

DOUGLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

(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

Benjamin T. Miller, 23, of Savoy was issued an ordinance violation on January 11 for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams on County Road 485 East at Route 133 in Bourbon Township. Ordinance violation was filed January 11.

Jeremy D. Meyer, 25, of Urbana was ticketed January 13 for driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI with alcohol concentration in blood or breath equal to or greater than .08, driving too fast for conditions or failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and improper lane usage southbound on I-57 at Mile Post 205 in Arcola Township. Tickets were filed January 14.

Renee L. Llewellyn, 50, of Arcola was ticketed January 1 for driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI with alcohol concentration in blood or breath equal to or greater than .08 (.157), and improper lane usage on U.S. 45 at County Road 300 North in Arcola Township. Tickets were filed January 9.

Austin R. Nixon, 31, of Monrovia, Indiana, was ticketed January 5 for driving while license is suspended on Route 133 at Missouri Avenue in Hindsboro. Ticket was filed January 10.

Matthew Allen Wilkins, 30, of Tuscola was ticketed January 15 for driving too fast for conditions or failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident westbound on U.S. 36

one-half mile west of U.S. 45 in Tuscola Township. Ticket was filed January 17.

Michael L. Bryant, 50, of Charleston was ticketed January 10 for speeding 75 mph in a 55-mph zone southbound on Route 130 at County Road 1250 North in Camargo Township. Ticket was filed January 11.

Jose Lopez-Rodriguez, 31, of Urbana was ticketed December 26 for speeding 63 mph in a 45-mph zone eastbound on U.S. 36 east of Main Street in Atwood. Ticket was filed January 11.

Salvador Casimiro, 61, of West Chicago was ticketed January 12 for driving too fast for conditions or failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident northbound on I-57 at Mile Post 202 in Arcola Township. Ticket was filed January 14.

Faithlyn R. Daugherty, 17, of Tuscola was ticketed January 13 for speeding 74 mph in a 55-mph zone westbound at 375 East Highway 36 in Garrett Township. Ticket was filed January 14.

Lauren M. DeNeef, 32, of Urbana was ticketed January 9 for speeding 86 mph in a 70-mph zone northbound on I-57 at Mile Post 213 in Tuscola Township. Ticket was filed January 14.

Elwin C. Madden Jr., 56, of Elgin was ticketed January 9 for speeding 94 mph in a 70-mph zone northbound on I-57 at Mile Post 213. Ticket was filed January 14.

Ester M. Slaughter, 51, of Hazel Crest was ticketed January 9 for speeding 86 mph in a 70-mph zone northbound on I-57 at Mile Post 213 in Pesotum Township. Ticket was filed January 14.

Benjamin J. Brown, 28, of Villa Grove was ticketed January 13 for driving a motor vehicle with expired registration (expired November 2017) northbound on Route 130 at McCoy Street in Camargo Township. Ticket was filed January 14.

Aimee N. Laster, 43, of Arcola was ticketed January 9 for speeding 70 mph in a 55-mph zone on U.S. 45 at

County Road 910 East. Ticket was filed January 16.

Adam M. Hackett, 17, of Atwood was ticketed January 12 for operating a motor vehicle with no valid driver's license and operating a motor vehicle with expired registration sticker on East Park Street at South Vine Street in Arthur. Tickets were filed January 15.

Guadalupe Jose Mejia Baldera, 31, of Villa Grove was ticketed December 23 for speeding 98 mph in a 55-mph zone and operating a motor vehicle with no valid driver's license southbound on Route 130 north of Villa Grove ESB. Tickets were filed January 14.

Wade S. Olivero, 31, of Rantoul was ticketed January 16 for disobeying a school crossing guard on Route 133 at Pine Street school crossing zone in Arthur. Ticket was filed January 17.

Juan N. Piedra Bauderas, 26, of Arcola was ticketed January 16 for speeding 85 mph in a 55-mph zone and operating a motor vehicle with expired registration sticker eastbound on Route 133 at County Road 700 East in Arcola Township. Tickets were filed January 17.

Criminal Petitions
Aimee S. Nevitt, 35, of Atwood has been charged with two counts of domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Nevitt is accused of causing bodily harm and of knowing making physical contact of insulting or provoking nature with a family or household member on December 19. Charges were filed December 19.

Byron Duran, 20, of Uniondale, New York, has been charged with criminal damage to property, a Class A misdemeanor. Duran is accused of damaging a window at Monical's Pizza Restaurant in Arcola on December 28 with value of the damage being less than \$500. Charge was filed January 9.

Cody C. Allen, 21, of Tuscola has been charged with domestic battery, unlawful violation of an order of protection, and unlawful interference with the report-

ing of domestic violence, Class A misdemeanors. Allen is accused of causing bodily harm to a family or household member on January 1 by hitting the person, causing bruising and redness; of intentionally committing an act on January 1 that was prohibited by an order of protection in that Allen made physical contact with the protected person while being in the same residence as the person; and of taking a cell phone away from a victim of domestic violence on January 1 in an attempt to prevent that person from using the phone to report that an act of domestic violence had been committed upon the person by Allen. Charges were filed January 2.

Stephine N. Byers, 34, of Villa Grove has been charged with two counts of domestic battery, Class A misdemeanors. Byers is accused of hitting a family member in the face on January 3, causing bruising and redness, and of making physical contact of insulting nature with the family member on January 3 by hitting the person in the head. Charges were filed January 4.

Phillip L. Wright-Hamilton, 24, of Champaign has been charged with unlawful possession of cannabis, more than 10 grams but not more than 30 grams, a Class B misdemeanor. Wright-Hamilton is accused of possessing on December 15 more than 10 grams but less than 30 grams of a substance containing cannabis. Charge was filed January 7.

Megan A. Bruce, 28, of Charleston, has been charged with resisting or obstructing a peace officer, a Class A misdemeanor. Bruce is accused of resisting or obstructing the performance of Arcola Police Officer Anthony Roley on December 29 by refusing to remain inside her vehicle as ordered. Charge was filed January 7.

Mary K. Payne, 23, of Tuscola had been charged with non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images, a Class 4 felony carrying one to three years in prison and a fine up to \$25,000. Payne is accused of disseminating on or about October 19, 2018, without authority or permission an image of another person engaged in an act of sexual conduct—and the person being identifiable from the image alone or from information displayed in connection with the image—and said image was obtained by Payne under circumstances in which a reasonable person would know the image was to remain private. Charge was filed December 31.

Jovon L. Payton, 32, of Mattoon has been charged with four counts of aggravated driving under the influence on December 8. Charges were filed December 31.

Clete A. Weller, 31, of Humboldt has been charged with theft (\$500 to \$10,000), a Class 3 felony, and Home Repair Fraud, a Class 4 felony. Weller is accused of obtaining control of \$500 to \$10,000 cash from a person on or about March 14 with intent to deprive that person permanently of the use or benefit of the cash and of entering into an agreement for an amount exceeding \$1,000 with a person for home repair (construction and repair of a driveway at a home in Villa Grove) while at the time Weller entered into the agreement he had no intention of performing the work agreed upon. Charge was filed January 7.

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued January 11 to Howard William Garman Jr. of Mattoon and May Earlene Harris of Decatur.

Real Estate
Maron Keith Harris granted Blake M. Hunt and Sasha E. Hunt a warranty deed for a parcel in NW 2-15-8 (45 Hillcrest Drive, Tuscola).

Blake M. Hunt and Sasha E. Hunt granted First State Bank a mortgage for a parcel in NW 2-15-8 (45 Hillcrest Drive, Tuscola).

Jeffrey S. Mathias and Ellen C. Mathias granted Liberty Financial, a Division of ETF-CU, a mortgage for a parcel in SW 36-15-8 (1130 East County Road 300 North, Arcola).

Busey Bank granted Kenneth Clark and Shannon Clark a release for a parcel in NE 15-16-9 (1440 North State Route 130, Villa Grove).

Kenneth Clark and Shannon Clark granted Busey Bank a mortgage for a parcel in NE 15-16-9 (1440 North State Route 130, Villa Grove).

First Mid Illinois Bank granted George E. Masuga and Pamela K. Masuga a release for Lot 1 in Block 8 of Kelly's Second Addition, Tuscola (609 East Sale Street, Tuscola).

Heartland Bank and Trust Company granted Maron Keith Harris a release for a parcel in NW 2-15-8 (45 Hillcrest Drive, Tuscola).

First State Bank granted Lois K. Reeves, also known as Lois Kathryn Reeves, a release for Lot 18 of Northgate Addition, Tuscola (905 A and B Fleetwood Drive, Tuscola).

Phillip Andrew Mormann, trustee of the Floy Pelletier Trust dated March 24, 1992, granted Joanna Romine and Reggie Romine a trustee's deed for a parcel in SW 26-16-7.

John E. Pflum, executor of Betty L. Pflum Estate, granted Larry J. Schrock and Delores E. Schrock an executor's deed for a parcel in SE 11-15-7.

Larry J. Schrock and Delores E. Schrock granted Farm Credit Services a mortgage for a parcel in SE 11-15-7.

John E. Pflum, executor of the Estate of Betty L. Pflum, granted Stephen K. Kauffman and Fannie Marie Kauffman an executor's deed for a parcel in SE 11-15-7.

Stephen K. Kauffman and Fannie Marie Kauffman granted Farm Credit Services

a mortgage for a parcel in SE 11-15-7.

John E. Pflum, executor of the Estate of Betty L. Pflum, granted Wesch Enterprises Incorporated an executor's deed for a parcel in NW 32-16-8.

Wesch Enterprises Incorporated granted TNB Bank a mortgage for a parcel in NW 32-16-8.

Sean M. Miller and Carrie A. Brian-Miller granted First State Bank a mortgage for Lot 68 of Hillcrest Subdivision (68 Cherry Drive, Tuscola).

Jeffery A. Tabb and Nancy M. Tabb granted First Financial Bank a mortgage for Lots 2 and 3 in Block 1 of the Original Town, Hindsboro (702 Illinois Street, Hindsboro).

Jeffery A. Tabb and Nancy M. Tabb granted First Financial Bank assignment of rents for Lots 2 and 3 in Block 1 of the Original Town, Hindsboro (702 Illinois Street, Hindsboro).

Jerry Castle and Cheryl Castle granted Jamey J. Sheckles and Nichole S. Sheckles a warranty deed for Lot 3 of Plum Grove Subdivision, Camargo (3 Nightengale Circle, Camargo).

Jamey J. Sheckles and Nichole S. Sheckles granted LoanDepot.Com LLC a mortgage for Lot 3 of Plum Grove Subdivision, Camargo (3 Nightengale Circle, Camargo).

Denise Campbell, successor co-trustee of the Carrie Schuster Trust, granted Denise Campbell, trustee of the Denise Campbell Trust, a trustee's deed for a parcel in 6-15-10.

First Mid Illinois Bank granted P. Scott Ingram a release for Lot 6 of Burke's Second Addition, Tuscola (906 East Daggy, Tuscola).

Longview State Bank granted Dale E. Kincaid and Judy A. Kincaid a release for parcels in SE 16-16-14, NW 16-16-14, and SE 33-16-14.

US Bank granted Marlene Yoder, now known as Marlene Helmuth, and Lester Helmuth satisfaction of mortgage for Lots 10 and 11 in Block 3 of Fitzjarrald's Subdivision (810 East Park Street, Arthur).

Dennis A. Crumrin and Charlotte L. Crumrin granted Richard W. Crumrin quitclaim deeds for Lot 1 in Block 24 of the Original Town, Arthur (114 S. Pine Street, Arthur).

Sears was ahead of its time - Then the 21st Century Arrived

By Steven Horwitz
At the present, Sears is barely surviving in bankruptcy court. But, there was a day when Sears was the Amazon of its time. It made the mail-order catalog a staple of American households, and in so doing, brought the latest and greatest products of American capitalism to people in every corner of the country at significantly lower cost.

The catalog also offered African-Americans in the rural South not just access to goods, but provided them a way to shop with dignity and equality in a world of Jim Crow. Our contemporary shopping experience with Amazon and other online retailers is a descendant of the Sears catalog.

Even when the car and suburbanization created a shopping mall culture that made their catalog secondary, Sears adapted, and its stores were omnipresent anchors across the country. But like the catalog, the shopping mall experience has fallen by the wayside. The exceptions are often high-end malls and department stores, with whom Sears could not compete.

At one end, consumers frequently prefer large specialty stores, like a Best Buy, for some of what Sears offered. And customers who want the variety of a Sears are finding it much cheaper at Target, Walmart, or even a warehouse club like Costco. As Target and Walmart, not to mention larger grocery chains, work to meet the speed and convenience of Amazon by offering pick-up or even delivery to your car or home, the old-fashioned department store has seen its market disappear. Sadly,

the company that made its name on mail orders couldn't quite figure out what to do in a world of email orders.

The big problem that Sears never solved was carving out a distinct identity in the very different retail landscape of the 21st century. It wasn't an appliance store. (In fact, it allowed the quality of its Kenmore products to decline.) It wasn't a clothing store. It wasn't a discount store. It wasn't a home goods or home improvement store. It had no distinct presence online. It tried various strategies for broadening its market, from Allstate to Kmart, but those just muddled its identity even more.

By still attempting to sell something of everything to everyone, Sears ended up selling very little to anyone.

So, is there anything positive here? I think there's two things. First, the churn of creative destruction is alive and well in the U.S. economy. If we go back a bit, A&P was the Amazon (or perhaps Walmart) of its time, and it no longer exists. The more recent demise of firms like

Borders Books and Toys R Us, and the competition that reduced the dominance of Walmart, makes clear that any firm that's doing well now, even Amazon, cannot rest comfortably. Today's consistent profits are tomorrow's liquidation sales.

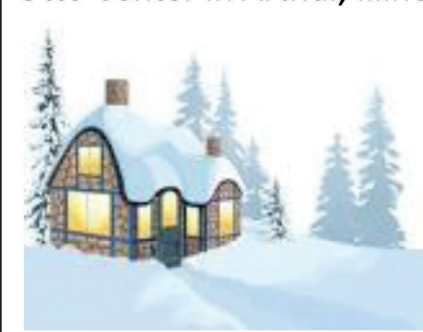
Second, it shows that despite the bailouts and subsidies and the general restraints on the invisible hand of the market, consumers are still sovereign and that it's still possible to go bankrupt if you can't please them.

As Deirdre McCloskey refers to it, "market-tested betterment" is still alive and well in some sectors of the U.S. economy. As much as discussions of economic growth focus on the ability to start new businesses, it's probably true that our willingness to let businesses fail is a better indicator of a healthy economy.

While the demise of Sears is a sad day for the company and those associated with it, it's good news for the U.S. economy and for the long-term well-being of all of us as consumers.

Winter Blues Market

Fri. Jan. 25th 1PM-7PM
Sat. Jan. 26th 9AM-3PM
Otto Center in Arthur, Illinois



General line antiques, country, primitives, farmhouse, signage, folk art, farm toys, vintage, retro and much more! Come spend some time shopping and get rid of winter blues. Lots of free parking and heated indoor space.

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