

Douglas County Courthouse News

Douglas
(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 CITATIONS
Ieisha T. Jefferson, 29, Arcola, speeding 15 to 20 mph over posted speed limit. Arcola PD. Filed April 30.
Ieisha T. Jefferson, 29, Arcola, operating a vehicle with a loud system. Arcola PD. Filed April 30.
Jill M. McElwee, 43, Arcola, permitting an unauthorized person to drive a motor vehicle. Arcola PD. Filed April 30.
Jade L. Devlin, 18, Tuscola, speeding 21 to 25 mph over posted speed limit. Douglas County PD. Filed May 3.
Anthony R.M. Sizemore, 22, Danville, speeding 1 to 10 mph over posted speed limit. Newman PD. Filed May 3.
Lucas W. Decker, 26, Philo, speeding 21 to 25 mph over posted speed limit. Vil-

la Grove PD. Filed May 4.
Mark A. Maidens, 22, Tolono, improper traffic lane usage. ISP. Filed May 4.

OTHER TRAFFIC CITATIONS
Eli W. Beachy, 29, Atwood, overweight on axle - 4th or subsequent offense on US Route 36 westbound on Interstate 57, Tuscola. Filed April 29.
Darrius D. Ervin, 31, Chicago, no registration plate on vehicle front or rear - 1st and 2nd offense on Interstate 57 northbound at mile marker 212, Tuscola. Filed April 29.
Darrius D. Ervin, 31, Chicago, failure to carry driver's license on person while operating a motor vehicle on Interstate 57 northbound at mile marker 212, Tuscola. Filed April 29.
Walter W. Miller, 60, Arthur, overweight on axle bridge - 1st thru 3rd offenses on US Route 36 westbound of Interstate 57, Tuscola. Filed April 29.
Charles E. Smith, 59, Milwaukee, WI, driving while driver's license is revoked on Interstate 57 ramp from US Route 36, Tuscola. Filed April 29.
Charles E. Smith, 59, Milwaukee, WI, operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Interstate 57 ramp from US Route 36, Tuscola. Filed April 29.
Charles E. Smith, 59, Milwaukee, WI, disobeyed a traffic control device on Interstate 57 ramp from US Route 36, Tuscola. Filed April 29.

Ayanna A. Williams, 24, Riverdale, driving while driver's license is suspended on Interstate 57 northbound at mile marker 212, Tuscola. Filed April 29.
Carl D. Hunt, 31, Oakland, driving while driver's license is suspended on Route 133 northbound to Route 45, Arcola. Filed April 30.
Janet R. Mika, 35, Mattoon, driving while driver's license is suspended on Route 133 and Interstate 57 southbound on ramp, Arcola. Filed April 30.
Anthony T. Shoot, 42, Mattoon, operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Route 133 and Pine Street, Arcola. Filed April 30.
Kathi A. Partenheimer, 38, Newman, passing school bus - loading or unloading on US Route 36, Tuscola. Filed May 3.
Gertrude Segbee, 24, Redford Township, MI, operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Sycamore and Lincoln Streets, Villa Grove. Filed May 4.
Cody J. Dallas, 36, Tuscola, driving while driver's license is revoked on Apgar Drive, Tuscola. Filed May 4.

CRIMINAL CHARGES
Ryan W. Turner, 27, Tuscola, charged with a Count 1 Class 1 felony in that in April 2021 he allegedly com-

mitted the offense of false impersonation in that said defendant knowingly and falsely represents himself to be a peace officer in attempting or committing a forcible felony in that said defendant identified himself to someone as a "Douglas County police officer" while committing the offense of aggravated battery, a forcible felony. Additionally charged with a Count 2 Class 3 felony in that he allegedly committed the offense of aggravated battery in that said defendant, in committing a battery, and other than by discharge of a firearm and while the victim was on or about a public way, being a sidewalk, said defendant knowingly made physical contact of an insulting nature with the victim int that he put his arm around the victim's neck, placing them in a chokehold.
Cody J. Dallas, 36, Tuscola, charged with a Count 1 Class 3 felony in that in April 2021 he allegedly committed the offense of unlawful possession of weapons by felons in that said defendant knowingly possessed on or about his person a weapon prohibited under Section 24-1 being a switchblade knife and the defendant having been previously convicted of a felony violation of Article 24 of this Code, being in Case Number 2012 CF 8 of the offense of unlawful delivery of controlled substances, a Class 2 felony under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Additionally charged with a Count 2 Class 3 felony in that he allegedly committed the offense of possession of methamphetamine in that said defendant knowingly possessed less than 5 grams of methamphetamine or a substance containing methamphetamine.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Jamie Marie Hill and Jimmie Allen Nichols, both of Tolono.
Victoria Laine Perry and Ty Andrew Sandy, both of Leroy.
David Russell Waltz and Abigail Ann Hall, both of Hume.
Solan Marshall Mcachran of Oakland and Logan Paige Headrick of Arcola.
Charles Michael McSpadden and Denise Nicole Kielhorn, both of Arcola.
Brittany Nichole Strubhar and Joseph Talmage Leisure, both of Urbana.

REAL ESTATE
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc and State Bank of Lincoln granted a release mortgage to Larry F. Belton and Regina

S. Belton for Morningside 4th Subdivision, Lots 57 and 58, Parcel 02-07-30-338-004, Arthur. (410 Orchard Lane)
Eric D. Kuhns granted a warranty deed to Sara E. Gingerich and Allison Kuhns for Reeder's 2nd Addition Subdivision, Block 7, Lots 9 and 10, Parcel 02-07-30-345-015, Arthur. (418 E Columbia)
Gharu Capital LLC granted a warranty deed to Misty M. Miller for Reeder's 2nd Addition Subdivision, Block C, Parcel 02-07-30-336-007, Arthur. (500 S Union Street)
Amanda S. Meredith and Shaun D. Meredith granted a mortgage to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Yoder's Farm Subdivision, Section 31, Township 15, Range 7, Lot 7, and Surrey Lane Subdivision Lot 11, Parcels 02-07-31-203-007 and 02-07-31-203-008, Arthur. (1024 Amanda Court)
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems and University of Illinois Community Credit Union granted a satisfaction of mortgage to David R. McGrath and Haley E. McGrath for Morningside 4th Subdivision, Lot 104, Parcel 02-07-30-339-011, Arthur. (419 Crestwood Drive)

Town Talk

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their primary occupation. In Illinois, 97% of all farms are operated by a single family or by closely-related family members. The typical farm family in Douglas County manages at least 1,000 acres of tillable farmland. The county is also a strong livestock producer featuring chickens, beef cattle, milk cows, sheep, swine and horses. In 1920 there were 168,298 chickens compared to 19,694 in 2012. The Douglas County Farm Bureau was one of the most beneficial organizations to the farmers of the county. It was organized in 1920 largely through the efforts of J.R. Clisby, John McCarty, W.F. Goodspeed, G.R. Helm, Gover McCormick and Eddgar Morow. The association was very active in its efforts to better the condition of the farmers. The livestock department of the association was organized and enabled the farmers to sell their stock at advantageous prices and eliminate the middle-

man's profits. Great effort was spent by the management of the bureau to secure better sales for the farmers and to help aid them to raise better livestock and to enable them to secure the best kind of fertilizer. The Douglas County Farm Bureau is still in operation assisting farmers to the day. *Statistics from the USDA Census of Agriculture as reported by the Illinois Farm Bureau.

LITTLE KNOWN HISTORY/KATE WARNE
"In 1856, twenty-three-year-old widow Kate Warne walked into the office of the Pinkerton Detective Agency in Chicago, announcing that she had seen the company's ad and wanted to apply for the job. "Sorry," Alan Pinkerton told her, "but we don't have any clerical staff openings. We're looking to hire a new detective." Pinkerton would later describe Warne as having a "commanding" presence that morning. "I'm here to apply for the detective position," she replied. Taken aback, Pinkerton explained to Kate that women aren't suited to be detectives, and then Kate forcefully and eloquently made her case. Women have access to places male detectives can't go, she noted, and women can befriend the wives and girlfriends of suspects and gain information from them. Finally, she observed, men tend to become braggards around women who encourage boasting, and women have keen eyes for detail. Pinkerton was convinced. He hired her.

Shortly after Warne was hired, she proved her value as a detective by befriend-ing the wife of a suspect in a major embezzlement case. Warne not only gained the information necessary to arrest and convict the thief, but she discovered where the embezzled funds were hidden and was able to recover nearly all of them. On another case she extracted a confession from a suspect while posing as a fortune teller. Pinkerton was so impressed that he created a Women's Detective Bureau within his agency and made Kate Warne the leader of it. In her most famous case, Kate Warne may have changed the history of the world. In February 1861 the president of the Wilmington and Baltimore railroad hired Pinkerton to investigate rumors of threats against the railroad. Looking into it,

Pinkerton soon found evidence of something much more dangerous—a plot to assassinate Abraham Lincoln before his inauguration. Pinkerton assigned Kate Warne to the case. Taking the persona of "Mrs. Cherry," a Southern woman visiting Baltimore, she managed to infiltrate the secessionist movement there and learn the specific details of the scheme—a plan to kill the president-elect as he passed through Baltimore on the way to Washington.

Pinkerton relayed the threat to Lincoln and urged him to travel to Washington from a different direction. But Lincoln was unwilling to cancel the speaking engagements he had agreed to along the way, so Pinkerton resorted to a Plan B. For the trip through Baltimore Lincoln was secretly transferred to a different train and disguised as an invalid. Posing as his caregiver was Kate Warne. When she afterwards described her sleepless night with the President, Pinkerton was inspired to adopt the motto that became famously associated with his agency: "We never sleep." The details Kate Warne had uncovered had enabled the "Baltimore Plot" to be thwarted.

During the Civil War, Warne and the female detectives under her supervision conducted numerous risky espionage missions, with Warne's charm and her skill at impersonating a Confederate sympathizer giving her access to valuable intelligence. After the war she continued to handle dangerous undercover assignments on high-profile

cases, while at the same time overseeing the agency's growing staff of female detectives.

Kate Warne, America's first female detective, died of pneumonia at age 34, on January 28, 1868, one hundred fifty-three years ago. "She never let me down," Pinkerton said of one of his most trusted and valuable agents. She was buried in the Pinkerton family plot in Chicago."

MARY PETERS

I wrote about Mary back in December when she passed away. Because of covid the family decided to wait on any sort of service so a funeral/memorial service was held at the Arthur cemetery this past Saturday. Daughter Karen Peters Shea did a wonderful job of putting together a fitting memorial for her mom. It was a beautiful, sunny, although a bit chilly and breezy morning. Much of her family was there as well as old friends who worked with her at the bank and who knew her from church. Grandson Mark gave a very fitting eulogy capturing the Mary we all knew. Great grandchildren Katie and Reed read scripture and a poem. Those gathered sang a couple of hymns together, some of Mary's favorite songs. All in all a very nice tribute to a very nice lady who is greatly missed. The back of the funeral card reads: "The family would like to thank family and friends for their abundant love and caring for Mary throughout her life. She was truly blessed."

And that's -30- today for celebrating the many college graduates in the area!

LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of LAWRENCE LYNN JONES, deceased	No. 2021-P-21 NOTICE OF CLAIM PERIOD
Notice is given of the death of LAWRENCE LYNN JONES of the Village of Arthur, Douglas County, Illinois. Letters of Office as Independent Executor were issued April 22, 2021, to MARTHA ANN JONES, 617 E. Parkview Dr., Arthur, Illinois 61911, whose attorney is Law Office of Kosic & Stout, P.C., 130 North Locust/P.O. Box 112, Arcola, Illinois 61910.	barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Douglas County Courthouse, Tuscola, Illinois, 61953, or with the Representative, or both, on or before November 5, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is	MARTHA ANN JONES Independent Executor of the Estate of LAWRENCE LYNN JONES, Deceased
	by: Robert E. Kosic, ARDC #6309469 Law Office of Kosic & Stout, P.C. 130 No. Locust/P.O. Box 112 Arcola, IL 61910 217/268-3609 desi@kosiclegal.com published 05/05, 05/12, 05/19/2021

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