

# Piatt 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

Ashley J. Curtis, 28, of Mansfield was ticketed January 17 for possession of drug paraphernalia. Ticket was filed January 28.

Justin E. Beckett, 27, of Mahomet was ticketed January 22 for driving under the influence of alcohol. Ticket was filed January 31.

Michelle R. Grandon, 38, of Decatur was ticketed January 18 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 28.

Noah J. Browne, 29, of Monticello was ticketed January 25 for illegal use of an electronic communications device. Ticket was filed January 28.

C. Eric Courtney, 55, of Monticello was ticketed January 24 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 28.

Muhammad Sharif, 75, of Champaign was ticketed January 20 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 28.

Brittany K. Allen, 22, of Mattoon was ticketed January 17 for driving while license is suspended. Ticket was filed January 28.

Conrad Joseph Gillespie, 22, of Bement was ticketed January 19 for fleeing or attempting to

elude a peace officer. Ticket was filed January 28.

Carson N. Kasbergen, 21, of Mansfield was ticketed January 16 for improper turn signal. Ticket was filed January 28.

Erick W. Downey, 47, of Monticello was ticketed January 16 for disregarding an official traffic control device. Ticket was filed January 28.

Kailey M. Pulec, 20, of Frankfort was ticketed January 20 for speeding 21 to 25 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 28.

Clarence M. Ridley, 34, of Decatur was ticketed January 21 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 28.

Linda L. Monney, 58, of Oreana was ticketed January 21 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 28.

Keith A. Hamilton, 54, of Ivesdale was ticketed January 21 for disregarding a stop sign. Ticket was filed January 28.

Melissa A. Tull, 35, of Clinton was ticketed January 25 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 28.

Michael R. Lawson, 19, of Bloomington was ticketed January 26 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 28.

Carlee C. Curry III, 25, of Urbana was ticketed January 27 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed January 28.

Diedre M. Riddle, 35, of Bement was ticketed January 26 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Ticket was filed January 28.

Summer R. Foran, 18, of Bement was ticketed January 27 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Ticket was filed January 28.

Jeanna I.M. Kramer, 27, of Oakley was ticketed January 25 for speeding 15 to 20 mph over the speed limit. Ticket was filed

January 28.

Justin E. Beckett, 27, of Mahomet was ticketed January 22 for operating a motor vehicle with expired registration. Ticket was filed January 31.

### Criminal Petitions

Lindsey L. Ross, 33, of Bement has been charged with aggravated robbery, a Class One felony. Charge was filed January 25.

Jessica M. Cox, 37, of Bement has been charged with two counts of manufacturing or delivering cannabis, more than 30 grams but not more than 500 grams, Class 3 felonies. Charges were filed January 28.

Tyler E. Tieman, 27, of Bement has been charged with manufacturing or delivering cocaine, a Class 1 felony. Charge was filed January 29.

Jeanette M. Sebens, 33, of Bement has been charged

with failure to return from furlough, a Class 3 felony. Charge was filed January 29.

Robert F. Ward, 49, of Decatur has been charged with operating a motor vehicle while license is revoked or suspended for DUI, second occurrence. Charge was filed February 17.

### Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued January 28 to Chad Lewis Rice and Raquel Le Ann Young, both of Oakley.

### Real Estate

Leonard R. Rumery and Laurie F. Rumery granted First State Bank a mortgage for a lot in Subdivision 245.

John M. Clark, trustee of Robert D. Clark Trust; John M. Clark, Mark A. Clark, and David A. Clark, co-trustees of Virginia A. Clark Trust, granted David A. Clark a trustee's deed for Lots 5 and 6 in Block 1 of

Subdivision 383 and parcels in SE SW NW 9-16-6, SW NW 9-16-6, and SE NW 9-16-6.

John M. Clark, trustee of Robert D. Clark Trust, and Mark A. Clark, David A. Clark, and John M. Clark, co-trustees of Virginia A. Clark Trust, granted John M. Clark a trustee's deed for parcels in NW NE 18-17-6, SW NE 18-17-6, NE SW 9-16-6, and SE SW 9-16-6.

John M. Clark, trustee of Robert D. Clark Trust, and John M. Clark, Mark A. Clark, and David A. Clark, co-trustees of Virginia A. Clark Trust, granted Mark A. Clark a trustee's deed for parcels in SE NE 22-17-6 and SW NE 22-17-6.

John M. Clark, trustee of Robert D. Clark Trust, and John M. Clark, Mark A. Clark, and David A. Clark, co-trustees of Virginia A. Clark Trust, granted John M. Clark, Mark A. Clark,

and David A. Clark trustee's deeds for a parcel in SE 11-16-6.

William E. McMahon and Lisa M. McMahon granted Leonard R. Rumery and Laurie F. Rumery a warranty deed for a lot in Subdivision 121.

Christy Ann El Amma granted University of Illinois Community Credit Union a mortgage for a lot in Subdivision 029.

Marlin B. Manuel and Christine Bm. Manuel granted Fisher National Bank a mortgage for Lot 1 in Block 7 of Subdivision 222.

Noel Endress Sinclair and Noel Endress granted Kristine Coy and Justin Coy a warranty deed for a parcel in 10-20-6.

Justin Coy and Kristine Coy granted Illinois National Bank a mortgage for a parcel in 10-20-6.

## Home and Community Education Hosts Brad Thomas at January 23 meeting

Home and Community Education hosted some local talent on January 23 at the Piatt County Extension Office, located at 210 S. Market Street, Monticello.

The guest speaker was Brad Thomas, the owner of Thomas Farm. Although Brad makes his living off of his small farm, one of his passions is being outside maintaining and enjoying his fully functioning year-round Koi Pond. Brad and a friend dug out this over-2000 gallon pond about 6 years ago.

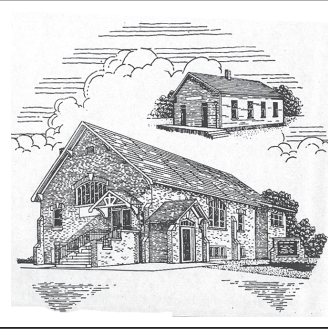
Brad has learned what he knows about koi and pond construction from talking to other experts, doing additional research, and living daily with his ever ma-



Brad Thomas is shown with Dan and Karen Thomas. A digital picture of the Koi Pond is in the background.

## Lake Fork United Church of Christ

*It doesn't matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*



### By BEV OBERT

In a recent devotion based on 1 Corinthians 13:2, I was given the opportunity to see this verse in a different light. Generally this verse and the ones surrounding it are read at weddings. The writer of the devotion Jerry L Scott says that it is talking about more, about how we relate to and serve God.

This verse reads, "And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." 1 Cor. 13:2. It does not matter what gifts we have, if we do not use the gift of God's love, our other gifts mean nothing. Whatever we do should be done in love. To do it for praise, money, glory, means nothing. Doing it using God's gift of love means everything.

We are approaching Valentine's Day. This day where we express our love and care for those we love. But do we show our love only on that day with a card or flowers or candy. Or do we show it every day by caring for them and showing our love through our actions and words. Mr. Scott reminds us that Paul says "that love is not envious, rude, arrogant, boastful, irritable, or resentful. He says that love does not rejoice in wrongdoing nor insist on its own way. He

says love is patient, kind and truthful. Paul sums it all up by saying that love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things."

Here's the thing...God's gift of love for us is to be shown to others through us and by us. We must share God's gift of love. In the coming weeks I challenge you to be aware of your words and actions. Do they show God's gift of LOVE? If not ask God for forgiveness and do better.

turing koi pond ecosystem. Even though a good pond is expensive to build (several thousand dollars), if it is built correctly, Brad feels that it requires a fairly low amount of maintenance. He recommends using Helix pond equipment, a 45 mil. rubber liner, and only smoothed rounded rocks (no smaller than golf ball size) within the pond. He also warns against using sandstone or limestone within the pond itself because of the fact that both of these kinds of rock dissolve quite easily. A healthy pond needs to have crystal clear water. A healthy year-round pond needs a heat rock to keep a hole open in the ice during the winter. Even though the koi go dormant during the winter, they still need an air-exchange so that

there is plenty of oxygen available below the ice covering.

Although Brad loves his Koi Pond, he also has some other interests that are expanding his outdoor experiences. Brad is beginning to experiment with aquaponics (the growing of vegetables, etc. with the help of and in harmony with living fish). This coming summer you just might also see Brad selling eggs at the local farmer's market. Brad raises pastured poultry and is hoping to bring his eggs to the market.

Thanks to Brad for a very interesting and informative presentation. Thanks also for sharing your Koi Pond with us: your digital slides of the waterfall enhanced pond show a beautifully created living-ecosystem!



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*Thank you to all my family and friends for all the cards, Facebook greetings, phone calls & to those who came to my reception for my 75th Birthday.*

*A special THANK YOU TO MY CHILDREN for making this a special Birthday.*

*Kaye Dick*

The family of David Lantz would like to express our gratitude to everyone who attended the benefit on January 19. From the many businesses, restaurants and community who donated food, silent auction and auction items. Also to everyone who volunteered to help set up. Special thanks to DJ Dan Janowski, MC Randy Shannon and Hard Kase Band for donating their time for entertainment.

There are no words to express how much we appreciate all of you. Thank you all for the love, support and prayers while he made his journey home We ask that you always remember David for the wonderful soul he was. We thank and love you all.

Sincerely,  
The Lantz Family