Douglas County Court

Real Estate

Jacob A. and Verna V. Miller granted Elaine and Levi E. Miller a warranty deed at parcel number: 02-07-20-300-008.

Jacob A. and Verna V. Miller granted Amy and Willard Lynn Miller a warranty deed at parcel number: 02-07-20-300-008.

Amy and Willard Lynn Miller granted Farm Credit Illinois a mortgage at parcel numbers:02-07-20-300-008, 02-07-20-300-016 and 02-07-20-300-015.

Community Banc Mortgage Corp. and Philo Exchange Bank granted Aaron and Kimberly Cress a release mortgage at 909 E. Front St. Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-11-202-005.

Larry N. and Susan J. Harbaugh granted Larry N. Trust, Larry N. Trustee, Susan J. Trust and Susan J. Trustee Harbaugh a warranty deed in trust at parcel numbers: 06-04-20-200-011, 06-04-17-400-002, 06-04-21-100-007 and 06-04-21-300-002.

US Bank granted Kevin R. and Rebecca J. Bishop a satisfaction of mortgage at 324 S. Walnut St. Arcola. Parcel number: 01-14-04-429-012.

MC Realty of Illinois LLC granted Brittany L. Holmes misc. documents at 2625 E US HWY 36 Newman. Parcel number: 07-12-04-200-002.

Brian Endres granted First State Bank and Trust a mortgage at 908 E. Fairview Dr. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-08-02-102-015.

City of Tuscola granted Faye M. Teak a release at parcel number: 09-08-02-102-015.

Nathan Chaplin Sheriff of Douglas County, Loancare LLC and Fred L. Metheny granted Federal National Mortgage Association a sheriff's deed at 303 N. Main St. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-129-002.

Lorrie A. Kite granted Longview Bank a mortgage at 3 Michigan St. Hindsboro. Parcel number: 03-16-06-341-006.

Raymond Miller granted Pamela J. and William A. Mauzy a warranty deed at parcel numbers: 09-02-34-217-029 and 09-02-34-217-016.

Pamela J. and William A. Mauzy granted Washington Savings Bank a mortgage at 302 N. Indiana St. Tuscola. Parcel numbers: 09-02-34-217-029 and 09-02-34-217-016.

Guaranteed Rate Inc. and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. granted Julius Aigbe and Sarah Tournear a satisfaction of mortgage at 1009 N. Fox Run Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-02-103-011.

Lisa R. and Phillip E. Jarrell granted New Day Financial a mortgage at 707 W. Yates St. Newman. Parcel number: 07-06-31-301-012.

Morton Community Bank, State Bank of Arthur and Trust #511 granted Cingular Wireless PCS LLC a memorandum of lease at 720 E. Mill St. Arthur. Parcel number: 02-07-30-100-041.

Kathryn J. Cozart granted Darci L. Powers a transfer on death instrument at 390 N CR 1900 E Hindsboro. Parcel number: 03-10-32-100-002.

Kathryn J. Cozart granted Brenda E. and Raymond J. Miller an easement at parcel numbers: 03-10-32-100-002, 03-10-29-300-004 and 03-10-31-200-001.

Morton Community Bank Trustee and State Bank of Arthur Land Trust 377 granted Dorothy M. and Lavern W. Schlabach a release mortgage at parcel numbers: 02-07-22-100-033, 02-07-22-100-021, 02-07-22-100-006, 02-07-22-100-020, 02-07-15-300-018, 02-07-15-300-023 and 02-07-22-200-006.

Morton Community Bank granted Dorothy M. and Lavern W. Schlabach a release mortgage at parcel numbers: 02-07-15-300-018 and 02-07-15-300-023.

Trust bank granted Steven K. Fryman and Candace L. Hudson a release mortgage at 309 E. Ensey Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-126-006.

Laurette Ann Laurie Rund granted State Bank of Bement a mortgage at parcel numbers: 04-03-05-300-002, 04-03-05-300-003 and 04-03-05-300-005.

Flat Branch Mortgage and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. granted Lisa R. and Philip E. Jarrell a satisfaction of Mortgage at 707 W. Yates Newman. Parcel number: 07-06-31-301-012.

Robert and Vicki Stipp granted Stephanie Sargeant a warranty deed at 401 S. Spruce Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-11-117-001.

Stephanie Sargeant granted Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. a mortgage at 401 S. Spruce Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-11-117-001.

Stephanie Sargeant granted Illinois Housing Development Authority a mortgage at 401 S. Spruce Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-11-117-001.

US Department of Agriculture granted Castlerock 2023 LLC a quit claim deed at 509 N. Douglas St. Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-03-404-006.

Busy Bank granted Jerry L. and Tamara S. Jones a satisfaction of mortgage at 605 E Sale St. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-229-002.

Kenneth E. Thode granted Jamey J. and Nichole S. Sheckles a quit claim deed at parcel number: 04-03-34-412-007.

Clifford A. Ponder granted HMH Rentals LLC Series 2 a warranty deed at 508 E. Northland Rd. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-27-400-017.

HMH Rentals LLC Series 2 granted Iroquois Federal Savings and Loan Association a mortgage at 508 E. Northland Rd. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-27-400-017.

HMH Rentals LLC Series 2 granted Iroquois Federal Savings and Loan Association an assignment at 508 E. Northland Rd. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-27-400-017.

Kenneth Boyd granted Judith A. Trust, Judith A. Trustee, Kenneth Trust and Kenneth Trustee a warranty deed at parcel numbers: 06-10-04-200-007, 06-10-04-200-008, 06-10-04-200-009, 06-10-04-400-002, 06-10-04-400-004, 06-10-04-100-003 and 06-10-04-400-001.

First State Bank granted Juanita J. Marner a release mortgage at 305 W. Jefferson Arcola. Parcel Number: 01-14-04-305-017

Ashley R. and Darryl E. Negangard granted Carrington Mortgage Services LLC and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. a mortgage at 15 Maple Ln. Camargo. Parcel number: 04-03-34-224-037.

Jeremy D. and Stephanie L. Hale granted Hickory Point Bank and Trust a mortgage at 506 S. Union St. Arthur. Parcel number: 02-07-30-336-009.

Ernest W. Yoder granted Malinda, Paul and Phillip Yoder a warranty deed at parcel numbers: 02-13-16-300-012 and 02-13-16-300-014.

Malinda, Malinda Sue, Paul and Phillip Yoder granted Farm Credit Illinois FLCA a mortgage at parcel numbers: 02-13-16-300-012 and 02-13-16-300-014.

Woodard Development Corp. granted Matthew J. Schweighart and Mark A. Woodard misc. documents at 121 Wilshire Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-26-307-030.

Woodard Development Corp. granted A & M Rentals a warranty deed at 121 Wilshire Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-26-307-030.

A & M Rentals granted Longview Bank a mortgage at 121 Wilshire Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-26-307-030.

Del Lingafelter granted Elsa Inez Ramirez a warranty deed at 309 E. Overton St. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-131-005.

Larry E. and Margel E. Morgan granted Tuscola Property Services LLC a warranty deed at 107 E. Wilson Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-309-003.

Roy Rentals LLC 501 Timothy Series granted 3 B Rentals LLC a warranty deed at 501 Timothy Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-03-401-013.

3 B Rentals LLC granted Longview Bank a mortgage at 501 Timothy Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-03-401-013.

3 B Rentals LLC granted Roy Rentals LLC a mortgage at 501 Timothy Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-03-401-013.

Traffic Citations

Emma L. Wilson, 17, Villa Grove, failed to yield.

Criminal Charges

Arturo J. Moreno, 29, Arcola, was charged with a Class 2 felony for alleged aggravated domestic battery; and a Class 4 felony for possession of a controlled substance.

Dale, D. White, 52, Machesney Park, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor for alleged possession of a firearm; a Class A misdemeanor for alleged unlawful possession of cannabis; and a Class A misdemeanor for alleged possession of 30-100 grams of cannabis.

Jonathan N. Roderick, 19, Arthur was charged with a Class A misdemeanor for alleged aggravated assault/ use of a deadly weapon.

Michael J. Brimhall, 44, Villa Grove, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor for alleged violation of protection order.

Criminal Judgments

Beth Ann Tucker, 49, Charleston, was found guilty of delivery of methamphetamine between 5-15 grams and possession of methamphetamine between 5-15 grams; sentenced to four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections and fined $1,000.

Marriage Licenses

Aaron Lynn Gingerich, Arcola, and Rosanna E. Schrock, Arthur.

Cody Allen Sebens, Ivesdale, and Lauren Paige Franklin, Ivesdale.

State announces FFA mental health awareness grant program

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Farmers and residents of rural communities often face stigma when it comes to mental health challenges, but state leaders hope to change that.

Governor JB Pritzker announced Tuesday that chapters of FFA – the group once known as Future Farmers of America – will be eligible for $1,000 grants to fund mental health awareness programs in schools and rural communities. Up to 20 such grants will be available through the Illinois FFA Foundation starting this fall.

Pritzker and other state leaders made the announcement at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, an annual exposition of farm technology and other agriculture industry advancements.

"There is nothing more important than making sure that every Illinoisan has access to the mental health services they need to live happy and healthy lives," Pritzker said.

The program is being overseen by the Illinois FFA Foundation in partnership with the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine's Farm Family Resource Initiative.

Karen Leavitt Stallman, an ag resource specialist at SIU Medicine who coordinates FFRI, said she hopes the partnership with FFA will help direct attention to the resources available for farmers.

"There is a stigma. It's hard for someone to reach out for help…" Stallman told Capitol News Illinois. "In the agriculture community, it's particularly difficult. As farmers, we're a stoic bunch."

FFRI began in 2019 the late state Sen. Scott Bennett, D-Champaign, advocated for its launch. After a pilot in six counties, the program expanded to offer mental health and stress-management resources to the entire state, with increased state and federal funding.

The SIU program offers professional development, webinars and online resources to help farmers and their families manage stress and mental health challenges. They also offer up to six free telehealth counseling sessions to those in the agriculture industry and their families.

The inspiration for the FFA partnership came from a similar program at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, according to Stallman.

SIU system president Dan Mahony said in a news release Tuesday that FFRI is "moving the health of rural families forward" and that the FFA partnership represents a "multi-generational approach to mental health and wellness," something the governor echoed.

"I have two Gen Z kids myself and let me tell you this generation knows that healthcare includes mental healthcare," Pritzker said.

Rural communities face particular challenges in both access to and attitudes toward mental health.

A July research brief from Adee Athiyaman, a professor at Western Illinois University's Institute for Rural Affairs, found rural communities lag behind metropolitan ones in awareness about mental health care. This leads to "poor knowledge about mental health issues and minimal support for policies about mental health care," according to the brief.

Rural areas also face more hurdles when it comes to accessing mental health care. The federal Health Resources & Services Administration designates every rural county in Illinois as a "health professional shortage area" for mental health workers based on population statistics, the number of mental health providers, and the prevalence of substance abuse among other factors.

"FFA members are creative thinkers and know and understand their communities," Mindy Bunselmeyer, head of the Illinois FFA Center, said in a news release Tuesday. "I'm excited to see the unique ways our membership will look to tackle this challenge."

If someone faces mental health challenges and is in need of immediate assistance, the national suicide and crisis lifeline can be reached by phone call or text at 988 or online by online chat at 988lifeline.org/chat.

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U.S. approaching USMCA dispute with Mexico over GMO corn

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The ongoing trade dispute between the United States and Mexico over the country's policies to ban genetically modified corn intensified after the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) called for a dispute panel under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

USTR's announcement comes after officials Aug. 16 passed a 75-day deadline to reach a resolution through USMCA dispute consultations.

"The United States has used the tools provided by the USMCA in attempting to resolve concerns with Mexico's biotechnology measures," USTR Ambassador Katherine Tai said in a statement. "Today the United States is taking the next step in enforcing Mexico's obligations under the USMCA."

Once formed, the three-member dispute panel will have 120 days to file an initial report. That work will be focused on the decree that Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador released in February. It declared his country would immediately ban GM white corn used in tortillas and dough, while directing government agencies to gradually substitute the use of GM yellow corn in all animal feed and products for human consumption.

The U.S. is Mexico's primary supplier of feed corn — nearly all of it is genetically modified — and in 2022 exported 15.4 million metric tons of corn to the country, according to USDA data. Annual white corn imports into Mexico total about 1.6 million tons.

Tai's office contends both the decree's white corn and yellow corn measures each violate the same seven USMCA provisions, according to a copy of the dispute panel request.

"Through the USMCA dispute panel, we seek to resolve our concerns and help ensure consumers can continue to access safe and affordable food and agricultural products," Tai said.

"It is critical that Mexico eliminate its USMCA-inconsistent biotechnology measures so that American farmers can continue to access the Mexican market and use innovative tools to respond to climate and food security challenges."

Mexico's Ministry of Economy in a statement released Aug. 24 said it does not agree with the U.S. position and was prepared to demonstrate to the panel "that the national regulation is consistent with the commitments signed in the (USMCA)" and "that the challenged measures do not have commercial effects."

American officials for months have consistently said the Mexican policies lack scientific basis and limits American farmers' access to the Mexican grain market.

Their concern was specifically addressed in March when Tai, along with other top U.S. ag and trade officials, requested "technical consultations" with Mexican officials under the USMCA's sanitary and phytosanitary chapter.

The talks did not lead to a resolution, and the USTR office requested the dispute consultations in June.

"Mexico's approach to biotechnology is not based on science and runs counter to decades' worth of evidence demonstrating its safety and the rigorous, science-based regulatory review system that ensures it poses no harm to human health and the environment," USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack said Aug. 24.

The dispute settlement panel, Vilsack said, will ensure U.S. producers and exporters have "full and fair access to the Mexican market," adding the U.S. "will continue to support fair, open, science- and rules-based trade, which serves as the foundation of USMCA as it was agreed to by all parties."

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) applauded USTR's request, with NCGA President Tom Haag saying the organization is "deeply appreciative" of Tai for "standing up for America's corn growers."

"Mexico's decree, which runs counter to scientific findings and is in direct violation of USMCA, is negatively impacting American corn growers," Haag said in a statement. "U.S. officials have exhausted every avenue trying to resolve this conflict and are left with no other choice but to turn to a third-party panel in hopes of quickly rectifying this issue."

American Farm Bureau Federation also welcomed the USTR move.

"Mexico's ban on bioengineered corn is not only a clear violation of USMCA, it also ignores science and denies families in Mexico safe and affordable food," AFBF President Zippy Duvall said in a statement.

"America's farmers are upholding their obligations by meeting demand while achieving important sustainability goals. Mexico must do the same."

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