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Jordan Toma, motivational speaker/influencer, recently visited five McHenry County schools, courtesy of the McHenry County Regional Office of Education.

## Motivational influencer speaks at five local schools

Five McHenry County schools welcomed nationally known influencer, motivational speaker and author Jordan Toma, courtesy of the McHenry county Regional Office of Education.

Jordan utilizes his social media platforms, which have more than 3 million total followers, to talk to young people about overcoming their challenges. He overcame ADHD and dyslexia to graduate college with a psychology degree and become a financial advisor. After getting a chance to speak to students at a pre-college class he had once attended, he took to social media and public speaking to empower young people to pursue their dreams regardless of the barriers in their way.

He spoke at Woodstock High School, Hebron Middle School and High School, Woodstock North High School and Harvard High School.

The Regional Office of Education was honored to sponsor Jordan's appearances, Regional Superintendent Diana Hartmann said.

"Jordan was a kid with chronic truancy, in special education with an individualized education program, with a relentless mom who wouldn't give up. He was a kid who was flunking every class, and grew up to be a successful businessman, author and speaker. Jordan reminds everyone to never give up, and that the struggles are the strength," Hartmann said.

# Lawmakers, cannabis industry calls for ban on 'delta-8' and other psychoactive hemp products

*Delta-8 explodes in popularity, but burgeoning cannabis industry says it's a dangerous threat*

By Hannah Meisel  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois' largest cannabis business association is pushing to ban the sale of delta-8 THC, an increasingly popular psychoactive substance that's popped up in corner stores across the country in recent years.

New legislation recently filed in Springfield revives an ongoing debate over delta-8 and other hemp-derived products, which are totally unregulated in Illinois even as the state approaches the five-year anniversary of legalizing cannabis.

For those who've been trying to break into Illinois' still-young cannabis industry, the state's inaction on delta-8 is an insult to the thousands of dollars and years of work that some business operators have put into trying to get their businesses off the ground.

"It is deeply disheartening and, frankly, a betrayal by the state to allow these shops to pop up and call themselves dispensaries," Ron Miller, a co-owner of his family-run Nevada Labs and BLYSS Dispensary in Mt. Vernon, said at a Capitol news conference April 11.

And for the industry's lead lobbying group, the Cannabis Business Association of Illinois, delta-8 represents other threats, including continued reports of Americans getting sick after consuming unregulated products, and the growing efforts to market delta-8 to young people.

At that news conference, CBAI Executive Director Tiffany Ingram stood next to a table filled with delta-8-infused candy and snacks in packaging strikingly similar to the multi-national brands they were designed to imitate. In one hand, Ingram held up a bag of Fritos corn chips and a similar-looking bag of "Fritos" snacks with small cannabis leaves on it.

Additionally, Ingram said, without having to pay cannabis-related taxes or other compliance costs, delta-8 businesses are not only undercutting legitimate licensed dispensaries, but the price is also accessible to kids.

"It says on the door you can only be 21 to come in," Ingram told Capitol News Illinois of her trips to faux dispensaries in Chicago's South Loop and Uptown neighborhoods to purchase some of the delta-8 products on display at the news conference. "But no one checked my ID."

State Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado, D-Chicago, said her 15-year-old daughter has told her that delta-8 products are very accessible to her peers.

"As a parent, there is nothing more scary than to hear stories from your child about how kids are 'greening out,'" she said. "And when I asked her questions like, 'Hey, are these kids getting the supply from their parents?' ...She says, 'Oh no, we just go to the corner store.'"

In addition to selling the products at corner stores and gas stations, delta-8-focused bakeries have also become a business model in the city of Chicago, according to reporting from the Chicago Sun-Times. Under Senate Bill 3926, businesses caught selling delta-8 or other unregulated hemp-derived products would face a \$10,000 fine. Ingram acknowledged that the threat of fines is only as good as an enforcement mechanism but said the law would at least allow the state's Department of Agriculture to investigate the businesses.

Additionally, the bill would create 50 new state licenses for legitimate cannabis dispensaries and 50 new licenses for cannabis infusers, which Ingram said could help bring entrepreneurs currently selling delta-8 into the fold. The measure would also require a state task force to study delta-8 products to ensure their safety, which Ingram characterized as more of a "pause" than an outright ban.

But those already operating in the delta-8 space said the bill would amount to an outright ban on delta-8 and other hemp-derived products. Glenn McElfresh, a co-founder of Chicago-based hemp-derived beverage company Plift, called Thursday's news conference "very frustrating and full

of inaccuracies."

"Many of the claims made today do not represent the thousands of businesses who produce or sell safe, accurately labeled, and tested products," he said.

State Rep. LaShawn Ford, D-Chicago, has been pushing for regulation of delta-8 products, warning that prohibiting them would undermine the criminal justice goals of legalizing cannabis in Illinois. Ford and state Sen. Lakesia Collins, D-Chicago, are pushing a pair of bills that would restrict the sale of delta-8 products to anyone under 21, along with taxing them and creating a new class of state licenses for hemp businesses.

"We don't want to regulate thousands of current businesses out of existence," Collins said in a statement. "We want regulation, not termination, when jobs and opportunity are at stake, especially in Black and brown communities."

Hemp and marijuana are both derived from cannabis plants, but hemp can only contain 0.3 percent or less THC. If it contains more THC than that, it is considered marijuana. In 2018, the annual federal "Farm Bill" made the distribution and sale of hemp and its byproducts legal federally.

## Latino farmworkers of McHenry County invited to preserve family roots

Preserving vintage photographs and records is a great way to ensure that the rich history of McHenry County's Latino farmworker community is documented and accessible for future generations. With that in mind, Raices Latinas - a history preservation project funded by the Community Foundation of McHenry County - will host a Community Scanning Day from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St.

The history initiative, funded through a grant by the Community Foundation of McHenry County, seeks to document the contributions of Latino/Latine agricultural workers - today and in the past - as part of a permanent county archive. Toward that end, volunteers will digitize photos, letters, newspaper articles and other pertinent documents in an effort to piece together the many and varied contributions.

All participants donating the use of their scanned photos to the McHenry County Historical Museum collection, will be asked to sign a "release form" transferring ownership of the scanned documents to the museum. With the donor's permission, the museum shall have the right to use, display, reproduce, publish, and distribute the materials for historical, educational and promotional purposes. The event is open to both English and Spanish speakers, and translators will be on site.

Digital copies will be available to participants, as a thank you, to those who bring a thumb drive or provide an email. For additional information or visit [www.raiceslatinasmc.org](http://www.raiceslatinasmc.org) or email [raiceslatinasmc@gmail.com](mailto:raiceslatinasmc@gmail.com).

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Above left: Smokin' Deal BBQ owner Jeff Silvers talks with customers Mike Huber and Melissa Lucich of Palatine before the couple purchased a new Pit Boss griddle and accessories this month. Above right: Along with griddles, grills, smokers and other outdoor lifestyle products, Smokin' Deal BBQ in Vernon Hills offers an array of competition-worthy sauces, rubs, tools, fuels and more.



CYNTHIA WOLF PHOTO HI-LITER/MCN

# Smokin' Deal BBQ's open house will fire up barbecue enthusiasts

Cynthia Wolf  
CONTRIBUTOR

Bob Spagnoli's heart was set on a really nice grill when he went shopping for an early retirement gift for himself a few years ago.

The now former New Trier High School teacher and coach first stopped at a north suburban big box store, where he found products, but not a soul approached to answer his questions or to be of help. The Buffalo Grove resident left, went to the parking lot, and searched "Where can I purchase a Napoleon grill near me?"

Smokin' Deal BBQ popped up. Spagnoli had never heard of it, but off he went. And he's so glad he did.

"I walk into the shop and I'm met by Elvis, Jeff Silvers' chocolate lab," Spagnoli said. "Jeff was in the back and called out right away. I told him what I was looking for. He said 'Let me show you the grill you want.'

And he walked me through every square inch of that grill."

From that first meeting, a lasting friendship has formed. It's a common occurrence for those who've visited Silvers in any of his three former locations, as well as at his new, much more spacious digs in Vernon Hills — a space he will celebrate with an open house from 9:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11.

Whether you're looking to grab a quick gift for your favorite backyard barbecue enthusiast or striving to equip a champion pitmaster-level setup, Jeff "The Smoker Guy" Silvers has you covered.

In Silvers' spacious new Smokin' Deal BBQ location at 1000 S. Butterfield Road, Suite 1007, Vernon Hills, the display of barbecue grills and other outdoor lifestyle products is something to behold. At just under 7,000 square feet, Silvers' new space is roughly twice the size of his former

Mundelein location. And it brims with grills and smokers by makers like Weber, Yoder, Hestan, DCS, Lynx, Twin Eagles, Napoleon, Recteq and others.

Customers also will find rubs and sauces, accessories, fuels, outdoor kitchen accoutrement, and even a sizable offering of top-quality meats including Heritage Berkshire and Duroc Pork, Prime and Australian Wagyu Tomahawks, ribeyes, beef ribs, hanger steaks and tri-tips.

More than three dozen brands and product types are available, serving residential, competition and commercial barbecue operations. And visitors who attend the May 11 open house can see it all, as well as sample some mouth-watering pulled pork, burnt ends, sausage and more.

"We'll have food, giveaways, and several of our featured partners onsite," said Silvers, a certified Kansas City Barbeque

Society judge with some impressive wins of his own to his credit.

Of special interest to guests might be the new store's built-in, live-fire education island. It's a 16.5-foot-by-6-foot space where already some top chefs including Gale Gand and Larry "Duce" Raymond have stopped by to lead well-received cooking demos.

"Duce's father created Sweet Baby Ray's Barbecue, and Gale is a two-time James Beard Award winner," Silvers said. "We're going to continue to attract chefs that are well-known and respected for their culinary expertise."

The cooking demos are part and parcel to Silvers' relationship-building vs. transactional approach to business, he said. It's an approach that's helped him to become a go-to for amateurs and pros alike.

"We support a lot of competition barbecue teams,"

he said. "They're looking for best-in-class rubs and sauces, the ones that are hitting now. We also source some of the best proteins available, intentionally for competitions ... here, they're able to see it before they buy it."

Amateur, pro or restaurateur, anyone who's looking to beef up their grilling game will find something to appreciate at Smokin' Deal BBQ — from a \$300 grill to a luxurious outdoor hardscape project or commercial-grade equipment for mobile or stationary use.

"We really are all about the outdoor lifestyle," Silvers said. "This store is effectively everything to do with fire and cooking and being outside enjoying one another's company."

Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For other information, visit [smokindealbbq.com](http://smokindealbbq.com) or call 847-393-7065.

# Sheriff's Office and over 40 partners 'go live' with major 911 technology consolidation and improvements

The Lake County Sheriff's Office announces a successful implementation of a major 911 technological overhaul.

In 2019, the Lake County Sheriff's office in conjunction with the Lake County Emergency Telephone Systems Board (ETSB), with the assistance of Crowe LLP, started the process to upgrade critical technology infrastructure, to improve public safety throughout Lake County. This improvement involved multiple key computer related components used by 911 telecommunicators, first responders, records clerks, and employees at public safety entities throughout the county.

Lake County ETSB led the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) portion of the project. CAD provides first responders with important information from 911 telecommunicators, as they respond to emergency calls. It provides a mapping component, allowing telecommunicators to send the closest first responders to an emergency. It also allows first responders to research prior call history, view routing options, and perform a number of other important functions.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office led the Records Management System (RMS), Civil Process Management System, Jail Management System (JMS), E-Citation, and E-Crash. These components allow public safety agencies to securely store data from emergency calls and securely store official police reports /

fire reports. The technology also streamlines the process of recording information from traffic crashes.

In 2021, Tyler Technologies was awarded two contracts, one from Lake County ETSB and one from Lake County, with the Sheriff's Office being the facilitator. Together, Lake County ETSB and the Lake County Sheriff's Office invited all Lake County police and fire agencies to join the project, share costs, and share electronic services. This consolidated electronics system serves over 40 Lake County law enforcement and

fire agencies, combining over 15 completely different systems into one, resulting in greater efficiency.

On April 16, 2024, CAD, RMS, E-Citation and E-Crash were successfully launched for the over participating 40 agencies. The Civil Process and Judicial Sales were successfully implemented in September of 2023. JMS is planned to launch in October of 2024.

After thorough evaluation and analysis, last year the sheriff's office withdrew from plans to physically consolidate its 911 emergency communications center, due to

what would have resulted in a significant operational loss for the sheriff's office, negatively impacting those living, working, or visiting Lake County. The sheriff's office continued with the technology consolidation, which is a tremendous public safety improvement to the community and will cost taxpayers less due to cost sharing and electronic infrastructure improvements. Sheriff's 911 Telecommunicators will have state of the art technology and will be able to rapidly share crucial information with the 40+ partners involved.

The Lake County Board and the Lake County ETSB Board provided the initial seed money to allow these major projects to move forward.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "I cannot even begin to describe the hard work that was put into this project by our IT Team, led by Bernard Malkov over the last several years. Bernard along with Steven Winnecke of Lake County ETSB and their teams collaborated with dozens of municipalities that joined this technology consolidation project to be able to share crucial emergency information

from 911 callers in real time. Because so many police and fire agencies are on the same computer system, responders will get information in a much timelier way, which will result in greater efficiency and lives saved."

Bernard Malkov Lake County Sheriff's IT Director said "I'm excited to have this new technology to help improve efficiencies and operations not just for our office but for other Lake County agencies. Close collaboration between the Lake County ETSB, Crowe and our municipal partners was the key to success."

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## It's tulip time

A young girl takes in the beauty of a single tulip as she is surrounded by pink blooms during last year's Richardson Farm Tulip Festival. This year's fest, featuring a multitude of colors of tulips, and also daffodils, opened on April 20. Ages 3 and younger are admitted free. All paying visitors receive one free tulip with admission, which also includes entry to the flower fields, access to the picnic area around Richardson Lake, an activity area with Giant Jenga and other outdoor games, and more. Richardson Farm is located at 909 English Prairie Road, Spring Grove. Festival hours are 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, closed Mondays. Tickets may be purchased in advance at richardsonfarm.com.

## Antioch bookstore participating in annual 'Independent Bookstore Day'

Event celebrated on April 27 this year

Little Bean Books is happy to announce their participation in the 11th Anniversary of Independent Bookstore Day.

Little Bean Books is celebrating the second year participating in Independent Bookstore Day. This year Little Bean Books will have exclusive store merchandise available, including stickers and tote bags. There will be a "buy more get more" sale and a raffle with prizes from other local businesses. Little Bean Books is participating in the Golden Ticket search sponsored by Libro.fm, the winner will win 12 free audio books.

"Independent Bookstore Day is our favorite day of the year. We are able to celebrate books with book lovers. We love to throw a party and Independent Bookstore Day is the best one we could participate in!" said Angela Burns, owner of Little Bean Books.

Independent Bookstore Day (Indie Bookstore Day) was established in 2013 to promote, celebrate, and

highlight the value of the Independent bookstore community. The day has been observed on the last Saturday of April every year since 2013. This year there are over 900 stores participating across the country.

Independent Bookstore Day is organized by the American Booksellers Association, a national not-for-profit trade organization, that works with booksellers and industry partners to ensure the success and profitability of independently owned book retailers, and to assist in expanding the community of the book.

### About Little Bean Books

Little Bean Books opened in June 2022. A sister store to Little Bean Coffee Company, Little Bean Books is a curated bookstore with titles for all ages and in all genres. Little Bean Books is a woman-owned store and proud to support diverse titles and authors. Little Bean Books is the only independent bookstore in Antioch.

## Conservation District, partners celebrate World Migratory Bird Days

McHenry County Conservation District and partners Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Friends of Volo Bog, and McHenry County

Audubon Society to host World Migratory Bird Days the following dates, times and locations:

- Saturday, April 27 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lost Valley Visitor Center, located in Glacial Park Conservation Area,

Route 31 & Harts Road, Ringwood, IL

- Sunday, April 28 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Volo Bog State Natural Area, Ingleside, IL

- Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Turner

Tract, Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, N541 County Highway H, Genoa City, WI (Mother's Day Eve Wildflower Walk & Why Mama Birds Like Insects event)

Insects and their impor-

tance to migratory birds is the focus of this year's World Migratory Bird Days. Visitors can have passports stamped at bird and insect activity stations while participating in games and more. More stamps equal more prizes,

including the ever-popular Audubon plush bird that sings its song when squeezed.

World Migratory Bird Days events are free and for all ages, no registration required. Learn more at MCCD.me/SpecialEvents.

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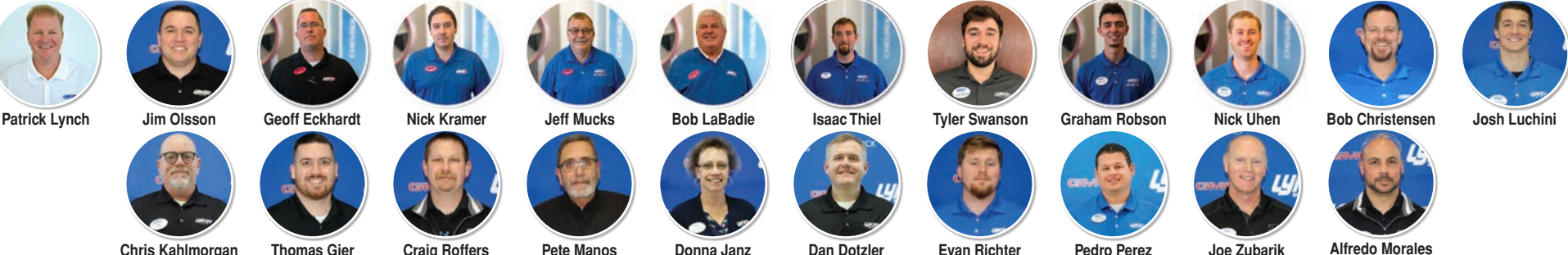
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# Boat business owner arrested on new charges stemming from ongoing investigation

After Kristen Wooden's July of 2023 arrest, several victims came forward, indicating they had been scammed by Wooden. The Lake County Sheriff's Marine Unit conducted an investigation into the allegations and found Wooden committed forgery and several thefts.



Kristen Wooden

When Wooden submitted her documentation to the State of Illinois in her application for her business's (The Boatyard) 2023 boat rental license, she submitted a document certifying that her fleet of boats was inspected by an independent boat repair service and was in safe and operable condition. The certification had the name and signature of the manager of the independent repair center. The investigation revealed that Wooden never had her fleet inspected by the independent repair center, and she forged the signature of the manager of the center. This resulted in the charge of forgery (class 3 felony).

Around Labor Day weekend, the Fox Waterway Agency suspended The Boatyard's commercial watercraft privileges for numerous violations and non-compliance to the Fox Waterway Act. After being made aware her boats were no longer allowed to be rented, sheriff's marine unit deputies observed a boat believed to be owned by The Boatyard on the Chain O'Lakes. Marine unit deputies stopped the boat and learned the occupants had just paid to rent the boat from The Boatyard.

A social media post circulated, and an individual arrived at the scene, claiming he had recently purchased the boat from The Boatyard. This victim had documentation proving he was the owner of the boat, and The Boatyard had no authority to rent his boat. It was determined that Wooden sold the victim the boat, but refused to provide him with the boat's title. This resulted in the charge of unlawful possession of a certificate of title (class 4 felony).

On July 17, 2023, a victim rented a boat from The Boatyard. When on the Chain O'Lakes, the victim started to have mechanical problems with the boat. They promptly returned to The Boatyard, where Wooden disputed the victim's claims. The victim returned to the boat and left. Wooden then unlawfully charged over \$225.00 to the victim's credit card. This resulted in a theft charge (class A misdemeanor).

On July 31, 2023, a victim rented a boat from The Boatyard. The boat was in poor operating condition. When the victim returned the boat, they informed The Boatyard staff of some of the defects of the boat. When the victim wrote a negative review about the experience they had with the boat, Wooden charged the victim's credit card \$500. This resulted in a theft charge (class A misdemeanor).

On August 19, 2023, a victim rented a boat from The Boatyard. The victim, who had prior knowledge of boats, immediately recognized an issue with the boat's propeller. He returned with the boat and wanted to speak with Wooden about the issue, however, she was in a heated argument with another patron. She told the victim that if he didn't leave, she was going to call the police. Later, the victim's credit card was charged by Wooden for extra cars being parked on her property, the damaged propeller, and one charge for 'criminal damage to property - police called.' This resulted in a theft charge (class A misdemeanor).

On April 18, 2024, following the investigation, sheriff's marine unit deputies reviewed the case with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office

and the above charges were approved. Deputies then appeared in front of a Judge who signed and authorized an arrest warrant.

On April 19, 2024, Wooden was arrested on the warrant at her home, without incident. She remains held in the Lake County Jail pending First Appearance Court on April 20.

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

## Original Release: Boat rental business owner charged after throwing renter's phone in water

On July 22, 2023, at approximately 6:00 p.m., the Lake County Sheriff's Marine Unit was dispatched to 'The Boatyard' in Unincorporated Antioch, located in the 42100 block of North 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The caller, Kristen Wooden, 36, of the 41000 block of North Westlake Avenue, Unincorporated Antioch, reported one of her rental boats earlier struck the Route 12 railroad bridge, and she wished to make a report.

While Sheriff's Marine Unit Deputies were responding to the scene, Wooden called 911 indicating the renters of the boat were damaging her property, however, she refused to tell emergency telecommunicators what the renters were doing to damage her property. Marine unit deputies arrived at approximately 6:20 p.m. and observed Wooden at the edge of her pier engaged in a verbal altercation with the occupants of the boat, which was not yet docked.

Wooden said she was concerned the operator was not able to dock the boat, so marine unit deputies offered to give Wooden a ride to board her rental boat, so she could dock it herself, which Wooden agreed to do.

After docking the rental boat, Wooden took the cellular phone from the hands of one of the boat's occupants, who was recording the situation. After taking the victim's cellular phone, marine unit deputies observed Wooden toss the victim's cellular phone into the water.

Sheriff's marine unit deputies spoke to all of the occupants of the rental boat and found there were no signs or indications of impairment with the operator of the boat. The boat's occupants said when they returned to the dock, Wooden refused to let them dock until the sheriff's office arrived.

The boat's renters indicated they were never given proper instructions on handling or maneuvering the boat. Wooden claimed they were given a briefing. Marine unit deputies determined Wooden did not provide a copy of the rental agreement to the renters, as required by statute. They also determined the rented boat did not have U.S. Coast Guard required equipment, specifically an emergency engine cut-off switch link.

Wooden was subsequently arrested for criminal damage to property, due to taking the cellular phone from the victim and intentionally dropping it into the water. She was also cited for the violation of not providing required equipment on a rental boat.

Wooden was processed and released on a \$1,500.00 recognizance bond. Marine unit deputies took a boat crash report for the incident earlier in the day, where the boat struck the bridge.

It was later claimed by 'The Boatyard' that there were numerous liquor bottles, beer bottles, garbage, and human waste left on the rented boat. These items were not observed by marine unit deputies. It was also claimed the vessel would need to be taken out of service due to its structural integrity being compromised, however, the same boat was rented the following day.



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A squad was struck by a passing car while conducting a traffic stop, nearly hitting the Lake County Sheriff's Deputy.

## Squad car with emergency lights active struck by passing motorist

A Lake County Sheriff's Deputy assisting at a traffic stop was nearly struck by a passing car.

On April 14, at approximately 8:30 p.m., a Lake County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on Route 12 near Long Grove Road in Deer Park, because the vehicle's registration was suspended. A second deputy arrived to assist. Both deputies had all the emergency lights

on their squad cars activated. As the backup deputy exited his squad car, a southbound Hyundai sedan, driven by an 80-year-old man of Park Ridge, struck the deputy's door, nearly striking the deputy.

Fortunately, neither the driver, nor the deputy, were injured in the crash.

The driver of the Hyundai was cited for violating 'Scott's Law.'

All drivers should be aware of 'Scott's Law,' named after Chicago Fire Lieutenant Scott Gillen, who was struck and killed, while he was on the scene of a traffic crash. 'Scott's Law' requires all drivers to change lanes and, if unable, greatly reduce the vehicle's speed when approaching an emergency vehicle or utility vehicle with flashing lights activated.

## Update on April 11 aggressive dog incident

McHenry County Animal Control is letting the public know that all surviving pit bulls involved in an April 11 incident in unincorporated McHenry are now in the care of Animal Control. This

includes the three dogs taken into Animal Control's possession on the day of the incident, as well as a fourth dog that was previously at-large following the incident.

## 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.

### March 12

Alexander H. Wydra, 28, Ingleside, was cited for a warrant arrest: possession of a controlled substance (McHenry County);

### March 13

Michael T. Reed, 40, Beach Park, was cited for driving while license suspended and no insurance;

Samuel D. Chavez, 30, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license suspended and no insurance;

### March 14

Omar Murrillo, 33, Mundelein, was cited for aggravated speeding (88 mph in 55 mph zone);

Angel Gabriel Hernandez, 19, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license suspended, and aggravated speeding (82 mph in 55 mph zone);

Paul J. Schail, 45, Kenosha, WI, was cited for DUI - alcohol and no insurance;

Benjamin S. Sojos, 25, Chicago, was cited for driving while license suspended;

Gabrielle K. Coleman, 32, Beach Park, was cited for ag-

gravated speeding (87 mph in 45 mph zone);

Natasha Sheedy, 41, Beach Park, was cited for driving while license suspended;

Yesica Hernandez, 40, Lindenhurst, was cited for no driver's license;

Caitlin J. Ashcraft, 23, Westmont, was cited for aggravated speeding (88 mph in 45 mph zone);

Daniel Quinones Marquez, 28, Waukegan, was cited for DUI - alcohol, and aggravated speeding (87 mph in 35 mph zone);

Jose D. Cazares, 45, Round Lake Beach, was cited for driving while license revoked and no insurance;

Javier A. Cerda Arroyo, 44, Waukegan, was cited for DUI - alcohol, aggravated speeding (88 mph in 45 mph zone), open transportation of liquor and no insurance;

### March 15

Thess A. Swift, 41, Waukegan, was cited for aggravated speeding (96 mph in 55 mph zone);

Sean M. Burbach, 29, Lindenhurst, was cited for driving while license suspended;

Oscar M. Lazcon, 46, Waukegan, was cited for bat-

Lisa A. Selders, 46, Lakemoor, was cited for DUI - alcohol, no driver's license, and leaving the scene of an accident;

Juvenile, was cited for aggravated speeding (97 mph in 45 mph zone) and no insurance;

Carlton Patrick, 59, Zion, was cited for driving with suspended registration and no insurance;

Eric C. Knight, 28, Zion, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

Iyanna A. Zurita, 18, Waukegan, was cited for DUI - alcohol, aggravated speeding (67 mph in 30 mph zone), open transportation of alcohol, and underage consumption of alcohol;

Tommy Chastine III, 58, Zion, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

### March 16

Ryler J. Ruefer, 32, Ringwood, was cited for aggravated speeding (86 mph in 55 mph zone);

Keith Williams, 55, Palatine, was cited for aggravated DUI, and improper transportation of cannabis;

Gregory D. Flesher, 61, no permanent address, was cited for violating an order of protection and criminal damage to property.



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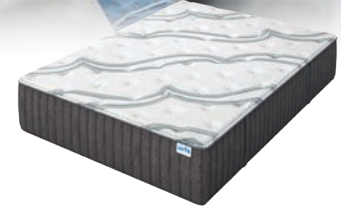
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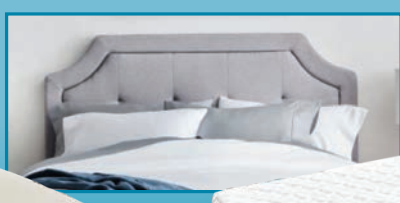
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