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Craft Beer Adventure Fest Saturday

Richardson Adventure Farm hosts over-21 event to benefit Rotary causes

Cynthia Wolf
 CONTRIBUTOR

Richardson Adventure Farm is ready to host to the Craft Beer Adventure Festival this Saturday.

"It's a special community event that brings in people from all over," said event chairman Tim Molitor, a member of the co-hosting Richmond-Spring Grove Rotary Club. "We'll have samples on-site from more than a dozen Lake and McHenry county craft brewers. Plus food trucks, and everything that the farm has to offer - all in a great atmosphere with live music."

The fun will run from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at Richardson Adventure Farm, 909 English Prairie Road, Spring Grove. Tickets are \$45 for general admission, including a 5-ounce sampling mug good for unlimited tastings while supplies last, or \$15 for designated drivers, a ticket that comes with a special wristband and two free soft drinks.

Those who purchase VIP tickets at \$65 each may arrive an hour earlier, at 2 p.m., and will receive preferred parking, a sampling mug and a voucher good for \$10 off an event T-shirt.

Live music by the Steve Gritman Band begins at 3 p.m. Attendees can take it all in while playing giant Jenga, racing around the pedal kart track, tossing some bags, leaping on a huge jumping pillow, climbing

a 50-foot tower or whooshing down a 150-foot slide.

Food trucks will serve up hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken strips, tacos, burritos and more. In addition, the Richardson Farm crew will be cooking up their signature fresh, hot, apple cider-cinnamon sugar donuts from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Breweries lined up to offer their wares at the Craft Beer Adventure Fest this year include 9th Hour, Black Lung, Crystal Lake, Harbor, Kishwaukee, Ravinia, Tighthead, Unbeaten Path, Holzlager, Shortfuse and Two Brothers brewing. Samuel Adams, Perfect Brewing Supply, Rush Creek Distilling and Sew Hop'd Brewery, as well as The Finnish Long Drink, also will be represented.

Prairie State wines will also be on hand, and domestic beers and hard seltzers, as well as soft drinks, also will be available.

Richmond-Spring Grove Rotary President and event co-host George Richardson said he and others on the event committee have been working to come up with a fun, out-of-the-ordinary fest to help raise money for the many causes that the Rotary club supports. These include food pantries in Richmond, Spring Grove and Hebron, Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County, Home of the Sparrow and more.

For tickets and other information, visit rsgartar-events.com or search events at richardsonfarm.com.



GEORGE RICHARDSON PHOTOS HI-LITER/MCN



Above: Attendees step up to the Rush Creek Distilling table, and (left), Cort Carlson of the Aurora Area Convention and Visitors Bureau races a pedal kart around the track during the inaugural Craft Beer Adventure Festival at Richardson Adventure Farm in June 2022. This year's fest is Saturday, June 24 from 3-7 p.m., at Richardson's Farm located at 909 English Prairie Road, Spring Grove.



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Health care workers who cover up patient abuse face stiffer penalties under new law

Legislation allows workers to be barred from health care jobs for obstructing investigations into staff misconduct

By Beth Hundsdorfer
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS
and Molly Parker

LEE ENTERPRISES MIDWEST
Editor's note: This article was produced for ProPublica's Local Reporting Network in partnership with Lee Enterprises, along with Capitol News Illinois.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a bill into law on June 9 that strengthens the range of penalties that a state watchdog can mete out for health care employees who conspire to hide abuse or interfere with investigations by the state police or internal oversight bodies.

The legislation was introduced following an investigative series by Capitol News Illinois, Lee Enterprises Midwest and ProPublica into rampant abuses and cover-ups at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center, a state-run institution in southern Illinois that houses people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental illnesses.

The new law applies to employees at state-run institutions and at privately operated community agencies for people with developmental

disabilities and mental illnesses that operate under the oversight of the Illinois Department of Human Services and its Office of the Inspector General.

The news organizations detailed how employees had lied to investigators, leaked sensitive investigative details, retaliated against people who reported abuse and sought to indoctrinate new workers into the cover-up culture. Employees who engaged in such actions made it difficult to pursue cases of patient abuse, yet they rarely faced serious consequences. IDHS Inspector General Peter Neumer suggested the change in law last year.

The new law allows the OIG to report workers who engage in such misconduct to Illinois' existing Health Care Worker Registry, which would bar them from working in any health care setting in the state.

The registry identifies any health care worker who has been barred from working with vulnerable populations in any long-term care setting, such as state-operated developmental centers or group homes. Under prior

law, workers could be barred because they had been found to have engaged in financial exploitation; neglect that is considered "egregious"; or physical or sexual abuse. The new law adds "material obstruction" of an investigation to the list of findings that can be reported to the registry, which is maintained by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Pritzker signed the bill on the same day the IDHS inspector general released a 34-page report that recommended a "top to bottom analysis" of all processes related to the reporting of abuse and neglect at Choate "because at the present time there appear to be fundamental problems with all aspects of that system."

The OIG report referenced the beating of a patient with a developmental disability by Choate staff in December 2014 that was covered by the news outlets. Four mental health technicians were charged with felonies in connection to the beating. Three of them pleaded guilty to failing to comply with abuse reporting laws for state employees, and one—Mark Allen, a

mental health technician who had been originally charged with felony aggravated battery—pleaded guilty to felony obstruction of justice.

The report noted that at least eight people colluded to obstruct the state police and OIG investigation. Few staff members were forthcoming with details, even though they later told investigators it was the worst case of abuse they had ever seen.

"This was a textbook example of a code of silence, in which staff seek to protect each other from the consequences of their misconduct by remaining silent about what they witnessed or lying to protect their fellow employees," the new OIG report stated. While Allen was ultimately reported to the registry after the inspector general found him responsible for the abuse, the other three were not. Even though they were criminally convicted of failing to report what they'd witnessed, and the inspector general found that they had engaged in the cover-up, prior law did not include obstruction as a reportable offense.

The new law is a "necessary reform that will provide

additional protection for residents and hold accountable any bad actors who violate the trust of a resident or patient," Alex Gough, a spokesperson for Pritzker, said in a statement.

"Governor Pritzker continues to take the longstanding problems at Choate very seriously, and he remains committed to providing a healthy, safe living environment for every single person residing in the state's care."

Last week, Neumer said in a statement that he was pleased that the governor and legislators supported the measure, which passed both chambers unanimously, because it "serves as a strong deterrent to those who would engage in 'code of silence'-type conduct, where employees lie or omit key facts to investigators in an effort to protect themselves and/or their fellow employees."

"When employees fully and completely cooperate with OIG's investigations, that also enhances OIG's ability to fact-find, which serves as an additional deterrent to misconduct," he said.

IDHS Secretary Grace Hou noted in a letter to Neumer, which was included in the inspector general's report, that she also had backed the legislative change. That is one of several steps her department has taken to address conditions at Choate and in the agency's 12 other developmental centers and psychiatric hospitals, the letter said.

In a statement, Marisa Kollias, a spokesperson for IDHS, said that a "system-wide transformation" of the agency's facilities is already underway.

In March, Pritzker and Hou announced that more than 120 residents of Choate—about half of the facility's population—would have to move out for their safety. The residents and their guardians were given up to three years to find an alternative placement, such as in a community group home or another state-run facility.

In addition to the relocation of some of Choate's residents, the department has hired a chief resident safety officer and is implementing other safety enhancements.

Kollias noted that Hou asked the inspector general to conduct the review of Choate last September, the same month the news organizations published their first in a series of reports about Choate.

"IDHS leadership continues to be deeply concerned by the events investigated and reported on by the OIG," Kollias said. "The report underscores the importance of actions that IDHS has taken since the beginning of the administration, including substantially expanding training, hiring new staff and installing security cameras."

The inspector general has repeatedly called for the installation of security cameras at Choate and in other IDHS facilities, but the department had previously said that doing so was complicated by federal regulations. The department said that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which partially funds its institutional care, has provided new guidance that will allow for the installation of cameras in indoor, common area locations. The department, the statement said, "will be installing those expeditiously."

Public invited to Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services field day event Sunday

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) division of the McHenry County Emergency Management Agency will be participating in Field Day this weekend, June 24-25.

Field Day stations will be located behind the maintenance facility at 12394 Ware Road, Woodstock. Parking will be off of Route 47, just north of Ware Road.

Field Day is a 24-hour annual exercise sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, the national association for amateur radio. This is an opportunity for federally licensed radio amateurs to test their skills and equipment in the field by making radio contacts using various modes of communications with other operators nationwide.

Amateur radio operators have a long history of providing emergency communications when normal systems are overloaded or offline. One example was Hurricane Katrina, when ham radio was the only viable communications mechanism in the disaster area. In cases like this one, radio operators are quick to respond with their own equipment and at their own expense. Amateur radio operators also assist in supporting many planned events, including the Chicago and Boston mara-

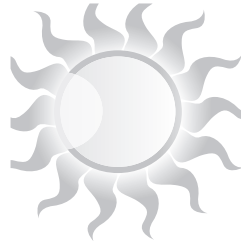
thons. As the name implies, Field Day is an exercise held outdoors using generator power. It is meant to simulate disaster conditions where commercial power would not be available. In addition, the exercise simulates the same challenges that operators would face in a real disaster scenario.

Over the weekend, amateur radio operators will be demonstrating various radio techniques ranging from classic Morse code all the way to more modern digital and satellite communications. Several clubs in the area will even be experimenting with TV signals and microwave communications equipment.

The public is invited to join us during this exercise from 3 to 5 p.m. June 25. You will have a unique opportunity to get on the air using one of our official Field Day stations. This is an excellent opportunity to learn what ham radio is all about.

Questions regarding this event can be directed to the McHenry County Emergency Management Agency at 815-338-6400, or on the web at www.mcraces.org. You can also find more information at the American Radio Relay League Field Day information site at www.arrl.org/field-day.

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Lake County sets new standard for sustainability with green-forward leadership initiatives

Lake County is excited to announce that it has received a 2023 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The award is for the County's new program that prohibits the purchase, sale and distribution of single-use plastics of food service items within County government operations and all County government sites. This prestigious award recognizes counties for innovative programs that strengthen services and modernize government.

The program, which went into effect at the beginning of 2023, will eliminate approximately one million single-use plastics from Lake County government operations by year's end. Vending operations, cafeteria and coffee services and department purchasing were all overhauled to eliminate, swap, or discourage single-use plastics wherever reasonable.

"Our County Board and dedicated staff continue to set the bar high for sustainability initiatives that protect our water, air and soil," said Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart. "With just one program,

we will be keeping millions of plastic items out of landfills in the years to come."

In some Lake County government buildings, aluminum cans have replaced single-use plastic bottles in vending machines. Multiple vending machines containing single use plastic-wrapped items also have been removed from a number of facilities. And to provide the public who come to county facilities with more sustainable food options, the County has installed refrigerated self-serve vending machines. The new machines provide fresh, healthy meal options in reusable, recyclable containers.

"Plastic pollution is a growing concern and has been one of the committee's top priorities to tackle," said Jessica Vealitzek, chair of the Lake County Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment Committee. "Our program shows that an ambitious initiative like this - with specific, measurable, and time-based goals - is entirely possible and can make a big difference."

On the heels of the new award, Lake County is also announcing a new food scrap

bin in the County cafeteria located at 18 N. County St., Waukegan. The new bin is available for Lake County employees and visiting members of the public to dispose of food scraps from meals.

To use the new food scrap bin, follow the signage posted at the sorting station by separating waste by type. Fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, dairy, grains, and other consumable items can be placed into the food scrap bin. A separate recycling bin is available for aluminum cans and recyclables. And in the trash bin goes all food service ware including compostable or biodegradable service ware, non-recyclable plastic items, and anything that you aren't positive belongs in the first two bins. "When in doubt, throw it out!" is the rule of thumb.

The cost of disposing of garbage is increasing over time. Sorting food scraps, which eventually gets transformed into compost, reduces the amount of trash in our waste stream, saving taxpayer dollars and returning usable nutrients and energy to Lake County's environment.



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Openlands and Lake County Forest Preserves partner in land transfer

The Planning Committee of the Lake County Forest Preserves approved a resolution recommending the acceptance of the 77-acre Openlands Lakeshore Preserve during a June 5 joint meeting of its operations, planning and finance committees.

Openlands and the Forest Preserves have been in conversation about the potential transfer of the acreage and 1 mile of Lake Michigan shoreline, which would be an addition to Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve in Lake Forest. The board of commissioners is expected to approve the final agreement at its June 14 meeting.

Founded in 1963, Openlands is a nonprofit conservation organization and land trust. It protects natural and open spaces of northeastern Illinois and the surrounding region to ensure cleaner air and water, protection of natural habitats and wildlife and helps balance and enrich lives.

"Openlands has a long, successful track record of acquiring critical parcels and transferring them at the appropriate time to qualified landowners," said Jerry Adelman, Openlands president and CEO. "We focus on establishing trusted relationships within communities, protecting vital ecosystems and creating access to nature for all."

One of the few publicly accessible ravines and blufftop ecosystems in the area, Openlands assumed ownership of the site, part of the former Fort Sheridan Army Base, in phases in 2007 and 2010. The area is of statewide ecological significance and home to at least six threatened and endangered plant species. Thousands of migrating birds rest and refuel at the preserve each year.

"We are thrilled to add this additional parcel, which will result in nearly 2 miles of contiguous, publicly-accessible shoreline at Fort Sheridan," said Alex Ty Kovach, executive director of the

Lake County Forest Preserves. "A scenic destination, this stately preserve offers a variety of opportunities to recreate in nature."

Openlands closed the preserve in 2021 due to safety concerns over remnant military items, which are in the process of being addressed. The Forest Preserves plans to conduct its own safety analysis and hopes to open the 77-acre parcel later this summer. Within the next few years, the Forest Preserves expects to complete a master plan of the new acreage while considering the existing holdings to ensure a seamless visitor experience.

"Openlands did an excellent job creating accessible trails through the sensitive ravine and blufftop habitats, installing bridges and staircases and did exceptional restoration work," Kovach said. "We look forward to building on their investments in the site to incorporate the new acreage into the Fort Sheridan experience."

As part of the deal, Openlands will also transfer about \$1.29 million for conservation and habitat restoration on the property. The Preservation Foundation, the charitable partner of the Forest Preserves, will receive the funding and establish a long-term endowment, which will support ongoing ecological management of the 77 acres. "The endowment will provide a permanent source of support to care for the Openlands Lakeshore Preserve at Fort Sheridan today and forever," Kovach said.

"This is a perfect example of how the Forest Preserves and the Preservation Foundation collaborate with partners like Openlands to maintain biodiversity and ensure that no further species are lost in Lake County," said Angelo Kyle, president of the Lake County Forest Preserves. "Our shared commitment to protect and restore open space brings us together in this critical mission."

Pritzker signs anti-book ban legislation

First-in-the-nation law ties state funding to open access policies

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker signed legislation last week that seeks to protect public and school libraries from pressure to ban, remove or restrict access to books based on "partisan or doctrinal disapproval."

Speaking at the Harold Washington Library Center in downtown Chicago, Pritzker said there were 67 attempts in 2022 to have various books removed from library shelves in Illinois, including books about LGBTQ-plus youths, the Black experience and racism.

"The argument for banning books always begins with the claim that it's about protecting the children, and yes, of course, we all want to protect our children so they're reading age-appropriate material," he said. "But banning books from libraries isn't about that at all. Book bans are about censorship, marginalizing people, marginalizing ideas and facts. Regimes ban books, not democracies."

House Bill 2789 declares it to be the policy of Illinois to "encourage and protect the freedom of libraries and library systems to acquire materials without external limitation and to be protected against attempts to ban, remove, or otherwise restrict access to books or other materials."

It also requires that, as a condition for being eligible for state grants, libraries and library systems must adopt either the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights or some other written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books or other materials.

Tracie Hall, executive director of the Chicago-based ALA, called the bill signing a historic event.

"I could not be prouder that the American Library Association, founded in 1876, and based for much of its 147 years right here in Chicago,

makes its home in a state that is first in the nation to create a law that stands up to censorship and calls it what it is—a threat to education, to libraries, to our individual freedoms, and a threat to our democracy," she said.

The bill was an initiative of Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, who serves as the state librarian and whose office administers grant programs for local public libraries and school libraries. He described it as the first of its kind in the United States and a needed response to a growing wave of antagonism toward libraries.

"Most of the premise of this bill and our inspiration for this bill was hearing from librarians throughout the state who have never seen a level of intimidation, threats to violence and job insecurity like they have across the state, whether it's in the western suburbs or whether it's in downstate Illinois. So that's been really troubling," he said. "We should be ap-

plauding them, and they've never felt this harassed. So hopefully this shows librarians across the state that we support them."

The bill passed through both chambers of the General Assembly with only Democratic support. Republicans argued that it undercut the authority of local library boards and school boards. Some also argued that it could lead to unintended consequences such as libraries being forced to carry books espousing racism or providing instructions in how to make a bomb.

"That's got nothing to do with this legislation," Giannoulias said when asked about this criticism. "That will not be the case, it will continue not to be the case. Again, what we're saying simply is a book cannot be removed that's already currently in circulation for partisan or doctrinal beliefs. It's very simple, straightforward, and our librarians have begged for this legislation. I could not be more proud of it."

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Operation Dropbox celebrates another successful year



The McHenry County Department of Health and its participating partners collected more than two tons of supplies for local veterans and their families during Operation Dropbox.

Operation Dropbox, lasting through the entire month of May, yielded 5,466 pounds of donated goods from 28 dropboxes placed at participating locations throughout McHenry County. The donated items were officially delivered today to Veterans Path to Hope, a Crystal Lake-based veterans' charity that also runs the New Horizons Transitional Living Program in Hebron.

"The Operation Dropbox drive was bigger than ever, and it's only going to grow larger," Public Health Administrator Melissa Adamson said. "Thank you to the people of McHenry County for their generosity, the businesses, civic groups and local governments that came forward to host dropboxes, our Medical Reserve Corps volunteers for sorting all the contributed donations, and of course, the McHenry County Division

of Transportation for delivering almost 5,500 pounds of goods to Veterans Path to Hope."

Now in its fourth year, the Operation Dropbox campaign has steadily grown – last year, the donations collected helped support more than 3,000 McHenry County veterans and their families.

"This year, beyond all others, these resources are needed for the veteran households that Veterans Path to Hope is honored to support," Executive Director Laura Franz said. "With the cost of groceries and household goods skyrocketing, we know that offering the opportunity for veterans to avail themselves of these items frees up money for other needs. We are so very grateful, again, to the organizations and individuals that are participating in Operation Dropbox. We wish we could share in real-time the expressions of relief and gratitude from the many veteran households that will benefit from this generosity!"

To learn more about Veterans Path to Hope, visit www.veteranspathtohope.org



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The McHenry County Department of Health collected, sorted and packaged more than 5,000 pounds of donations through its Operation Dropbox drive to assist local veterans and their families. The supplies were delivered to Veterans Path to Hope, in Crystal Lake where they will be distributed to local veterans.

Lake County receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Lake County is proud to announce that it has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The award recognizes Lake County's annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) for the fiscal year that ended on Nov. 30, 2021.

This prestigious recognition is a testament to Lake County's commitment to financial transparency and sound fiscal management. The GFOA's

Certificate of Achievement is awarded to governmental entities that demonstrate a high standard of financial reporting. To be eligible for this recognition, a government must go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles and exhibit a commitment to transparency, accuracy, and comprehensiveness in its financial reporting. Lake County is a long-standing recipient of the award.

"Lake County remains fiscally stable primarily due to our staff's strategic, long-term

data driven decision making and the Board's commitment to fiscal responsibility," said Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart. "This is a significant accomplishment that highlights the county's dedication to providing clear and easily understandable financial information to our residents and stakeholders."

The ACFR submitted by the county has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly commu-

nicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

"We are honored to receive this award from the GFOA," said Paul Frank, Lake County Finance and Administrative Committee Chair. "This recognition validates our ongoing efforts to ensure transparency and accountability in our financial practices."

Lake County posts the ACFR on its website. As required by Illinois State Statutes, Lake County has an independent audit completed annually and publishes the

statements. The public can view all of Lake County's recently published ACFRs at any time.

"I'd like to thank the Finance team and all of our partners in the agencies and departments who put significant time and effort all throughout the year and especially during the audit to ensure that our financial statements are most importantly accurate, but also usable and informative for our residents," said Patrice Sutton, Lake County Chief Financial Officer. "Congratulations on this significant achievement!"

About the GFOA

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), founded in 1906, represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association's more than 20,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. GFOA's mission is to advance excellence in public finance.

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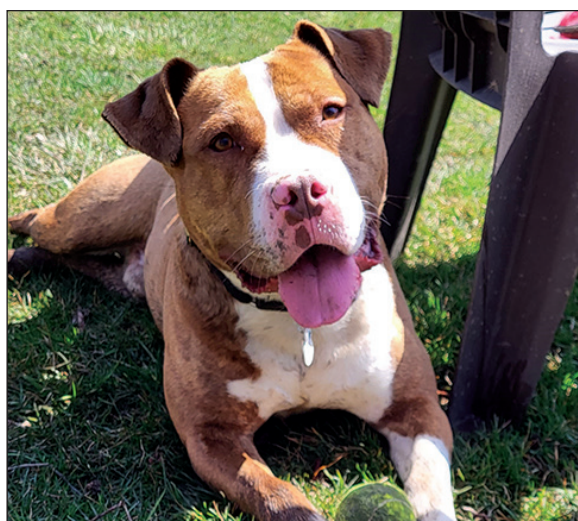
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Friends of Volo Bog holding poetry challenge

The Friends of Volo Bog are holding the Peatland Poetry Challenge in conjunction with International Bog Day on Sunday, July 23.

The age categories are divided up between adult and youth and submissions are due by July 12. Poetry submission categories are: Bog landscape and vegetation, Bog culture, and Ekphrastic.

Find more information and submission guidelines by visiting www.FriendsofVoloBog.org.

College news

Heilig named to spring 2023 president's list

Lila Heilig of Antioch, was among the undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the president's list for the 2023 spring semester.

Heilig is a second year student in Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and is majoring in English.

honoree at McKendree University

Alexander Riedel of Antioch, was named to the McKendree University, Lebanon, IL, spring 2023 semester Dean's List for earning a grade point average of 3.60 or higher.

MSOE announces spring Dean's List

Milwaukee School of En-

gineering congratulates students named to the spring quarter 2023 Dean's List.

- Ian Golvach of Antioch. Golvach is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

- Logan Knott of Richmond. Knott is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

- Nathan Blanck of Antioch. Blanck is pursuing a

Bachelor of Science in Bio-Molecular Engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean's List.

Miller named to Missouri State University spring Dean's List

Rachel Miller of Richmond was among the students named

to the spring 2023 Dean's List at Missouri State University in Springfield, MO.

Undergraduate students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and maintain a 3.5 GPA to be a candidate for the Dean's List.

Local students receive degrees from University of Iowa

University of Iowa, Iowa

City, IA held its commencement ceremonies in May where more than 6,500 students received their degrees. Included in the list of graduates were:

















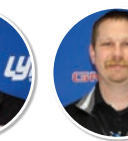



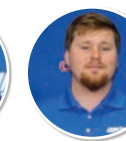



- Rebecca Bargamian, Antioch - College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Bachelor degree in Psychology.

- Makayla Ippach, Antioch, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Bachelor degree in Psychology.

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Lake County Sheriff's arrest bulletin

The Lake County Sheriff's Dept. reported the following arrests in Lake County. Suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

May 16
Nestor D. Ferrer, 30, Round Lake Park, was cited for a warrant arrest: DUI;
Kelly M. Stankus, 47, Twin Lake, WI, was cited for a warrant arrest: driving while license suspended;
May 17
Matthew Aronson, 25, no permanent address, was cited

for battery;
Waymond Off, 44, Gurnee, was cited for violation of sexual offender registration act;
May 18
Rolando Martinez-Gonzalez, 30, Mundelein, was cited for a warrant arrest: harassment;
May 19
John L. Lombardo, 31, Hanover Park, was cited for a warrant arrest: domestic battery;
Heladio F. Flores, 25, Mundelein, was cited for violation of an order of protection;

Ryan E. Byrne, 35, Wheaton, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and open transportation of alcohol;
Mikayla R. Kulik, 20, Algonquin, was cited for DUI – alcohol;
Cassandra Lynn Kita, 35, Lake Villa, was cited for DUI – alcohol;
May 20
Donaldvon A. Gordon, 42, Zion, was cited for driving while license revoked – no BAIID device;
Dewayne Williams, 62, Zion, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and open transportation of alcohol;

Larry C. Williams, 41, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license revoked;
Paominlian Vaiphei, 29, Hawthorne Woods, was cited for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, violation of an order of protection, no CCL, no FOID;
May 21
Jaden R. Calderon-Pastran, 39, was cited for no driver's license, and driving while registration suspended;
David Jefferson Schatten,

31, Burlington, WI, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and aggravated speeding (80 mph in 40 mph zone).
May 22
Eduardo Solis-Marcelo, 33, Waukegan, was cited for battery;
Eugene Diaz, 63, Beach Park, was cited for driving while license revoked;
Kimberly A. Cardenas, 28, Zion, was cited for driving while license suspended;
Mario Alcalá, 21, Gurnee, was cited for driving while license suspended and no insurance;

May 23
Omar Fernandez, 33, Waukegan, was cited with a warrant arrest: battery;
Kevin C. Kaminski, 48, Ingleside, was cited for disorderly conduct;
Andrzej Zaleski, 54, Lake Zurich, was cited for DUI – alcohol;
Rickey Scott, 55, Beach Park, was cited for harassment by telephone;
Brent S. Shepperack, 29,

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Court & crime news

Man with revoked FOID charged after accidentally shooting himself during dream

A Lake Barrington Man with a revoked Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) Card who accidentally shot himself has been charged.



Mark M. Dicara

On April 10, at approximately 9:50 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a person with a gunshot wound in the 100 block of Shoreline Road, Lake Barrington. Sheriff's deputies arrived at the home and located the victim, Mark M. Dicara, 62, with a gunshot wound to the leg. Sheriff's deputies applied a tourniquet to Dicara's leg, as he was losing a significant amount of blood. Further investigation revealed Dicara had a dream that someone was breaking into his home. He retrieved his .357 Magnum Revolver and shot at who he believed

was the intruder. When he fired, he shot himself and apparently woke up from the dream. Dicara was transported to an area hospital for treatment on his gunshot wound. The round discharged from the firearm went through Dicara's leg and lodged itself into Dicara's bedding. Fortunately, the round did not travel through a shared wall with Dicara's neighbors. It was confirmed there was not a burglary attempt at Dicara's residence. Sheriff's deputies learned Dicara had a revoked FOID card, yet still possessed a firearm. The case was reviewed by the Lake County State's Attorney's Office who approved the charges of: Possession of a Firearm without a Valid FOID Card (Class 3 Felony) and Reckless Discharge of a Firearm (Class 4 Felony).

A warrant was drafted and on June 9, a Lake County Judge set bond on the warrant at \$150,000. Dicara was arrested and processed on June 12. He was released on bail after posting bond. Dicara is next due in court on June 29, 2023.

Sheriff's office investigating road rage shooting

On June 13, at approximately 6:15 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies and Libertyville Police Officers responded to a gas station at Route 137 and Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, for a person who called 911 and reported he was shot. Libertyville Police Officers arrived at the scene and located a 32-year-old man of Cicero, with a gunshot wound to the leg. Libertyville Police Officers applied a tourniquet to the man's wound to stop the bleeding, just prior to the arrival of paramedics. The man was subsequently transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. A preliminary investigation shows the man was in the area of Route 137 and O'Plaine Road near Libertyville. The victim believes he may have cut off the offender while driving. The victim and offender were traveling in vehicles in the same area. The offender became enraged after being cut off. The offender pulled alongside the victim's vehicle as the two traveled westbound on Route 137. The offender produced a firearm and shot toward the victim at least one time. The victim was struck by the gunfire. The victim drove a short distance further, pulled over, and called 911. Sheriff's detectives are

currently investigating and reviewing video surveillance in the area. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Lake County Sheriff's Detectives at 847-377-4000.

Lake Villa man charged with child pornography

An Unincorporated Lake Villa man has been charged with child pornography, after being found with nude images and videos of his roommate's child. On June 12, 2023, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a residence in the 37400 block of West Park Lane, Unincorporated Lake Villa, for a report of child pornography that had been discovered on the cellular phone of Eric R. Studdard, 37, of the same address. Further investigation revealed Studdard possessed numerous videos and images of child pornography, including child pornography of a juvenile that lived at the same address. Studdard was arrested and after reviewing the facts and circumstances of the case, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges: Child Pornography (Class X Felony), Child Pornography (Class 2 Felony) and Two Counts of Child Pornography (Class 3 Felonies). Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Thankfully the mother of the victim immediately



Eric R. Studdard

contacted our office when she discovered the images of her daughter on the offender's phone. We will always invest all of our resources to identify and arrest those who prey on children. That said, it remains incredibly important for parents and guardians to routinely review the content of your children's electronic devices." Sheriff's detectives continue to investigate, and additional charges are possible. Studdard was held in the Lake County Jail pending his initial court hearing.

Man that sold fentanyl laced drugs charged with drug induced homicide in 2022 death

On December 1, 2022, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a death investigation at a residence in the 25600 block of North Countryside Drive, Lake Barrington. The person who was discovered deceased was a 20-year-old man, who lived at the Countryside Drive address. Lake County Sheriff's Detectives conducted an investigation. Following an autopsy of the man by the Lake County Coroner's Office, it was determined the man died of a drug overdose. Fentanyl was a contributing drug to his death. Sheriff's detectives discovered the day prior to his death, the victim was communicating with Luke G. Napolitano, 20, of the 400 block of West Russell Street, Barrington. Sheriff's detectives ultimately determined Napolitano was responsible for selling the victim drugs the day prior to his death. Information was developed that Napolitano was selling drugs in not only Lake County, but DuPage and Cook Counties as well. Napolitano is also facing drug related charges in Cook and DuPage Counties. Due to Napolitano dealing drugs in several counties, Lake County Sheriff's Detectives consulted with the Illinois Attorney General's Office regarding the evidence obtained in the December, 2022 death. On June 9, 2023, a statewide Grand Jury was convened and the evidence was presented to the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury issued a True Bill of Indictment against Napolitano for Drug Induced Homicide (class X felony) and Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (class 2 felony). A Lee County Judge issued an arrest warrant for Napolitano and set bond at \$1,000,000. Napolitano remains held in the Cook County Jail on the previously filed Cook County charges and will be transferred to the Lake County Jail to await trial on the new charges. Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Drug traffickers, like this man, prey on those who are vulnerable and struggling with addiction. There is no place in our society for drug pushers who profit from other's struggles. I am grateful for the work of our staff and their collaboration with colleagues from across the region. It is our hope that these charges begin to bring closure to the victim's family." Attorney General Kwame Raoul "Fentanyl-laced drugs are incredibly dangerous and continue to wreak havoc in communities across our country," Raoul said. "I am absolutely committed to holding individuals accountable for distributing fentanyl-laced drugs, and I appreciate the hard work of the Lake County Sheriff's Office in investigating this case." The Lake County Sheriff's Office thanks Schaumburg Police Department DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DuMEG), and the Illinois Attorney General's Office for their assistance with this case. The Illinois Attorney General's Office will prosecute Napolitano on the drug induced homicide charges in Lake County, due to the multi-county crime.



Luke G. Napolitano

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Arrests

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no permanent address, was cited for reckless discharge of a firearm, possession of a firearm without FOID card;

Kareem B. Shittu, 29, Round Lake Park, was cited for driving while license revoked, no insurance, and passing a loaded school bus;

Lee M. Pippen, 41, Inglewood, was cited for a warrant arrest: parole violation;

Daniilo A. Gutierrez-Garduno, 19, Lake Villa, was cited for aggravated speeding (108 mph in 45 mph zone);

Jamar L. Smith, 42, North Chicago, was cited for domestic battery and criminal damage to property;

Christopher E. Amos, 38, Fredericksburg, VA, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

William P. Borland, Jr., 41, Gurnee, was cited for a warrant arrest: theft;

May 24
Consuelo Campos, 40, Park City, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

May 25
Zechariah N. Pitts, 30, Zion, was cited for aggravated battery to a correctional officer;

May 26
Alexander L. Enis, 31, Lake Villa, was cited for a warrant arrest: escape and resisting a peace officer;

May 27
Ryan L. May, 36, Beach Park, was cited for a warrant

arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled substance;

Kathryn N. Kirtz, 38, Beach Park, was cited for a warrant arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled substance;

Jason J. Flaming, 26, Chicago, was cited for DUI - alcohol, driving on the sidewalk, and leaving the scene of an accident;

Tania R. Crump, 23, North Chicago, was cited for driving while license suspended, and no insurance;

Jose Carlos Huizar Arinaga, 36, Round Lake Park, was cited for driving while license revoked;

Daniel Morales, 36, Lake Villa, was cited for a warrant arrest: obstructing justice and failure to pay child support;

Abraham Vasquez-Nicolas, 36, Park City, was cited for DUI - alcohol and no insurance;

Mario S. Savala, 50, Zion, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

Honour Okhavhe, 22, Algonquin, was cited for unlawful event hosting (social hosting);

May 28
Svitlana Yahozyńska, 49, Barrington, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

Christian G. Perez-Cornejo, 29, Mundelein, was cited for criminal damage to property and obstructing a peace officer;

Dwayne Little, 44, Hanover Park, was cited for domestic battery, and criminal trespass to residence;

Timothy W. Nixon, 31, Gurnee, was cited for DUI - alcohol, and no insurance;

Tyler J. Johnson, 31, Salem, WI, was cited for unlawful possession of a controlled substance and criminal trespass to motor vehicle;

Michael F. Gallus, Jr., 54, Lake Zurich, was cited for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol.

May 29
Gregg Joesten, 60, Barrington, was cited for domestic

battery;

Kandi L. Smith, 36, Mundelein, was cited for a warrant arrest: battery;

Ramos Hernandez-Lopez, 33, Zion, was cited for DUI - combination alcohol/drugs, fleeing to elude, no driver's license, suspended registration and no insurance;

May 30
Luke A. Brandenburg, 42, Waukegan, was cited for aggravated battery to a correctional officer;

Reginald Ingram, 20, Waukegan, was cited for battery;

Jadon Gabriel, 21, Carpen-

tersville, was cited for battery;

Michael D. Hart, 36, Beach Park, was cited for disorderly conduct;

Juvenile, was cited for no driver's license;

May 31
Jesus I. Vargas, 30, Mundelein, was cited for battery;

Eric R. Worthington, 37, Zion, was cited for a warrant arrest: probation violation (Bond County);

Ashley L. Willecke, 39, Gurnee, was cited for a warrant arrest: forgery;

Giovanni P. Beltran, 25, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license revoked, no

insurance, and leaving the scene of an accident;

Angel Lagunas, 21, Mundelein, was cited for a warrant obtained: unlawful possession of a stolen vehicle;

June 1
Brandon M. Vice, 35, no permanent address, was cited for a warrant obtained: possession of a stolen motor vehicle;

Talik D. Mann, 26, Clarkston, GA, was cited for a warrant arrest: sexual exploitation of a child (South Carolina);

Shawn J. Murphy, 43, Spring Grove, was cited for driving while license revoked.

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