

Illinois Railway Museum holding special children's train event

The Illinois Railway Museum is pleased to announce our Day Out With Thomas[™] 2024 event. The dates of the event are: Saturday and Sunday, July 13 & 14, and July 20 & 21.

Train capacity cannot be further increased and therefore, once a train is sold out, there will be no further increase in capacity. If necessary additional trains may be added later in the afternoon should all trains currently advertised be sold out.

They expect to have tickets available on the day of event for purchase at the gates, however all tickets are available for purchase online. The only tickets available at the gate will be those that remain unsold online. No tickets are held back for gate purchase.

It is likely that tickets will only be available at the gate for trains later in the day. Please do not plan to come to the museum early in the day without pre-booked tickets as you will likely face a wait of several hours for the first available train.

The ticket price is \$25 per ticket. All riders of the train with Thomas the Tank Engine[™] who have passed their first birthday must have a ticket. Day Out With Thomas[™] tickets include one train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine for the trip specified on the Day Out With Thomas ticket, unlimited rides on streetcars; all entertainment (live music, magic shows, etc.); and access to all Museum exhibits on the date specified on the ticket. Food, snacks and beverages will be available at several lo-



Tickets are available for Day Out With ThomasTM at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union. The event will be held July 13, 14, 20 and 21. Tickets are available online at the Railway Museum website. www. irm.ora

cations around the Museum grounds. Continuing in 2024: You can ride on a train behind Percy. The ticket price for the Percy train is an additional \$10. All riders of the train with Percy who have passed their first birthday must have a ticket. Percy tickets include one train ride with Percy for the trip specified on the ticket.

Activities during the Thomas event:

• 20-minute train ride with Thomas Sodor Friends

the Tank Engine™

• 20-minute train ride with Percy (additional ticket required)

- Meet Sir Topham HattTM
- Magic Shows
- Garden model railroad display
- The Pied Piper of Percussion
- Thomas & FriendsTM Storytelling and Video Viewing
- Thomas & Friends Play table
- Thomas & Friends Coloring
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The parking is free and plentiful, and the parking lot will open at 8:30 a.m. every day. The gate will open at 9:00am.

No refunds or exchanges on tickets except in the case of event cancellation, all ticket sales are final. To purchase tickets online visit https:// www.irm.org/event/day-out-withthomas/.

The Illinois Railway Museum is located at 7000 Olson Road, Union, Illinois.

Violent situation de-escalated by **Sheriff's Deputies** and Mundelein officers

Lake County Sheriff's Deputies and Mundelein Police Officers deescalated a tense situation involving an armed man last week.



Luis Maganda -Chino

On June 11, at approximately 9:55 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 26200 block of North Route 83, unincorporated Mundelein, for a report of a man armed with a knife threatening neighbors.

The man went to a neighbor's house and began shouting and stabbing the neighbor's door with a knife. As sheriff's deputies arrived, the man, Luis Maganda-Chino, 40, of the same block, retreated into his home. Mundelein Police Officers arrived to assist and also provided Spanish translation, as Maganda-Chino was primarily a Spanish speaker.

Sheriff's deputies and Mundelein Police Officers continued communicating with the man for over an hour. Eventually, he was convinced to leave his home and surrender. He was taken into custody without further incident. Sheriff's deputies

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Illinois' largest-ever spending plan increases education, human services, infrastructure funding

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Gov. JB Pritzker recently signed the state's \$53.1 billion spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year, the largest in state history.

The signing caps months of work—and tension—among top Democratic leaders in Springfield and within the governor's office.

Pritzker said the budget is a demonstration of "fiscal responsibility," pointing to the \$198 million that will head to the state's "rainy day" fund, bringing it to a record balance of over \$2.2 billion. It will also make the full payment into the state's pension systems that is required by law.

House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, and Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park flanked Pritzker at the signing alongside Democrats' chief budget negotiators in the state's downtown Chicago office building.

Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, the lead budget negotiator for the Senate, pointed to several programs that he said will benefit vulnerable Illinoisans, including a tax credit for low-income families and increased wages for those who work with disabled people.

That tax credit will cost \$50 million. Qualifying families with children under age 12 will receive a credit of 20 percent of the state's Earned Income Tax Credit in calendar year 2024 and 40 percent in the following year, which is projected to cost \$100 million. Pritzker had proposed such a credit for children up to age three, but lawmakers expanded the credit.

But even some of the budget's strongest boosters hinted at the contentious process that produced it

"This, by no means, was an easy budget, but this is a good budget that invests in families all over the state of Illinois,' Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, D-Peoria, said Wednesday.

Democrats who control the General Assembly pushed the budget package over the finish line last week after a marathon all-night session in the Illinois House that highlighted internal strife within the majority party.

Upon Pritzker's signing of the budget, Republicans were quick to criticize it, echoing initial opposition shared last week. The Senate's top Republican, Sen. John Curran, R-Downers Grove, denounced

to provide health care benefits for noncitizen residents of the state, calling the situation claiming "most Democrats" "grossly unfair" in a statement.

The budget includes \$629 million, including \$440 million general funds, for that health care program, as well as \$182 million to provide shelter, health care and other services for recently arrived migrants, many of whom have been bused to the state from Texas.

Republicans uniformly voted against the budget package with the exception of a measure that does away with the state's 1 percent tax on groceries, but even some Democrats balked at the budget and voted against either the spending or revenue plans last week.

Though they ultimately voted for the budget, a few Democrats took time during the Senate's debate on the budget package to express mild disappointment with spending priorities, saying they wished the state had more resources for youth employment programs and public universities.

But while a trio of Democrats 'no' votes on the spending and revenue bills had no bearing on the budget's passage in the Senate, a bloc of opposition in the House nearly derailed its budget vote in the wee hours of the morning last Wednesday.

Amid attendance issues as the night wore on, it took Democratic leaders three tries-and a temporary waiving of the chamber's own rulebook-to get the minimum 60 votes needed to pass the bill containing new taxes. Earlier in the evening, the spending bill passed by a narrow margin.

During debate over the revenue bill, State Rep. Fred Crespo, D-Hoffman Estates, lamented that leadership didn't consider spending controls he'd suggested earlier this spring in his role as chair of the House's committee on appropriations for general services.

Those suggestions included a hiring freeze for state workers and only giving state agencies 95 percent of the funds they said they would need for the fiscal year-allowing them the opportunity to lobby for the remaining 5 percent next May if the money ended up being truly needed.

He warned about a looming fiscal cliff before voting against the bill, saying, "at this rate, ladies and gentlemen, we're gonna run out of taxpayer dollars to spend."

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the budget's use of state funds Asked about Crespo's comments for the second time on June 5, Pritzker pushed back, wouldn't agree with Crespo's ideas. The governor's criticism followed social media posts from two of his top deputies aimed at Comptroller Susana Mendoza, who earlier this week told Quincy-based TV station WGEM that she'd have liked to see "perhaps some more cuts across the board.'

> The governor also painted Mendoza's suggestions as more in line with Republicans than the pair's shared party.

> Well, I want to remind all of you that across-the-board budget cuts-this idea is not an idea that Democrats believe in," Pritzker said. "This idea that you can just go across the board and cut 5 percent of the budget and not have a very deleterious effect on people all across the state."

Revenues and taxes

While more than \$1.1 billion in added revenue was needed to balance the books, the final revenue plan which Pritzker did not sign on Wednesday but said he planned to without changes doesn't include any personal income tax increases for Illinoisans.

The final plan did not slow the increase of the state's standard deduction, a sum millions of Illinoisans subtract from their taxable income each year. It will grow to \$2,775 after lawmakers scrapped Pritzker's plan to cap it at \$2,550.

But businesses claiming previous-year losses on their taxes will be on the hook for another \$526 million collectively after lawmakers voted to extend an expiring cap on corporate net operating losses.

The cap will actually increase from \$100,000 in the current fiscal year to \$500,000, but the move is considered revenue-generating because without the change in law, there would be no such cap in place for FY25.

Other revenue measures include:

\$200 million raised by increasing the tax rate on sportsbooks from 15 percent to a graduated rate of 20 percent to 40 percent based on revenues. • \$101 million raised by capping a tax discount claimed by retailers at \$1,000 monthly.

• \$200 million raised by redirecting \$150 million from the Road Fund and \$50 million from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund to public transit, freeing up that amount in general revenue spending.

• \$25 million raised by subjecting "re-renters" of hotel rooms to an existing state hotel tax.

• \$35 million in infrastructure funding raised by increasing the tax on video gambling revenues by one percentage point.

An associated budget bill that is yet to be signed eliminates the state's grocery tax beginning in 2026, but it gives municipalities the authority to install their own such tax without a referendum to make up for the revenue lost from the state's tax.

Education

Pritzker's plan included several increases for K-12 and higher education, including the annual \$350 million bump in K-12 education funding, called for by a 2017 law that overhauled Illinois' school funding formula. Other increases include:

• Another \$32.7 million increase for transportation and special education reimbursements for schools.

· Full funding for Pritzker's "Smart Start" plan aimed at adding 5,000 preschool seats across the state and providing workforce grants. That includes \$75 million in additional Illinois Early Childhood Block Grant funding, about \$200 million to stabilize operational funding for child care providers and \$5 million to expand a Department of Human Services home visiting program.

• \$14 million to launch the newly created Department of Early Childhood, which Pritzker has promised would streamline services currently provided by three different state agencies.

• \$45 million for a teacher vacancy pilot program to help underserved districts with teacher retention.

• A 2 percent, or \$30.6 million, increase for community colleges and public universities. A \$10 million increase to Monetary Award Program grants for lower-income college students.

 \$575 million for deferred maintenance and construction at higher education facilities, including \$450 million for universities and \$125 million for community colleges.

Health care and human services

The budget also allocated \$10 million to erase more than \$1 billion in medical debt for an estimated 300,000 Illinoisans through partnership with the nonprofit Undue Medical Debt. House Bill 5290, which has not vet been signed, laid out that applicants must earn 400 percent of the federal poverty level or less. Other health and human services funding include:

• A \$1 hourly increase for direct service professionals who serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in community-based settings.

• An increase totaling \$70 million for Community Care Program workers serving older adults who can't live independently.

 \$4 million to create a statewide maternal health plan and distribute grants to community-based reproductive health care providers.

 A \$70 million increase for safety net hospitals.

 A \$90 million increase for Home Illinois, a program created last year to address homelessness, bringing total funding to \$290 million.

\$1 million for a low-income

diaper program. • \$13 million for the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act grants - a line-item Pritzker had proposed drastically cutting but lawmakers ultimately funded in full.

 \$50.3 million to the Department of Children and Family services aimed at increasing staff size by 392 positions and providing "rate reform" for the providers that partner with the state.

State government and infrastructure

The budget included funding for a 5 percent pay hike for lawmakers' base salary to \$93,712, as well as salary increases for constitutional officers, such as the governor, comptroller and treasurer. State law sets the pay for those individuals to increase annually with inflation, and lawmakers took no action to stop it from occurring in FY25. Pritzker, a billionaire, does not take a state salary.

The budget also included \$5.3 billion in appropriations and bonding authority for road and bridge projects, with over \$3.5 billion in new bonding authority for other infrastructure. Some of that funding includes:

 \$900 million for renovation at state prisons, including a possible tear down and rebuild of Stateville and Logan Correctional Centers.

• \$500 million to support the development of a regional quantum information science and technology campus. Another bill allowing the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to designate "quantum campuses" also lays out infrastructure and business incentives to lure developers of new-age higher-speed computing technology to the state.

\$157 million for additional funding to support construction of the new Illinois Department of Public Health laboratory in the Chicago area and rehabilitation of the Carbondale laboratory.

Lake County continues flight towards birdfriendly building design with new ordinance

On the heels of passing a groundbreaking bird-friendly building design policy last month, the Lake County Board approved a new ordinance at its June meeting to mitigate fatal bird collisions with glass on non-residential buildings unincorporated Lake County. The ordinance, which will go into effect on August 11, 2024, requires bird-friendly design as part of new construction or major renovation of non-residential development in unincorporated areas of Lake County. These projects must use at least 80 percent bird-friendly glass on their exteriors from ground level to 100 feet high. This ordinance also applies to non-residential accessory structures such as free-standing glass walls, accessory storage buildings, glass-enclosed gazebos and pavilions and similar structures. "The Lake County Board continues to march forward in our commitment towards innovative environmental policies and decisions as highlighted in our strategic plan,' said Sandy Hart, Lake County Board Chair. "We are taking a proactive approach to safeguard the numerous

bird species that enrich our natural landscape and our lives."

Nearly one billion birds annually collide with glass in the United States according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To birds, glass is

stages to ensure they meet the new bird-friendly requirements. Projects will be able to comply with the requirements through a variety of approaches, such as exterior screens, facade modifications and other

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an invisible, deceiving threat. Since they cannot see glass the way people do, they do not treat it as a barrier to avoid.

"Bird-friendly infrastructure is not just a win for the environment. but also for the community at large," said Paul Frank, Lake County Finance and Administrative Committee Chair and Board Member for District 11. "These measures will help reduce bird collisions, conserve biodiversity, and set a precedent for sustainable development that municipalities, other counties, businesses and residents can practice too."

Those seeking to make major renovations or construct new buildings in unincorporated Lake County are required to receive permits. Lake County Planning, Building and Development will work with non-residential builders both at the project design and permit

external applications including bird friendly films, coatings and even etched or fritted glass.

'Last month, we took a significant step by mandating bird-friendly glass for Lake County government buildings," said Jessica Vealitzek, Chair of the Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment Committee and Board Member for District 10. "Now, with this new ordinance for non-residential buildings in unincorporated Lake County, we are broadening our impact. By implementing these changes, we will save countless birds each year, reinforcing their vital role in our ecosystem.'

The Lake County Board continues to put a strong emphasis on protecting and enhancing the natural environment through its strategic plan. Learn more about the County's sustainability efforts at lakecountyil. gov/sustainability.



Above: Ret. Chief Ray Cordell, Oakwood Hills Police Department, presents Willowbrook Police Sergeant Inez Benson with the Carl Dobbs Memorial Scholarship. Right: Terrence Hughes, director of security at Oakbrook Center, receives the Laurence P. Mulcrone Private Security Partnership Award from ILACP Immediate Past President

ILACP honors those who protect and serve at spring awards ceremony

the most outstanding law enforcement officers in Illinois received recognition for their achievements in 2023. Nearly 200 people attended the 2024 Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) Awards Banquet to watch as these incredible individuals were given their awards on April 26 in Tinley Park, Illinois.

Dobbs and Novak Scholarships

The ILACP has been and continues to be a leader in supporting and providing professional development at all levels while helping prepare the next generation of law enforcement leaders. Each year, in partnership with the Center for Public Safety, we recognize our future leaders with two scholarships to Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. This year, Sergeant Inez Benson with the Willowbrook Police Department was awarded the Carl Dobbs Memorial Scholarship and Sergeant Daniel Whitecotton of the Sandwich Police Department received the Jacob J. Novak Scholarship. It should be noted that these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the Novak and Dobbs families, therefore we thank them for their continued support.

In one night, several of Hughes, the Director of Secu- ed his department's efforts in rity at the Oakbrook Center. the 2008 Illinois Traffic Safe-His work ethic as well as his commitment to security and safety has stood the test of time during his 17-year tenure with the facility.

Ret. Chief Laura King, McHenry County Conservation District Police Department.

Criminal Investigator of the Year

This was the second year for the newly minted Criminal Investigator of the Year Award. Sergeant Steven Skrodzki with the Algonquin Police Department was a clear standout amongst this year's nominees. The nine-year veteran of the department moved to his criminal investigator assignment on Jan. 1, 2023. In just one short year, he not only cleared numerous open sex crime investigations but hunted down the worst predators in Algonquin. Det. Skrodzki takes hard work, tenacity, and dedication to a new level. The ILACP and Algonquin Police Chief Dennis Walker can't wait to see all that he can achieve in the next four years of his assignment.

Officer of the Year

The 2024 James J. Wade Most Outstanding Officer of the Year was no stranger to the ILACP having worked of the Year Award. The award with the ILACP Traffic Safety Committee since 2013. the chief of police who excels Sergeant Eric Munson is a in his or her own department

ty Challenge leading them to attain the prestigious Judge's Award.

Sgt. Munson has continued building upon this success. Through his efforts, he has helped propel the department to be one of the top agencies in the state for traffic safety grants. Sgt. Munson's efforts in attaining funding sources, developing partnerships, and devising creative solutions for agencies seeking to conduct traffic enforcement with limited funding all demonstrate his commitment to public safety.

"There is no question that Sgt. Munson's significant contributions to these programs, the committee, and to traffic safety in general has saved countless lives and had a tremendous impact locally, regionally, and nationalwrote Scott Kristiansen, ILACP Law Enforcement Liaison Supervisor. "...Sgt. Munson's leadership serves to model best practices for others in the field.

Chief of the Year

The highlight of this year's awards banquet was the bestowing of the Police Chief is presented by the ILACP to 25-year veteran of the Plain- and provides extraordinary service to the association. The nominees and makes the selection of the chief who has best exemplified these characteristics over the past year. Chief Ray Cordell has spent nearly four decades in law enforcement perfecting quality policing. He is a 38year veteran who started his career in South Barrington

where he rose to the rank of Deputy Chief before retiring to enter the private sector. He also served as the Director of the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy before being appointed as the Chief of Police for the Village of Oakwood Hills in 2020.

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Chief Cordell is a Life Member of the ILACP and has been a lifelong learner and a strong advocate for officer education. He possesses a master's degree in public administration and is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He is also an ILACP Certified Police Chief and currently sits on the advisory board of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA).

Since 2011, Chief Cordell has also served as the Chair of the Education and Programs Committee. This important role has led him to assist staff with procuring trainers, speakers, and approved credit hours for both the ILACP Annual Training Conference as well as the Midwest Security and Police Conference/Expo along with other training events. This is no easy task and takes significant time and effort.

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Marc Maton said, "Chief Cordell has elevated the training provided by ILACP since becoming the chair of the educational and program committee by bringing in timely, relevant, and quality instruction for members, that help meet mandated training requirements."

Chief Cordell was appointed chief of Oakwood Hills at a pivotal time for their department and community. There had been a leadership vacuum tween law enforcement and when the former chief left, causing village leadership to appoint an emergency interim chief from the rank and file. As a result, there were many administrative issues and duties left unaccomplished that Chief Cordell took personal responsibility for and ensured were completed. This included implementing Lexipol's policy management software and updating the department's policies and procedures; evaluating and replacing the department's aging vehicle fleet; implementing a new in-car camera system; and preparing the organization for the acquisition of body-worn cameras. He has also revamped staff scheduling to maximize coverage, and prioritized training and development of staff awarded this year's ILACP while focusing on providing

quality service to the community.

In 2022, Chief Cordell partnered with the McHenry County Sheriff's Office along with other local law enforcement leaders in McHenry County to develop and establish the McHenry County Police Social Work Program. The program is designed to support police officers with full-time police social workers to help bridge the gap bethe county's network of social service providers.

ILACP Executive Director Kenny Winslow stated, "Chief Cordell has been an invaluable resource during my transition to Executive Director. His dedication to member education and knowledge of event and conference planning has been a huge help. Ray is passionate about the ILACP, and his work ethic, knowledge, and experience serve as an asset to the organization. He is well respected and held in high regard by his peers from around the state. His servant leadership style and magnetic personality are contagious."

For these reasons and more, Chief Cordell was Chief of the Year.



Public Private Partnership Award

The Illinois Chiefs have a special relationship with our partners in the private security industry. Therefore, each year we honor one of these partners with the Laurence P. Mulcrone Private Security Partnership Award. This year's recipient was Terrence



field Police Department. Sgt. Munson has supervised the Board of Officers reviews the Plainfield Police Department's Traffic Unit since 2007, developing and directing the department's efforts to improve traffic safety while reducing personal injury crashes and traffic fatalities. He quickly demonstrated his leadership and innovation in traffic safety when he direct-



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Friends (clockwise from left) Felicity and Ken Gorham, Marlee and Nick Buenrrostro, Kevin Drake, Chris Bomba and Darrick Roy, all of Palatine, agree on an answer during Pub Trivia on the rooftop at Durty Nellie's on a recent Wednesday.

Durty Nellie's offering phenomenal food, entertainment and rooftop fun

Cynthia Wolf CONTRIBUTOR

Durty Nellie's had just recovered from a 2019 fire when the pandemic hit.

The owners of the once hugely popular Palatine music, food and drink venue, Jim and Mark Dolezal, pursued a couple of sales opportunities in Covid-19's wake. First, a church was interested, but rezoning was denied. Later, a development deal gelled to tear down the roughly 12,500-square-foot existing building at 180 N. Smith St. and replace it with apartments, plus a smaller version of Durty Nellie's at the base.

But rising interest rates and unresolved parking issues quashed that deal, said Jim Dolezal, who, along with his brother Mark and son Connor, have a message for the community and the region: Durty Nellie's hasn't gone away, has much to offer and would welcome your business.

"Media coverage of the development plan, which involved razing the building, apparently confused a lot of people, who believe we're closed," Jim Dolezal said. "That development deal is off the table. We are open every day except Monday, and we have great reasons for people to visit.'

The establishment's hours are 3 p.m. until business drops off Tuesdays; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays through Saturdays; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays; closed Mondays.

And the great reasons to visit?

"All of our food is made from scratch,"

Dolezal said. "The food is phenomenal. People come here and tell us that ours is the best burger they've ever had. We have a beautiful outdoor rooftop area with free evening, all-ages acoustic performances Thursdays through Saturdays. We have a lot of events going on, food and drink specials and some great talent lined up."

Originally built as a music venue in 2003, Durty Nellie's in its heyday commonly drew overflow crowds who came to see the likes of

the Jonas Brothers, 16 Candles, Modern Day Romeos, the Gin Blossoms, Big Head Todd and the Monsters, Ronnie Montrose and the Marshall Tucker Band.

Phenomenal talent still is on tap here, Dolezal said. Upcoming performances include an all-ages Pat McCurdy rooftop show on June 21, and Jeff the Band with The Beautiful Disaster June 22.

That's not to mention the free line dancing fun to be had at 6:30 p.m. first and third Fridays, the Jazz Consortium that performs at 6 p.m. second Sundays, the Wednesday evening Irish jam sessions in the main pub, or the Wednesday evening Pub Trivia on the rooftop or in the upstairs mezzanine area, depending on weather.

On a recent Wednesday, friends Dina Lindemann of Niles and Lawrence LeVine of Buffalo Grove arrived early to take on numerous other teams for a shot at gift certificates and bragging rights.

"We've been playing since 2017, and Durty Nellie's was the first place we played," Lindemann said. "I really like the food here, especially the Nellie's chicken sandwich."

LeVine agreed, adding that the trivia host who works at Durty Nellie's, Tim Schulz, is more entertaining than most. The songs he plays during teams' response sessions always offer clues — some more subtle than others.

"We've played pub trivia at many different venues, and he's one of the best hosts," LeVine said. "You can tell Tim has carefully curated his play list."

Dolezal said nothing makes him happier than to see customers having a great time. He'd just love to see more of them, and hopes that any lingering confusion over the business's status is quelled once and for all. "We are open," he said. "Pay us a visit and find out why this is a great place to enjoy good times with your friends and family."

For menus, beer lists, more information about scheduled events, or to buy tickets, visit durtynellies.com.

Residential recycling event being held Saturday

partment of Health (MCDH) is holding a residential recycling event on June 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., in Lake in the Hills at Chesak Elementary School (10910 Reed Road). This event, available to all McHenry County residents, is held in partnership with Elgin Recycling, Paper Tiger Document Solutions, and the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County.

Elgin Recycling will be accepting a variety of electronic devices during the event, including: Televisions and computer monitors (fees apply - \$15 for LCD monitors; \$25 for units 20 inches or smaller; \$35 for units 21 inches or larger; units include flat screen and tube TVs), computers (desktop, laptop, netbook, notebook, tablet), keyboards and mice, Printers, fax machines, scanners and small-scale servers, DVD players, DVD recorders and VCRs, video game consoles, electronic keyboard and portable digital music players, digital converter boxes, cable and satellite receivers.

Elgin Recycling will accept credit cards or cash on-site. For additional items clean solid Styrofoam (all

The McHenry County De- elginrecycling.com or con- reusable bubble wrap and tact them at (847) 741-4100. Residents unable to attend the June 22 event can bring their electronic recyclables to Elgin Recycling's facility in Crystal Lake at 5114 E. Terra Cotta Avenue during normal operating hours (M-F, 8am-5pm, and Saturday, 8am- 1pm).

Paper Tiger Document Solutions will provide a free document shredding truck to securely shred paper documents on-site. Paper shredding is limited to four banker boxes or similar-sized containers, per vehicle. Documents must be removed from binders and binder clips; paper clips and staples are acceptable. This event is exclusively for residential purposes – businesses are kindly requested not to participate. Shredding will only be available until the truck is full. Once the shredding truck is full, no additional documents will be accepted.

The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County will be accepting alkaline about batteries (\$1/lb), fluorescent tubes and LED bulbs (\$0.50 to \$1, depending on length), accepted but not listed, visit colors), packing peanuts,

textiles (reusable and non-reusable clothing, linens, rags and shoes tied together by the laces will be accepted). Pink and blue construction foam siding and non-solid Styrofoam will not be accepted. The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County also have three permanent locations that accept Styrofoam.

For more information, please visit mcdef.org, email the Environmental Defenders, or call (815) 338-0393.

Visit the McHenry County College "Green Guide" for additional information on recycling in and around McHenry County at mchenry.edu/green.

Additional 2024 MC-DH-hosted recycling events are scheduled for July 27, August 24, September 21, and October 19. These events will take place at the McHenry County Administration Building (667 Ware Road in Woodstock).

more information For MCDH recycling events, please contact Kelli Boeckmann, McHenry County Solid Waste Manager, at (815) 334-4585, or visit bit. ly/mcdhsolidwaste.

Illinois State Museum seeking **Route 66 stories for Mother** Road's 100th anniversary in 2026 Museum historians will record oral histories with travelers, businesses, highway builders and others

um is seeking individuals to share their personal experiences with the original Route 66 in Illinois, including travelers, businesses that operated along the route, workers who built the highway, and others.

Route 66 will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2026. Historians from the Illinois State Museum will record and share oral histories of people who can recall their connections to the historic roadway, which operated from 1926 until decommissioning in 1985.



The Illinois State Muse- help illustrate the significance of this important transportation achievement," said Erika Holst, the museum's curator of history.

Specifically, museum historians would like to interview:

People who have memories of driving on Route 66 or traveling the highway with family or for business.

· Those who were involved or whose families were involved in operating restaurants, hotels, or auto service businesses along the route.

· Anyone who participated in the building, mainte-"These interviews will nance, or rerouting of the

Mother Road. First responders who

worked along Route 66. • Those who have any other firsthand experiences with Route 66 to share.

"This project also gives us an opportunity to preserve memories of Illinois citizens for posterity," said Amanda Bryden, registrar for the history collections of the Illinois State Museum and Illinois historic sites.

Anyone who has experienced Route 66 in one or more of these ways and would like to be part of the project can contact Route 66 project coordinator Judy Wagenblast at jwagenblastp@ gmail.com. The oral history project is funded in part by the National Park Service.

Interview participants will be asked to sign a permission form granting legal rights to conduct and preserve the interview. Monetary compensation is not offered Video recordings of the interviews and transcriptions will be made available to the public in an online database as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of Historic Route 66 in 2026.



 Community events, car washes, festivals, lemonade stands, school projects - people at work and at play.

We are interested!

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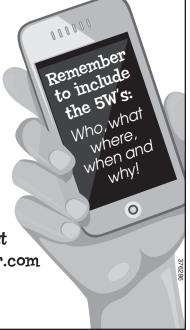
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Pet of the week

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Emergency Services (RAC-ES) division of the McHenry County Emergency Management Agency will be participating in Field Day on June 22 and June 23.

Field Day is a 24-hour annual exercise sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, the national association for amateur radio. It's an opportunity for federally licensed radio amateurs to test

The Radio Amateur Civil their skills and equipment in Day stations will be located in the disaster area. In situathe field by making radio contacts, using various modes of communications with other operators all over the country. The public is invited to join

us during this exercise from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 22. You will have a unique opportunity to get on the air using one of our official Field Day stations. This is an excellent opportunity to learn what radio was the only viable Ham Radio is all about. Field

behind the maintenance facility at 12394 Ware Road, in Woodstock. Parking will be off Route 47, Seminary Avenue, just north of Ware Road.

Amateurs have a long history of providing emergency communications when normal systems are overloaded or offline. One example was Hurricane Katrina, when ham communications mechanism

tions like this, radio operators are quick to respond with their own equipment and at their own expense. Amateur radio operators have also assisted in supporting many large, planned events, including the Chicago and Boston Marathons.

As the name implies, Field Day is an exercise held outdoors using generator power. It's meant to simulate disaster

conditions where commercial be experimenting with TV power would not be available. The exercise also simulates the same challenges the operators would face in a real disaster scenario.

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

signals and microwave communications equipment.

Ouestions can be directed to the McHenry County Emergency Management Agency at 815-338-6400, or visit us on the web at http:// www.mcraces.org. You can also find more information at the American Radio Relay League Field Day information site located at http://www.arrl. org/field-day.









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Sheriff's reports

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Deputies apprehend man who battered woman, took her hostage, killed her dog

Lake County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a Beach Park man after he held the mother of his child hostage and killed a dog belonging to the victim.

On June 16, at approximately 8:45 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to an address in the 13000 block of West 28th Place, Wadsworth, for a report of a woman that was being held hostage.

Lake County Sheriff's 911 Emergency Telecommunicators obtained important information that the victim was a woman being held hostage by Adrian Rivera, 40, of the 10400 block of West Crissy Avenue, Beach Park. Sheriff's 911 telecommunicators learned Rivera forced the victim to drive to the Wadsworth address to pick up their young child that was being kept safe at the Wadsworth address. Rivera was armed with a knife and forced the victim back into the vehicle, with the child. Rivera then forced the vic-



Sheriff's 911 telecommunicators were able to obtain vehicle scription, li-Adrian Rivera cense plate,

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and the direction the vehicle was last seen traveling. They relayed all of this crucial information to the responding sheriff's deputies. The responding sheriff's deputies located the vehicle in the area of Lewis Avenue and Wadsworth Road, Beach Park. Sheriff's deputies conducted a high risk traffic stop, and were able to rescue the woman and child victims from the vehicle. Rivera was placed into custody.

vealed that prior to taking the woman victim hostage. he battered her at the Beach Park residence, where the two live. After battering her, he went to retrieve his firearm, but he was unable to locate

June Talk and Tour event on Friday to highlight solar power

If you're interested in the future of solar energy in McHenry County and Illinois, you'll want to attend the next presentation of the 2024 Talk and Tour series.

The second presentation of the 2024 season is a Solar Summit that will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, June 21, in Conference Room A of the McHenry County Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock.

A panel of experts will discuss solar farms. the current state of solar power in McHenry County, and what the future may hold. The panel consists of John Carson, founder of Trajectory Energy Partners, and Kimberly Scharlow, who as a planner with the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development helps oversee solar farm permitting.

The Talk and Tour series, now in its third year, is co-hosted by the McHenry County

Further investigation re-Planning and Development Department and the

Environmental Defenders of McHenry County. County government and the Environmental Defenders teamed up in 2022 to present a series of workshops that showcase the environmental and economic benefits of innovative best management practices that have been successfully implemented in our region. Each of the best management practices are designed to protect and maintain the integrity of natural resources, reduce flooding in communities, and promote land, water and energy conservation.

The event is free, but attendees must register in advance by visiting https://tinyurl.com/ BMPTourSignup. For more information, email McHenry County Water **Resources Specialist** Scott Kuykendall at SHKuykendall@ mchenrycountyil.gov or call 815-334-2863.

tim to drive it. He instead armed himself Attorney's Office approved communicators operate at an with a knife and forced the victim to drive to the location of the child, where the child was staying to be kept safe from Rivera's violence. Rivera threatened to kill the the victim and her family if she did not comply.

When the victim arrived at the Wadsworth location, she informed her family that she was being held against her will and Rivera was armed with a knife. The family, in turn, called 911 and provided the information to sheriff's 911 telecommunicators.

Sheriff's deputies learned Rivera recently bludgeoned the victim's dog to death and placed the remains of the dog in a cooler at the residence. Sheriff's deputies located the deceased dog, the bludgeon, and two firearms belonging to Rivera.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the incident, the Lake County State's the following charges against Rivera: Aggravated Domestic Battery involving Strangulation (Class 2 Felony), Two Counts of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (Class 2 Felonies), Failure of a Sexual Offender to Report a Change of Address (Class 3 Felony), Unlawful Restraint (Class 4 Felony), Aggravated Animal Cruelty (Class 4 Felony), Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class A Misdemeanor), Two Counts of Domestic Battery (Class A Misdemeanors) and Child Endangerment (Class A Misdemeanor).

Additional charges are possible. The Lake County State's Attorney's Office will be filing a petition to detain Rivera in custody.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg lauded the successful collaboration of the sheriff's 911 emergency telecommunicators and sheriff's deputies. "Our 911 emergency tele-

Lake County Sheriff's arrest bulletin

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

April 24

Roman Nahaylo, 40, Deerfield, was cited for domestic battery:

Kristin R. Olson, 34, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant arrest: theft (Kenosha County, WI);

Brian D. Fields, Waukegan, was cited for DUI - drugs, leaving the scene of an accident and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; April 25

Liset M. Mejia, 19, Beach Park, was cited for no driver's license: April 26

Alan Sapoznik, 28, Buffalo Grove, was cited for a warrant obtained: aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, and reckless driving;

Samantha Carlson, 28, Ingleside, was cited for battery; April 27

Shawana Marshall, 44, Beach Park, was cited for disorderly conduct.

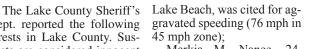
Xiao Wu, 24, Chicago, was cited for DUI – alcohol; April 28

Roman Alonso Mancilla, 50, Lake Bluff, was cited for DUI – alcohol:

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Sharon M. Hurt, 45, Round



Markia M. Nance, 24, Chicago, was cited for no driver's license and no insurance:

Marek J. Bejda, 45, Deerfield, was cited for violation of pre-trial release conditions;

Adrian O. Sanchez, 40, Ingleside, was cited for leaving the scene of an accident and no driver's license;

Jose L. Melendez Alvarado, 35, Waukegan, was cited for no license, suspended registration and no insurance.

April 29

Victor A. Lopez-Merida, 24, Round Lake Beach, was cited for driving while license suspended, suspended registration and no insurance;

Christopher Montanez, 27, Antioch, was cited for disorderly conduct;

Tyler J. Smith, 27, Zion, was cited for a warrant arrest:

theft; April 30

Jerry E. Dickens, 54, Palatine, was cited for a warrant arrest: criminal trespass to land;

Joseph G. Donohue, 57, Spring Grove, was cited for a warrant arrest: violating an order of protection;

37, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant arrest: criminal damage to property; David R Elfe

Harrison Norals-Griffin,

May 4 Mariel Ramirez-Peralta.

nalia;

May 3

extremely high level every day," said Sheriff Idleburg. "Our 911 emergency telecommunicators were able to obtain very important information and relay the information at lightning speed, allowing our deputies to locate and rescue the kidnapping victims. If it were not for the high level of skill and collaboration between our 911 center and responding deputies, this violent man may have done more serious harm to the victims. Rivera is due at an initial

court appearance on June 17.

Skeletal remains **located in Beach Park** wooded area

Lake County Sheriff's Detectives are investigating skeletal remains found in a wooded area near Sheridan Road and Wadsworth Road in Beach Park.

Moreno,

Luis Barradas, 23, Round

Lake, was cited for aggravat-

ed battery to a correctional

Brian Finegan, 41, Den-

Isaiah Patton, 18, Wauke-

Martin W. Kerley, 60, Pal-

Steve M. Gawinski, 61,

Martin C. Heydenberg,

Grayslake, was cited for a

warrant arrest: unlawful pos-

62, no permanent address,

was cited for a warrant ar-

rest: burglary and obstruct-

Beach Park, was cited for

criminal damage to property;

Grayslake, was cited for

cago, was cited for a warrant

arrest: contempt of court

Jamie L. Trochowski, 47,

Kenosha, WI, was cited for

possession of drug parapher-

Melvin Williams, 61, Chi-

Giselle Jimenez,

theft and resisting arrest;

Rodriguez,

session of a firearm;

ing identification;

(Cook County);

May 2

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On June 14, Zion Police Officers received an anonymous tip that there were human remains located in a wooded area near the entrance of the Illinois Beach State Park. Members of Zion PD searched and located skeletal remains. Due to the remains being located within the sheriff's office jurisdictional boundaries, Zion PD contacted the sheriff's office.

Sheriff's deputies and detectives responded to the scene. The scene was processed for evidence and diagramming. The Lake County Coroner's Office responded and took possession of the remains.

It is not known how long the remains have been there. Additionally, the identity, cause, and manner of death are unknown.

The death remains under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division.

23. Beach Park, was cited for 26, no driver's license; Round Lake, was cited for Eleric D. Lvon, 23. Beach aggravated battery to a cor-

Park, was cited for criminal trespass to residence;

Halev M. Decker. 24. Beach Park, was cited for unlawful possession of cannabis:

Daniel S. Davis, 55, Beach Park, was cited for a warrant arrest: contempt of court:

Jermaine M. Garrett, 37, Rockford, was cited for a warrant arrest: driving while license revoked; May 6

Colten W. Passarella, 18, Wadsworth, was cited for domestic battery;

Czernecki Grzegorz, 76, Deer Park, was cited for bat-

Gregory D. Flesher, 61, Beach Park, was cited for violating an order of protection:

May 7

37.

26.

Zion M. Fleming, 23, Waukegan, was cited for aggravated assault, criminal damage to state supported property, and resisting a correctional officer;

Cole G. Rosen, 37, Gurnee, was cited for no driver's license, suspended registration and no insurance;

Junin Estrada-Figueroa, 30, North Chicago, was cited for no driver's license, suspended registration and no insurance;

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tioch, was cited for domestic battery;

Henley L. Jean Michael, 35, Miami, FL, was cited for driving while license revoked, improper transportation of cannabis and no insurance:

May 1

Carnise Parson, 31. Waukegan, was cited for aggravated battery to a correctional officer;

• Situation (Continued from front page)

seized several knives.

Maganda-Chino had an active arrest warrant for violating an order of protection.

Maganda-Chino was transde-escalation techniques to ported to the Lake County bring a violent situation to a Jail. In addition to the arrest safe resolution, without the warrant, he was charged with need to use force. Great job to aggravated assault, disorderly everyone involved in this inci-

30, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant arrest: DUI - alcohol

Glenn W. Cardelli, 64, North Barrington, was cited for battery;

Yaire G. Lemus, 22, Round Lake Beach, was cited for a warrant arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled substance; May 5

conduct, and resisting arrest.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Yet again, our staff

utilized patience, time, and

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Garcia-Alcibar,

Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol; May 8

Mary V. Jude, 40, Ingleside, was cited for a warrant obtained: domestic battery; Briam M. Diggs, 40,

Zion, was cited for a warrant arrest: assault, and disorderly conduct;

April B. Biel, 42, Trevor, WI, was cited for DUI - alcohol, and no insurance;

dent, from our sheriff's emergency telecommunicators to our deputies who responded Thank you to Mundelein Police Department for their response and assistance."

Maganda-Chino was held pending First Appearance Court.

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