

Douglas County Court

Traffic Citations

Logan T.L. Messer, 17, Arcola, passenger under 20.

Robert J. Bean, 59, Fisher-ville, Tenn., speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Leigh A. Willmoth, 34, Paris, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Louie Jack Fullen, 28, Tuscola, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Shawaljan Ismail Kheil, 36, Urbana, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Ella K. Boyer, 18, Tuscola, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit; unsafe equipment.

Lee Barnes, 38, Philo, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Zachary D. Miller, 28, Villa Grove, failure to reduce speed.

Wesley D. Montgomery, 35, Sullivan, speeding 15-20 MPH above the limit.

Connie J. Griffin, 64, Georgetown, speeding 15-20 MPH above the limit.

Blake M. Heltsley, 37, Champaign, expired registration.

Ivory Rose Powell, 18, Newman, operating an uninsured vehicle.

Zachary Roberts, 17, Tuscola, operating an uninsured vehicle.

Roanna R. Rosado, 35, Mendota, suspended registration; no valid registration.

Jasmine M. Akins, 36, Fort Worth, Texas, suspended registration; no valid registration.

Melissa A. Wheatley, 52, Ashmore, operating an uninsured vehicle.

Narciso Ixcotoyac Chanavac, 39, Champaign, operating an uninsured vehicle.

Kayode Frederick, 39, Charleston, suspended registration; no valid registration.

Leobardo P. Palma, 36, New Philadelphia, Ohio, operating an uninsured vehicle.

Scott A. Buchholz, 61, Tolo-no, operating an uninsured vehicle, operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

Dryden M. Broeker, 22, Villa Grove, operating an uninsured vehicle, operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

Whitney E. Barbee, 30, Terre Haute, Ind., operating an uninsured vehicle.

Duane R. Chupp, 19, Arcola, window treatment violation.

Kylira C. Beary, 23, Hazel Crest, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Kerry E. Frey, 52, Saint Charles, window treatment violation.

Daisy R. Mast, 21, Tuscola, seatbelt violation.

Natasha Renee Parish, 34, Belton, Texas, speeding 15-20 MPH above the limit.

Shakayla M. Riggins, 20, Chicago, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Cecilya A. Rodriguez, 36, Chicago, speeding 15-20 MPH above the limit.

Truvilian Smith Jr., 51, Mendenhall, Miss., speeding 15-20 MPH above the limit.

Travis A. Spour, 24, Sigel, speeding 15-20 MPH above the limit.

Jerwanda E. Stokes, 36, Chicago, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit; seatbelt violation.

Nicholas A. Waller, 32, Tuscola, seatbelt violation.

Arian P. Wankerl, 29, New Berlin, speeding 1-10 MPH above the limit.

Shawn D. Washington, 37, Westchester, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Chad B. Wernsing, 48, Effingham, improper passing of an emergency vehicle.

Michael B. Wilcoxon, 59, Newman, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Ashley D. Boyd, 40, Dewey, expired registration.

Lizbel Gonzalez, 43, River Grove, speeding 15-20 MPH above the limit.

Kenneth D. Smith, 65, Arcola, seatbelt violation.

Kasandra L. Follett, 37, Newman, operating an uninsured vehicle.

Brendan E. Hosler, 24, Urbana, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

John R. Kumzi, 64, Glendale Heights, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Mohammad F. Abulaila, 54, Westmont, disregarded official traffic cone.

Douglas J. Akers, 34, Waltonville, speeding 15-20 MPH above the limit.

James Gavin Corder, 21, La-

fayette, Ind., improper passing of an emergency vehicle.

Claudia E. Nugent, 63, Champaign, expired registration.

Roberto B. Trejo, 31, Arthur, failure to give right-of-way at an intersection.

Randy L. Wilcox, 50, Hammond, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Deidre Sue Whitacker Helfrich, 61, Hammond, improper left turn into traffic.

Jose Arturo Alfonso Hernandez, 21, Rantoul, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Vincent F. Wenger, 37, Lovington, expired registration.

Letica K. Madding, 34, Decatur, operating an uninsured vehicle.

Criminal charges

David K. Weck, 42, Willow Hill, was charged with a Class 3 felony for alleged possession of methamphetamine under five grams.

Federico Gonzalez Mendez, 29, Tuscola was charged with a Class 2 felony for alleged criminal sexual abuse of a handicapped person; two Class 3 felonies for alleged aggravated battery in a public place; and a Class A misdemeanor for alleged public indecency.

Colten M.R. Jenkins, 31, Mattoon, was charged with a Class 4 felony for alleged aggravated fleeing of police over 21 MPH.

Amber R. Wilkey, 35, Atwood, was charged with a Class 3 felony for alleged theft with intent to steal between \$500-\$10,000.

Danial C. Butler, 45, Monticello, was charged with a Class 4 felony for alleged aggravated fleeing of police over 21 MPH; a Class 3 felony for alleged possession/use of a weapon as a felon; a Class 3 felony for alleged possession of methamphetamine under five grams; and a Class A misdemeanor for alleged resisting arrest.

David J. Osborne, 37, Newman, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor for alleged violation of a bail bond of a family member.

Jeffery T. Dick, 48, Atwood,

was charged with a Class B misdemeanor for alleged criminal trespass to land.

Shaquina D. Anderson, 38, Decatur, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor for obstructing identification.

Criminal judgment

Dustin L. Pine, 35, Allerton, pleaded guilty to aggravated fleeing of police and was sentenced to 12 days in the Douglas County Jail.

Treyvaire D. Johnson, 32, Champaign, pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced to 12 months of first offender probation.

Francisco Quintanilla Martinez, 31, Urbana, pleaded guilty to aggravated driving under the influence and was sentenced to 24 months of probation.

Marriage Licenses

Keaton Allen Rae, Charleston, and Madison Lynn Schlenker, Charleston.

Real Estate

Kathy Jo and Fred Badman granted Kathy Jo Badman and Michael E. Birkner an affidavit.

Fred and Michael E. Birkner granted Kathy Jo Badman a quit claim deed at 104 E, Spring Camargo. Parcel number: 04-03-34-205-003.

Kathy Jo Badman and Fred Birkner granted Kathy Jo Badman a quit claim deed at 104 E, Spring Camargo. Parcel number: 04-03-34-205-003.

Brad Overturf granted Chaunel and John R. Wilcoxin a trustee's deed at 840 N CR Unit 1675 E Camargo. Parcel number: 04-09-02-400-008.

Chaunel and John Ross Wilcoxin granted Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Silverton Mortgage and Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. a mortgage at 840 N CR 1675 E Camargo. Parcel number: 04-09-02-400-008.

Villa Grove State Bank granted Crystal M. and Ryan P. Garrett a release mortgage at parcel numbers: 04-03-11-308-004, 04-03-11-310-005, and 04-03-11-310-006.

First Neighbor Bank granted Joel A. and Kylie J. Drake a release mortgage at 107 S. Howard Newman. Parcel number: 07-06-31-406-004.

Kylie Jo Drake granted Joel Allen Drake a quit claim deed at 107 S. Howard Newman. Parcel number: 07-06-31-406-004.

Joel Allen Drake granted First Neighbor Bank NA a mortgage at 107 S. Howard Newman. Parcel number: 07-06-31-406-004.

Scott D. IRA #2597 Brown and Heartland Bank & Trust granted Scott D. Roth IRA Brown a trustee's deed at parcel number: 08-18-04-200-002.

Trustbank granted Jourdan C. and Mitchell W. Clapper a release at 700 N. Main St. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-107-004.

Trustbank granted Beth M. and Timothy M. Sullivan a release at 916 E. Newark Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-210-021.

Candace Hudson and Trustbank granted Freddie L. Galey a release at 505 Cherry St. Tuscola. Parcel numbers: 09-02-34-211-037 and 09-02-34-211-016.

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Kimberly K. and Todd A. Martin granted Trustbank a mortgage at 308 N. Main St. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-128-006.

Chicagoland Trust Company Trustee granted Busey Bank a mortgage at 235 S. Ridge St. Arcola. Parcel number: 01-14-04-435-025.

Longview Bank and Longview State Bank granted Robert L. and Vicki L. Stipp a release mortgage at 311 S. Spruce St. Villa Grove. Parcel Number: 04-03-11-114-006.

Longview Bank granted Emily and Joshua Scribner a release mortgage at 1219 E CR 530 N Tuscola. Parcel number: 05-01-23-200-004.

Heartland Bank and Trust Co. granted Carissa Andrae and Matthew John Jones a release mortgage at 1640 E CR 1075 N Camargo. Parcel numbers: 04-03-27-400-034 and 04-03-27-

400-026.

United State Department of Agriculture and United State of America granted Paula Kay Crays a release mortgage at parcel number: 09-02-34-422-003.

First State Bank and Trust Granted Kathleen E. and Phillip M. Holthaus a modification of mortgage at 1003 N CR 1465 E Villa Grove. Parcel number: 04-03-33-100-007.

Amy Lyn and Steven E. Fiscus granted Jourdan C. and Mitchell W. Clapper a warranty deed at 107 E. Scott St. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-332-005.

Jourdan C. and Mitchell W. Clapper granted Trustbank a mortgage at 107 E. Scott St. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-332-005.

Charles Dean Family Trust and Dadid Gurnea Martin Trust-ee granted Jacque L. Baer a trustee's deed at 818 Timmons Dr. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-225-005.

Phyllis S. Kauffman granted Benjamin A. Conner a warranty deed at 814 Crestwood Dr. Arthur. Parcel number: 02-07-30-339-007.

Benjamin A. Conner granted Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. and Zillow Home Loans LLC a mortgage at 814 Crestwood Dr. Arthur. Parcel number: 02-07-30-339-007.

Poland Ramirez Lemus and Juan Carlos Rebollo granted a mortgage at 820 Lakeshore Dr. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-27-204-039.

Angela Elizabeth Meloy granted Broadlands Ploz Farm I LLC an assignment at parcel numbers: 07-06-06-200-001 and 07-06-05-100-001.

Stephen C. and Trevor A. Fox granted Anneliesse and Quintinn Eastin a warranty deed at 104 E. Scott St. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-326-007.

Mary K. Imran granted Yoan Ismael Heredia Carrillo and Whitney Lee Heredia a warranty deed at 400 S. Main St. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-319-005.

Yoan Ismael Heredia Carrillo and Whitney Lee Heredia granted First State Bank and Trust a mortgage at 62 Hillcrest Dr. Tuscola. Parcel number: 09-02-34-319-005.

FBI Springfield warns of recent elder fraud crime

FBI Springfield is warning the public to be wary of unsolicited or suspicious phone calls where the caller is claiming to be a loved one or family member in trouble and makes an immediate request for money. FBI Springfield has identified victims in Sangamon and surrounding counties as part of this scam, commonly referred to as a grandparent scam.

Although there are numerous variations of the grandpar-

ent scam, a version recently seen in central Illinois involves victims receiving a phone call from someone claiming to be a loved one who has been in an accident with a pregnant woman and is being detained by law enforcement. The victim then receives a second call from a purported attorney who claims that due to a gag order the case cannot be discussed further, and requests money for their loved one's release. The scammer schedules an in-person

pick-up to collect the requested money and someone acting as a money mule arrives at the victim's residence to retrieve the funds.

Money mules are individuals who assist fraudsters by receiving money from victims of fraud and forwarding it to the fraud organizers, many of whom are located abroad. FBI Springfield's investigation into this scam resulted in the indictment of an individual for conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

According to the FBI's 2022 Internet Crime Complaint Center's Elder Fraud Report, there were 400 victims over 60 years of age who experienced almost \$3.8 million in losses due to grandparent scams. FBI Springfield urges anyone who receives an unsolicited or suspicious call from someone claiming to be a loved one or family member to hang up and verify the story with your loved one by calling them directly.

To avoid becoming a victim

of a grandparent scam, the FBI recommends following these tips:

- Be careful what you post online. Scammers can use details shared on social media platforms and dating sites for targeting purposes.
- Be suspicious of telephone calls that require you to immediately take action and request bail money for a family member in distress.
- Be careful with caller IDs that look familiar. Scammers

may use technology to disguise the actual number they are calling from and make it appear as a trusted number.

- Never give personal identifiable information or money to anyone you have only communicated with by telephone or online.

If you and/or your loved are a victim of elder fraud, contact FBI Springfield at 217-522-9675. Visit the FBI's resource webpage for more information.

UI study: Farm stressors affect mental health of adults and adolescent children

Agriculture is a stressful occupation, and farmers face substantial mental health challenges. Research indicates they often experience higher levels of anxiety and depression compared to the general population, but less is known about the effects on their families. A new study from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign explores how economic stressors affect the mental health of U.S. farmers and their adolescent children.

“There’s a lot of young people growing up on a farm and participating in agricultural work. We’ve long acknowledged the inherent hazards of this work environment, and now we’re also recognizing its impact on mental health,” said Josie Rudolphi, Illinois Extension specialist and assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural and Biological

Engineering (ABE), part of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and The Grainger College of Engineering at the U. of I.

“Most of the work on farm stress and mental health is primarily focused on adult farmers. However, it is important to recognize that children are fully aware of what’s happening on the farm, and they are not immune to the stressors that exist. That is the inspiration behind this project,” she added.

Rudolphi and co-author Richard Berg, analyst at the Marshfield Clinic Research Institute, are reporting results from the first year of a five-year study funded by the National Children’s Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (NCCRAHS). The researchers conducted online surveys with farmers and their adolescent children across the

United States. They used the Family Stress Model, which was developed in Iowa in the 1990s after the farm crisis to examine the correlation between economic stressors and mental health in farmers.

Rudolphi and Berg found that about 60% of both adults and adolescents met the criteria for at least mild depression, while 55% of the adults and 45% of the adolescents met the criteria for generalized anxiety disorder.

“Prevalence of depression in the general population is typically around 17 to 18%, so these numbers are quite high. Although we don’t have a control group for direct comparison, we used similar instruments to screen for mental health conditions as national public health surveys. Additionally, these statistics are not unusually high for a farm sam-

ple, based on previous surveys with farmers,” Rudolphi said.

When looking at economic hardship indicators, farm debt showed a high correlation with depressed mood in adults, and this in turn was correlated with adolescent depression and anxiety.

“It’s not unexpected for children to be affected by the experiences of adults. In many other settings, adults can leave work, return home, and transition into their roles as parents. But in a farm environment, the boardroom table is the kitchen table, and there is talk about farm activity in the household. There’s a blur between work and family, or business and residence, so it becomes rather complicated,” she noted.

Interestingly, despite 82% of respondents rating their own mental health as excellent or good, their responses

to questions measuring symptoms of anxiety and depression revealed different results. Rudolphi suggested people may have become accustomed to living with mild or moderate depression, perceiving it as their new normal.

The researchers are currently in their third year of data collection, and they continue to expand the number of participants. They aim to establish stronger connections between economic stressors and mental health in future data analyses.

One of the most important findings in the current study is the strong correlation between adult depression and adolescent depression, Rudolphi stated. This underscores the need to develop resources and services for the entire farm family.

“Illinois Extension offers a number of mental health

programs for the agricultural community, but many of them primarily target the owner-operators. We must also consider the well-being of spouses and children on the farm,” she said.

“The agricultural environment prides itself on looking out for one another. We should harness that shared responsibility to foster a sense of community and support for young people. This involves engaging with rural schools, teachers, coaches, and agricultural youth leaders in mental health awareness initiatives.”

Rudolphi is co-director of the North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center, a 12-state, 15-partner collaborative based in Illinois Extension that offers stress management and mental health interventions. To find out more, go online to www.farmstress.org.