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Telecommunicator, two deputies honored for aiding Veterans

Three members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office received high honors from the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (FHCC) in North Chicago.

Telecommunicator Monika Reum, Deputy Francis Foy, and Deputy Christopher Orlando received the recognition after being in different situations where they provided assistance and resources to Veterans in mental distress.

In September of 2023, Deputy Foy, who is assigned to our Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COaST), responded to the home of a Veteran in crisis. Deputy Foy immediately established a calm rapport with the Veteran, while building trust with him. Deputy Foy utilized that established trust to facilitate the Veteran being transported to the FHCC for needed medical and mental health care. Senior leadership at the FHCC credited Deputy Foy with likely saving the Veteran's life.

In October of 2023, Telecommunicator Reum took an emergency phone call regarding a Veteran in mental distress. Telecommunicator Reum took the time to speak empathetically to the caller and learn crucial information. Telecommunicator Reum dispatched Deputy Christopher Orlando to re-

spond to assist the Veteran. Because of the time Telecommunicator Reum spent gathering the important details, she was able to provide Deputy Orlando with valuable information.

Deputy Orlando arrived at the scene and treated the Veteran with compassion and respect. Due to his calm demeanor, he is credited with preventing the already high-risk situation from escalating. Deputy Orlando arranged for the Veteran to be transported to the FHCC to receive further treatment and comprehensive care.

Telecommunicator Reum, Deputy Foy, and Deputy Orlando all received high praise from FHCC Director, Doctor Robert Grant Buckley, during a ceremony held at the FHCC on February 5.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "The incredible work done by Telecommunicator Reum, Deputy Foy, and Deputy Orlando truly highlights how deeply our team cares about those in crisis and our Veterans. When someone dials 911 and connects with our sheriff's dispatchers, the caller's emergency is immediately addressed, while being treated with respect and compassion. The community receives that same high level of service when our deputies arrive at the scene. I am very proud of these three and my entire staff."



L to R: Deputy Chief Christopher Covelli, Deputy Francis Foy, Telecommunicator Monika Reum, Delia De Avila, Jessica Pinder, Deputy Christopher Orlando, Sergeant James Yanecek, and Dr. George Gettys.

Qualified candidates sought for Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals

Lake County is seeking qualified candidates to serve on the Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The ZBA is established under the statutory provisions of the County's Code and focuses on zoning in the unincorporated areas of Lake County.

Those interested in serving on this critically important Board are

encouraged to apply.

About the Lake County ZBA

The ZBA holds public hearings to consider applications for zoning variances, delegated conditional use permits, and appeals of administration decisions. It also serves in an advisory capacity to the Lake County Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment

Committee and the County Board for zoning ordinance and map amendments, and non-delegated conditional use permits, which include planned unit developments.

Meetings are generally scheduled in the mornings of the second and fourth Thursday of each month and held at

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Tax credits for children, manufacturers among new legislative proposals

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After failing to pass a child tax credit last year, advocates returned to Springfield last week to propose a scaled back version of the policy which they say would still reduce child poverty and spur economic growth.

The proposal, contained in House Bill 4917 and Senate Bill 3329, would create a \$300 per-child refundable tax credit for families who earn less than the state's median income—about \$75,000 per year for couples and \$50,000 for single parents.

The policy would cost the state about \$300 million, according to Erion Malasi, Illinois policy director for the Economic Security Project, an advocacy group backing the proposal.

A January report from the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, a union-backed think tank, found that a \$300 tax credit would cost the state about \$471 million, although that estimate doesn't account for cost reductions in other state programs, like the earned income tax credit or the supplemental nutrition program for women,

infants and children, known as WIC—and it assumes that 100 percent of eligible families will claim the credit.

Frank Manzo, an economist with ILEPI and co-author of that report, said a \$300 per-child credit would be lower than in the other 15 states that have similar policies. Utah, Minnesota and Oregon, which enacted a similar credit last year, all offer \$1,000 or more in credits.

"But it does comport with some budgetary realities in the state of Illinois," he told Capitol News Illinois on Wednesday.

In December, Gov. JB Pritzker urged a "careful" approach to next year's budget after his budget office projected a \$891 million deficit.

Omar Aquino, the chief Senate sponsor of the proposal, said he hopes the program, if passed, can be scaled up in the future.

The bills, which were introduced Wednesday, await substantive committee assignments, a necessary step before they can be voted on by the full legislature.

Manufacturers' agenda

Tax credits were also included in a wide-ranging legislative agenda put forth by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

House Bill 4670 creates a pilot program to allow manufacturers to create onsite child care programs and provide tax credits to those who do.

"We know that the lack of available child care is a hindrance to getting and keeping people, especially women, in the workforce," sponsor Rep. Amy Elik, R-Godfrey, said.

The IMA reaffirmed support for three bills filed last spring, including two tax credits — one sponsored by Democrats, the other by Republicans. The IMA did not provide cost estimates for the tax credits.

Sen. Meg Loughran Capel, D-Shorewood, filed Senate Bill 1313 to create a tax credit for businesses that assist their employees in repaying student loans.

"Student debt is a huge issue. This proposal would allow an employer to help offset about five thousand dollars per year," IMA President and CEO Mark Denzler

said. "It's a great opportunity to help those individuals struggling with college debt while also making sure we have a great workforce."

Sen. Donald DeWitte, R-St. Charles, filed Senate Bill 163 would make a temporary research and development tax credit permanent, rather than expiring every five years. The current credit will expire in 2027.

House Bill 3307 would amend graduation requirements for students entering high school in 2028, allowing them to fill the requirement of two foreign language courses with career-focused

courses.

Fertility treatments

Members of the state Senate Democratic Caucus introduced three bills Wednesday aimed at increasing access to infertility treatments and fertility preservation.

If passed, the bills would require insurance companies to cover the diagnosis and treatment of infertility, certain prescription medications, and preservation of reproductive cells by amending the Illinois Insurance Code.

Senate Bill 2572 would require insurance coverage of procedures used to diagnose

and treat infertility, as well as injectable medications used to treat prediabetes, gestational diabetes and obesity—all of which can make it harder to conceive and carry a baby to term.

Senate Bill 2623 would require insurers to cover the freezing of an individual's reproductive cells without restriction or exclusion.

Another measure, Senate Bill 2639, would prevent insurance companies from denying infertility treatment coverage when recommended by a physician.

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Candidates

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the Central Permit Facility (CPF) in Libertyville. Public hearings for rezoning and conditional use permits are individually scheduled and usually held during weekday afternoons in the appropriate township hall or other public building. Public hearings for text amendments vary by day/time but are customarily held at CPF.

In its recent history, the ZBA has been involved in a number of very impactful projects and policies including the following:

- Review of a major regional development proposal (mixed use retail/office) for a 100-acre site
- Review of an ordinance draft addressing adult use (recreational) cannabis business regulations
- Review of significant environmental sustainability-related draft regulations

Eligibility

The ZBA consists of seven members and two alternate members. State law requires that each member reside in a different township. Based on

current ZBA membership, residents from the following townships are anticipated to be eligible to serve: Antioch, Benton, Ela, Grant, Fremont, Libertyville, Moraine, Newport, Shields, Vernon, West Deerfield, and Zion.

How to apply

Residents of Lake County, whether they reside in the unincorporated area or in a village/city who are interested in serving on the ZBA are encouraged to apply online at <https://www.lake-countyil.gov/FormCenter/County-Board-11/Appointment-Application-52>. When applying online, residents should indicate that they would like to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals and they should complete each step in the application process.

• Residents may also submit their resume, letter of interest and any other supporting material they wish to include (such as letters of recommendation) via email to countyboardoffice@lake-countyil.gov, or via U.S. mail

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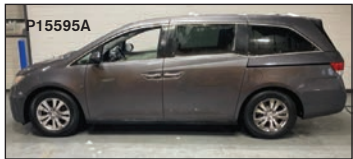
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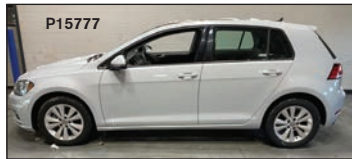
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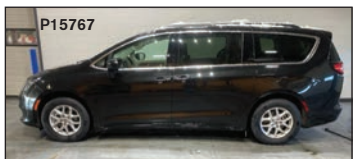
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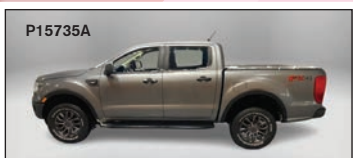
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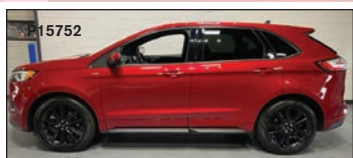
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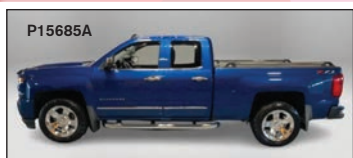
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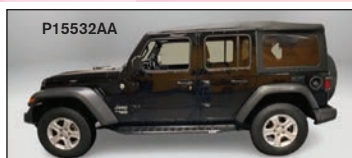
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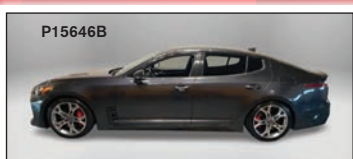
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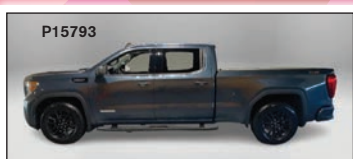
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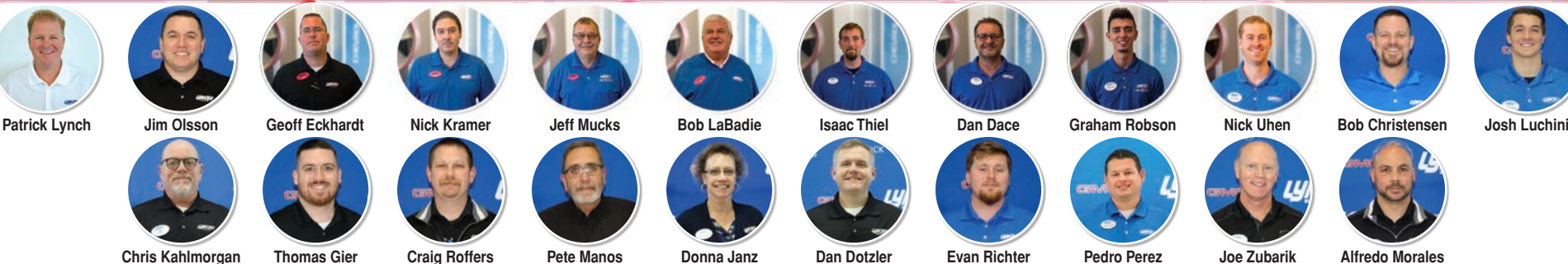
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The Tim Osmond Sports Complex will be the location of the Antioch Shamrock Shuffle on March 16.

Antioch gears up for inaugural Shamrock Shuffle Family Fun 5K run/walk

Registration is underway for the Village of Antioch's inaugural Shamrock Shuffle Family Fun 5K Run/Walk. The newest family-friendly village event is set to take place on Saturday, March 16, at the Tim Osmond Sports Complex, 38 Depot St., Antioch. This exciting community event will kick off the unofficial start of Spring, St. Patrick's Day weekend.

The 5K route will accommodate both seasoned runners and those looking for a leisurely walk with friends and family. The racecourse offers an inclusive and enjoyable experience for participants of all ages. Additionally, the event will feature post-race festivities, including relay races and other fun events for kids, live music from the School of Rock, plus a race day Irish pub with food and beverage options including smoked corned beef sandwiches and cold beer.

The Tim Osmond Sports Complex, known for its picturesque surroundings, will serve as the backdrop for this fun family activity. Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner says the Shamrock Shuffle will be a fun day for anyone who wants to kick off the start of the Chicago running season, plus anyone else who just wants to come out to watch and have fun.

"We are excited to roll out another family-friendly event showcasing the beauty of our community," said Mayor Gartner. "The Shamrock Shuffle offers a day filled with fun for residents and visitors to our town. Plus, you don't have to be a runner to participate in the festivities!"

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Proposals (Continued from page 3)

Safe screens initiative
Another pair of bills introduced this week aim to create a safer online environment for children.

Sen. Sue Rezin's, R-Morris, proposals mostly affect children's data and privacy and how content is moderated.

The amended Age-Appropriate Design Code Act is a privacy law based on a similar one in California that Rezin said will help parents set stronger privacy settings and change how companies use children's data, which she said can facilitate the development of addicting content.

Senate Bill 3355 would require social media companies to have a customer service line

where concerned users can report inappropriate content that would need to be removed within 3 days.

Rezin said a third bill, which is still in development, would "require social media platforms to create an identity verification process."

The senator compared social media to the tobacco and opiate industries, saying people cannot trust them to regulate themselves. She also said Illinoisans cannot wait for the federal government to take action.

"Parents are mad," Rezin said. "They want us to act and pass legislation to protect their children. They don't care if it's a federal issue or a state issue."



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Making music

At right, James Mihevc, senior, and on left, Jack Skaathun, junior, teach music conducting to McHenry-area third graders during Children's Music Day on Jan. 27 at McHenry Community High School. The school's Tri-M Music Honor Society hosted the event that invites younger musicians to learn from high school musicians while having fun. The annual event made a comeback after a short hiatus due to the global pandemic, and it was a huge hit.

Volunteer opportunities available at Volo Bog SNA and Moraine Hills State Park

Docents at Volo Bog State Natural Area & Moraine Hills State Park

Docents greet visitors in the Visitor Center, answering questions and offering information about our site and programs, as well as running the Friends of Volo Bog's Tamarack Shop. Commitment is one weekend day per month for a minimum of one year. After the two training sessions, new docents shadow experienced docents for three sessions, then can sign up solo.

Training is on Saturdays, March 16 & 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 pm.

Weekend Bog Naturalists at Volo Bog State Natural Area

Weekend Bog Naturalists lead two guided bog tours on one weekend day per month for a minimum commitment of one year. After the two-day training on March 16 & 30, weekend bog naturalists shadow three experienced WBNs then sign up to lead solo.

Trainings are on Saturdays, March 16 & 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

to provide background information about Volo Bog and how to work with the public.

Bluebird Monitors at Volo Bog SNA & Moraine Hills State Park

Bluebird Monitors check the progress of nesting birds in bird houses from mid-March through mid-August. This involves light to moderate walking through a variety of weather conditions. Monitors then turn in data at the end of the nesting season.

Bluebird monitoring is ideal for individuals, friends, couples or small families. A minimum five-month commitment is necessary. New monitors are given assigned required readings and are then mentored by existing monitors.

Prairie & Native Gardeners at Volo Bog SNA & Moraine Hills State Park

Gardeners tend the native demonstration gardens throughout the parks beginning with spring clean-up in March. Each year, some new plants

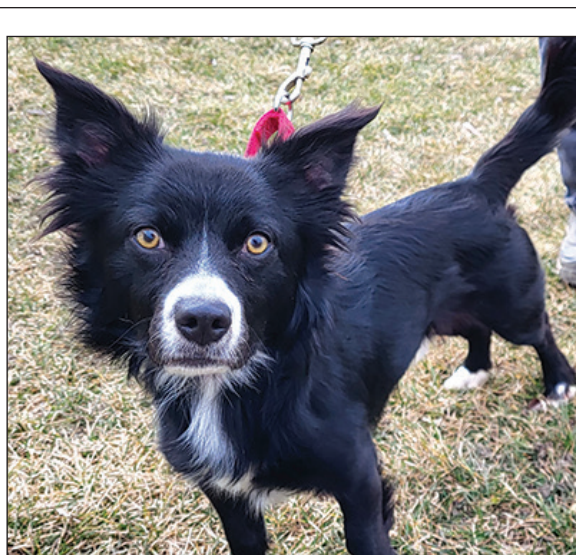
are planted followed by weed control (hand pulling) throughout the growing season. Fall may involve seed collecting. A minimum commitment of eight months (mid March – Mid November) takes the volunteer gardener through the complete growing season.

New Gardeners are asked to attend the kick-off meeting on March 27 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Volo Bog State Natural Area, followed by cleanup burns.

Volunteers have a passion for nature and the environment and enjoy time outdoors. The ideal volunteer is a reliable self-starter and a motivated learner. Training and mentoring provide the information and skills needed.

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Copays take effect for immigrant health programs as cost estimates continue to decline

Expected program expenditures have declined by \$60 million since August

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Cost estimates for a pair of state-funded health care programs serving certain low-income noncitizens have declined by tens of millions of dollars in recent months as the state rolled out new copay and co-insurance requirements earlier this month.

The Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults and Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors programs provide state-funded Medicaid-like benefits to individuals aged 42 and over who would otherwise be eligible for the federal low-income health care program if not for their immigration status.

That includes those in the U.S. without legal permission and those who have obtained a green card but not yet completed a five-year waiting period to earn federal benefits. Individuals who have applied for asylum or sanctuary in the U.S.—which includes many of the more than 34,000 migrants bused to Illinois from Texas in the last year-and-a-half—more likely qualify for other preexisting state or federal benefits.

Advocates for the programs contend they are not only life-saving but also cost-saving in the long-run as they give individuals access to preventative care rather than making them reliant upon expensive emer-

gency room visits to treat conditions that worsen due to lack of care.

Opponents of the programs, namely Republican lawmakers, have criticized them as an expensive enticement for people illegally residing in the U.S. to relocate to Illinois.

The programs, originally launched for those aged 65 and older in 2020 then expanded in waves, became a sticking point in state budget negotiations last year when Gov. JB Pritzker's administration projected their single-year costs to exceed \$1 billion.

But current estimates now project the programs will cost \$773 million in the current fiscal year. Those estimates, however, have declined by \$60 million since August, the month following the Pritzker administration's initial announcement of certain cost-saving measures.

Cost-saving measures

Ultimately, the contentious budget negotiations ended last year with lawmakers allocating \$500 million in funding to the program from the state's General Revenue Fund and giving the Pritzker administration authority to limit program enrollment and costs.

The administration in turn paused enrollment in HBIA as of July 1 and in HBIS as of

Nov. 6. The two programs now collectively serve about 69,000 people aged 42 and older, and enrollment remains paused.

In January, the administration also began moving enrollees to the state's Medicaid managed care program, which connects individuals with private insurers who contract with the state to oversee routine and follow-up health care.

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, which administers the programs, expects the managed care transition to be complete in April.

After months of delays, the department announced that copays and co-insurance for certain services went live Feb. 1.

"Most services covered by the HBIA and HBIS programs ... will continue to be free for customers, including primary care visits, prescription medications and vaccinations at a pharmacy or doctor's office," the department said in a news release. "The new copays and co-insurance will apply to the use of non-emergency hospital or surgical center services, like nonemergent elective surgeries, physical therapy and lab work."

Enrollees may see a \$250 copay per nonemergency inpatient hospitalization and a 10 percent charge for nonemergency outpatient services or care received from ambulatory

surgical treatment centers. It's a major difference from the federally funded Medicaid program, which does not require copays.

Whether individuals are subject to those copays and co-insurance requirements will depend on if they have already been enrolled in managed care and which managed care organization is serving them, according to the department. The state reimburses managed care organizations at a specified rate, giving the MCOs authority to charge copays or co-insurance without requiring them to do so.

CountyCare in Cook County, where most program enrollees are located, is waiving all copays and coinsurance requirements, per the department.

The department announced it no longer plans to issue a copay for emergency room visits.

The Healthy Illinois Campaign, a statewide coalition of immigrant and health care advocates, has pushed for an expansion of the program and fought any efforts to limit it or install cost-sharing.

The group's director, Tovia Siegel, praised the administration's decision not to charge a copay for emergency room care but said the other copays "place a significant burden on both providers and patients, limiting access to healthcare for Illinois' immigrant community."

The copays, advocates noted, are charged to medical

providers by MCOs, but the providers are required to collect them from patients, creating an administrative burden. As well, they warned that individuals may choose to defer certain "elective" procedures, such as a colonoscopy, due to the copay requirement, potentially undermining the program's preventative care goals.

"We urge the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and Managed Care Organizations to reconsider implementing these charges, which will generate a relatively small amount of money but can be the difference between life and death for low-income Illinoisians," Siegel said in a statement.

Costs declining

The programs' cost estimates, meanwhile, have been on the decline amid the administration's savings measures. In September, an HFS analysis estimated the programs' 12-month cost to be \$832 million for the fiscal year that ends June 30.

But the department's latest estimate, published Jan. 9, now projects the programs will cost \$773 million. In total, the state has spent nearly \$330 million collectively on the programs in the first six months of the fiscal year, per the January estimate.

The department's data shows average monthly costs for the programs decreased steadily between August and December, from \$72.7 million

to \$45.3 million.

When the state announced its enrollment caps, it noted per-enrollee costs were higher among the HBIA and HBIS populations "due to more prevalent, untreated chronic conditions and higher hospital costs." With the caps in place, the program is now populated with individuals who've been receiving routine care, rather than a steady stream of new enrollees who are more expensive to insure.

Thus, the per-patient monthly costs have also declined. In August, per-patient costs reached \$1,232 for enrolled individuals aged 65 and older, \$1,295 for those aged 55-64, and \$844 for those aged 42-54. In December, those numbers declined to \$778, \$805 and \$541, respectively.

Advocates pointed to those declines as evidence that the programs are accomplishing their intended goal of replacing costly emergency care with more cost-efficient preventative services.

"While there are several potential explanations, cost decreases in the HBIA and HBIS programs can be an indication that enrollees are receiving more preventative care and therefore needing less intensive, expensive care," Siegel said. "However, the implementation of copays could threaten these gains as enrollees are dissuaded from receiving this cost-saving preventative care."

Day in court postponed for former lawmaker who checked into hospital on eve of corruption trial

By Hannah Meisel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

On what was supposed to be the third morning of a weeklong corruption trial of former State Sen. Sam McCann, the onetime third-party candidate for governor instead video-conferenced into U.S. District Judge Colleen Lawless' courtroom from his hospital bed.

McCann, who checked himself into Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis after not feeling well over the weekend of Feb. 3-4, told the judge he didn't know what medications he was on and didn't want to say anything while drugged that might mislead her.

"I do not know that I can put a coherent thought together," McCann said, eyes half-closed on the Zoom screen.

"Well, Mr. McCann, you are coherently speaking to me right now," Lawless responded.

But the judge ultimately postponed the trial until this week, opting to forgo more incremental status hearings like the five that had already taken place since McCann failed to show up for his trial on Feb. 5. Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy Bass voiced his concern that by delaying the trial further, it would "reward" McCann. The former lawmaker was already granted a 10-week postponement when he suddenly fired his court-appointed lawyers the morning his trial was scheduled to begin in late November, and announced he'd be representing himself.

"It's our belief...this entire situation is self-created by the defendant," Bass told Lawless.

"He's continuing to lie to you. He knows exactly what medications he's on."

McCann tried to interject on the Zoom meeting broadcast into the courtroom.

"That's not true," he said.

Lawless said she understood Bass' position that a delay in the trial was the outcome McCann wanted but said she didn't believe it was "in the interest of justice" to force McCann to show up to trial beginning Feb. 8 after having been in the hospital for several days.

Bass had subpoenaed the hospital for McCann's medical records and reiterated that most tests McCann underwent came back normal.

Bass was careful to not reveal any personal medical information in open court, though McCann told the judge on Feb. 6 that he was "hooked up to nitroglycerin and saline." All signs indicated McCann would be discharged on Feb. 7, Bass said.

Although Bass had suggested McCann be confined to his home after leaving the hospital—citing his unemployed status—and asked Lawless to check that McCann had no more firearms in his possession, the judge declined.

"I'm not asking the defendant any further questions while he's in the hospital," she said, instead saying Bass could file a motion to request both of those things.

McCann spent eight years in the General Assembly, most of that time as a Republican. But in 2018 he left the GOP he believed wasn't conservative

enough under then-Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner. He then established the "Conservative Party" in Illinois and ran for governor on a third-party platform backed by organized labor—one of Rauner's major foes.

Two years prior, McCann had gone toe-to-toe with Rauner in a battle over his Senate seat but won against the well-funded candidate the governor had backed against him.

During those election battles, McCann allegedly "engaged in a scheme to convert more than \$200,000 in contributions and donations made to his campaign committees to pay himself and make personal purchases," according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's office at the time of his indictment.

McCann allegedly used some of that money to pay his mortgage and personal debts, buy personal vehicles, and even paid himself.

In addition to spending roughly \$60,000 on a truck and SUV, McCann also allegedly purchased two recreational vehicles with campaign funds.

McCann sought to use those RVs as part of a scheme to channel campaign funds to himself through an Ohio RV rental business, according to the feds.

McCann also allegedly spent \$50,000 in campaign funds on credit card payments related to a family vacation in Colorado and charges from Apple iTunes, Amazon, a skeet and trap club, Cabela's, Scheels, Best Buy, a gun store and cash withdrawals.

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Sheriff's Office releases statement on House Bill 4603

On January 29, Representative Justin Slaughter introduced House Bill 4603 to the 103rd General Assembly. The bill lists that no law enforcement officer shall stop a motor vehicle for:

- Failing to display registration plates or stickers.
- Being operated with an expired registration sticker.
- Violating general speed restrictions (unless that violation is a misdemeanor (25 mph over the posted speed limit) or felony offense (35 mph over the posted speed limit)).
- Improper lane usage (unless that violation is a misdemeanor or felony offense).
- Failing to comply with cer-

tain requirements concerning vehicle lamps.

- Excessive tint.
- Defective mirrors.
- An obstructed windshield or defective windshield wipers.
- Defective bumpers.
- Excessive exhaust.
- Failure of the vehicle operator to wear a safety belt.

The proposed bill also provides that no evidence discovered or obtained as the result of a stop in violation of these provisions, including, but not limited to, evidence discovered or obtained with the operator's consent, shall be admissible in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding. Preempts home rule powers.

Traffic enforcement is one

of many important functions law enforcement is tasked with. Traffic enforcement keeps roadways safe, reduces crime and saves lives. This bill limits Illinois law enforcement deputies' and officers' ability to provide safe roads for the motoring public and safety for the community as a whole.

On January 31, Rep. Slaughter contacted the Illinois Sheriffs' Association (ISA) advising he was not going to move the bill in this session, citing the bill was written significantly broader than he intended. Rep. Slaughter credited the ISA and its members for contacting him with issues this proposed bill

would cause and wants to engage with law enforcement leaders on future bills.

The Sheriff's Office encourages the community to communicate with their local legislative leaders about proposed legislation and what it means to the safety of their respective communities. The Sheriff's Office will continue to work with legislative partners, along with the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, to educate lawmakers on the effects bills like these have.

The McHenry County Sheriff's Office will continue to ensure the safety of the community isn't jeopardized.

McHenry County and Illinois Sheriff's Association offering scholarships

McHenry County Sheriff Robb Tadelman recently announced that the Illinois Sheriffs' Association will be awarding over \$58,000 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students pursuing higher education during the 2024-2025 academic years.

Sheriff Robb Tadelman will be awarding a scholarship in the amount of \$500 to a deserving McHenry County scholar.

The scholarship is to be applied to tuition, books, and fees only. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois, full-time online learning is acceptable.

There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex, or national origin. The only limitations are as follows:

- Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents and residents of McHenry County.
- Scholarships must be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois.
- Students must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2024-2025 school year (excluding summer session).

Applications are now available at McHenry County Sheriff's Office or on the Illinois Sheriff's Association website (<https://www.ilsheriff.org/youth-2/>). Students must complete the application, answer the essay question, and return all documentation to the McHenry County Sheriff's Office by March 15, 2024 (must be postmarked by this date).

For more information, please contact McHenry County Sheriff's Office, Illinois Sheriffs' Association, a high school advising center, or a college financial aid office.

Deputies locate stolen car, arrest three occupants of vehicle

Sheriff's deputies recovered a stolen vehicle and arrested the car's three occupants.

On February 9, at approximately 2:30 a.m. a Lake County Sheriff's Sergeant was on patrol in the area of Route 41 and Casimir Pulaski Drive in North Chica-

go. The sergeant clocked a northbound Hyundai Sonata traveling at 93 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. The sergeant was able to catch up to the speeding car and initiated a traffic stop.

When the sergeant approached the car, he noticed a passenger side window

was shattered and the steering column was damaged. Further investigation revealed the vehicle had been stolen moments earlier from an apartment complex in the 500 block of Lakehurst Road, Waukegan.

Sheriff's deputies arrested and transported the

driver, a 16-year-old boy of Waukegan to the Lake County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, along with the two passengers, a 20-year-old man of Chicago and 18-year-old man of Waukegan. Sheriff's detectives continue to investigate. Criminal charges are pending.

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.

Jan. 1
Javier Vaca, Jr., 38, Beach Park, was cited for aggravated battery, and interfering with the reporting of domestic violence;

Royal L. Gordon, 24, Waukegan, was cited for disorderly conduct;

Jan. 2
Jose A. Leon, 49, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant arrest: aggravated battery;

Gage R. Sarbacker, 29, Chicago, was cited for driving while license revoked, driving with suspended registration and no insurance;

Jan. 3
Philip J. Yates, 39, Libertyville, was cited for criminal damage to state supported property;

Jose Arenas-Rios, 45, Zion, was cited for a warrant arrest: domestic battery;

Rosa I. Berrioes, 46, Waukegan, was cited for DUI - alcohol, and no insurance;

Jan. 4
Gilberto Santiago, Jr., 42, Ingleside, was cited for aggravated domestic battery;

Justin M. Fields, 32, Grayslake, was cited for battery;

Steven A. Escarez, 36, Zion, was cited for a warrant arrest: domestic battery;

Arturo Hernandez-Uribe, 31, Vernon Hills, was cited for a warrant arrest: contempt of court;

Jan. 5
Alfredo Figueroa, 22, Zion, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

Marcos Antonio Contreras Mendez, 39, Waukegan, was cited for no driver's license;

Jeremiah M. Rogers, 33, Zion, was cited for driving while license suspended;

Carlos Mascorro Vega, 61, Waukegan, was cited for aggravated DUI;

Corey Richardson, 22, Evanston, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

Jan. 6
Derek A. Mardoian, 50, Beach Park, was cited for aggravated DUI, aggravated driving while license revoked;

Angela M. Deberry, 54, Mundelein, was cited for DUI - alcohol, and open transportation of alcohol;

Emmanuel Hernandez-Ramirez, 41, Glendale Heights, was cited for DUI - alcohol, open transportation of alcohol and obstructing a peace officer;

Edwin J. Rubio-Cruz, 23, Wauconda, was cited for driving while license suspended.

Jan. 8
Shawn J. Murphy, 44, Spring Grove, was cited for failure to register as a sexual offender;

Eric J. Petscheit, 34, Chicago, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

Jan. 9
Rheem Muhammad, 34, Chicago, was cited for battery;

Walter Wrather, 35, North Chicago, was cited for battery;

Kwan McNeal, 22, Chicago, was cited for a warrant obtained: criminal damage to state supported property;

Przemyslaw Sowa, 41, Prospect, was cited for a warrant obtained: retail theft;

Benjamin Stachura, 45, Elk Grove Village, was cited for a warrant obtained: retail theft;

Adam A. Shaf, 36, Lake Zurich, was cited for a war-

rant obtained: theft, money laundering, home repair fraud;

Jan. 10
Michael Webster, 56, Spring Grove, was cited for domestic battery;

Jose C. Guadarrama, 49, Waukegan, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

Leonardo P. Rodriguez, 30, Mundelein, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

Jan. 11
Sergio H. Rios, 41, Mundelein, was cited for a warrant arrest: violation of an order of protection;

Leticia Trujillo-Zarina, 52, Zion, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

John F. Waldron, III, 41, Wonder Lake, was cited for driving while license revoked and no insurance;

Jesus A. Zuniga, 22, Gurnee, was cited for DUI - alcohol and no insurance;

Jan. 12
David S. Garrett, 19, Antioch, was cited for a warrant arrest: domestic battery;

Jan. 13
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