



Teaching excellence awards

The Regional Office of Education #11 announced the 2023 4th annual ROE #11 Recognition of Excellence Award Recipients.

2023 Recognition of Excellence Award Recipients are: Arcola CUSD #306: Desi Thomas, Arthur CUSD #305: Steffanie Seegmiller, BRIDGES: Beth Hansel, Casey-Westfield CUSD #C-4: Kimberly Evans, Central A&M CUSD #21: Steve Berg, Charleston CUSD #1:

Amanda Gentry, Cowden-Herrick CUSD #3A: David Wojcik, Cumberland CUSD #77: Roberta Fritts, EIASE: Kara Watson, Edgar County CUSD #6: Nicole Brown, Kansas CUSD #3: Crystal Buckler, Marshall CUSD #C-2: Jerry Raisner, Martinsville CUSD #C-3: Victoria Norton, Mattoon CUSD #2: Jammie Bowyer, Neoga CUSD #3: Kirby Davis, Oakland USD #5: Tedra Nelk, Okaw Valley CUSD #302: Jackie McLain,

Paris CUSD #4: Michelle Duke, Paris Cooperative High School: Stefan Aydt, Paris Union #95: Stephanie Moody, Shelbyville CUSD #4: Lucas Quast, Shiloh CUSD #1: Dana Bogle, Stewardson-Strasburg CUSD #5A: Bev Wascher, St. John's Lutheran School: Kallie Harris, Sullivan CUSD #300: Scott Bales, Tuscola CUSD #301: Sharon Stahler, Villa Grove CUSD #302: Callie Parr, Windsor CUSD #1: Ginger Handy.



THE STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS DAR members attended the 127th State Conference on April 28, in Bloomington at the Doubletree Hotel. Members attending were Nancy Willamon, Jennifer Appleby, Jane Faust, Martha Burris, Bev McGee, and Jackie Joines. They heard reports from District Directors and State Chairmen. The group enjoyed the luncheon speaker who linked the French and Americans through Lafayette's explorations in Southern Illinois. *Submitted photo.*

Hughes joins First Mid

First Mid Bank & Trust welcomed Laura Hughes as their new Chief Marketing & Deposit Officer. Hughes will be responsible for leading First Mid's marketing and deposit strategy, as well as overseeing its performance, culture, and overall customer experience.

With over 20 years of marketing and customer-focused experience in the banking and insurance industries, Hughes brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her new role. She most recently served as Chief Marketing Officer at HTLF, Heartland Financial, Inc., which is a \$20 billion bank headquartered in Denver, CO. Prior to that, she held executive positions as Digital Marketing Leader for Commercial Banking at JP Morgan Chase and Head of Marketing for the Federal Reserve Bank's Financial Services Division.

"We are thrilled to have Laura join our executive team," says Joe Dively, Chairman &

Chief Executive Officer at First Mid. "I am confident she will have a direct impact on our digital strategy and execution. Given the importance of deposits in today's environment, we felt it was crucial to align our digital strategy, deposit team, and marketing team. I am excited to see the impact Laura makes on our company as we embrace the opportunities and challenges that our industry currently faces."

"I am delighted and honored to join the strong leadership team at First Mid," says Hughes. "I look forward to leveraging my experience and expertise to help drive the bank's growth, and in collaboration with our dedicated employees, provide exceptional experiences to our customers while also generating profitable results for our shareholders."

Hughes is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and holds a Master of Business



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Administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. She dedicates her time and talents to numerous volunteer organizations. Hughes has contributed her expertise as a board member for both the National Park Service Heritage Corridor and her local chamber of commerce. She's also a devoted volunteer for the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program.

Douglas County Court

Traffic Citations

James Brian Jones, 52, Spencer, transporting alcohol.
Heather Suzanne Jones, 49, Spencer, transporting alcohol.
Jessica C. Henderson, 34, Bethany, no valid registration.
Charles G. Parr, 19, Mason City, speeding 15-20 MPH above the limit.
Amy J. Dixon, 55, Humboldt, suspended registration.
Christine M. Cox, 53, Oakland speeding 15-20 MPH above the limit.
Brittany L. Woll, 28, Champaign, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.
Shawn G. Clark, 28, Longview, driving a vehicle with a suspended registration.
Michael D. Miller, 19, Arthur, failed to stop at an intersection.
Seth A. Smith, 25, Decatur, operated an uninsured vehicle
Cory A. Swinderman, 42, Chrisman, operated an uninsured vehicle.
Gary H. Luna, 38, Mattoon, transported alcohol.
Nicholas Dale Courtney, 32, Saint Clair, failed to reduce speed; improper traffic lane usage; operated in an ill or impaired state; hours of service violation.
Elisha M. York, 39, Clinton, operated a vehicle with an expired registration.
Brandon K. Hollenbeck, 38, Tuscola, operated a vehicle with an expired registration.
Cheyenne R. Jones, 22, Mattoon, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.
Lauren D. Foster, 22, Arthur, operated an uninsured vehicle.
Tommy Ray Fulk,, 44 Terre Haute, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit; no valid registration.

Criminal Charges

Steven E. Hobbs, 47, St. Louis, was charged with a Class 3 felony for alleged possession of methamphetamine under five grams and a Class 4 felony for alleged possession of a controlled substance.
Chrisinda S. Lyons, 46, Springfield, was charged with a Class 3 felony for alleged possession of methamphetamine under five grams and a Class 4 felony for alleged possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal Judgment

Kristofer A. Johnson, 38, Arthur, pleaded guilty to driving on a revoked license and was sentenced to 30 days in the Douglas County Jail and conditional discharge for 12 months.
Louis D. Morris, 26, Urbana, pleaded guilty to aggravated fleeing of police over 21 MPH and was sentenced to 12 months of conditional discharge and fined \$500.
Antonio D. T. Calvin, 22, Vicksburg, Miss., pleaded guilty to carrying and possessing a firearm and was sentenced to three days in the Douglas County Jail and fined \$1,000. The defendant's 9mm handgun was also seized and forfeited to the Douglas County Sheriff.
Sarah K. McKeown, 47, Terre Haute, Ind., pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine under five grams and was sentenced to two days in the Douglas County Jail, 24 months of probation and 30 hours of community service.
Zachary E. Conner, 35, Mattoon, pleaded guilty to failure to appear and was sentenced to 12 months of conditional discharge and fined \$500.

Marriage Licenses

Amanda Kay Jones, 35, Tuscola, and Glenn Allen Markel, 47, Tuscola.
Patricia Lynn Smith, 38, Carmargo, and Jason Andrew Kirby, 60, Hidalgo.
Bryan Scott Wyrich, 43, Tuscola, and Vanessa Ann Kurtz, 35, Tuscola.
Lindsey Grace Mast, 21, Champaign, and Derek Michael Blodgett, 24, Champaign.

Real Estate

Joel A. Edinger granted Vicky L. Edinger a quit claim deed at 503 E. Main St. Arcola. Parcel number: 01-14-03-305-007.
Scott E. Roberts granted First Neighbor Bank National Association a mortgage at parcel number: 06-04-28-100-006.
Scott E. Roberts granted First Neighbor Bank National Association an assignment at parcel number: 06-04-28-100-006.
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems and Newrez LLC granted Crystal D. and Michael R. Zander a satisfaction of mortgage at 216 E. Lincoln St. Arthur. Parcel number: 02-07-30-326-009.
Joycesonia and Stacey Robinson granted a quit claim deed at 106 N. Oak St. Arcola. Parcel number: 01-14-04-417-042.
Zena Onstott and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development granted Flagstaff Bank NA a lis pendens at 211 E. Buckner St. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-109-008.
David L. and Cynthia Landis Combes granted First Mid Wealth Management Company a warranty deed at 609 and 611 E. Progress Arthur. Parcel number: 02-07-30-312-012.

Rigoberto Leal Garcia and Maria Rosario Ruiz Castaneda granted Cynthia M. Guajardo a warranty deed at 369 W. Jefferson Arcola. Parcel number: 01-14-04-305-009.
Carol Ann Miller, David A. and Harry W. Watson, and Brenda K. Winters granted Mark J. Timlin a warranty deed at parcel number: 04-03-11-202-009.
Mark J. Timlin granted Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems and Primelending A Plainscapital Company a mortgage at parcel number: 04-03-11-202-009.
Rebecca Lou Anderson and Michelle Chaplin granted Jaymee Attaway, Michelle Chaplin and Francis Ryan Farrier an affidavit at 313 E. Daggy Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-316-005.
Rebecca Lou Anderson, Michelle Chaplin, Jaymee Attaway, and Francis Ryan Farrier granted a warranty deed at 313 E. Daggy and 110 W. Sale Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-316-005.
Jaymee J. Attaway granted the United State Department of Agriculture a mortgage at 313 E. Daggy Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-316-005.
National City granted Doris and Merrit T. Schull a release mortgage at 311 Front St. Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-11-103-005.
Roy Rental LLC granted INB National Association a mortgage at 210 W. Vine Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-03-410-008.
JP Morgan Acquisition Corp. granted Canded Henrich and Clayton Pardi a warranty deed at 480 N CR 2125 E Oakland. Parcel number: 08-10-27-100-007.
Roy Rental LLC granted A &

M Rentals LLC a warranty deed at parcel numbers: 04-03-03-415-010, 04-03-11-304-008, 04-03-11-305-004, 04-03-11-306-007, 04-03-11-101-007, 04-03-02-320-002, 04-03-10-224-002, 04-03-11-113-002, 04-03-03-401-010, 04-03-02-318-006, 04-03-11-103-001 and 04-03-11-103-002.
Roy Rental LLC granted A & M Rentals LLC a mortgage at parcel numbers: 04-03-03-415-010, 04-03-11-304-008, 04-03-11-305-004, 04-03-11-306-007, 04-03-11-101-007, 04-03-02-320-002, 04-03-10-224-002, 04-03-11-113-002, 04-03-03-401-010, 04-03-02-318-006, 04-03-11-103-001 and 04-03-11-103-002.
Roy Rental LLC granted A & M Rentals LLC an assignment at parcel numbers: 04-03-03-415-010, 04-03-11-304-008, 04-03-11-305-004, 04-03-11-306-007, 04-03-11-101-007, 04-03-02-320-002, 04-03-10-224-002, 04-03-11-113-002, 04-03-03-401-010, 04-03-02-318-006, 04-03-11-103-001 and 04-03-11-103-002.
Jordan L. and Marie Nelson granted Arnoldo and Gracie Leal a warranty deed at 475 E. Washington Arcola. Parcel number: 01-14-03-306-014.
Gracie Leal granted Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems and Rocket Mortgage LLC a mortgage at 475 E. Washington Arcola. Parcel number: 01-14-03-306-014.
Deere Employess Credit union granted Allison and Rusty A. Yantis a release mortgage at 111 E. Barker Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-113-005.
Rosanna and Willard D. Miller granted Adam and Lou Ida Miller a warranty deed at parcel number: 02-07-16-200-022.

Adam and Lou Ida Miller granted First Mid Bank and Trust National Association a mortgage at parcel number: 02-07-16-200-022.
Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC, Carolin and Vicente Silguero granted Midfirst Bank an assignment at 604 Poplar Place Arcola. Parcel number: 01-14-04-206-002.
Michael J. Wanninger granted Johnson Creek Development LLC and Johnson Creek LLC a mortgage at 540 E US HWY 36 Tuscola. Parcel number: 05-01-35-400-001.
Adam and Lou Ida Miller granted First Community Bank of Moultrie County Trustee a warranty deed at 220 E CR 700 N Arthur. Parcel number: 05-07-09-300-006.
Farm Credit Illinois FLCA granted Marie and Stephen K. Kauffman a release mortgage at parcel number: 02-07-29-100-015.
Adam Norman, Ruth P. and Ruth P. Estate Benner granted First State Bank and Trust a mortgage at parcel number: 05-01-26-200-003.
First State Bank granted Adam Norman and Ruth P. Benner a release mortgage at parcel number: 05-01-26-200-003.
Rosanna O. and Willard Ray Schrock granted First Federal Savings and Loan a mortgage at 55 E CR 300 N Arthur. Number: Parcel numbers: 02-07-31-400-007 and 02-07-31-400-009.
Rosanna O. and Willard Ray Schrock granted First Federal Savings and Loan an assignment at 55 E CR 300 N Arthur. Number: Parcel numbers: 02-07-31-400-007 and 02-07-31-400-009.