (physical harm), a Class 3 felony. Charges were filed January 10.

Anthony W. Vannote, 52, of Monticello has been charged with two counts of disorderly conduct, Class C misdemeanors. Charges were filed January 7.

George N. Barry, 34, of Hammond has been charged with two counts of domestic battery (physical contact), Class A misdemeanors. Charges were filed January 7.

Dissolution of Marriage Petitions

Jennifer A. Westray, age not available, of DeLand filed a petition for dissolution of marriage

from Kevin P. Westray, age not available, of DeLand. Petition was filed January 10.

Real Estate

Casey A. Ireland granted Korine M. Tatroe a quitclaim deed for Lots 1 and 2 in Block 2 of Subdivision 114.

Gregory L. Scanlan and Madalyn M. Scanlan granted Ross John Reynolds a warranty deed for Lot 5 in Block 3 of Subdivision 709.

Ross John Reynolds granted Primelending, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Incorporated a mortgage for Lot 5 in Block 3 of Subdivision 710.

Jonathan Branson Painter granted Keith A. Collier a warranty deed for Lot 3 in Block 9 of Subdivision 373.

Keith A. Collier granted Fisher National Bank a mortgage for a lot in Subdivision 373.

Keith A. Collier granted Fisher National Bank a mortgage for Lot 11 in Block 6 of Subdivision 222.

Kelly R. Finet, independent administrator, and Patricia Mae Alexander granted Robert W. Alexander an administrator's deed for Lots 9 and 10 in Block 9 of Subdivision 225.

John V. Bertetto and Lisa A. Bertetto granted Shannon Creath and Dawn Creath a warranty deed for Lot 166 of Subdivision 006.

Dawn Crath and Shannon Creath granted Marine Bank a mortgage for Lot 166 of Subdivision 006.

Shannon L. Creath and Dawn M. Creath granted Marine Bank a mortgage for Lot 102 of Subdivision 004.

Virginia M. Herriott Estate by Derrick Rick Dawkins, executor, granted Duane Dawkins, Deedra Slack, and Derrick Rick Dawkins, executor, an executor's deed for Lots 11 and 12 in Block 14 of Subdivision 222.

Robert E. Morfey and Tonia R. Morfey granted State Bank of Bement a mortgage for Lot 13 in Block 5 of Subdivision 114.

Richard Lee Lawson granted Michael Eugene Lawson and Joan E. Lawson a quitclaim deed for Lots 7 and 8 in Block "M" of Subdivision 383.