

Douglas County



Court News

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Dalton C. Eades, 18, Tuscola, registration expired.

Nadya M. Gauna, 47, Arcola, child restraint violation / child under 8.

Rigoberto Cendejas Rodriguez, 36, Chicago, improper passing of an emergency vehicle.

Deborah M. Ozee, 51, Mattoon, operating vehicle/registration suspended.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

Dyllan J. Kistner charged with a Class A misdemeanor for alleged unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor.

Andres P. Chavez, 28, Benbrook, Texas, charged with a Class 3 felony for alleged possession of firearm without FOIID.

Corey L. Larimore, 52, Tuscola, charged with a Class 3 felony for alleged unlawful use of weapons by felon; a Class 3 felony for alleged possession of methamphetamine; a Class 4 felony for alleged aggravated fleeing or attempt to elude a peace officer; a Class 4 felony for alleged driving while license revoked; a Class A misdemeanor for alleged driving on revoked license; a Class A misdemeanor for alleged speeding 35+ MPH over limit; a Class P for alleged depositing material on highway; and a Class P for alleged disobeying stop sign.

Kyle D. Smith-Merriweather, 28, Decatur, charged with a Class 4 felony for alleged driving while driver's license revoked; a Class A misdemeanor for alleged driving on revoked license; and a Class B misdemeanor for alleged possession of cannabis.

CRIMINAL JUDGMENT

Chanda L. Olalde, Neoga, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 43 days in the Douglas County Jail and 12 months conditional discharge.

REAL ESTATE

First Mid Bank & Trust NA granted a release mortgage to DBA Real Estate, LLC for Sec. 30,

Twp. 15, Range 7, Govt. Lot NW NW; Progress Sub. Arthur, Block 8, Lot 14.

Glenda Rae Swanson granted a mortgage to University of Illinois Employees Credit Union for Pleasant View Sub. Villa Grove, Block 2, Lot 8.

US Bank National Association granted a satisfaction of mortgage to Darrel R. Thompson and Margaret A. Thompson for Sec. 35, Twp. 15, Range 8, Govt. Lot NW.

Jeffrey B. Davis and Rhonda J. Davis granted a warranty deed to Steven Gordon for Sec. 11, Twp. 16, Range 9.

Lora Ann Gordon and Steven B. Gordon granted a mortgage to Longview Bank for Sec. 11, Twp. 16, Range 9, Villa Grove.

Zions Bancorporation NA and Zions First National Bank granted a satisfaction of mortgage to Jena Mae Arthur and Justin R. Arthur for Sec. 7, Twp. 14, Range 10, Govt. Lot NE NW.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad granted misc. documents abandoned right of way to Grace G. Carleton, Sec. 4, Twp. 16, Range 10, Govt. Lot NW NW.

Beth Romine and Craig E. Romine granted a quitclaim deed to Linda Whittington and Matthew Whittington for Sec. 26, Twp. 16, Range 7, Govt. Lot SE.

Quick Gits Incorporated granted a modification of mtg. to Washington Savings Bank for Simpson's Addn. Hindsboro, Block 3, Lots 8 & 9.

Community Banc Mortgage Corp. and Randy J. Keith granted an assignment to United Community Bank for Pleasant View 2nd Addn. Villa Grove, Block 5, Lot 15.

Donald L. Brandon granted a deed in trust to Donald L. Brandon Revocable Inter Vivos Trust for Sec. 4, Twp. 16, Range 10, Govt. Lot SE SE.

Judi Pollock, County Clerk, granted a tax deed to JICTB Inc. for Richman's 2nd Addn. Villa Grove, Block 2, Lot 3.

John C. Albin and Ryan M. Albin granted a UCC amendment to Trust Bank for Sec. 23, Twp. 152, Range 9, Govt. Lot NW.

Michael T. Gabbard, coexecutor, and Renee P. Gabbard, coexecutor, granted an executor's deed to William E. Gabbard for Deer Lake Sub, Lot 12, Villa Grove.

Unity Homes LLC granted a mortgage to Iroquois Federal Savings and Loan Association for Kracht's Addn. Villa Grove, Lot 6.

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Mary Jane Kramer, Mervin J. Kramer and Mary Jane Miller granted a quitclaim deed to Mary Jane Kramer and Mervin J. Kramer for Sec. 6, Twp. 16, Range 8, Govt. Lot NE, Pesotum.

Cynthia A. Lohr and Christine A. Van Dyke granted a warranty deed to Barbara Elaine Lohr and Cynthia A. Lohr for Sec. 3, Twp. 15, Range 8, Govt. Lot NE NE, Tuscola.

Cynthia Jo Froman granted a warranty deed to Caitlin Yoder and Lawayne Yoder for OT Tuscola, Block 22, Lot 8.

Caitlin Yoder and Lawayne Yoder granted a mortgage to First Mid Bank & Trust National Association for OT Tuscola, Block 22, Lot 8.

Stephen C. Wilson granted a warranty deed to Jessica Acuna and Edgar Ramirez for OT Tuscola, Block 8, Lot 2.

Jessica Acuna and Edgar Ramirez granted a mortgage to Flat Branch Mortgage Inc. and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. for OT Tuscola, Block 8, Lot 2.

Jonathan A. Kauffman granted a warranty deed to J. C. Oye LLC for Reeder's 2nd Addn. Arthur, Block E.

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Regions Bank and Regions Mortgage granted a release mortgage to Daniel Harshbarger and Timothy Harshbarger for Lininger's Block Arcola, Lot 3.

Busey Bank granted a satisfaction of mortgage to Michael Lyle Stahler and Sharon Jean Stahler for Winston's Addn. Tuscola, Block 12, Lot 4.

First Mid Bank & Trust NA and

First Mid Illinois Bank and Trust granted a release mortgage to Debra K. Harris and Stephen R. Harris for Fred Smith Subdivision, Lot 3, Tuscola.

Farm Credit Illinois FLCA and Farm Credit Services of Illinois FLCA granted a release mortgage to Mind A. Luth and Wesley A. Luth for Sec. 13, two. 16, Range 10, Govt. Lot SW.

Villa Grove State Bank granted a satisfaction of mortgage to Gregory Scott Arbuckle and Jennifer Arbuckle for Richman's 2nd Addn. Villa Grove, Block 3, Lot 6.

Moultrie County Habitat for Humanity granted a release to Helen Tidwell and Joseph Tidwell for Reeve's 2nd Addn. Arthur, Block 3, Lots 8 & 9.

Lynn Marcus Miller granted a quitclaim deed to Gracia D. Miller and Lynn Marcus Miller for Rork's Subdivision, Lot 1, Arthur.

First Mid Wealth Management Company of Mattoon granted a trustee's deed to Ross M. Rund for Sec. 5, Twp. 16, Range 9, Tuscola.

Cobank ACB granted a mortgage to Topflight Grain Cooperative Inc. for Sec. 31, Twp. 16, Range 7, Govt. Lot SW NW; Sec. 31, Twp. 16, Range 7; OT Atwood, Block 36, Lots 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12.

Kenneth Fernandes and Amie Ziegler Fernandes granted a mortgage to Freedom Mortgage Corporation and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. for Iron Horse Sub. Tuscola, Lot 26.

Service Experts Heating & Air Condition LLC granted a UCC termination to Ken Fernandes for Iron Horse Sub. Tuscola, Lot 26.

Judi Pollock, County Clerk, granted a tax deed to William E. Groome for OT Atwood, Lots 14 & 15.

Judi Pollock, County Clerk, granted a tax deed to William E. Groome for OT Tuscola, Block 27, Lot 4.

Arcola First Bank, Arthur Community Bank and Arthur First Bank granted a satisfaction of mortgage to Bethany T. Boose for Reeder's 2nd Addn. Arthur, Block 7, Lots 9 & 10.

Rankin Land Surveying granted

a plat for Sec. 26, Twp. 16, Range 7, Govt. Lot SE.

PNC Bank granted a release mortgage to Joseph D. Henderson and Pamela R. Henderson for Sec. 26, Twp. 16, Range 9, Govt. Lot NW NW, Camargo.

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Hannah M. Simpson and Rhett M. Simpson granted a mortgage to Plum Grove Sub. Camargo, Lots 40 & 41.

Lynn W. Kauffman, Marlenia K. Kauffman and Alta Fern Stoltzfus granted a quitclaim deed to Lynn W. Kauffman and Marlenia K. Kauffman for Sec. 30, twp. 15, Range 10, Govt. Lot SE.

Lynn W. Kauffman, Marlenia K. Kauffman and Alta Fern Stoltzfus granted a quitclaim deed to Alta Fern Stoltzfus for Sec. 30, Twp. 15, Range 10, Govt. Lot SE.

Cox Land Surveying granted a plat for Sec. 30, Twp. 15, Range 10, Govt. Lot SE.

Beth G. Elston and Ross W. Elston granted a warranty deed to Kellie Baker and Trevor Baker for Johnston's 2nd Addn. Villa Grove, Block 9, Lot 11.

Rainbow Reliance Inc. granted a UCC continuation to First Financial Bank NA for OT Bourbon, Lots 14, 17, 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, 18 & 19.

First State Bank granted a release mortgage to Susan Earlene Adkisson for Kelly's 2nd Addn. Tuscola, Block 1, Lot 3.

Susan E. Adkisson granted a mortgage to First State Bank for South Ward Square Tuscola, Lot 5.

Nicholas R. Umbarger granted a mortgage to First State Bank for OT Tuscola, Block 50, Lot 5.

First State Bank granted a release mortgage to Nicholas R. Umbarger for OT Tuscola Block 50, Lot 5.

Oak Park LLC granted a mortgage to Prospect Bank for Sec. 3, Twp. 14, Range 8, Govt. Lot SE, Arcola.

Oak Park LLC granted an assignment to Prospect Bank for

Sec. 3, Twp. 14, Range 8, Govt. Lot SE, Arcola.

Oak Park LLC granted a mortgage to Prospect Bank for Sec. 3, Twp. 14, Range 8, Govt. Lot SE, Arcola.

Oak Park LLC granted an assignment to Prospect Bank for Sec. 3, Twp. 14, Range 8, Govt. Lot SE, Arcola.

Clark Sprague and Pamela J. Sprague granted a mortgage to First State Bank for Sec. 12, Twp. 16, Range 8, Govt. Lot NE, Tuscola.

First State Bank granted a release mortgage to Clark C. Sprague and Pamela J. Sprague for Sec. 12, Twp. 16, Range 8, Govt. Lot NE, Tuscola.

Frederick W. Fair III and Rhonda L. Fair granted a mortgage to Tuscola First Bank for OT Tuscola, Block 2, Lot 1.

Amy R. Boyer and Dale H. Boyer granted a mortgage to Tuscola First Bank for Sec. 27, Twp. 16, Range 8, Govt. Lot NW; Iron Horse Sub. Tuscola, Lot 65.

Cornelia Kay Kingery and Kay Kingery granted a transfer on death instrument to Janice Cazier, Mildred Riggs and Richard Riggs for Meadowview Sub. Tuscola, Lot 107.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation granted a warranty deed to the City of Newman for George White's 1st Addn. Newman, Block 1.

Judith R. Jenkins Counts granted a corrective mortgage to Illinois Housing Development Authority for Chandler & Bales 1st Addn. Arcola, Block 4, Lot 4.

Moneyworks granted a satisfaction of mortgage to Priscilla Elaine Wall and Richard Allen Wall for Reeder's 2nd Addn. Arthur, Block D.

Robert A. Anderson granted a modification of mtg. to First Mid Bank & Trust NA for OT Tuscola, Block 38, Lots 14 & 15.

USDA pegs Illinois No. 1 for soybeans, No. 2 for corn output

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service final crop production estimates for 2021 confirm a bin-buster harvest.

But, strong demand estimates coupled with production issues elsewhere in the world could keep the pressure on prices.

Nationwide, soybean production totaled a record 4.44 billion bushels (up 5% from 2020) with an average yield of 51.4 bushels per acre (up 0.4 of a bushel). Corn production was estimated at 15.11 billion bushels (up 7% from 2020 and the second-largest on record) with a record yield of 177 bushels per acre.

In Illinois, soybean production totaled 672 million bushels with an average yield of 64 bushels per acre (up 4 from 2020). Both are tops in the nation and the yield is a new state record, surpassing the previous mark of 63.5 bushels recorded in 2018.

Corn production in Illinois finished at 2.19 billion bushels (second-highest in the nation behind Iowa) with an average yield of 202 bushels per acre (up 21 bushels from the previous year and second-highest in the Corn Belt). It's the second-highest corn yield average in history in Illinois, behind the current record of 210 bushels in 2018.

USDA estimated 2021 sorghum production at 448

million bushels, up 20% from last year due to a 24% rise in acres. The average sorghum yield (69 bushels) was down 4.2% from the previous year.

USDA's quarterly stocks report pegged crops stored in all positions as of Dec. 1 totaled 11.6 billion bushels of corn (up 3% from the previous year), 3.15 billion bushels of beans (up 7%) and 1.39 billion bushels of wheat (down 18%).

"Overall, it looks like these reports are neutral to a little friendly when you look at the big scope of things," Randy Martinson, of Martinson Ag Risk Management, said during a teleconference hosted by the Minneapolis Grain Exchange.

Strong crop output in the

U.S. was countered with a large cut (9.5 million metric tons, mmt) in global soybean output. USDA also lowered its corn production estimates by 3 mmt in Brazil and .5 mmt in Argentina.

"The big change is on the global side," Karl Setzer, AgriVisor commodity risk analyst, told the RFD Radio Network.

USDA raised its 2021/22 season-average price estimates by 50 cents for soybeans to \$12.60 per bushel and by 10 cents for wheat to \$7.15. The season average price estimate for corn was unchanged at \$5.45.

USDA raised ending stocks by 47 million bushels for corn (to 1.54 billion bushels), 10 million bushels of soybeans

(350 million) and 30 million bushels for wheat (628 million) in its world ag supply and demand estimates report.

"That's still relatively tight, although it's up 10 million bushels from last month," Setzer said of the bean stocks estimate.

Meanwhile, despite this month's increase, wheat stocks are still down 26% from last year and are at the lowest level since 2013/14.

Demand also remains relatively strong, with corn used for ethanol up 75 million bushels to 5.32 billion bushels. Exports, however, declined for corn and wheat and remain unchanged for beans.

"On the demand side,

ethanol (corn use) increased by 75 million bushels because of strong demand and margins," Martinson said. "We did see exports drop, which could be a little premature by USDA with all the issues we're seeing in South America."

As for wheat, Illinois harvested 610,000 acres last year with a record statewide yield of 79 bushels per acre. USDA estimates farmers planted 34.4 million acres of winter wheat last fall, up 750,000 from the previous year.

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Senate Republicans call for 'common sense' ethics reforms SB 3636 would build upon ethics legislation passed in 2021

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SPRINGFIELD - Demanding what they call "common sense ethics reform," Senate Republicans plan to take action in addressing unethical behavior by elected public officials.

Upon introducing the ethics reforms package, Senate Republicans called for the legislative inspector general position to be filled through an independent search committee. Republicans said Democrats need to end the "political games" and hire a legislative watchdog. "It is not OK to have the leg-

islative inspector general's seat empty, and it is not OK for the majority party to play political games with an issue as important as legislative ethics, and it is not OK for legislators to think they can police themselves," Sen. Don DeWitte, R-St. Charles, said during a virtual news conference.

The position has been vacant since LIG Carol Pope left the position on Jan. 6. Since exiting, a 45-day countdown started to find an interim LIG but the commission is currently at an impasse. If the position is still vacant in six months, the Illinois auditor general will choose the

next LIG.

Republicans also filed legislation to increase LIG's power that would allow the person in that position the ability to subpoena lawmakers and make the Ethics Commission meetings open to the public.

To address the shortcomings Republicans felt were not properly addressed in the last reform bill, Sen. Jil Tracy, R-Quincy, introduced Senate Bill 3636, which takes "meaningful action" to address corruption within the state government. The legislation would build on SB 539, which was passed in 2021.

Sen. Sally Turner, R-Lincoln, says the bill addresses glaring omissions left out of last year's bill.

"We're continuing to push from last year for strong common sense reforms that will truly root out the corruption our state has become all too known for," Turner said.

Senate Bill 3636 would prevent spouses and other close family living with a General Assembly member from engaging in lobbying if they accept compensation, and prevent legislators from negotiating for employment with lobbying entities while holding public office.

"It's too easy for legislators to spend their time in Springfield advocating on behalf of special interests instead of their constituents," Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro said.

Under last year's bill, a six-month revolving door provision banned legislators from lobbying until six months after leaving office. The new provision in SB 3636 would extend the ban to 12 months.

The bill would also allow the attorney general to expand the authority of a statewide grand jury to investigate, indict, and prosecute public corruption cases, and give state's

attorneys power to investigate corruption of public officials.

"We must bring an end to the known practices that lead to unethical behavior," Tracy said. "Then and only then will we be able to take back our government for one that serves the people of the state of Illinois."

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