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All aboard the Time Warp Express

Holiday adventures upcoming at Volo Museum

Cynthia Wolf
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The public is invited to hop aboard the Time Warp Express for a Jolly Trolley Adventure to save Santa this holiday season at the Volo Museum.

The museum recently acquired a pair of Molly Trolleys — gorgeous, high-end trolleys on wheels with hand-crafted ash seats, beautiful oak interiors and gleaming brass trim. “The vehicles are fully enclosed and heated for passenger comfort,” said Jim Wojdyla, marketing director for the museum at 27582 Volo Village Road.

“These gleaming, red trolleys will be perfect for the every special holiday event we have planned,” Wojdyla said. “Things will start out with a traditional gathering featuring complimentary hot chocolate and cookies with Santa and his elves. But it quickly will turn into an adventurous trolley tour to save Santa.”

Tickets for the Jolly Trolley Adventures are available now, in limited number. Those interested may choose from 5 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. showings Fridays and Saturdays only, from Nov. 10 to Dec. 23. A sneak peek weekend, for museum members only, will be Nov. 3-4. Tickets are \$25 each in November and \$29.95 each in December. Children 4 and younger are admitted free, but must sit on a parent’s or guardian’s

lap while aboard the trolley.

Those attending will begin their adventures in the Grams Central Station, where the aforementioned cookies and hot cocoa will be served. Those craving more substantial fare can select from a mouthwatering array of options available for purchase, including pizza, hot dogs, desserts, adult beverages, custom coffees, cider drinks and more.

“Bring your wish list and your holiday spirit,” Wojdyla said. “Santa, along with his joyful elves, will eagerly await your arrival.” The museum is collaborating with Woodstock-based Theatre 121 for a top-notch North Pole crew. While at the station, attendees can partake in a complimentary photo session.

Then, it’s off to save Santa aboard the Time Warp Express. Why will Santa need saving? Be there to find out! But we can reveal now that the adventure will take trolley riders through the Ice Age, the Jurassic period, the 1800s and into the modern era, passing everything from helicopters and tanks to giant shopping carts and Radio Flyers along the way. There’s even a stop planned at the museum’s jaw-dropping Jupiter train, providing an unparalleled photo backdrop.

That’s not to mention the massive, animated Christmas light displays and hundreds of uplit trees also bedazzling the

path.

Museum Director Brian Grams said the Christmas adventure is a project two years in the making, and will mark the first time that groups are invited to tour the newly developed acreage north of the original museum and antique malls property.

“People have been asking what it’ll be, asking to venture back there on their own to check it out,” Grams said. “This will be the first of many exciting, themed tour experiences to come.”

“The Jolly Trolley Adventure will not only be a feast for the eyes, but also for young minds,” added Wojdyla. “Santa’s elves will ride along, providing a fun, interactive storytelling experience with surprises that simply won’t be found anywhere else.”

Those interested should secure tickets in advance; sales will close when trolley capacities are reached. For tickets, go to volofun.com, click attractions, then click Volo Museum and find Time Warp Express within the Events & Promos tab. Event tickets are good for the Time Warp Express/Jolly Trolley Adventure only. While the Grams Central Station will be open for ticket holders, the rest of the museum complex, including the Titanic Exhibit and Jurassic Gardens, closes at 5 p.m. daily.



Top: Those riding the Time Warp Express on upcoming Jolly Trolley Adventures will be able to disembark at the Jupiter Train for an unparalleled photo backdrop. Left: Light displays are reflected in the windows of one of Volo Museum’s new Molly Trolleys during a tour set-up night on the museum grounds in Volo. Tickets for the themed, interactive storytelling holiday tours are on sale at volofun.com.

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Lake County Forest Preserves board approves 2024 budget

In order to continue moving toward its 100-Year Vision to preserve and sustain Lake County's natural landscape and extend community outreach and education, the Lake County Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved the fiscal year 2024 budget at its October 11 meeting.

The \$66,825,199 budget represents a decrease of \$23,663,504 (26.15%) from the previous year's modified budget. The decrease is due to a reduction in capital expenditures. The budget covers expenditures for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2024.

"I'm proud of this conservative budget and everything that it will help us accomplish," said Angelo Kyle, president of the Lake County Forest Preserves. "It is important that we balance

fiscal responsibility with our ability to protect more open space, restore wildlife habitat, create new trails and improve public access."

Of the total property taxes collected in Lake County, less than 2% of the average tax bill goes to support the Lake County Forest Preserves.

The anticipated tax levy to be collected in 2024 is about \$51 million. That's up about 2.8% from last year, but \$9.4 million below the total levy in 2009.

The rate is less than allowable under state rules. "We again approved a levy that does not maximize the available funding under Property Tax Extension Limitation Law," said Executive Director Alex Ty Kovach. The owner of a home valued at \$250,000 is expected to pay about \$129 to the Forest Pre-

serves, an increase of \$3.52 from last year. In 2008, that same homeowner paid about \$154 to the Forest Preserves.

Operating expenses, excluding debt service, are up about 2.5% from last year. Some of the approved operating additions include:

- The purchase of electric equipment to replace gas-powered equipment. "We are placing a heavy emphasis on energy efficiency," Kovach said. "When a gas-powered piece of equipment is due for replacement, we are buying electric as much as possible."
- To continue our engagement with diverse communities, cultural events will be added, including Afrofest and a Latino cultural event.
- Funding for education events to celebrate the 17-year cicada emergence.
- Appraisal of the Dunn Mu-

seum collection.

• Additional security for large events, including Concerts in the Plaza.

• Two unmanned electric machines to collect golf balls and cut grass at the Country-side and ThunderHawk driving ranges, allowing staff to be allocated to other areas.

• State-mandated body-worn cameras for the Ranger Police along with vehicle cameras.

• Right-size infrastructure and reallocate funds from road repairs to place added emphasis on the landscape and ecosystem.

• A part-time employee will be added to clean up an historical language, such as racial restrictive covenants, that is in the deeds of the Forest Preserves properties. "As the largest landowner in Lake County, we are taking a proactive stance on this," Kovach said.

Sutton recommended to be Lake County's next County Administrator

Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart is pleased to announce that the County will enter into contract negotiations with Ms. Patrice Sutton to become Lake County's next County Administrator. Ms. Sutton currently serves as Lake County's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), a role she has held for the last six years. Prior to her appointment as CFO, Ms. Sutton was Lake County's Deputy Finance Director for six years. Ms. Sutton has considerable experience and expertise in the financial and management arena, having served in multiple roles in public and private sectors throughout her career.



Patrice Sutton

With Ms. Sutton as CFO, Lake County has consistently received the Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. She is critically instrumental in Lake County receiving and maintaining its AAA bond rating, exemplifying Lake County's excellent financial health, reporting, and management.

Ms. Sutton demonstrates her vast and unique knowledge of Lake County's current operations and long-term plans through the yearly budget development and approval process, as well as the annual audit process. The recent flawless execution and reporting of federal dollars during the COVID crisis (ERA, CARES, and ARPA) and throughout her career exemplifies Ms. Sutton's commitment to excellence. Within the Finance Department, she has created a centralized services division; launched a diversity, equity, and inclusion program; and implemented a County-wide training

program and website for financial information and procedures.

Chair Hart stated, "I am thrilled that the Ad Hoc Committee unanimously selected Patrice as our next County Administrator. Patrice's deep knowledge of Lake County Government, work ethic, and collaborative leadership style makes her an excellent fit, and I look forward to working with her in her new role."

In addition to her significant Lake County Government contributions, Ms. Sutton currently serves as a member of the Governmental Budgeting and Fiscal Policy Committee for the GFOA of the United States and Canada. She serves on the Executive Board of the Illinois GFOA and conducts training in the areas of budgeting, ethics, and public finance, both in Illinois and across the United States. She is an involved community member, serving as the Treasurer of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst. She is a former Trustee for the Police Pension Fund for the Village of Round Lake Beach and served in the Peace Corps in Poland.

"Having been a part of this outstanding organization for over eleven years, I am grateful and excited for the opportunity to serve as County Administrator," Ms. Sutton said. "I am looking forward to working with our excellent staff and elected officials to execute the newly updated Strategic Plan and carry out the Board's vision to be a leader in excellence, innovation and sustainability."

Ms. Sutton has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern University and a Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago. A longtime resident of Lake County, Ms. Sutton lives in Lake Villa with her husband, Joe Koehn and family.

Ms. Sutton's appointment will be on the November 2023 board agenda for full board approval.

Clerk's office issues warning about misleading lien notices

The clerk's office wants to make Lake County residents aware of "official-looking" letters that are misleading and currently making the rounds. These documents may falsely, or even correctly, claim that there's a lien on a resident's property. The letters will typically look like they originated from an official government office with names such as "Lake County Public Judgment Record" as seen below.

Please be aware of these letters as they can involve false information and requests

for higher charges for documents and/or services than our office would charge. For example, one particular letter asks that the resident send in \$90 for a copy of their property deed, when that copy is available for \$1 in the Recording Division.

Allow us to be clear: this letter, and others like it, are misleading and aimed at costing residents unnecessary money. If any resident receives a letter that does not have the Lake County Seal on the envelope or an actual letter from a real government

agency, please take an extra moment to review the small print which may disclose the letter is actually a "third party referral service".

If you have any doubts about a property-related notice, please reach out to the Recording Division of the Lake County Clerk's Office directly.

The county's Recording Division can be reached at email: recorder@lakecountyl.gov or phone 847-377-2575.

They also suggest signing up for Property Check, a free,

easy-to-use, 24/7 online service that will alert subscribers, via email and/or text message, whenever a document is recorded against their name and/or property.

For your reference, we have attached a copy of one of the misleading letters below. Remember, we're in this together, and your safety is our priority. If you receive one of these suspicious letters, please let us know. We're working hard to put a stop to this predatory activity and keep our community safe.

Pritzker announces \$2.1 million in grants for bike path projects

McHenry County among grant recipients for trail renovations

A total of \$2,161,000 in grants to help communities develop and improve 13 local bike path projects throughout Illinois was recently announced by Governor JB Pritzker.

"Bicycle path projects are excellent drivers of job creation and economic development, while also increasing road safety for bicyclists," Governor Pritzker said. "Illinois' beautiful natural landscape should be accessible and safe for all to enjoy, and I'm pleased that projects like this help make that goal a reality."

The Illinois Bicycle Path Grant Program is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Funding comes from a percentage of the motor vehicle title fees, providing a maximum grant award of \$200,000 per project for development projects, with no maximum grant award limit for land acquisition projects.

The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to eligible local units of government to assist them in the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of public off-road, non-motorized bicycle paths and directly related facilities, such as a drinking water and restrooms, in Illinois.

"The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is pleased to provide funding

to help local communities encourage families and individuals to get outside, enjoy the outdoors, and reduce their carbon footprint with more biking and less driving," said IDNR Director Natalie Phelps Finnie.

Some of the local bike path recipients and their project grant amounts are as follows:

McHenry County Conservation District, Prairie Trail Renovation Project – \$200,000

The district proposes to renovate a section of the Prairie Trail, an existing asphalt bicycle path that is more than 20 years old. Due to age, the

trail needs renovation. This will occur between Hillside Road and Edgewood Road, which is about 1.25 miles long. The proposed project includes resurfacing the 10-foot-wide asphalt trail, restoring the turf shoulders to achieve positive drainage, and implementing detectable warnings at intersections.

Carol Stream Park District, Veterans Park Bike Trail – \$200,000

A 2,230-foot-long, eight-foot-wide trail with a bituminous concrete surface. The project will include two retaining walls to contain fill slopes from extending into an adjacent detention pond.

Winter wear giveaway Nov. 5

Antioch Traveling Closet will be holding their winter wear giveaway on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Antioch Senior Center.

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shopping carts are allowed inside the building for safety reasons. Do not bring your own bags to the event, they will be provided for you. The ATC also reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.

The Antioch Senior Center is located at 817 Holbeck Dr., Antioch. For more information on The Traveling Closet, visit: antiochtravelingcloset.org.



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A resolution that honors the service and sacrifice of veterans was passed and read at the Oct. 17 County Board meeting. Above: Lou Ness, D-Woodstock, an Army veteran, and current commander of the American Legion Post 412 in Woodstock, is shown reading part of the proclamation. At left: Carl Kamienski, R-Johnsburg, Army Veteran and member of the American Legion Post 491 in McHenry, read the proclamation into the record.

McHenry County pays tribute to Veterans through Operation Green Light

McHenry County is once again joining counties nationwide in observing Operation Green Light to show support for America's veterans and raise awareness of the resources available to them.

Operation Green Light is taking place from Nov. 6 through Nov. 12, coinciding with Veterans Day on Nov. 11. The nationwide observance honors the service and sacrifice of the men and women who served our country in the Armed Forces through the shining of green lights at county government buildings – and symbolically bringing attention to the benefits they earned, and how they can access them.

Green lights will shine at the entrance to the County Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, where the office of the McHenry County Veterans Assistance Commission is located.

"A great nation takes care of its veterans, and the green lights that will illuminate our County Administration Building will serve as a beacon to let

those who served know that the Veterans Assistance Commission stands ready to help them file claims and access their benefits," Chairman Mike Buehler said.

The VAC provides many services to veterans and their eligible survivors, including financial assistance, processing and advocating for Veterans Administration claims, transportation to the Lovell veterans' health care center in North Chicago, and assistance for those caring for a veteran and/or a veteran's spouse.

Veterans and their dependents and caregivers can learn more about the VAC by visiting their website at www.mchenrycountyil.gov/vac, by contacting the office at 815-334-4229, or by emailing veterans@mchenrycountyil.gov.

The County Board passed a resolution at its Oct. 17 meeting to support Operation Green Light, and to encourage residents to do the same. You can read the resolution at <https://bit.ly/45fT7f6>.



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The McHenry County Municipal Partnering Initiative Expo was recently held. Shown, from left, are some of the attendees: McHenry County Purchasing Director Adam Letendre, Lakewood Police Sgt. Matthew Wiegel, McHenry County Coordinator Chalen Daigle, Cary Village Administrator Erik Morimoto, Tim Bassuener, assistant to the Public Works Director; and McHenry County Division of Transportation Maintenance Supervisor Ben Justen.

County hosts inaugural municipal partnering initiative to work together on improving efficiencies

Governments from across McHenry County and north-eastern Illinois came to Lakewood to share ways to improve efficiencies and services.

The county hosted the first-ever McHenry County Municipal Partnering Initiative Expo, with the goal of learning best practices and fostering further cooperation among local governments that can lead to saving money through streamlining operations, joint procurement of goods and services, and other efficiencies.

More than 50 people representing 20 different government and private agencies – including the collar counties

of Lake, Kane, DuPage and Will – attended the first-annual exposition.

The exposition is a logical next step from the McHenry County Coordinated Investment Study that prioritizes increased government collaboration, County Coordinator Chalen Daigle said.

"Sharing services benefits local governments and taxpayers alike, especially as the economy continues to stress government and household budgets," Daigle said. "Coming together so experts can exchange their best practices, such as sharing resources and training, leads to those ideas being put into practice elsewhere."

Besides multiple McHenry County Government departments, expo participants included the municipalities of Algonquin, Barrington, Cary, Crystal Lake, Harvard, Huntley, Lakewood, Maren-go, McHenry, Richmond and Woodstock, as well as the Cary Park District, Huntley School District 158, the McHenry County Conservation District, the McHenry County Council of Governments, the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District, Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers, truck parts supplier Bonnell Industries, HR Green, Robinson Engineering Ltd., and design firm HDR Inc.

Conservation district seeking nominations for 2024 awards

McHenry County Conservation District is seeking nominations for individuals who have been Conservation Champions for the public lands of McHenry County.

To nominate someone for a Conservation Champion or Legacy Award, download and submit an electronic nomination form from the District's website (MCCD.me/ConservationAwards). Nominations

will be accepted through December 31, 2023.

The Conservation Champion Award

This award recognizes individuals who have made one or more contributions of extraordinary significance or impact to the conservation movement through their continued dedication and support of the mission of the Conser-

vation District. Significant contributions can include leadership, innovation, environmental legislation, community building, restoration fieldwork, citizen science and volunteering, or donations of money and land.

The Conservation Legacy Award

This award posthumously recognizes contributions that transcend time. Whether the award winner dedicated ten or fifty years towards the local environment, their work lives on well past their earthly lifetime. Their legacy is a gift to their community, as well as the plant life and wildlife within it. Regardless of how many lives they touched, Conservation Legacy Award winners need to have inspired others to become stewards of the land.

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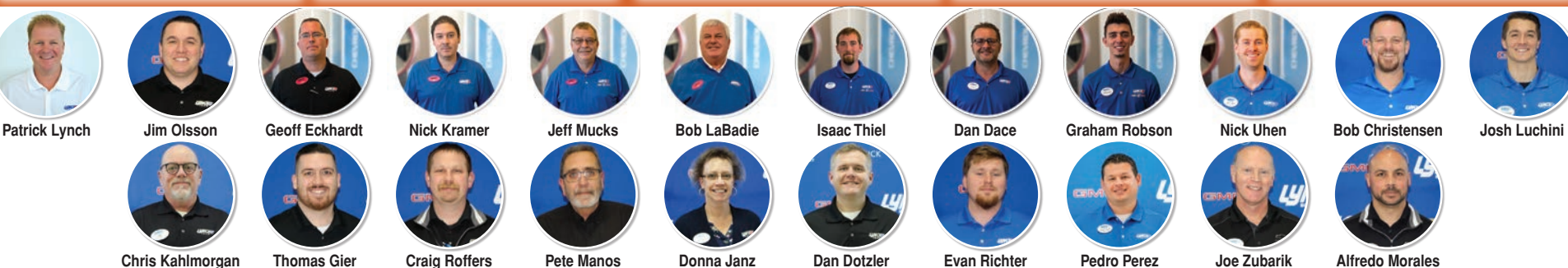
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Village of Antioch police arrest man in possession of loaded AR15 at unruly party

The Village of Antioch Police Department has arrested a Beach Park man on Felony weapons charges. The 23-year-old was arrested after he brought a weapon loaded with green tip .223 rounds, known as “penetrator rounds” with enhanced ability to pierce through hard targets, to a party in Antioch. The AR-15 was located on the floorboard of his vehicle with the safety disengaged.

The party was thrown by the same individuals causing similar disturbances in other communities throughout Lake County. The party was organized by people from outside the Village of Antioch.

On Saturday, October 28, shortly after 10 p.m., the Village of Antioch Police Department responded to a loud noise complaint about a large party in the 200 block of Ida Avenue. Upon arrival, officers were met by a crowd exceeding 300 people. Safety and order were the priorities of first responders. Officers optimized available manpower to ensure the large crowd safely dispersed with minimal damage to neighboring property and minimal threat to public safety. Mutual aid from neighboring police agencies was called to assist the Antioch Police Department. In all, it took over four hours for the crowd to fully disperse the area.

Antioch Mayor Scott Garter commends the work of the first responders for ensuring the safety of the community.

“Once again, our police department, along with the help of numerous other police agencies, worked to ensure order and safety for our residents,” said Garter. “This type of lawlessness will not be tolerated in our community. We stand behind our police department with the support and resources they need to do their job.”

Antioch police made one arrest. Tabiest Hearton, a convicted felon on probation on a previous weapons charge, was charged with: (3) Count – Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon | Class 2 Felony and (1) Count – Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, | Class 3 Felony.

In addition to the arrest, numerous citations were also issued to the homeowner and occupants of the house.



Tabiest Hearton

Citations include social hosting, disorderly conduct, and several other property code violations.

Hearton faces up to 12 years in prison if he is found guilty on all charges. He was in First Appearance Court on Sunday, October 29, and was ordered held.

The investigation into this event continues. Antioch Police with the Village of Antioch are working to address this event and to prevent future similar unruly events from occurring, by using all means, criminally and civilly, that are available. Additionally, detectives are combing through video to identify possible other suspects who may have also contributed to lawlessness.

Antioch Police Chief Geoffery Guttschow says more charges could be forthcoming.

“Any property owner in our community that allows these types of lawless and dangerous events to take place will be subject to the full resources of our department and legal team,” said Guttschow. “We support our residents having fun and want to encourage holding events in a safe and controlled manner and within lawful boundaries. The acts at this party infringed on neighbors’ rights to feel safe and secure in their homes, which we as a community cannot accept.”

The Antioch Police Department is grateful for the assistance of nine other responding agencies, including the Illinois State Police, Lake County Sheriff’s Office, Lindenhurst Police Department, North Chicago Police Department, Waukegan Police Department, Mundelein Police Department, Grayslake Police Department, and the Lake Villa Police Department.

Anyone with any additional information related to this crime, including security camera video, or anyone who may have been the victim of an unreported crime, should call the Antioch Police dispatch center at 847-270-9111 or email crime@antioch.il.gov.

Controversial pipeline canceled amid safety concerns, regulatory pushback

Other projects still on the table as advocates, industry groups debate regulatory reform

By Andrew Adams
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Navigator CO2, a Nebraska-based company specializing in carbon capture and sequestration, has announced it is canceling plans to build a 1,300-mile carbon dioxide pipeline that would have run through central Illinois.

The plan included several hundred miles of pipeline in Illinois which terminated at sequestration sites designed to store the greenhouse gas underground.

The company, which pulled its permit application at the Illinois Commerce Commission less than two weeks ago, said the cancellation was due to the “unpredictable nature” of the regulatory processes involved in permitting such a project.

The company recently had its permit denied in South Dakota and faced regulatory uncertainty in Iowa before ultimately withdrawing their application in that state.

“We are disappointed that we will not be able to provide services to our customers and thank them for their continued support.” Navigator CO2 CEO Matt Vining said in a news release.

The project was met with significant pushback from

environmentalists and landowners in Illinois, who shared concerns about safety and the company’s request to use eminent domain to obtain land or usage rights if necessary.

Much of the work to oppose the project was organized through the Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines, which helped form a separate group to intervene in the state’s regulatory proceeding, attracting landowners and several county governments to its cause.

“This is, I think, the result of successful organizing,” Pam Richart, the coalition’s president, told Capitol News Illinois. “While we’re happy to hear it, there are a lot of federal tax dollars on the table for carbon sequestration.”

The federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, known as the bipartisan infrastructure bill when it went through Congress, allocated \$12 billion in funding for carbon capture, utilization and storage projects.

Richart said available federal funding would continue to incentivize companies to propose similar projects. Illinois’ unique geology makes it a natural candidate for carbon sequestration.

“If it’s not Navigator, it’s going to be someone else,”

she said.

Richart said her group will devote more resources to combating other similar projects and advocate for state-level regulation of the carbon sequestration sector.

Currently, state regulators are considering a separate proposal from Wolf Carbon Solutions and Archer Daniels Midland Co. to build a pipeline that would transport carbon dioxide created as a byproduct of ethanol production and store it underground in central Illinois.

That project has also been met with pushback from Richart’s group and others, leading some to call for state-level reform.

This past spring, lawmakers introduced competing bills—one backed by industry groups and another by environmental advocates—that would create a framework for regulating the safety of this kind of project. Those bills were never called for a vote.

While Rep. Ann Williams, D-Chicago, told Capitol News that this subject was unlikely to come up in the upcoming two-week veto session, stakeholders continue to meet and negotiate with the hope of creating a bill that could become law in the future.

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.

Sept. 12

Jimmy Teliz, 28, Waukegan, was cited for no driver’s license, suspended registration and no insurance;

Sept. 13

Jauboa S. Evans, 33, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant arrest: battery on a peace officer (Ford County);

Christopher J. Pasaye, 21, Hoffman Estates, was cited for DUI – drugs, no insurance and no driver’s license;

Sept. 14

Miguel A. Guzman, 36, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license suspended;

Jose L. Hernandez, 41, Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

Sept. 15

Victor L. Chapman, 61, Zion, was cited for unlawful delivery of a controlled substance;

Susan L. Kugler, 67, Wadsworth, was cited for attempting unlawful possession of a controlled substance;

Kristen Wooden, 36, Antioch, was cited for required equipment for rented vessel violation;

Sept. 16

Ernesto Vazquez, Jr., 28, Round Lake Beach, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

Kristen Wooden, 36, Antioch, was cited for required equipment for rented vessel violation;

Sept. 17

Abelardo Murillo, 28, Mundelein, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

Michael O. Hathaway, 57, Beach Park, was cited for DUI – alcohol.

Sept. 18

Elwin M. Moguel, 48, Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

Eric A. Franklin, 20, Zion, was cited for driving while license suspended;

Soley C. Sanchez Del Valle, 37, Waukegan, was cited for no driver’s license;

Laderrion D. Peaceley-Howard, 30, Waukegan, was cited for no driver’s license, and driving with suspended registration;

Sept. 19

Yana Shnayder, 35, Mundelein, was cited for violation of an order of protection, and resisting arrest;

Valerie L. Figueroa, 22, Waukegan, was cited for aggravated speeding (79 mph in 45 mph zone);

Zackary C. Nalls, Jr., 36, Waukegan, was cited for no driver’s license;

Eddie L. Phillips, 43, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license suspended, no insurance;

Jason M. Chisum, 25, Zion, was cited for armed violence, unlawful delivery of controlled substance, and unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon;

Sept. 21

Gilbelle L. Hoskins, 31, Zion, was cited for battery and assault;

Katherin A. Amaya Yanes, 20, Gurnee, was cited for driving while license suspended, and driving with suspended registration;

Timothy Cregg Washington, Jr., 38, Kenosha, WI, was cited for driving while license suspended and no insurance;

Sept. 22

Dominique T. Douglas, 26, Zion, was cited for driving while license suspended and no insurance;

Alesa J. Ricardo, 34, North Chicago, was cited for driving while license suspended, and driving with suspended registration;

Chester A. Biggs, 44, Grayslake, was cited for a warrant arrest: home repair fraud and disorderly conduct.



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Sledgehammer wielding man shot, killed by officers

The Lake County Major Crime Task Force is investigating a police-involved shooting of a man armed with a sledgehammer who battered two women.

On October 25, at approximately 3:15 p.m., Round Lake Beach Police were dispatched to a domestic battery with a weapon in progress at a residence in the 2000 block of Redwood Drive. Emergency telecommunicators learned from the 911 caller that the victim was armed with a sledgehammer, battering her and another victim.

Round Lake Beach Police Officers arrived and were able to remove two victims, who were in the garage of the home. Both victims, adult women, had injuries consistent with being struck in the face and head with a blunt force object.

After removing both victims from the scene to an awaiting ambulance, Round Lake Beach Officers walked to the front door of the home. The front door was on an elevated porch, which required the use of a concrete stairway. When officers arrived at the front door, the offender, an adult male, was located just inside the doorway, armed with a sledgehammer. The man refused to drop the sledgehammer and lunged toward officers. One officer deployed an Electronic Control Device (ECD; commonly known as a Taser), however, the ECD was

ineffective. It is unknown at this time if one or both of the ECD probes did not make contact with the offender when discharged.

The Officers moved off of the stairway in an effort to create distance, but the offender lunged again toward officers with the sledgehammer. One officer had a shield that he used to push the offender back, as the other officers exited the stairway. As the officers moved back from the stairway, the offender again moved toward the officers with the sledgehammer in his hand. The offender then gripped the sledgehammer with two hands and raised it, moving toward an officer in close proximity. At least one of the officers shot the man.

The man collapsed and officers rendered first aid until paramedics took over lifesaving measures. The man was transported to an area hospital where he was subsequently pronounced deceased. An autopsy is being scheduled.

Both victims were transported to an area hospital with serious injuries to the face and head. Three Round Lake Beach Police Officers were transported to an area hospital for evaluation.

Per state law and department protocol, the Lake County Major Crime Task Force is at the scene conducting an independent investigation. The investigation remains ongoing.

Man sentenced to 49 years for attempted murder of police officers



Oscar Martinez

On Tuesday, October 24, a Lake County Judge sentenced a man to 49 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Attempt Murder of police officers.

On July 19, 2023, Oscar Martinez, 22, was convicted of three counts of Attempt Murder of a Peace Officer, a class X felony following a three-day jury trial.

"This offender risked the lives of police officers and members of that community. With this sentence, he will no longer be a threat to others. Once again, I want to thank our outstanding trial team and the brave officers who serve our community every day," State's Attorney Rinehart stated after the sentencing hearing.

On June 2022, North Chicago Police received a report of shots fired. When police arrived at the residence, they located Martinez outside the residence, holding a firearm. After officers ordered Martinez to put the firearm down, Martinez began firing shots at police officers. Martinez then attempted to flee the area, but officers were able to take Martinez into custo-

dy shortly after. Fortunately, no officers were injured during the incident.

During the sentencing, Assistant State's Attorneys Scott Hoffert and Kevin Berill emphasized the dangerousness of Martinez's actions to police officers and every person in the apartment complex. Hoffert and Berill also pointed out that Martinez had the intent to kill as he fired at the officers.

Martinez was being held at the Lake County Jail awaiting his trial. He received 486 days of time served credit and his sentence is to be served at 85%.

Single-vehicle crash ends in fatality

A 32-year-old Harvard man was pronounced dead, following a single-vehicle crash on US Route 14, south of Dunham Road, in unincorporated Woodstock.

On October 29, at approximately 11:00 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a single vehicle crash with injuries on Schaffer Road north of Lake Cook Road.

Preliminary investigation indicates that a 2005 Chevrolet Equinox was traveling northbound on US Rt. 14. The Chevrolet exited the roadway to the right and overcorrected causing the vehicle to enter the southbound lane of travel. The Chevrolet then exited the roadway to the right hitting the embankment and some

small trees. The Chevrolet came to rest on its left side, in the northbound lane of travel.

Route 14 was closed to traffic for about 4 1/2 hours.

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

Crash with multiple injuries under investigation

Lake County Sheriff's Traffic Crash Investigators are investigating a serious late-night crash that occurred in Long Grove.

On October 29, at approximately 11:00 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a single vehicle crash with injuries on Schaffer Road north of Lake Cook Road.

Preliminary investigation

shows an Acura ILX was traveling northbound on Schaeffer Road. For an unknown reason the driver, a 22-year-old man of Rolling Meadows, drove off the roadway on the east side of the road. This caused the vehicle to strike a tree and utility pole.

A rear-seat passenger, a 19-year-old man of Palatine, sustained critical injuries, including a skull fracture, and was transported to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. The driver was transported to Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights with non-life-threatening injuries. Two other passengers, both 20-year-old men, were uninjured.

Alcohol and excessive speed appear to be factors in the crash. The crash remains under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Technical Crash Investigations Team.

McHenry County Sheriff's arrest bulletin

The following arrests in McHenry County were reported by the McHenry County Sheriff's Department. Suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Sept. 5
Anthony Garay Peralta, 22, Oswego, was cited for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, mob action, reckless discharge of a firearm, and aggravated assault;

Sept. 7
Arnulfo Garay-Peralta, 26, Oswego, was cited for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, and mob action;

Sept. 8
Kristen M. Brennan, 33, Antioch, was cited for possession of another's credit/debit/ID card with intent to defraud or use/sell/transfer to another person;

Sept. 6
Oscar Arreola, 27, Woodstock, was cited for defrauding drug and alcohol screening tests;

Sept. 7
Adrian K. Clark, 36, Rockford, was cited for 2 counts of retail theft;

Sept. 8
Jennifer S. Jagielski, 24, Crystal Lake, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact and A-1 domestic battery/bodily harm;

Sept. 10
Christian P. Verdung, 45, McHenry, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact and FOID card required - acquire or possess firearm, stun gun or taser;

Jose A. Salazar, 22, McHenry, was cited for con-

tributing to the criminal delinquency of a minor/cl 3, and retail theft >\$300;

Sept. 11
Lindsey K. Blasco, 28, Crystal Lake, was cited for DUI - alcohol, speeding 26-35 mph over the limit, and no valid registration 1st and 2nd;

Brooke M. Mergele, 32, Ringwood, was cited for 2

counts of aggravated battery to a peace officer - minor/no injury - no dangerous weapon;

Chrissa M. Sharp, 38, Milwaukee, was cited for 2 counts of retail theft - taking merchandise from retail establishment with intent to deprive merchant without paying.

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