

How do you put a horse in 'reverse'?

"Who is a wise man endured with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gen-

tle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy, and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 3:12,14,15,16,17,18

On this late Tuesday afternoon, clouds are gathering on the horizon. It was really a nice day in spite of being quite warm. The east was really red this morning. Does that mean more rain and storms? Maybe I should go mow the yard.



Quite a few trees got trimmed out last week. We got some much-needed rain, but it was accompanied by strong winds, thunder, and lightning. Some heavy strikes occurred.

We went to sister Ether and Andy Mast for coffee break this morning. They have a large pine tree west of their kitchen window. Esther was standing in the kitchen when this large branch broke off and came hurling toward the window. I was thinking she said lightning struck, but now I'm not sure, maybe it was just the wind. Whatever, it was scary. And made a big mess.

But at least it didn't damage anything except tearing the clothesline.

Last week we were again reminded and thankful, reminded of the good horse we have and thankful for God's protect-

ing Hand.

I was waiting by the lunchroom door of the workshop while Erwin was getting in the buggy. It takes him long, he has only one good hand and one good leg. And that leg gets weak if he is really tired after a morning at the workshop.

He was almost on, still had his foot outside when a bin of brackets got dumped on the concrete behind the buggy.

Now, our horse is really skittish about loud noises behind him. So, he lurches forward and goes out the drive. It unbalanced Erwin so that he was half lying in the buggy. And I WAS. NOT. IN. THE. BUGGY.

Scary, indeed! Diamond went out the drive, headed south and trotted on. I came along puffing and panting, praying God would get things in control. He did.

Erwin collected himself the best he could, got the lines in his hand and told Diamond to "whoa".

He did. But then he ambled on, like it was what he was supposed to do, went in the Health Food store drive, over to the hitchrack and stopped. When I got there, I got on the buggy and we went on home. As if nothing had ever happened.

But our hearts were pounding and overflowing with thankfulness. God is Good! All the time!

Granddaughter Andrea also had a scary experience. Her teacher, Emily, had taken her students from school that she taught this past year, to her home for the day.

They had a grand time and I guess one of the highlights was the slip and slide kick ball game. They really had a splashing good time! Even if things got slippery!

The scary part came when Emily was taking them home, they were all on a wagon, twelve or so, I'm not sure now how many there were. But when they got to the railroad crossing on 133, they neither saw nor heard a train. They get up to the crossing and down came the arms and on come

the lights. They stopped fast, a couple of the children jumped off and helped get the horse backed up. The arm came down on the horse's head, right behind the ears. Scary? Oh yes! Andrea said she had nightmares after that.

In closing—Do we ever actually grow up, or do we just figure out how to act in public?

I guess this week we'll try this vegetable relish. Eat it as a salad.

Vegetable Relish

A total of 8 cups of vegetables. You decide how much of each veggie you want.

Onions, diced or sliced
Celery, diced
Peas
Corn
Green Beans
Green or red peppers, diced or julienned
Sauce:
½ c. sugar
½ c. vegetable oil
¼ c. vinegar

Place sugar, oil, and vinegar into a small saucepan and boil. At least until sugar is dissolved. Pour over vegetables and let cool. Refrigerate overnight. Serve as salad.

Add or substitute any vegetables you like. Carrots are good too.

Obituaries

Judy Ann Hampton

Judy Ann Hampton, 79, of Lovington, passed away at 12:19 a.m. Saturday, July 8, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 13, 2023, at McMullin-Young Funeral Home, Lovington.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society: P.O. Box 6704 Hagerstown, MD 21741

Judy was born on July 2, 1944, in Clarksville, MO, the daughter of A.J. and Velma Fern (Treadway) Mackey. She married William Hampton on February 13, 1998, in Arcola; he survives. Judy enjoyed watching basketball and her favorite team was the Kentucky Wildcats. She was a retired supervisor from Little Fuse in Arcola.

She is survived by her husband, William of Lovington; children, Lisa Ann Raney of Tuscola, Dana Lynn Raney of Marshall and Todd Alexander Raney of Monticello; stepdaughters, Jodi Leann Flores of Clovis, CA, and Julie Lynn Hampton of Greenup; sister, Jean (Garland) Cheverant of Somerset, KY. Judy is also survived by 8 grandchildren including her special granddaughters, Alison Henderson and Annie Raney; and 4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mcmullin-young.com

Donald E. "Donny" "Waldo" Wehrle

Donald E. "Donny" "Waldo" Wehrle, 48 of Gays, IL formerly of Charleston, IL passed away at 5:38 P.M. on Sunday, July 2, 2023 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital.

A celebration of Donny's life will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at Shae's Pub and Grub, 126 North Oak Street in Arcola, IL. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Donny was born on March 10, 1975 in Decatur, IL, a son of Joseph Keith and Sarah Margaret (Scott) Wehrle. He married Amanda Michelle Gross on April 20, 2022 in Gays, IL.

He is survived by his wife Amanda; one son, Harley Donald Wehrle of Jopa, IL; two stepchildren, Andrea Culp of Mattoon, IL and Levi Thompson of Gays, IL; three step grandchildren, Ireland, Jayce, and Kalliope Gonzalez all of Mattoon, IL; four siblings, Bev Hill (Dennis) of Effingham, IL Penny Orndoff of Atwood, IL, Rick Phillips of Bowling Green, KY, and Pam Marler (Jim) of Tuscola, IL; a sister-in-law, Beth Wehrle of Arthur, IL; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and many friends.

Donny was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Tim Phillips and Brian Wehrle.

Donny had a passion for motorcycles and always enjoyed riding his Harley. He loved hanging out with friends and family, and he was absolutely crazy about his grandchildren, Ireland age 7, Jayce age 5 and his princess, Kalliope age 7 months.



Piatt County Court

Traffic Citations

DUI: Isabella P Ziegler, 19, Hammond, driving under influence of alcohol, driving under influence/BAC 0.08, driving 11-14 mph above limit, registration expiration/1ST & 2ND.

Laraven M Irons, 32, Decatur, operating uninsured motor vehicle, driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Jamie L Henderson, 59, Lovington, registration expiration/1ST & 2ND.

Logan M Darsham, 20, Monticello, transport, carry alcohol liquid/passenger.

Michelle D Shafer, 55, Mahomet, driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Criminal Cases

Felony: Dalton P James, 26, Atwood, aggravated domestic battery/strangle, domestic battery/physical contact, filed 6/29/2023.

Felony: Brian K Ethridge, 33, Monticello, indecent solicitation/aggravated criminal sex AB, indecent solicitation/child/internet, traveling to meet a minor, 2 counts child porn/possession/moving DPTN, filed 7/03/2023.

Felony: Brett J Cafin, 53, Hammond, filed 7/05/2023.

Felony: Jackie T Matherly, 34, Shelbyville, domestic battery/contact/1-2 preconv, filed 7/5/2023.

Dissolution of Marriage

Dissolution (w/Child): Daniel D Clifton vs Anita D Clifton, White Heath, filed 7/05/2023.

Real Estate Transactions

Warranty Deed: Smith Lucas A granted a warranty deed to Foater Lucas for Subdiv: WORTHAM'S 3RD ADD L: 16 B: 2 P: OL.; Subdiv: WORTHAM'S 3RD ADD L: 15 B: 2 P: OL.;

Mortgage: Foster Lucas granted a mortgage to MERS, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., New American Funding LLC for Subdiv: WORTHAM'S 3RD ADD L: 16 B: 2 P: OL.; Subdiv: WORTHAM'S 3RD ADD L: 15 B: 2 P: OL.;

Quit Claim Deed: Hertz Farm Management Inc. Granted a quit claim deed to Hertz Associates LTD. for Subdiv: STICKEL'S ADD L: 6 B: 2 P: OL.; Subdiv: STICKEL'S ADD L: 7 B: 2 P: OL.;

Quit Claim Deed: HRL Properties and Management LLC, HRL Properties Management LLC granted a quit claim deed to Verchota Michael, Verchota Kara for Subdiv: RUBY'S ADD L: 8 B: 3 P: OL.; Subdiv: RUBY'S ADD L: 9 B: 3 P: OL.;

Mortgage: McRae Marcia A., Davis Shelley L. granted a mortgage to State Bank Bement for

Subdiv: RIDGEPOINTE 3RD SUB L: 53A N: P: OL.;

Mortgage: Sharwarko Amy Jean granted a mortgage to State Bank Bement for Subdiv WALDEN POND ESTATES 1ST ADD L: 81 B: P: OL.;

Warranty Deed: Nunn Marty L. granted a warranty deed to Goodling Madison, Tucker Spencer for Tracts S: 7 T: 18 6.00 --, S: 12 T: 18 R: 5.00 --.

Mortgage: Goodling Madison, Tucker Spencer granted a mortgage to First Mid Bank Trust NA, First Mid Bank Trust N A for Tracts S: 7 T: 18 6.00 --, S: 12 T: 18 R: 5.00 --.

Warranty Deed: Evans Richard L., Evans Patricia M. granted a warranty deed to McRae Marcia A., Davis Shelley L. for Subdiv: RIDGEPOINTE 3RD SUB L: 55A B: P: OL.;

Mortgage: Koester Custom Homes LLC granted a mortgage to First State Bank Trust for Subdiv: SHADY RIDGE SUB L: 104 B: P: OL.; Tract S: 21 T: 19 R: 6.00 --.

Executor's Deed: Pagel Patricia D Estate, Patricia D Pagel Estate, Harmon Sherri L Exe. granted an executor's deed to Pagel Terry Lee for Subdiv: MANSFIELD 1ST ADD L: 3 B: 1 P: OL.;

Warranty Deed: Stutz Wallace F., Stutz Constance J. granted a warranty deed to Thomas Chad Cameron, Thomas Jodi Lyn for Subdiv: WEILEPP'S ADD L: 6 B: 1 P: OL.; Subdiv: WEILEPP'S ADD L: 7 B: 1 P: OL.;

Mortgage: Thomas Jodi Lyn, Thomas Chac Cameron granted a mortgage to MERS, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., USAA Federal Savings Bank for Subdiv: WEILEPP'S ADD L: 6 B: 1 P: OL.; Subdiv: WEILEPP'S ADD L: 7 B: 1 P: OL.;

Warranty Deed: Corum Grant R., Corum Chad D., Kenneth R Corum Estate, Corum Kenneth R Estate granted a warranty deed to Busey Nancy for Subdiv: BEMENT (ORIGINAL TOWN) L: 10 B: M P: OL.;

Mortgage: Miller Matthew C., Miller Matthew, Miller Sarah Probst, Probst Miller Sarah granted a mortgage to Heartland Bank Trust Company for Tract S: 15 T: 18 R: 5.00 --.

Mortgage: Johnson Camille, Johnson Justin granted a mortgage to Fisher National Bank for Tract S: 15 T: 18 R: 5.00 --.

Mortgage: Johnson Justin, Johnson Camille granted a mortgage to Fisher National Bank for Tract S: 15 T: 18 R: 5.00 --.

Trustee's Deed: Hettinger Raymond D Tr., Hettinger Cheryl L Tr., Raymond D Hettinger Trust, Hettinger Raymond D Trust, Cheryl L Hettinger Trust, Hettinger Cheryl L Trust granted a trustee's deed to Hettinger Raymond D Tr., Hettinger Raymond D Trust, Raymond D Hettinger Trust for Tract S: 17 T: 19 R: 5.00 --.

Trustee's Deed: Hettinger Raymond D Tr., Hettinger Cheryl L Tr., Raymond D Hettinger Trust, Hettinger Raymond D Trust, Hettinger Cheryl L Trust, Cheryl L Hettinger Trust granted a trustee's deed to Cheryl L Hettinger Trust, Hettinger Cheryl L Tr., Hettinger Cheryl L Trust for Tract S: 17 T: 19 R: 5.00 --.

Trustee's Deed: Vangorder Stephen B Tr., Vangorder Stephen B Trust, Stephen B Vangorder Trust granted a trustee's deed to Vangolf LLC for Tracts S: 19 T: 20 TR: 6.00 --, S: 18 T: 20 R: 6.00 --, S: 13 T: 20 R: 5.00 --.

Mortgage: Lampert Keith A., Lamper Lora L. granted a mortgage to PNC National Association, PNC NA for Tract S: 36 T: 19 R: 5.00 --.

Transfer on Death: Carroll Beverly A. granted a TOD document to Carroll Kori : 50% Int., Carroll Darin D 50% Int. For Tract S: 23 T: 18 R: 4.00 --.

Warranty Deed: St John Pall D., St John Mary Catherine granted a warranty deed to Landry Randall Lee, Landry Dana May for Subdiv: RIDGEPOINTE 3RD SUB L: 69 B: P: OL.;

Mortgage: Landry Randall Lee, Landry Dana May granted a mortgage to Regions Bank, Regions Mortgage for Subdiv: RIDGEPOINTE 3RD SUB L: 69 B: P: OL.;

Mortgage: Mumm Brian C., Mumm Jamie J. granted a mortgage to CIBM Bank for Subdiv: NORRIS, CHARLES W. SUBDIV L: 10 B: P: OL.; Subdiv: NORRIS, CHARLES W. SUBDIV L: 11 B: P: OL.; Subdiv: KEENAN'S EAST ADD L: B: P: OL: 1, Subdiv: KEENAN'S EAST ADD L: B: P: OL: 2.

Quit Claim Deed: Jean Marilyn Ann, Jean Marilyn Schmidt granted a quit claim deed to Jean Joseph S., Jean Denise L. for Tract S: 1 T: 17 R: 6.00 --.

Warranty Deed: Thomas Chad C., Thomas Jodi L. granted a quit claim deed to Fisher Kaitlin for Subdiv: KEENAN'S EAST ADD L: 4 B: 14 P: OL.;

Mortgage: Fisher Kaitlin M granted a mortgage to Bank Gibson City for Subdiv: KEENAN'S EAST ADD L: 4 B: 14 P: OL.;

Warranty Deed: Farley Penny

D. granted a warranty deed to Fansler Terri L., Brown Frank L. for Subdiv: CERRO GORDO (ORIGINAL TOWN) L: 4 B: 18 P: OL.;

Mortgage: Fansler Terri L., Brown Frank L. granted a mortgage to First State Bank Trust for Subdiv: CERRO GORDO (ORIGINAL TOWN) L: 4 B: 18 P: OL.;

Warranty Deed: Brewer Blake, Brewer Kelsey granted a warranty deed to Renshaw Emily for Subdiv: CLARKES SUB L: 34 B: 5 P: OL.; Subdiv: CLARKES SUB L: 35 B: 5 P: OL.; Tract S: 13 T: 18 R: 5.00 --.

Mortgage: Renshaw Emily granted a mortgage to Flat Branch Mortgage Inc., MERS, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc for Subdiv: CLARKES SUB L: 34 B: 5 P: OL.; Subdiv: CLARKES SUB L: 35 B: 5 P: OL.; Tract S: 13 T: 18 R: 5.00 --.

Transfer on Death: Bragg Faye I granted a TOD document to Bragg Kevin K., Bragg Mary K. for Tract S: 29 T: 20 R: 6.00 --.

Transfer on Death: Bertsch Dale L., Bertsch Elizabeth A. granted a TOD document to Rudisill Karen, Bertsch Marcia, Luster Kay, Baker Carol for Tract S: 13 T: 17 R: 5;00 --.

CRTD: Topflight Grain Cooperative granted a CRTD document to TFG Transport LLC.

Warranty Deed: Busey Nancy granted a warranty deed to Marler Tracy, Marler Virginia for Subdiv: BEMENT (ORIGINAL TOWN) L: 10 B: M P: OL.;

Warranty Deed: Stripens Ryan M. granted a warranty deed to Warner Gerald E for Subdiv: McCANN'S ADD L: 24 B: P: OL.;

Warranty Deed: Lejeune Rachel, Lejeune Michael granted a warranty deed to Stripens Ryan, Crabtree Amanda for Subdiv: FOXFIELD SUB 3RD PLAT L: 18 B: P: OL.;

Mortgage: Crabtree Amanda, Stripens Ryan granted a mortgage to Busey Bank for Subdiv: FOXFIELD SUB 3RD PLAT L: 18 B: P: OL.;

Mortgage: Reed Sarah, Reed Gene granted a mortgage to CEFCU for Sundiv: FOREMAN'S ESTATE L: B B: P: OL.;

Warranty Deed: Conley William David granted a warranty deed to Morganthaler Tyler, Morganthaler Jodi for Tract S: 7 T: 16 R: 5.00 --.

Mortgage: Morhganthaler Tyler Lee, Morhganthaler Jodi Lynne granted a mortgage to United States Dept Ag, United States Department Agriculture, USDA for Tract S: 7 T: 16 R: 5.00 --.

Moultrie County Court

Traffic Citations

Sarah S Williams, 45, driving/never issued license.

Hailey N Flesch, 19, speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

Marina J Allen, 24, cancelled/revoked/suspended registration/IL.

Parthenia M Robinson, 19, speeding 26-34 mph over limit. Mohammad R Tabatabaei, 54, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Ryan C Fultz, 32, improper traffic lane usage.

Zachariah J Massie, 20, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Thomas R Neihart, 56, driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Civil Cases

Eviction Order: Plaintiff Jeff Colclasure vs Brandy Swisher, Ed Swisher, default judgement 6/30/2023.

Criminal Cases

Felony: Joshua A Presley, 37, criminal damage/government property/less than \$500, filed 6/30/2023.

Felony: Sarah S Williams, 45, possession amount controlled substance except (A)/(D), filed 6/30/2023.

Misdemeanor: Dawn K Harber, 47, resist/police officer/firefighter/corrections employee, filed 6/29/2023.

Marriage Publication List

John Jerome Hickox, 47, Sullivan; and Debra Barnes Owens DR, 53, Sullivan, issue date 6/29/2023.

Glen Laray Kraemer, 20, Lovington; and Bethany Lynne Hostetler, 21, Humboldt, issue date 6/30/2023.

Samantha Marie Jefson, 22, Decatur; and Addison William Wehner, 21, Bethany, issue date 7/3/2023.