

Moultrie County Courthouse News

Moultrie

(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 Moultrie County Circuit Clerk in the Courthouse, Sullivan.

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 Moultrie County Clerk during the same weekly period.)

Traffic Citations

Joshua L. Dodd, 35, Sullivan, speeding more than 35 mph over limit.

Tedric D. Spates, 26, Decatur, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Anthony J. Dunham, 22, Robinson, speeding more than 35 mph over limit.

Isacc MD Ashenfelter, 20, Arthur, speeding more than 35 mph over limit.

Melvin Lavert Neal, 31, Decatur, operating uninsured motor vehicle.

Brylan A. Speer, 29, Pana, driving on revoked license.

Brylan A. Speer, 29, Pana, driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Civil Cases

Plaintiff Richard Levine vs Defendant Village of

Lovington, dismiss/want of prosecution. 12/23/2020.

Plaintiff Moultrie County Probation vs Defendant Lucas T. Johnson, Sullivan, other 12/23/20.

Plaintiff U S Bank National Association, Lincolnwood vs Defendant Richard L. Broutin, Lovington, Contract Damage more than \$10,000 less than \$15,000, 12/29/2020.

Criminal Cases

Felicia M. Brinkley, 31, c/o Moultrie County Jail, Sullivan, possession of meth less than 5 grams, 12/20/2020.

Real Estate

Mortgage Assignment: Scott State Bank and Cole Garrett transferred mortgage to Community Banc Mortgage Corporation for Subdiv: RED BIRD HILLS L: 25 B: P: OL.

Warranty Deed: Florey Thomas R and Florey Cheryl M granted a warranty deed to Mowry Robert and Mowry Kasey for Subdiv: ORIG TWN BETH L: B: 2 P: OL.

Mortgage: Mowry Robert and Mowry Kasey granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc, Mortgage Research Center LLC, Veterans United Home Loans DBA for Subdiv: ORIG TWN BETH L: B: 2 P: OL., Subdiv: T NOBLES ADD L: B: 29 P: OL.

Release of Lien: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc and First Mid Bank & Trust NA granted

release of lien to Weaver Tracy L. and Weaver Tyler J. for Subdiv: ROLEY EST 1ST L: 15 B: C P: OL.

Mortgage: Schrock Wayne and Schrock Rheba Kay granted a mortgage to First State Bank for Tract: S: 11 T: 15N R: 6.00E -NW-NW.

Warranty Deed: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation granted a warranty deed to Jensen Rachele Margrethe for Subdiv: RHODES SUB 1 L: 4 B: P: OL.

Release of Lien: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc and Citibank NA granted release of lien to Matlock Alan Dale and Matlock Angela Marie for Subdiv: SCCES 2 02 L: 21 B: P: OL.

Release of Lien: First Mid Bank & Trust NA granted release of lien to Brubaker Nathanael D and Brubaker Twila M for Tract: S: 25 T: 14N R: 5.00E -.

Warranty Deed: City of Sullivan granted a warranty deed to Tabeling Development Company LLC for Tract: S: 11 T: 13N R: 5.00E -SE-SE.

Mortgage: Tabeling Development Company LLC granted a mortgage to State Bank of Bement for Tract: S: 11 T: 13N R: 5.00E -SE-SE.

Warranty Deed: Kelley Kimberly Banks, Artasevich Gwendolyn Jones, Lemar Linda E Trustee, Linda Ekiss Lemar Living Trust, Caruthers Jean E Trustee,

Jean E Caruthers Living Trust, Martin Stewart Lee, Johnson Tina Louise, Steele Becky Mae, Martin Carlie Renee, Canody Janelle Nicole, and Martin Tiffany C. granted a warranty deed to Ku-Dew Farms Inc for Tracts: S: 15 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SE-SE, S: 15 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SW-SE, S: 22 T: 14N R: 5.00E NW-NE-NE, S: 22 T: 14N R: 5.00E NE-NE-NE, S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SE-NW, S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SW-NW, S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SE-NW-NW, S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SE-NE-NW, S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SW-NW-NW, S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SW-NW-NW.

Mortgage: Ku-Dew Farms Inc granted a mortgage to Farm Credit Illinois FLCA for Tracts: S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SE-NW, S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SW-NW, S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SE-NW-NW, S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SE-NE-NW, S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SW-NW-NW, S: 23 T: 14N R: 5.00E -SW-NW-NW, S: 23 T: 14N R: 6.00E -NE, S: 20 T: 14N R: 6.00E -NE-SE, S: 21 T: 14N R: 6.00E -NW, S: 21 T: 14N R: 6.00E -NE.

Mortgage: First National Bank of Sullivan Trust 864, First Community Bank of Moultrie Trust 684 NKA granted a mortgage to First Community Bank of Moultrie County for Subdiv: C STONES ADD L: 27 B: P: OL.

Mortgage Assignment: First Community Bank of Moultrie County, : First National Bank of Sullivan Trust 864, First Community Bank of Moultrie Trust 684 NKA granted a mortgage transfer to Petefish Skiles & Co Bank for Subdiv: C STONES ADD L: 27 B: P: OL.

Mortgage: Nettles Ryan D granted a mortgage to First Mid Bank & Trust NA for Tracts: S: 11 T: 15N R: 6.00E -NW-NE and S: 11 T: 15N R: 6.00E -NE-NE.

Miscellaneous Document: Perry Spencer E. granted a miscellaneous document to Righter Angela M. for Subdiv: ORIG TOWN SULL L: 7 B: 6 P: OL. and Subdiv: ORIG TOWN SULL L: 8 B:

6 P: OL.

Green Document: Party 1 First Midwest Bank Trust 5693, Party 2 Schrock Devon Levi.

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Green Document: Party 1 Brothers James Michael, Party 2 Crowe Caleb M.

Green Document: Party 1 First Mid Wealth Management Company of Mattoon Trust 44190000, Party 2 Winings Farms Inc.

Green Document: Party 1 Ferguson Julie A, Party 2 Yoder Brandon.

Green Document: Party 1 Bryant Phillip A, Party 2 Cole Garrett.

Green Document: Party 1 Florey Thomas R., Florey Cheryl M., Party 2 Mowry Robert, Mowry Kasey.

Mediacom Offers \$60,000 in Scholarships to H.S. Seniors

CHARLESTON, IL – DECEMBER 30, 2020 – Mediacom Communications is offering \$60,000 in scholarship support for high school seniors who plan to obtain further education. The scholarship program is in its 20th consecutive year and Mediacom's investment will award \$1,000 World Class Scholarships to 60 high school seniors.

Scholarship recipients are given the flexibility to use the financial award to support post-secondary college costs or vocational training from an accredited institution starting in the fall of 2021. Award selection is based on academic achievement and leadership.

Applications for Mediacom's World Class Scholarships are available online at www.mediacomworldclass.com. All high schools in Mediacom-served communities were sent informational cards asking school officials to make seniors aware of the scholarship and encourage application submissions on or before the February 15, 2021 deadline.

"As a company, Media-

com makes it a priority to give back to communities in which we do business, and one of the best ways is to invest in promising students who are our future leaders," said Mediacom Regional Vice President Steve Purcell.

Applicants do not have to be Mediacom customers but must live in areas where Mediacom's fiber-rich broadband network delivers Gigabit-speed internet service. Recipients will be selected from the 21 states where Mediacom's residential customers reside. A complete list of communities in Mediacom service areas is included with the online application. Inquiries may be sent to scholarship@mediacomcc.com.

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• *Students Encouraged to Apply by Feb. 15 Deadline*

• *School officials received information to connect students to online applications*

Use winter to plan for a fruit garden

DOUG HARLAN
County Extension Director
Serving DeWitt, Macon and Piatt Counties

Winter is a time for togetherness and rest before spring. It's also a great time to look ahead and make plans for new garden ventures. "A perennial fruit garden is a great project with years of benefits," says Bruce Black, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. "Proper planning and set up can give you decades' worth of fresh produce."

Begin by looking at the landscape and deciding if and how much space is available for new additions. Tree fruit, such as apples, peaches, and cherries, need more space than small fruits, such as kiwis, strawberries, blackberries, and blueberries. Those with limited space can consider container fruits.

Next, consider the site. Fruit plantings prefer a full-sun, fertile location. Planting in an elevated or sloped site helps with water drainage and air circulation. A windbreak helps tree fruits in the winter and keeping out of low-laying areas helps to avoid frost pockets.

"Make sure you pick a convenient location close to a water source," Black says. "If it is out of sight, gardeners may not prioritize its maintenance, or prefer not to walk to a distant site in the heat of the summer."

Doing a soil test provides a baseline of nutrients and pH. Amendments can be made, as needed, for fruit crop varieties.

Avoid areas that may have had Verticillium wilt, a soilborne fungus that can affect more than 300 plant species. Verticillium wilt reduces fruit yields and, causes wilting, stunting, and killing of plants. Plants may be infected for a while before symptoms are visible. Try not to plant in areas where tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, melons, okra, beets, or roses have

been planted within the last three to five years.

The final step in planning a fruit garden, is selecting plants. Cultivars should be adapted for USDA Zone 5, or colder, for Northern Illinois and Zone 6, or colder, for Southern Illinois. Look at local garden centers, nurseries, and national fruit stock retailers for cultivars and necessary cross-pollinator cultivars.

"While you are researching and planning, feel free to contact the Extension office in your county with

any questions," Black says. "Master Gardener volunteers and staff are happy to provide guidance and recommendations."

For more information on fruit garden planting, including fruit-specific information and cultivar recommendations, check out University of Illinois Extension's Small Fruit Crops for the Backyard website at web.extension.illinois.edu/fruit/index.cfm.

SOURCE: Bruce J. Black, Horticulture Educator, Illinois Extension

Only three new laws take effect January 1

Minimum wage increase to \$11/hour will also be in effect

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SPRINGFIELD — When a new year begins in Illinois, there typically are dozens if not hundreds of new laws going into effect.

Not this year. Like so many other things in 2020, the legislative spring session was stunted by COVID-19. Once the global pandemic reached Illinois in March, the General Assembly would meet for only four more days — wrapping up the odd session during masked and socially distanced gatherings at the Capitol and Bank of Springfield Center. The fall veto session was scrapped altogether.

As a result, only three new laws will take effect on Jan. 1, 2021. Here's a look at them, as well as the next increase in the minimum wage that will be applied Friday:

Insulin costs cap

Senate Bill 667 (Public Act 101-0625) amends the Illinois Insurance Code to cap out-of-pocket insulin costs at \$100 per month for all patients using a state regulated insurance plan, regardless of the amount of insulin or type of covered

prescription insulin drug used to fill the insured patient's prescription.

Roughly 1.3 million adults in Illinois, or 12.5 percent of the population, have diabetes, according to the legislation.

SB 667 also provides that the Illinois Department of Insurance, along with the Department of Human Services and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, must create a public insulin pricing report that includes a summary of insulin pricing practices and public policy recommendations to control and prevent the overpricing of insulin prescriptions.

Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill, chief sponsor of the Senate bill, said in a statement that the legislation shows Illinoisans don't have to accept costly prescriptions as the status quo.

"We can change the fact that prescription medication costs more in the United States than any place in the world. This legislation passed because people spoke up and told their story. This historic legislation doesn't become law without them and their effort," Manar said in the statement.

Use of DNA in missing

person cases

House Bill 2708 (Public Act 101-0266) amends the Missing Persons Identification Act to allow law enforcement agencies to obtain a DNA sample of a missing person or a DNA reference sample from family members' DNA, once a missing person report is made.

The law also provides that law enforcement cannot retain DNA samples from family members or the missing person after the person has been located.

It also adds the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, a national information clearinghouse for missing persons, to the list of laboratories that law enforcement agencies can work with when trying to find a missing person.

Sen. Tony Munoz, D-Chicago, who was one of the bill's sponsors, said in a news release that using the national system will hopefully help law enforcement find missing people sooner.

"Successfully finding a missing person requires law enforcement to move fast, and we want to make sure they have every tool available to do their job," Munoz said in the release.

Keeping victims'

addresses confidential

House Bill 2818 (Public Act 101-0270) amends the Address Confidentiality for

Victims of Domestic Violence Act by including survivors of sexual assault and stalking in the Illinois Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), which offers survivors protection from their abusers by allowing them to acquire and use a substitute address instead of their real address.

HB 2818 allows survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking who fear for their safety to apply to the ACP through the Attorney General's Office. The ACP forwards all first-class mail and provides survivors with a substitute address for public records and documents, such as driver's licenses and state-issued identification cards.

The bill also changes the name of the law, from the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act to the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking Act.

In a written statement, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said ACP is an important added layer of protection and peace of mind for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

"I am committed to ensuring that survivors have access to the resources and support needed to aid their recoveries, and I encourage

survivors to participate in this program that can help protect them from the individuals who perpetrated crimes against them," Raoul said in the statement.

Minimum wage increase

The minimum wage in Illinois will rise from \$10 per hour to \$11 per hour on Jan. 1.

The Illinois General Assembly passed increases to the minimum wage in 2019 with legislation that raises the minimum wage \$1 every year until it reaches \$15 per hour in 2025.

In 2020, wage earners saw their hourly wage increase from \$8.25 to \$9.25 on Jan. 1, and to \$10 on July 1.

"We want to make sure that workers earning minimum wage are aware that the \$1 increase should be reflected in their paychecks for any time they work after the first of the year," Michael Kleinik, director of the Illinois Department of Labor, said in a news release. "While we fully expect employers will pay the new wage, we also want workers to be aware of the change."

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