



Pictured are Judge Randy Rosenbaum, Chief Judge for the 6th Circuit Court, Supreme Court Justice David Overstreet, John Watson and Kate Watson as she is sworn in as Judge for Douglas County.

## Kate Watson sworn in as circuit judge for Douglas County

On Tuesday, May 2, in a courtroom packed with family and friends, career prosecutor Kate Watson was sworn in as circuit judge for Douglas County and the 6th Judicial Circuit.

She has worked in this Douglas County courtroom for 27 years and is the first woman judge in the county. Supreme Court Justice David Overstreet presided over the swearing in ceremony following initial remarks by Randy Rosenbaum, Chief Judge for the 6th Judicial Circuit and Kate's husband, John.

She replaces Richard Broch who recently retired and has served as Douglas County State's Attorney since 2016. Watson intends to run as a Republican next year for the post to which she's been appointed.

The Douglas County Board has named Robert Kosic of Arcola to replace Watson as state's attorney. He plans to run as a Republican for the state's attorney position in the fall of 2024.



Circuit Judge Kate Watson is pictured with her husband John and their children at the ceremony where she was sworn in as 6th Judicial Circuit Judge. From left to right are Sidney, Anna, Kate, John, Tommy and Jackie Watson



Pictured are Tim Mooney, Vice President, Business Development of First Bank, Ashley Brian, Vice President, Cashier of First Bank, Cooper Fleming, and Ericka Crist Douglas County Ag Literacy Coordinator.



**PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER.** Visitors to the 32nd Annual Arthur Amish Country Quilt Show determined the winner of the People's Choice Award and this year it went to Janet Landrus of Mattoon with her "Scarves & Doilies" entry. Landrus is pictured with Katie Schrock of Arthur who quilted the piece. Landrus stated she has been collecting dresser scarves and doilies for years knowing she wanted to make a quilt with them and Katie did a beautiful job quilting it as she does on every quilt she works on. The quilt show ran from April 27-29 and was well attended from people all over Illinois and a few out-of-state attendees as well.

## Cooper Fleming overall grand prize winner in coloring contest

Douglas County Farm Bureau recently held its tenth annual coloring contest. The overall grand prize winner is Cooper Fleming from Atwood-Hammond Grade School. Cooper is a kindergarten student. Cooper's picture will be copied to use as placemats at Douglas County Farm Bureau events.

For his winning entry, Cooper won the grand prize which is a \$50.00 Visa gift card and a goody bag from the First Bank of Tuscola.

Ashton Cleeton submitted the winning entry for the sixth annual teacher's coloring contest. Ashton is a second-grade teacher at Arcola. Ashton won a \$25 gift card to Amazon from Douglas County Farm Bureau. Kindergarten through third-grade students from Arcola Elementary School, Atwood-Hammond Grade School, Tuscola North Ward, Shiloh School, Villa Grove Grade School, and Arthur Grade School participated in this contest.

One first-place winner was chosen from each school that submitted entries. Douglas County Farm Bureau gave each first-place winner a McDonald's gift card.

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Daniel C Weiskamp, 30, passing school bus loading/unloading.

Jess F Vincent III, 30, improper turn at intersection.

Dustin C Simpson, 22, Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Hamoud Abdo Hizam, 41, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Rebecca T Agans, 19, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Jennifer L Rice, 33, operating motor vehicle/registration suspended.

Harley D Lucas, 33, passing school bus loading/unloading.

Michael D Pyles, 19, seatbelt required/passenger.

Latricia J Dixon, seat belt required/passenger.

Kristina R Canaday, 34, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Ryan T Bailey, 20, speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

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