

# DOUGLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

**TRAFFIC CITATIONS**  
Angel M. De La Garza, 20, Tuscola, speeding 88 mph in a 55 mph zone  
Marvin L. Fairfield Jr., 58, Villa Grove, overweight on axle, with a road surface weight of 34,000 through axles 4/5 being 4,200 pounds in excess of maximum allowed  
Melony J. Moore, 56, Tuscola, speeding 82 mph in a 55 mph zone  
Jerald W. Bonds, 26, Arthur, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone  
William B. Hawk, 57,

Tuscola, speeding 75 mph in a 55 mph zone  
**CRIMINAL CHARGES**  
Craig A. Willard, 25, Arthur, charged with Class 3 felony count of possession of methamphetamine in that on June 21 he knowingly and unlawfully had in his possession less than 5 grams of substance containing methamphetamine.  
Nathaniel A. Riney, 39, Arcola, charged with Class 4 felony count of driving while driver's license is revoked in that he drove a motor vehicle

at a time when his driver's license or privilege to drive was revoked as a result of a conviction for Driving Under the Influence and for sentencing purposes, the defendant having violated this Section on at least two prior occasions being Feb. 3, 2016 in Effingham County and May 18, 2014 in Jackson County.  
Jeff L. Bolin, 51, Tuscola, charged with Class 4 felony count of driving while driver's license revoked in that he drove a motor vehicle at a time when his driver's license

was revoked as a result of a conviction for Driving Under the Influence, and for sentencing purposes, the defendant having violated this Section on at least three prior occasions, being Aug. 12, 2001 in Macon County, Feb. 7, 1999 in Coles County, and Oct. 18, 1998 in Macon County.

**CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS**  
People vs Kyle C. Reel, 23, Downs. Guilty plea entered on one count of unlawful delivery of alcohol to a minor, a Class A misdemeanor. Judgment withheld pending successful completion of six months court supervision. Defendant ordered to pay various fees and penalties totaling \$1,189.

People vs Samantha M. Jones, 51, Arcola. Guilty plea entered on one count of resisting or obstructing a peace officer, a Class A misdemeanor. No judgment entered. Defendant sentenced to 12 months court supervision and ordered to pay various fees and penalties totaling \$939.

**SMALL CLAIMS**  
Longview Bank vs Donica Duke-Danison, Newman. Plaintiff Longview Bank claims defendant Duke-Danison is indebted to it in the amount of \$5,964.29 for failure to comply with the agreed upon terms of a consumer

loan.  
Heights Finance Corporation (Champaign) vs Tammie Embry, Arcola. Plaintiff Heights Finance claims defendant Embry is indebted to it in the amount of \$1,360.25 for failure to comply with the agreed upon terms of a consumer loan.

**REAL ESTATE**  
Earl L. Williams and Donna L. Dietrich issued First Federal Bank of Tuscola a mortgage for Lot 4 in South Ward Square, Tuscola (405 E. Wilson St.)

Illinois Bank One issued Richard Webb and Betty Webb a release of mortgage for Lot 21 in Block 22 of Original Town Camargo (214 W. Main St.)

Jeffery J. Edwards and Lisa Marie Edwards issued Ameren Illinois an easement for Section: 1; Range: 7; Quarter Section: NE; Twp: 14 (Existing Pole)

Daren Kay Gross issued Ameren Illinois an easement for Section: 17; Range: 14; Qtr Section: NE; Twp: 15

James E. Lansford and Elaine M. Dossett issued Busey Bank a mortgage for Section: 34; Qtr Section: SE, Camargo (976 N. State Route 130)

Catlin Bank issued Justin Kingery and Mindy Kingery

a release of mortgage for Lot 3 of Doris Subdivision, Tuscola (Lot 3 Justice Street)

Wade A.M. Shiu issued Conner E. Plotner a warranty deed for Lot 1 in Block 35 of Original Town Tuscola (302 S. Parke St.)

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Charles E. Benner and Susan J. Benner issued TNB Bank a mortgage for Section: 24; Range: 7; Qtr Section: SW; TWP: 16, Tuscola (118 N CR E)

First Neighbor Bank issued Beth N. Leitz and David G. Boyd a release of mortgage for Section: 4; Range: 10; Qtr Section: NE; Twp: 15

Villa Grove State Bank issued James L. Kestner and Tami Kestner a satisfaction of mortgage for Section: 13; Range: 9; Twp: 13

Scott A. Branca issued Illinois National Bank a mortgage for Section: 28; Range: 8; Qtr Section: NE; Twp: 16, Tuscola (1130 N Highway 45)

Richard A. Taylor issued Andrew Romine and Regina Romine a warranty deed for Lot 19 in Block 8 of Enterprise Subdivision, Tuscola (914 E. Pembroke St.)

## Lillard Receives First Place in Junior American Citizen Contest



The Stephen A. Douglas Chapter, NSDAR announced that Ryan Lillard, Villa Grove Elementary School, was a First Place winner of the Junior American Citizen Contest this spring.

## Kneer Earns Villa Grove Junior High 2019 DAR American History Award

Allison Kneer, daughter of Robert and Nicole Kneer, was the 2019 Villa Grove Junior High recipient of the Stephen A. Douglas Chapter, DAR American History Award. Allison was selected because of her great understanding of historical facts and insight into the reasoning for decisions which have influenced both U.S. and global events; Allison also

had concise perceptions and thoughtful understanding of cause and effect situations. The Villa Grove Junior High Social Studies teacher was Sharon Hoffman. Jane Faust, Stephen A. Douglas Chapter member, presented the award to Allison.

Promotion of the study of American History and Current Events continues to be a focus of the Stephen A.

Douglas Chapter, NSDAR. Annually the Chapter presents a certificate and a medal to an outstanding Junior High student in each of the Douglas County Schools.

Other 2019 awards were also presented to: Arcola: Eadie Budd; Arthur: Kaylee Schrock; Atwood: Regann Bowles; Shiloh: Kaylin Williams; Tuscola: Mason Veach

## A Look Back at One Hundred and Twelve Years cont'd from pg. 1

ciation are making plans for the annual banquet and dance on Saturday, May 27. 1500 invitations, in the form of a letter, will be mailed to members, including everyone in Villa Grove. This is the first time in many years that the invitation is being mailed to those in Villa Grove. It had always been the thinking of the officers that Villa Grove residents should take it for granted that they were invited and so the mailing was omitted here. However, many here felt that they hadn't been invited. Officers and interested members are needed on May 2 to help address the 1500 letters. If you can help, please call Vicki Gentry.

Eversole Appointed New City Alderman  
City council Monday night acted on sever matters on a lengthy agenda that kept them in session until after 11'oclock.

Darrell Shade was given permission to operate a "Mr. Softee" truck in Villa Grove. Permission was also given Shade to operate the concession at Little League games in Henson Park this summer.

Council passed the liquor ordinance that strikes from the old ordinance the section "No dancing on Sunday." Closing hour for taverns was set at 12 a.m. Central Standard Time from April 30-September 29.

The city agreed to participate in the same little league program as was conducted last summer. This includes

a payment of \$500 by the city. Donations will also be accepted from little league supporters.

Mayor appoints Eversole  
Mayor John A. Leon appointed Garrett Eversole to replace Billy Heyduck, Ward I alderman. Heyduck resigned because he has accepted a teaching position at Eastern Illinois University. Council approved appointment of Eversole.

Following a discussion about complaints of debris on the old school house grounds, the Council directed the city attorney to file suit on the basis that it is a nuisance.

Complaint on Trains  
Council discussed the many complaints being received about the blocking of railroad crossings being blocked by lengthy trains. City Attorney James Sherrick suggested that persons should take the date, the time they waited, and the direction of the train to the State's Attorney whenever they had a complaint of this kind.

A new resolution for maintenance of arterial streets had to be made because the previous resolution called for an expenditure of \$13,740. State engineers had turned this down because it was too high in relation to the amount used last year. The new resolution calls for \$13,225 and this was approved.

School Board Votes to Close Camargo

Camargo to close  
In a discussion of the

Camargo School, it was estimated it would cost approximately \$20,000 to comply with the Health and Safety code and that this work would have to be completed by September 1970.

Further discussion brought out the fact that another bus will be needed and possibly another teacher or two if the Camargo school continues in operation. There is also a substantial deficit in the hot lunch program at the Camargo School.

Following the discussion, a motion was made "That if our new school rooms at Villa Grove are available for occupancy August 28,1967, we will close Camargo School." There were seven ayes.

Our final jump in time moves us forward another 50 years, to volume 111, no. 3, published on Wednesday April 25, 2018.

The front-page story was about upcoming events in Villa Grove.

VG Heating up in Early May with Trio of Events

The weekend of May 5 is looking like a great time to be in Villa Grove, with three special events set to kick off.

Up first, at 10 am on Saturday, May 5th, the Walter Jones VFW post will host their annual Loyalty Day parade. The holiday was first observed in 1921, during the first Red Scare, and was originally called "Americanization"

Day. In the fifties, during the second Red Scare, it was recognized by the US Congress and President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed May 1, 1955 as the first observance of Loyalty Day, and it has been recognized with an official proclamation every year by every president since its inception. The Villa Grove parade will kick off at 10, with lineup starting at 9.

Next up, Villa Grove is set to have a rocking good time celebrating Cinco de Mayo with two bands, Garrett & the Geezers, and local favorites "The feudin' Hillbillys. This street party is going to be held at the south end of Main street and the fine folks from the VFW, The Scoop, JR's and El Rancho Grande will be on hand to meet all your food and beverage needs.

Taking the stage at 5 pm, Garrett & the Geezers, relatively new to the local music scene, are developing a reputation for delivering eclectic, energetic sets that cover practically all the musical bases. The band is composed of Garrett Gunter on lead guitar and vocals, along with "Geezers" Bruce Cox on drums and Michael Hallihan on bass.

For the past decade, the Feudin' Hillbillys have strove to put on the highest energy show around, and their resume' proves that they've earned that reputation, having opened for Luke Bryan,

Tim McGraw and others. Almost all the band members sing. Derrick Roy is the drummer, Wes Sperry plays bass, and sings and Rod Evans and Patrick Sheppard handle lead guitar duties, along with vocals. What the Geezers get started, the Hillbillys will definitely finish!

The weekend will wrap up with the 2018 Miss Villa Grove pageant on Sunday May 6th at 6 pm at the high school. New co-directors Elizabeth Nieto and Madison Smith will welcome four Miss Villa Grove (ages 17-21), six junior Miss Villa Grove (11-14), and eight little Miss Villa Grove candidates to the stage.

The older contestants will be expected to give presentations to the audience, with the Junior Miss Villa Grove contestants being asked to speak specifically about the local businesses that have

sponsored them in their title quest. Co-director Liz Nieto was ebullient when discussing the pageant's revival. "We really want the event to have a positive impact on the young ladies who are participating," she said. She also mentioned that a \$250 scholarship will be awarded.

Rosie Cler always said that Villa Grove was "a nice place to live", but on the weekend of May 5th, it will be an even funner place to be.

There you have it. One hundred and twelve years of the Villa Grove News, condensed into 1800 words. It seems inadequate, somehow, but we'll keep doing our best to bring you the best stories of our town. Be on the lookout for changes coming in next weeks edition.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### DRAINAGE ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of September, 2019 at the residence of Marvin Cler, 1532 N CR1850 E, Villa Grove, IL 61956, for the purpose of electing one Drainage Commissioner for the Drainage District No. 1 of Newman and Murdock, for a term of three years. The polls of said election will open at the hour of 2:00 p.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. of said day.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2019.  
Julie Mills  
Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of said Drainage District  
published 07/17, 24/2019

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL L. CLER, Deceased.

#### NOTICE OF DEATH AND CLAIM PERIOD

Notice is hereby given to creditors of the death of PAUL L. CLER. Letters of Office were issued on July 10, 2019, to EDWARD C. CLER of 1151 N CR 1600 E, Villa Grove, IL 61956, and KEITH P. CLER of 403 Pond Ridge Lane, Urbana, IL 61802, as Co-Executors, and whose attorney of record is CHESTER R. KELLER, 7 North Main Street, Villa Grove, IL 61956.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Douglas County Courthouse, 401 S. Center Street, Tuscola, Illinois 61953, or with the personal representative, or both, on or before the 17th day of January, 2020, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is re-

quired by Sec. 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

EDWARD C. CLER and KEITH P. CLER, Co-Executors

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