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Space redevelopment groundbreaking held in downtown Antioch

Blighted property to be redeveloped into park space, performance space, splash pad, inclusive playground, and exposed creek waterway

dents, community stakeholders, and current and former elected officials, Village of Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner led a groundbreaking ceremony that has been anticipated by the Antioch community for years. The July 28 ceremony marked the beginning of the construction to redevelop land near the downtown business district that had been vacant and blighted for years. When finished, the village's newest parkland will have a splash pad, an accessible playground, a beautiful public performance space featuring an elegant gazebo, and a concession area with bathrooms, all centered around a re-exposed Sequoit Creek. The up-

Before a crowd of resi- dates to the creek add beauti- space that will be a yearful aesthetics, plus flood mitigation attributes.

Antioch Mayor Scott J. Gartner commemorated the day as another "giant step" forward in the transformation of downtown Antioch. The completion of the project is expected in the summer of

2024. "This development project will provide a major boost in tourism and economic development opportunities for the Village of Antioch, while also addressing stormwater management issues and preserving natural open space in our community," said Gartner. "This blighted piece of property will soon be transformed into a beautiful community

round attraction for visitors to our downtown business district.'

Roughly 50 years ago, this area of Sequoit Creek was fitted with a 102" metal culvert and was buried to make way for a commercial auto dealership development. Over time, the businesses left, the culvert detreated, and the village worked to acquire all of the parcels that make up this property. By 2019, the culvert completely failed, creating a blighted eyesore. The failed culvert also impaired the flow of the creek, presenting both a general flooding hazard for downtown and a threat of flooding for upstream properties.



In 2021, after acquiring as an open space with an exthe remainder of the property, posed or daylighted Sequoit the Village engaged the La-Creek. kota Group, a planning and landscape architecture firm, In May of this year, the An-

to seek the Antioch commu-

nity's feedback as to the final

use and redevelopment of

the property. With commu-

nity input, the Lakota Group

and Strand Associates En-

gineering produced detailed

construction plans for the re-

development of the property

tioch Village Board selected Boller Construction Company as the winning bidder for the \$12.5 million project. Financing for the project comes in part from American Recovery Plan Act funding (ARPA) \$1.9 million, Stormwater Management Commission grant - \$2.75 million, with the

remainder of the funds from

Alternate Revenue Source General Obligation Bonds. These bonds will be repaid by Business District sales tax revenue, without creating an additional tax burden for village property owners.

This Project is supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number SLT 3381 awarded to the State of Illinois by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.





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At left, pictured from left: Village of Antioch -Trustee Brent Bluthardt, Trustee Ed Macek, Trustee Petrina Burman, Mayor Scott Gartner, Trustee Rebecca McNeill, and Trustee Scott A. Pierce participate in the official groundbreaking on July 28. Above: Village of Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner addresses the crowd. At top, from left: Kurt Woolford, Executive Director of Lake County Stormwater Management Commission with Village of Antioch Village Administrator Jim Keim overlook the blighted space that is to be transformed in downtown Antioch.

State watchdog investigating employees accused of bilking federal pandemic aid program

By Molly Parker CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

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tration. most of which were later forgiven, to keep small not comment on ongoing Dozens of state employ- businesses afloat and their investigations, and Olson ees across multiple agencies employees on the payroll as declined to say how many are under investigation by COVID-19 resulted in lock- employees could face dis-

The OEIG typically does takes the outcomes of the

OEIG's investigations seriously.

"Falsifying a federal loan employees have faced disci- tain the loan, thereby acting in document, for significant and plinary action for PPP fraud, a way unbecoming of a state a state watchdog for claims downs and interrupted com- ciplinary action-up to and improper personal gain, calls saying that the governor's employee, or failed to follow including termination-as into question one's char- office does not comment ethical guidelines disclosing acter, honesty, and ability to act ethically," the statement read. "While the vast majority of IDHS' roughlv 14,000 state employees are hard-working people of strong character who work tirelessly to help the most vulnerable, it is deeply concerning any time an employee takes advantage of public programs." The agency said it will continue to work to detect and punish fraud committed by its workers, in cooperation with the OEIG, law enforcement and federal authorities. The fraud was not limited to IDHS. Collectively, state employees may have obtained millions of dollars in fraudulent payments. A

spokesperson for Gov. JB The investigations may cen-Pritzker declined to provide specifics about how many on ongoing investigations. While some employees have already received notices of their termination, they have a right to appeal that decision. Not every state employee who claimed a PPP loan committed fraud. Some may have had legitimate outside employment that made them eligible for the federal loan program. Those individuals would not be disciplined. State policies require employees to disclose secondary income, and certain state employees, such as agency managers and people who are responsible for procurement and other financial dealings, must also file statements of economic interest with the secretary of state's office that would detail outside income. year.

ter around whether they filed fraudulent paperwork to ob-

payments from a federal pandemic-era loan program, Capitol News Illinois has learned.

Neil Olson, general counsel at the Illinois Office of the Executive Inspector General, confirmed that "OEIG has been investigating allegations of Paycheck Protection Program fraud by state employees under our jurisdiction." The review, he said, is "systematic," involving multiple state agencies and the other governing bodies under OEIG's jurisdiction, which include state universities, boards and commissions, and regional transit boards.

Congress intended for the loans issued by the U.S. Small Business Adminis-

Fraud in the PPP program has been widespread across the United States. In a June report, the inspector general

for the SBA estimated that the agency paid out more than \$200 billion in "potentially fraudulent" aid during the pandemic-about 17 percent of the \$1.2 trillion that was dispersed through the PPP and other similar programs.

In the rush to swiftly disburse funds, the federal agency "weakened or removed the controls necessary to prevent fraudsters from easily gaining access to these programs," the report stated. "The allure of easy money' in this pay and chase environment attracted an overwhelming number of fraudsters to the programs."

a result of the widespread probe or provide any additional details.

The scandal has ensnared numerous employees who work at the Illinois Department of Human Services, including at state-run facilities for people with disabilities that are facing staffing shortages. In late June, a spokesperson for the agency confirmed that at least 30 IDHS employees were in various stages of the disciplinary process for inappropriately taking PPP loans. At the time, eight IDHS employees had been fired, six had resigned and 16 were pending disciplinary action.

In a statement, the agency said that it is "committed to safeguarding the public" and such income—or both.

The OEIG is not a criminal law enforcement authority. In general, it investigates state employees for breaches of ethics and other misconduct and makes recommendations that could range from retraining to termination, depending on the seriousness of the offense. If conduct is criminal in nature, OEIG has the authority to share its findings with law enforcement.

Other public sector employees in Illinois have also come under scrutiny for PPP fraud. Numerous Cook County government workers have been terminated or resigned for bilking the program of hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past

Illinois to invest more than \$23 million in abortion access, reproductive health care initiatives

By Hannah Meisel CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

As another of Illinois' border states was set to enact abortion restrictions last week, Gov. JB Pritzker on July 31 announced several new programs to help address the influx of outof-state abortion seekers the state has seen in the 13 months since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade.

On July 31, Indiana joined Missouri and Kentucky in its near-total ban on the procedure, while court battles are ongoing over Republican attempts to restrict abortion in Iowa and Wisconsin. Pritzker said Illinois Democrats had been preparing for such a reality even before last summer's landmark Supreme Court decision.

"While our neighboring states revert to forcing back-alley abortions, Illinois will remain a safe haven for women," Pritzker said last week at an event in Chicago announcing the investments. "And I will continue to do everything in my power to ensure widespread equitable access to reproductive rights."

To expand Illinois' capacity to care for the sharp increase in abortion-seekers, the state's Department of Public Health will spend \$10 million to create a hotline to aid callers in finding providers and making appointments. Pritzker had proposed the funding in February, and Democratic lawmakers included it in the state's fiscal year 2024 budget this spring. The hotline is in its beginning stages as IDPH puts out a request for proposals.

The state's spending plan also included \$8 million in additional training for reproductive health care providers and a specialty consultation program for at-risk patients.

Additionally, Pritzker said the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will open a \$5 million grant program for reproductive health care providers in Illinois. That money comes from the non-transportation portion of Illinois' \$45 billion in-

on improvements, repairs, new construction, security upgrades and equipment, including vehicles that can be turned into mobile care units.

Pritzker also announced a new collaborative meant to help patients who need more complex reproductive health care. The state's Department of Healthcare and Family Services, along with IDPH, will join the University of Illinois at Chicago hospital, Rush University Medical Center and the Chicago Abortion Fund to launch a travel to a city they've nevhotline aimed at these highrisk patients next month.

The hotline, dubbed the Complex Abortion Regional Line for Access, or CARLA, will be staffed by nurses who will aid patients through scheduling appointments within hospital systems and getting set up with any required pre-operative testing. Additionally, CARLA's partnership with the Chicago Abortion Fund will help patients with funding for reproductive health services, plus any transportation and child care costs while getting and recovering from treatment.

Dr. Laura Laursen, an obstetrician-gynecologist and assistant professor at Rush, will be a co-director of CARLA, and said she's seen a rise in the number of patients seeking "complex abortion care." She cited a recent out-of-state patient who had anemia, and as a result, couldn't be seen by the closest abortion provider to her home state.

Laursen said this patient had to travel more than eight hours to Chicago and figure out child care for her other three kids-on top of the stress of knowing that being seen by a hospital-based abortion provider would be more expensive than the clinic where she originally had an appointment.

"By the time she reached me weeks later, her pregnancy was more advanced and more complex, and she was extremely emotionally drained," she said. "I'm so fortunate that I was able to

frastructure program, Re- take care of her at Rush, but build Illinois. It can be spent the experience of reaching me didn't have to be so dramatic.'

Chicago Abortion Fund Executive Director Megan Jeyifo said her organization has also seen an influx of patients who need complex abortion care as GOP-controlled states have clamped down on access to the procedure. In the last 13 months, Jeyifo said CAF has supported more than 250 abortion seekers who needed hospital care-up from 26 the prior year.

"No one should have to er been in to access health care," Jeyifo said. "No one should have to depend on strangers to access the things they need for that trip. But this is our reality in the fallout of this horrific decision. And it is up to us together to be creative and nimble and there for people who are denied agency over their bodies and lives in their own states.

CARLA's startup costs for the first year come from \$600,000 that IDHFS already had in its budget, according to a spokesperson for Pritzker.

Also last week, the governor announced the creation of a family planning program for Medicaid recipients that will cover services including annual preventative exams, family planning counseling, basic infertility counseling, screenings for cancers related to reproductive organs and all FDA-approved methods of contraception, tubal ligation, vasectomies and abortion.

The program will be paid for with a mix of federal Medicaid funding and Title X funding, but a Pritzker spokesperson couldn't provide an exact spending amount last week.

Pritzker also announced the state would reimburse travel costs for state employees and dependents who live out of state but seek abortion care in Illinois. The program is modeled after an existing state program for organ donation and adoption, according to the governor's office.



Fun for all ages at Ice Cream Fest on Aug. 18

At least eight local ice cream makers will take over Main Beach at Crystal Lake from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, and turn it into Ice Cream Land - a place filled with not only tasty locally-made ice cream, but also a slate of familyfriendly activities, entertainment and live music. The area will be transformed into sections consisting of: Kong Cove, Blur Moon Lagoon, Enchanted Forest, and the Sweetest Music Pavillion.

Tickets are \$8 for adults online, with kids 5 and under free. You can purchase tickets by visiting the website at icecreamfest.com - organizers are strongly encouraging people to buy tickets in advance. Besides general admission, several events, such as the ice cream eating contest, also require advance registration through the ticket page. Even better, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to local charities, including CASA, Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County, and Warp Corps.

If you are a fan of frozen custard

and ice cream you can also pre-order a sampler featuring three scoops from Julie Ann's Frozen Cutard, Riverbottom Ice Cream, and Milkhouse Ice Cream. Pre-order is optiona and these vendors will also have special scoops and sundaes that you can wait in line for. If you pre-order online, head to the Merch Tent in the Enchanted Forest to pick up your sampler. A portion of the proceeds goes to supporting CASA and Big Brother and Big Sisters of McHenry County.

There are plenty of activities planned to burn those calories off, including: crafts, games, scavenger hunt, dancing to the music of Paul's Dead, Potts and Pans Steel Drum and more. Other activities are make your own hula hoop, glitter tattoos, and there will be roving characters, Captain Hook and Tinker Bell, to meet and greet.

For more information, schedules, and to purchase tickets, visit Ice Cream Fest's website at https://icecreamfest.co

Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation recognized with national award

Valley Hi Nursing and Rehabilitation's quality of care has been recognized with a top honor from a national nursing care organization.

The county-owned nursing home won a 2023 Silver National Quality Award from the American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living. The award recognizes nursing care and assisted-living organizations that set, and continuously improve upon, performance and quality standards to the enrich the lives of both their residents

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and staff.

Winning the silver award is the end result of a six-year effort since Valley Hi received the organization's Bronze Quality Award, Valley Hi acute care providers, with Administrator Tom Annarella said.

"In 2016, Valley Hi won the American Health Care Association's Bronze Quality Award, but we knew could do better," Annarella said. "After six years of hard work, through the challenges of a global pandemic, we made our top-quality care even better.'

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The American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living is the largest organization representing long-term and postmore than 14,000 member facilities.

Valley Hi was one of only 63 nursing homes nationwide, and one of only four in Illinois, to be awarded the Silver Quality Award in 2023.

McHenry County entered into a contract in June to build a new memory care unit at Valley Hi, expanding the services it provides.

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Carthage College

• Brittney Walker, Antioch

Hinz graduates from

announces spring Dean's List honorees

College news

Carthage College congratulates the students who have been named to the Dean's List in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement in Spring 2023.

Dean's List honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 12 letter-graded credits in a given semester.

Students included in the list are:

 Thomas Van Sickle, Antioch • Jacob Jackson, Antioch • Jana Paulsen, Antioch

• Alexis Bohlmann, Antioch

• Nikolai Warren-Muncie, Antioch

• Daniel Dadivas, Antioch

• Emily Parchment, Antioch

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 Jackson Gutke, Antioch • Kylie Wilson, Antioch · Jane Marie McQueen, An-

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• Carly McLaughlin, Antioch • Kayla Burkhart, Antioch • Tyler Anderson, Richmond • Kayleigh Wieska, Antioch • Jerianne Bonaguidi, Antioch

Clair Patrick, Antioch



Bradley University

Kristy Hinz from Richmond, graduated with a MA, while majoring in Counseling Professional School, from Bradley University in Peoria, IL in May.

Hinz was among more than 900 students who earned degrees

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Doug and Cindy Hubert of McHenry participate in the Jeeps on the Run Toys for Tots Run in 2022. Registration is under way for the 2023 event, which is set for Dec. 3. Visit jeepsontherun.com for more information and registration.

Registration open for the 11th annual Jeeps on the Run Toys for Tots Run

By Cynthia Wolf CONTRIBUTOR

Registration has opened for the 2023 Jeeps on the Run Toys for Tots Run. And although the 11th annual event is five months away, excitement already is high for this run and after-party that draws hundreds of Jeeps, thousands of participants, tens of thousands of toy donations and generous cash donations as well.

In fact, Jeeps on the Run has raised nearly \$2 million since its inception, said Mike Missak, president of JOTR. The event organizers coordinate with U.S. Marines Toys for Tots to benefit families in Lake and McHenry counties, with roughly 40,000 families supported to date. Cash contributions are used to buy additional toys after the run, Missak said.

Additional funds stem from raffle ticket sales, registration fees, sponsorships and flat donations. This year, for just \$20 each, raffle ticket buyers can take a chance on winning a brand new, 2024, hydro blue, fourdoor Jeep Wrangler donated by title event sponsor Ray Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Fox Lake.

It's a \$47,000 Jeep," Missak said. "It is a gorgeous blue and features the all-new, redesigned Wrangler interior."

The 22S package Jeep also features upgraded wheels, wireless car play, power windows, a hard top and automatic transmission. The winner is responsible for taxes, title transfer and license plate costs.

"It's a really generous gift on the part of Ray Scarpelli Jr., who has been a terrific benefactor to Jeeps on the Run for years," Missak said. "Because this is 100 percent donated, 100 percent of our raffle ticket proceeds will go toward toys for families in need at holiday time this winter."

It is a great pleasure to support Jeeps on the Run in general and this event in particular," said Scarpelli, president and dealer principal of Ray Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and Ray Chevrolet. "It's become a holiday tradition for many. It's always an exciting day to see all of these charity-minded families gathering here in their decorated Jeeps on the morning of the run."

The Jeeps on the Run Toys for Tots Run takes place the first Sunday in December, which this year is Dec. 3. Registration is \$30 per Jeep, regardless of the number of passengers. Registration for the ride is open to owners of any model of Jeep; registrations will be taken until the ride is at capacity. To register, visit jeepsontherun.com, where raffle tickets for the 2024 Wrangler also

can be purchased.

The winner's name will be drawn at the JOTR Toys for Tots Run afterparty, which this year will be at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. Tickets to attend the after-party only also are available. These cost \$5 and are available to anyone.

Jeeps on the Run is a nonprofit organization that has grown from a handful of Jeep lovers in 2013 to about 10,000 members today.

"It really all started after my daughter attended a few cruise nights and said to me, 'Where are all the Jeeps, dad?'" Missak said. "We looked around and there weren't really any active Jeep clubs, so we got one together. And in the first year we decided to do a toy run, asking each person to bring one

"Eleven years later, we're pushing \$2 million in donations," he continued. "And we'll fill two semi-trucks with toys on that day. That's before we go shopping for more."

The police-escorted ride traverses about 22 miles. The route will be announced closer to the date.

"The enthusiasm of the people who participate — it's just really cool," Missak said. "We look forward to another phenomenal event.'

County clerk announces over \$3.1 million in distributions to local taxing districts

When Lake County Clerk Unit School District #95. Anthony Vega was sworn into office, he directed all management staff to conduct done on a weekly basis until internal reviews of their respective department to identify areas of opportunity for better service, streamline operations, and update policy. As part of that process, shortly before Memorial Day, Clerk Vega was made aware of funds that had not been distributed to local taxing districts as part of the redemption and greenbook process going back to fiscal year 2019.

Immediately after becoming aware, Clerk Vega directed staff to reconcile records. determine the amount of funds owed to the approximately 200+ taxing districts and begin the process to outline the distribution of funds back into the Lake County community.

The following is a breakdown of funds broken down by fiscal year:

FY2019: \$22,952.57 FY2020: \$596,495.64 FY2021: \$1,562,350.35 FY2022: \$937,228.55 TOTAL: \$3,119,027.11

"While the distribution of these funds is overdue, I am glad to be sending them back to our local communities where they belong. This was a failure of the prior Administration, and I am committed to rebuilding the trust between the County Clerk's Office, our local taxing districts, and constituents. We are continuing to implement internal controls to ensure this does not happen again," said County Clerk Anthony Vega.

Funds owed to taxing districts include: \$260,640.46 Information Waukegan Communito ty Unit School District on Lake County Clerk #60, \$177,314.46 to An- services and up-to-thetioch School District #34, minute \$169,459.49 to North Chicago Community Unit School District #187, \$141,144.66 to Round Lake Area School District #116 and \$118,152.88 to Lake Zurich Community

Distributions have begun to be scheduled and will be all funds have been distributed

"I would also like to thank the staff at the County Assessor's Office and County Treasurer Holly Kim's Office for their assistance in resolving this matter promptly," added County Clerk Anthony Vega.

About the redemption process:

Delinquent property taxes are sold at a two-day tax sale. If no one bids on a property, Lake County, as trustee for the taxing districts becomes the default tax buyer at which point the County Treasurer turns over responsibility for collection of delinquent property taxes to the County Clerk. Following the tax sale, the property owner has a period of time to redeem taxes before they could lose ownership. For more information visit: https://www. lakecountyil.gov/292/Tax-Redemption-Process.

About the Greenbook process:

The Greenbook is a list of Lake County owned parcels that is for sale to the public. These parcels were acquired after being foreclosed upon due to unpaid property taxes. Once a property has been sold via the Greenbook process, the County Clerk is responsible for the distribution of the funds to the appropriate taxing bodies. For more information visit: https:// www.lakecountyil. gov/4612/Greenbook-

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Steak Fry set for Aug. 19

Spring Grove Fire Department will be holding their 30th annual Steak Fry on August 19 from 4-8 p.m. at Horse Fair Park.

Along with the steak dinner there will be music by Judson Brown Band, and raffles including over \$11,000 in cash prizes.

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Contact the Spring Grove Fire Department to purchase raffle tickets at 815-675-2450.

Funds raised provide fire fighter education, equipment and more.

Horse Fair Park is located at 8105 Blivin St., Spring Grove.

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Jury convicts man who dragged police officer with his vehicle

On August 2, a jury trial concluded in the Lake County Courtwith house "guilty" verdicts on three

felony counts Lanord Miles after 2 hours of deliberation.

30. Lanord Miles. was convicted on one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a class 1 felony, and two counts of Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer, a class 2 felony. The class 1 felony carries a potential prison sentence of 4-15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. However, due to Miles' background, he could receive an extended sentence of up to 30 years.

"This offender committed incredibly serious offenses that endangered not only the brave police officer but also the residents of Island Lake. Such violent acts will lead to our office requesting significant incarceration in order to protect the community. I greatly appreciate the fine work of our outstanding prosecutors and investigators who secured this verdict" said State's Attorney Eric Rinehart after the verdict.

In June 2022, an Island Lake Police Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle Miles was driving. While conducting the traffic stop, Miles refused police officer's orders and began to drive away, dragging the police officer with his vehicle for about half a mile before the police officer was able to release grip off the vehicle. The officer sustained scratches and significant bruising.

Officers were able to arrest Miles and a search of the car was conducted where Island Lake Police found over 18 grams of cocaine.

The trial began on July 31, lasting three days. The jury heard from different State witnesses, including the victim and other law enforcement officers.

Miles was released on bond in June 2022 after posting \$20,000 cash, 10% of his \$200,000 bond. Judge Shanes revoked Miles' bond

after Miles was convicted. A pre-sentence investigation will be conducted, and a hearing on motions/sentencing is scheduled for September 7.

With the implementation of the SAFE-T Act in September 2023, both offenses for which the offender was originally arrested would have qualified for pre-trial detention without the ability to post bond.

Sheriff's Office investigating fatal accident

A 60-year-old Twin Lakes, WI man has died and a 52-year-old Woodstock, IL woman is in critical condition following a two-vehicle accident in Marengo.

On August 5 at 4:22 p.m., members of the McHenry County Sheriff's Office. McHenry Conservation Police Department, Marengo Fire and Rescue Districts, and Huntley Fire Department responded to a crash involving a SUV and a motorcycle at the intersection of Kishwaukee Valley Road and Deerpass Road in unincorporated Marengo.

Preliminary investigation indicates that a 2001 Mitsubishi Montero driven by a 38-year-old Woodstock woman, was eastbound on Kishwaukee Valley Road, when a 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle ridden by the Twin Lakes man and Woodstock woman which had been traveling westbound on Kishwaukee Valley, turned southbound towards Deerpass Road in front of the Mitsubishi. This caused the vehicles to collide in the eastbound lane of traffic. The riders of the motorcycle were both thrown from the motorcycle.

The Twin Lake man was pronounced deceased on scene, while the Woodstock woman was flown by Lifenet helicopter to Javon Bae Hospital on Riverside Rd in Rockford. The driver of the Mitsubishi and two juvenile passengers were transported by ambulance to Northwestern Hospital in Huntley with minor injuries. The roadway was closed for approximately four and a half hours for the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing and is being investigated by the McHenry County Sheriff's Office Major Traffic Crash Investigation Unit and the McHenry County Coroner's Office.

Teen in critical condition following accidental shooting

A teen remains in critical condition after being shot in unincorporated Gurnee.

On August 6, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 36700 block of North Grandwood Drive, unincorporated Gurnee, for a report of a teen shot. Sheriff's deputies arrived and located a 15-year-old boy in the basement with a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Sheriff's deputies rendered aid until paramedics arrived. The boy was transported to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, where he remains in critical condition.

Preliminary investigation shows the boy was in the basement with two friends, both 16-year-old boys. One of the other boys produced a firearm, a 'ghost gun' semi-automatic pistol. The boy discharged the firearm, and it struck the victim. Sheriff's detectives do not believe the boy with the gun meant to shoot the victim.

The juvenile who fired the gun was transported to the Hulse Juvenile Detention Facility. Sheriff's detectives petitioned him into the court system on two counts of unlawful use of a weapon, reckless discharge of a firearm, and reckless conduct.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Two vehicle crash under investigation

A 81-year-old Wonder Lake woman was seriously injured following a two-vehicle traffic crash in unincorporated Hebron last week.

On August 1, at 8:17 p.m., members of the McHenry County Sheriff's Office, McHenry County Conservation Police Department, Hebron Police Department, Hebron Alden Greenwood Fire Protection District, Wonder Lake Fire Protection District, and Woodstock Fire Department, responded to a crash involving two vehicles near Thayer Road and Route 47.

Preliminary investigation indicates that a Toyota Camry, operated by an 18-yearold Woodstock female, was southbound IL Route 47 when a Ford Focus, operated by a 81-year-old female traveling eastbound Thayer Road, failed to yield at the intersection and crossed in front of the Toyota, causing a collision. The 18-year old, and a 17-year old female passenger, were transported to Northwestern McHenry Hospital with minor injuries. The 81-year-old female was also transported to Northwestern McHenry Hospital by ambulance before being transferred to Advocate Lutheran General in Park Ridge with serious injuries.

The investigation is ongoing and is being investigated by the McHenry County Sheriff's Office Major Traffic Crash Investigation Unit.



Lake County Sheriff's Office K9 Axel to receive donation of body armor

Lake County Sheriff's Office K9 Axel will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Axel's vest is sponsored by ELCO Mutual Life and Annuity of Lake Bluff, IL and will be embroidered with the sentiment "Gifted by ELCO Mutual". Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg Said, "Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has come through again for us. By receiving a donated vest, we are able to use the funds we would have used to purchase a vest on other items for our ten canines. We protect all of our canines with bullet and stab protective vests."

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 5,210 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$985 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1800, weighs an average of 4-5 lb., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

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.

July 4 Keith A. Bares, Jr., 54, Lake Zurich, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

Sandra M. Snyder, 46, Gravslake, was cited for a warrant arrest: domestic battery;

Jason D. Munkacsy, 51, Lake Villa, was cited for a warrant arrest: traffic offenses (DuPage County);

Kyle Abrell, 31, Medinah, was cited for operating a waalcohol;

July 5 William Servin, Jr., 26, Waukegan, was cited for aggravated battery;

Victor M. Ramirez, 27, Belvidere, was cited for aggravated battery; Sean K. Haran, 34, Antioch,

was cited for a warrant arrest: driving while license suspended (McHenry County); Richard T. Goolsby, 18,

Macon, GA, was cited for a warrant arrest: aggravated child molestation (Bibb

County, GA);

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tercraft under the influence of manent address, was cited for battery;

Jennyfer Nevarez-Cervantes, 24, Vernon Hills, was cited for battery;

Juan P. Razo-Sosa, 23, Waukegan, was cited for aggravated battery to a correctional officer;

Natasha Y. Memi, 32, Vernon Hills, was cited for a warrant arrest: aggravated identitv theft:

Jonathan D. Torkelson, 27, Winthrop Harbor, was cited for a warrant arrest: domestic battery;

Tyler J. Johnson, 31, Salem, WI, was cited for posses-Rishon Travers, 34, no per- sion of meth;

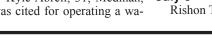
Jason P. Dolinar, 48, Gurnee, was cited for leaving the scene of an accident, and driving recklessly toward a pedestrian;

Sharecka M. Wallace, 41, Waukegan, was cited for DUI alcohol; July 7

Rafaela Perez, 25, Zion, was cited for a warrant arrest: driving while license suspended (Cook County);

Tyler A. Bowie, 27, no permanent address, was cited for criminal trespass to a residence; July 8

Christian R. Franks, 30, Zion, was cited for a warrant arrest: driving while license revoked (McHenry County); James M. Morvay, 70. McHenry, was cited for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol; July 9





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Ishan Biju, 18, Long Grove, was cited for domestic battery;

Edward L. Dapier, 49, Highland Park, was cited for DUI - alcohol, and leaving the scene of an accident;

Jennifer Ochoa Mariscal, 23, Waukegan, was cited for disorderly conduct;

Darnell L. Springs, 54, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant arrest: domestic battery. July 10

Ricardo Gutierrez, 49, Round Lake, was cited for a warrant arrest: violation of an order of protection;

Aaron Turner, 34, Vernon Hills, was cited for a warrant arrest: violation of an order of protection.

McHenry County Sheriff's arrest bulletin

The following arrests in duct – actions alarm or disturb McHenry County were reported by the McHenry County Sheriff's Department. Suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. June 20

Christopher A. Arimbado, 22, Woodstock, was cited for manufacture/deliver 1-15 grams fentanyl/analog June 21

Taylor B. Harmon, 43, Woodstock, was cited for criminal sexual assault with force: June 23

Kaitlin A. Wall, 31, Kewanee, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact and A-1 domestic battery/bodily harm;

Leanthony D. Speed, 23, Chicago, was cited for retail theft - taking merchandise from retail establishment with intent to deprive merchant without paying;

Kimberly L. Turgeon, 55, McHenry, was cited for resisting or obstructing a peace officer, and disorderly con-

Drivers

another provoking breach of

peace; June 24

Skyler M. Pentico, 25, Crystal Lake, was cited for obstructing an officer, DUI alcohol, and improper lane usage:

June 25

Jennie R. Moreano, 48, Fox Lake, was cited for DUI - drugs, endangering the life or health of a child - causes, permits or places child in circumstances, driving too fast for conditions/fail to reduce speed to avoid accident, and operation of uninsured motor vehicle:

Piotr Kuc, 46, Algonquin, was cited for 2 counts of domestic battery/physical contact, and aggravated assault - offense based ONLY on status of victim - person with physical disability or 60 yoa or older; June 26

Joseph V. Mitchell, 31, Waukegan, was cited for possession of controlled sub-

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Sierra K. Pettis, 29, Chicago, was cited for criminal trespass to land;

Hector D. Perez, 30, Chicago, was cited for theft - obtains/exerts unauthorized control over property of the owner 10k<100k:

Peter J. Ekman, 38, Harvard, was cited for endangering the life or health of a child causes, permits or places child in circumstances;

Jami L. Stefko, 48, Round Lake Park, was cited for DUI - alcohol.

June 27

Gordon W. Schwantner, 40, Fox Lake, was cited for violation of bail bond - violates condition of release when victim is family or household member;

John J. Riley, 52, Woodstock, was cited for driving while driver's license, permit or privilege to operate motor vehicle is suspended or revoked;

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Margaret D. Garland, 62, Wonder Lake, was cited for violation of bail bond - violates condition of release when victim is family or household member;

John S. Bakopoulos, 48, Chicago, was cited for criminal damage to property;

Manuel M. Alejandro, 26, Oak Forest, was cited for burglary - building, retail theft posses displayed merchandise not exceeding \$300, and criminal trespass to building:

Mario Razmilovic, 52. Marengo, was cited for disorderly conduct - actions alarm and A-2 domestic battery/ or disturb another provoking breach of peace, patronizing a prostitute, and solicitation of a sexual act:

June 29

Heather L. Bartolai, 39, Crystal Lake, was cited for retail theft >\$300:

Colton M. Comingore, 28, Wonder Lake, was cited for violation of an order of protection, and resisting or obstructing a peace officer; June 30

Stephanie Tepepa, 22, Crystal Lake, was cited for criminal trespass to residence and theft obtains/exerts unauthorized control over property of the owner less than \$500;

Arlen J. Caldwell, 55, Crystal Lake, was cited for A-1 domestic battery/bodily harm, physical contact; July 1

Sandra C. Fuit, 27, Jacksonville, was cited for A-1 domestic battery/bodily harm;

Robert L. Jenkins, 34, Wonder Lake, was cited for aggravated assault - offense based only on location (public way/ property/amusement place/ sports venue);

Trae A. Schulze, 24, Marengo, was cited for theft - obtains/exerts unauthorized control over property of the owner lass than \$500;

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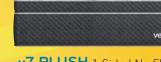
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