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About one in 10 people younger than 65 in Antioch, have a disability U.S. Census data show, yet there are no playgrounds in the surrounding communities that are built to be accessible for people with disabilities.

A team of local community volunteers spearheaded the development of the area's first all-inclusive playground with the help of national experts Unlimited Play.

On Saturday, the community came together to celebrate the grand opening of this accessible play space, called the Treehouse Community Playground at 18724 W. 173, next to NorthBridge Church, An-

"Antioch is proud to have the first accessible playground in the area here in our community. I am grateful for the volunteers, donors, and leadership of the community volunteers and NorthBridge Church who have made this dream a reality for children with and without disabilities," said Scott J. Gartner, Antioch

The playground surpasses design standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act and will enable all children — regardless of their abilities — to play side-by-side. This new playground also will allow parents and caregivers with disabilities to play with their children.

#### The Importance of Play

Research shows that communities thrive when their children thrive. And play is critical for a child's development. It builds imagination, enhances independence, promotes physical activity, fosters healthy



Despite the rainy weather on June 1, it is estimated that approximately 400 people showed up to celebrate the grand opening/ribbon cutting at the Treehouse Community Playground in Antioch. After an indoor ceremony, dozens of people headed out to explore the playground. The playground at 18724 W. Rt 173, Antioch is now officially open to the public.

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Steven Wooden

4th Avenue, unincorporated Antioch. Additionally, the agent of the marina, Steven Wooden, 41, of the 41000 block of North Westlake Avenue, unincorporated Antioch, was arrested for one count of forgery (class 3 felony) following a paperwork

In order for a person or company to rent boats, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) must receive a boat rental license application. IDNR then verifies that each boat listed in the application is worthy of being used for rental purposes. Following their review, IDNR stamps and signs the official form, before sending it back to the person or company.

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### Hats off to the graduates!

More than 550 McHenry Community High School seniors received their diplomas during an outdoor ceremony May 18 at McCracken Field in McHenry. The Class of 2024 includes 52 Illinois State Scholars and 187 Distinguished Warriors, an honor earned through academics, school participation and community service. The entire class earned more than \$6 million in scholarships for their continuing education.

# Antioch Public Library summer reading program 'Community Matters' runs through July 31

brary District will be hosting the 2024 Summer Reading Program themed "Community Matters" starting June 1st through July 31st. This year's theme is individually presented by and designed by the Antioch Public Library District. This program was created as a way to express appreciation and support for local organizations, businesses and members of the community, with an emphasis that a community that works together, is stronger. This year's program mascot, "Matty the Mouse" will explore the community and can be found at various participating locations around Antioch. Join Matty as he goes on adventures and discovers the wonderful things that this community has to offer.

Participants register for the challenge at apld.beanstack.com where they will keep track of the days that they read. For every four days that participants read, they will receive a digital badge through the platform, which will provide them with electronic tickets to enter into selected prize drawings. The challenge has been completed once the participant has read for 32 days.

In addition to the reading challenge, the Library will also be hosting other "Community Matters" themed programs and contests. Take a look at these events:

#### **Community Wide Photo** Contest – June 1st –

All ages are invited to enter the "Community Mat-Photo Contest. Entries will be accepted June 1 through June 23. Photos are to reflect what represents community to the photographer. For additional details them with an extra digital including rules and contest agreement, visit our online event calendar at apld.info. This contest is made possible with the support of the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation and the Antioch Library

#### Hunt - June 1st - July 31st.

The adventure continues! Participate in the "Find Matty" scavenger hunt, made possible with the help of local organizations and business. Participants will be provided with a list of locations to stop in to, to explore what they have to offer. While there, they will be on the lookout to "Find Matty". Once Matty is found, they will receive a sticker from each location. For every six location stickers received, participants can bring their completed lists in to the Library to receive a code to be applied to their online account on the program platform. That code will provide ticket to enter into the selected prize drawings.

#### **Library Card Design** Contest - July 1st -July 15th.

Show us your art! Create a Library card design based

around "What does community mean to you?" and enter for a chance to have your design printed on one of three new limited edition card designs offered by the Library. This contest is made possible with the support of the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation and the Antioch Library Friends. For additional details including rules and contest agreement, visit our online event calendar at apld.info.

Thank you to the Summer Reading Program sponsors, the Antioch Library Friends, as well as those businesses and organizations that have donated items or will be participating in programs and events, such as: the Antioch Fire Department, Antioch Garden Club, Antioch Pizza, Parkway Bank in Antioch, Plaza Laundromat, and more.

The Antioch Public Library is located at 757 N. Main St., Antioch, For more information call 847-395-0874 or visit their website at apld.info.

#### **Health Department encourages** residents to swim safely

Although Memorial Day isn't the official start of summer, it signals the summer mindset for most of us. If you are swimming at your local pool or enjoying time at your favorite beach, it is important to protect yourself from illness, prevent the spread of germs, and practice safe swim-

There is a small chance you can get sick from swimming in unclean or contaminated water. Recreational water illnesses (RWIs) can spread if you swallow, have contact with, or breathe in mists or aerosols from water contaminated with germs and RWI are typically spread by people swimming while ill.

The Lake County Health Department monitors lake water for E.coli bacteria in over 100 Lake Michigan and inland lake beaches to ensure that the water is acceptable for swimming. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, beach closure information can be found on the Health Department's Beach Monitoring and Advisories web page at www.lakecountyil.gov/2385/Beach-Monitoring-and-Advisories, which is updated daily by 10:00 a.m.

When bacteria levels are high, the Health Department notifies the beach's manager, and signs are posted indicating a swim ban is in place. Water samples are taken daily until the bacteria levels fall below the standard.

"The Ecological Services program keeps our community protected and prevents waterborne illnesses by testing the water," said Alana Bartolai, Ecological Services Coordinator. "We strongly recommend checking our Beach Monitoring and Advisories page before heading out to the beach to ensure you can do so safely".

Here are ways to protect yourself from illness at pools and water parks:

- Don't swim or let your children swim when sick with diarrhea.
- Don't swallow the water.

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bathroom or diaper-changing area—not waterside—to keep germs away from the water.

- · Shower before you enter the water.
- Never swim alone

Follow these tips to avoid hazards when swimming in our lakes this summer:

- · Before heading to your favorite lake, check if the beach is open on the Health Department website www.lakecountyil.gov/2385/Beach-Monitoring-and-Advisories. If a swim ban is in place, do not swim in the lake.
- · Avoid swimming in lakes after a large rain event, since rainfall can wash pollutants into lakes resulting in elevated bacteria levels.
- On Lake Michigan, don't swim during times of heavy surf (i.e., high waves), which can overpower even the strongest swimmer. Know before you go and check the National Weather Service for any beach hazard advisories and never swim alone.
- On inland lakes, occasional harmful algae blooms may occur. Avoid areas where the water has a green or blue-green appearance. Report any algae blooms to the Health Depart-

Throughout the summer, the Health Department samples 11 beaches along Lake Michigan four days per week including: North Point Marina Beach, Winthrop Harbor; Illinois Beach State Park North Beach, Zion; Illinois Beach State Park South Beach, Zion; Illinois Beach State Park Resort Beach, Zion; Waukeg-an North Beach, Waukegan; Waukegan South Beach, Waukegan; Foss Park Beach, North Chicago; Lake Bluff Sunrise Beach, Lake Bluff; Forest Park Beach, Lake Forest; Park Avenue Beach, Highland Park; and Rosewood Beach, Highland Park.

The Health Department also samples Lake Bluff Dog Beach and Moraine Dog Beach once a week.

For more information on beach monitoring, please call Lake County Health Depart-Check diapers every 30–60 ment's Environmental Ser-

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# College news

Vilardi named to MSOE **Honors List** 

Sarah Vilardi, from Antioch, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Honors List for the 2024 Spring Semester. Vilardi is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

#### MSOE names Dean's List honorees for spring 2024 semester

Milwaukee School of Engineering congratulates the following students that were named to the spring semester 2024 Dean's List:

- Ian Golvach of Antioch. Golvach is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.
- Logan Knott of Richmond. Knott is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical En-

gineering.

Nathan Blanck of Antioch. Blanck is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

• Matthew Schultz of Antioch. Schultz is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

Students taking undergraduate courses who have earned at least 12 credits in residence at MSOE, are in good academic standing, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher are on the Dean's List.

#### Spring 2024 Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene University announced

To qualify for inclusion on the Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL, a student must have or higher (out of a possible been enrolled as a full-time 4.00).

undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading

Local recipients of spring semester Dean's List honors

- Emily Lara of Antioch
- · Amanda Paddock of Antioch

#### Martinez name to **Elmhurst University** Dean's List

Jose Lucena Martinez, of Antioch, was among more than 975 students named to Elmhurst University's Spring 2024 Dean's List.

The Dean's List is composed of students who during the term concerned, attained a grade-point average of 3.75



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Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart, LCCAC's Education and Outreach Specialist Carrie Wings, Duo Dog Linden.

#### Lake County State's Attorney's office and LCCAC announce new support dog

The Lake County Children's Advocacy Center (LCCAC) and the Lake County Stat's Attorney's Office are excited to announce the newest member of the team, Duo Dog, Linden. Linden will primarily serve as comfort and support to children during the investigative process.

Linden is a two-year-old Labrador Retriever who was trained and donated by Duo Dogs, Inc., a national non-profit organization that trains and connects dogs with people to cultivate positive change.

Linden has been assigned to the LCCAC and will be there until he turns 10 years old. He has been partnered with his handler, Carrie Wings, the LCCAC's Education and Outreach Specialist. As a comfort dog, Linden will accompany children throughout the forensic interview process.

State's Attorney Eric Rinehart stated, Linden is wonderful. The most important thing is that we provide children with every comfort possible to help them while also making sure that our investigations are accurate and effective. As a father of two and a dog owner myself, I have seen firsthand how important dogs can be in the lives of

"I am pleased to welcome Linden to The Lake County Children's Advocacy Center and our community," Ms. Wings stated. "He has quickly become a member of our team and is already affecting those around him. Linden is a sweet and gentle boy. I am grateful that Linden was chosen for us

and that he is here to help children through a difficult and trying time while providing comfort and ease. I look forward to seeing all the work he will do to make a difference in the life of a child, and I could not be more honored than to be a part of his journey.'

Linden is the third dog that Duo Dogs has donated to the State's Attorney's Office. The first dog, Mitchell, was previously assigned to the LCCAC prior to Linden and retired in July 2023. Hitch, the second Duo Dog, retired last month.

LCCAC Executive Director Carrie Flanigan emphasized the important role dogs like Linden play when it comes to engaging the community and alleviating the trauma associated with crimes against children.

'We are thrilled to welcome Linden as part of the LCCAC team. We have missed having Mitchell on site and we are excited to have already seen the difference Linden will make not only with the children he will assist, but also the team. These dogs make a tremendous difference in helping to regulate the emotions and fear associated with trauma. Linden will provide a much-needed calming effect to the families who walk through our doors," Ms. Flanigan said.

The LCCAC's mission is to provide a safe environment for child victims of sexual and physical abuse. The goal of the center is to investigate and help successfully prosecute these offenders without further trauma to the

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# **Buzz worthy brew debuts**

ing a touch of magic to this summer. Inspired by these intriguing insects, the Lake County Forest Preserves teamed up with Harbor Brewing Company in Lake Villa to celebrate the cicadas' 2024 arrival with a new craft beer.

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The Lake County Forest Preserves teamed up with Harbor Brewing Company to introduce a new cicada-themed craft beer, Brewed XIII (13).

Brewed XIII (13) is named after the brood of cicadas that emerged this summer after spending 17 years underground. "The hibiscus shandy is deep red, inspired by the eyes of the insect," said Harbor Head Brewer Adam Brose, who crafted the beer. "It bursts with refreshing tropical vibes, thanks to infusions of lemonade and hibiscus tea. The beer, which contains no dye or cicadas, is floral and fruity." The base beer is a golden ale with wheat and oats and has a blended 4.8%

alcohol by volume, or ABV.

"The beer is fantastic," said Kyle Wenzel, Harbor Brewing Company owner. vices manager at the Forest "This is going to be a great summer beer. It's going to go quick." A shandy beer is a starting in February. "The cirefreshing beverage made by mixing beer with a non-alcoholic drink, in this case lemonade and hibiscus.

The new beer debuts Friday, May 31, at the inaugural not new to Brose. Last sum-Brews & Views fest that runs from 4-8 pm at the Beer Garden at Independence Grove in Libertyville. Visitors will have the opportunity to try beverages from nine local breweries.

Brewed XIII will then be sold regularly at the Beer Garden and at Harbor Brewing locations in Lake Villa and Winthrop Harbor.

The idea for the beverage

some time. Wendel and Hans Lopez, assistant visitor ser-Preserves, talked about collaborating on a craft beer cada emergence seemed like the perfect time to introduce a refreshing summer beer," Lo-

pez said. Creating shandy beer is mer he crafted a strawberry shandy that became the second-most-popular shandy in Illinois on Untappd, a geosocial networking service used to bring together beer enthu-

Lopez expressed his enthusiasm about the new partnership. "As we toast to Brewed XIII, we're not just honoring the cicadas; we're celebrating the vibes of summer itself."

#### **Community briefs**

#### **Regional Training Center** holding open house June 11

The McHenry County Regional Training Center (MCRTC) will be hosting an Open House from 5 - 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, in conjunction with the Village of Cary's Public Works' Open House.

MCRTC is excited to welcome the public to see the brand-new Firearms Facility located at 464 Cary Woods Circle, and learn the ins and outs of the firing range, as well as check out the Village of Cary's Public Works build-

ings and equipment. Members of the MCRTC, including McHenry County Sheriff's Office, Algonquin Police Department, Cary Police Department, Lake in the Hills Police Department, and McHenry Police Department will be in attendance.

#### Treasurer's office open Saturday, June 8 before first property tax installment due

The McHenry County Treasurer's Office will be open Saturday, before the first property tax installment is due, to offer more options for those wishing to pay in person.

The Treasurer's Office at 2100 N. Seminary Ave., Woodstock, will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8 – two days before the Monday, June 10 due date for the first installment. Taxpayers can pay in the lobby, or through one of the office's four drive-thru lanes. The Treasurer's Office accepts check, cash, and debit/credit card pay-

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If you have questions, please call the Treasurer's Office at 815-334-4260, or email treasurer@mchenrycountyil.gov.

The Treasurer's Office is responsible solely for collecting property taxes.



#### Pet of the week

J.R., is about 5-1/2 years old, neutered, up-todate on routine shots (incl. rabies), tested negative for heartworm and on preventative and microchipped.

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# Lawmakers finalize \$53.1 billion budget

#### Democrats needed three tries to pass \$1.1 billion revenue plan just before 5 a.m.

By Jerry Nowicki CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

After a near-derailment and an all-nighter to wrap up the General Assembly's spring session, supermajority Democrats in the Illinois House gave final legislative approval to the state budget as the sun rose Wednesday morning, May 29.

Despite holding 78 seats in the chamber, it took Democrats three tries to reach the 60 votes needed to approve more than \$1.1 billion in revenue increases, including a tax hike on sportsbooks and businesses, to balance the \$53.1 billion spending plan for fiscal year

The spending plan passed 65-45, with seven Democrats joining Republicans in oppo-

The revenue plan that capped the voting on the budget-related bills was more of a challenge. House Bill 4951 fell one vote short of passage twice after 4 a.m. due to attendance issues. On the third try after about an hour of procedural maneuvering by Republicans that left Democrats reeling—the bill passed at 4:43 a.m. with the minimum 60 votes necessary.

"You—you passed these rules," Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis, scolded Democrats after the majority party voted to suspend the House rules in order to bring the revenue plan up for a vote a third and final time.

"I think it should be clear to everyone in the state what this supermajority is willing to do to ram a tax increase down the throats of the citizens of Illinois at 4:30 in the morning," he added.

Democrats had earlier highlighted that despite a tight fiscal year, the budget would send \$198 million to the state's "rainy day" fund and make the full payment into the state's pension systems that is required by law.

Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, a Peoria Democrat and the lead budget negotiator in the House, pointed to the state's nine credit upgrades of the past four years. And she noted a backlog of unpaid bills that reached nearly \$17 billion seven years ago under Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner has shrunk to a bill payment cycle that lasts "mere days."

"Democrats have set this state on a fiscally responsible course, one that will continue with today's state budget,"

Gov. JB Pritzker signed the plan for the fiscal year that

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about \$400 million more than what he requested in his February budget address. In a statement after its passage, the governor claimed investments made in the budget will grow Illinois' economy and continue a "track record of fiscal responsibility" while prioritizing working families. 'From expectant mothers and their newborn babies to people with disabilities to veterans to seniors who need our care, we're keeping our promises to all Illinoisans and the most vulnerable among us,'

The budget cleared the General Assembly five days after lawmakers had scheduled their spring session's adjournment, although the May 24 "deadline" was a largely arbitrary date that left a week on the calendar as a contingency plan. Negotiations were complicated by inflation and other spending pressures driving up the expected cost of government, while economists predict the state's economy will slow in the upcoming fiscal year.

Still, Democrats approved the spending plan with several votes to spare but no Republican support—as they've done every year in Pritzker's tenure except the first in 2019.

Republicans argued the pace of spending growthand the fact that some of the revenues raised to pay for it are temporary—set the state on pace for an even tighter fiscal year 2026.

Overall, state spending grew by about 5 percent from last year's enacted plan, or about 1.6 percent above expected end-of-year expenditures following a supplemental spending plan's inclusion in the budget package last

Democrats highlighted a \$50 million appropriation for a child tax credit for children under 12 if their household qualifies for the state's Earned Income Tax Credit. The plan contains \$200 million for after-school and summer youth programs and \$45 million for grants through the Reimagine Public Safety Act aimed at violence reduction.

But Republicans accused Democrats of having misplaced priorities, pointing to hundreds of millions of dollars for programs serving non-

The budget includes \$182 million to provide shelter, health care and other services for recently arrived migrants, many of whom have been

begins July 1, which spends bused to the state from Texas. And it includes \$440 million from the GRF for two programs providing state-funded Medicaid-like benefits to noncitizens, with \$189 million from other state funds as well.

#### New revenues

More than \$1.1 billion in added revenue was needed to balance the books, so lawmakers extended an expiring cap on corporate net operating losses to ensure that \$526 million in tax dollars wouldn't disappear in FY25. Another \$25 million will be raised by subjecting "re-renters" of hotel rooms to an existing state

Sportsbooks will see their current 15 percent tax rate on profits increase via a new graduated structure that will tax between 20 and 40 percent, based on profits. The change is projected to bring in about \$200 million to the state's General Revenue Fund. A 1 percentage point increase to the tax on the state's video gambling industry would generate an additional \$35 million for infrastructure projects next year.

The revenue plan also caps a tax discount claimed by retailers at \$1,000 monthly, generating \$101 million for state coffers and about \$85 million for municipalities.

To appease retailers, lawmakers included a prohibition on financial institutions and credit card companies charging fees on the sales tax and gratuity portion of electronic transactions beginning July 1, 2025.

The Illinois Retail Merchants Association was also given a \$5 million line item for workforce grants.

Rep. Fred Crespo, D-Hoffman Estates, voted for the budget, but during debate over the revenue proposal, he said he was disappointed that leadership didn't consider hiring freezes, changes to weight loss drugs covered by state insurance or other spending controls he suggested.

"There's really only one place you can look at getting these revenues, and that's taxpayers," he said before voting against the bill. "And at this rate, ladies and gentlemen, we're gonna run out of taxpayer dollars to spend."

The budget package also freed up about \$200 million in revenue by redirecting \$150 million from the Road Fund and \$50 million from the Leaking Underground Storage Fund to public transit. The move was opposed by organized labor

money to the state's discretionary spending fund, but Democrats promised it would only happen in the upcoming fiscal year.

"I can go through this list of tax increases that you're using to say that you're being good fiscal stewards of the state's money," Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, R-Jacksonville, said in a committee hearing Tuesday evening before the early morning vote. "Meanwhile, I'm hearing about making sure that there's Democrat pork projects, to make sure that you can get the votes for your budget."

Davidsmeyer contended Democratic senators were each given the authority to request \$3 million in district-specific infrastructure projects in the budget, while Democratic members of the House got about \$1.5 million each. Republicans were shut out of requesting their own member initiatives.

District-specific projects have been used time and again to incentivize members to vote for the budget, with the Chicago Tribune tracking at least \$150 million in infrastructure spending for lawmaker-led initiatives in the current-year budget. No spokespeople would confirm or deny the amount allocated for lawmaker initiatives.

The final roughly 80 pages of the budget bill contain a long list of projects, most of them ranging from \$50,000 to \$1 million sums to various specifically named businesses, local governments and other entities.

#### Infrastructure and more

Despite the diversion of money from the Road Fund, the budget includes \$3.5 billion for infrastructure – about \$500 million more than what Pritzker had outlined in his February budget proposal.

That includes \$500 million to support the development of a regional quantum information science and technology campus, allocated from a specific economic-development focused bond fund known as Build Illinois.

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 newage higher-speed computing technology to the state. That measure also expands and extends several other popular tax credit programs, such as the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles Act and the Economic Development for a Growing Economy, or EDGE, program.

The state's municipalities, meanwhile, will get another \$400 million for local road projects, a measure that helped neutralize their opposition to a part of the budget plan that eliminates one of their sources of revenue—the statewide 1 percent grocery

But the grocery tax repeal won't happen until 2026, and local governments will be given authority to enact their own grocery tax up to 1 percent without a referendum. Home rule jurisdictions will be able to increase their sales tax by up to 1 percent without a referendum as well.

#### Other spending items include:

- Funding for a 5 percent pay hike for lawmakers' base salary to \$93,712. State law sets lawmakers' pay to increase annually with inflation, and lawmakers took no action to stop it from occurring in
- The annual \$350 million increase in K-12 education funding, called for by a 2017 law that overhauled Illinois school funding formula.
- A 2 percent—or \$30 million—increase for community colleges and public universi-

- A \$10 million increase to Monetary Award Program grants for lower-income college students.
- Full funding for Pritzker's 'Smart Start" plan aimed at adding 5,000 preschool seats across the state and providing
- \$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 \$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.
- \$5 million for a tax credit program for news outlets beginning in 2025 and claimable the following year.
- \$10 million for the governor's plan to erase \$100 million in total medical debt for Illinoisans through a partnership with the nonprofit Undue Medical Debt. House Bill 5290 laid out that applicants must earn 400 percent of the federal poverty level or less. \$900 million for renovation at state prisons, including a possible tear down and rebuild of Stateville and Logan Correctional Centers.
- \$4 million to create a statewide maternal health plan and distribute grants to community-based reproductive health care providers. \$155 million for safety net
- · A \$90 million increase
- for Home Illinois, a program created last year to address homelessness, bringing total funding to \$290 million.

#### • Arrested (Continued from front page)

On April 17, 2024, Wooden submitted IDNR paperwork to the Fox Waterway Agency to apply for Fox Waterway commercial use stickers for dozens of boats. The purpose of this was so Anchor Pointe Marina could rent the boats to patrons during the 2024 Chain O'Lakes boating season. The forms submitted by Wooden appeared to have been approved by IDNR, as they were signed by a purported agent of IDNR.

The Fox Waterway Agency issued 26 rental stickers to the IDNR forms were valid.

the Fox Waterway Agency. It Appearance Court. was determined that Wooden submitted forged documents to the Fox Waterway Agency.

Members Marine conducted an investigation. Upon completion of the investigation, Sheriff's Marine Unit Deputies reviewed the facts and circumstances of the investigation with the Lake County State's Attorney's family, faced a suspension of Office, which approved the renting privileges, however, charge of forgery. Marine ownership continued renting Unit Deputies then obtained the boats. Unknowing renters Wooden, under the belief that an arrest warrant for Wooden.

that he in turn provided to he was held pending First

The Lake County Sheriff's Office warns anyone who may have an upcoming reservation with Anchor Point Marina: AKA AP Marine (42125 North 4th Avenue, unincorporated Antioch), that the marina is not allowed to rent watercraft on the Chain O'Lakes. Last year, 'The Boatyard,' another marina owned by the Wooden had their recreation cut short, Wooden was arrested as the boats were subsequently Upon further inspection, it without incident on May impounded after they paid

#### was determined IDNR never 29 and was transported to money to the business to rent issued the forms to Wooden, the Lake County Jail where the watercraft. Fatal motorcycle crash under investigation On Monday, May 27, at Based on the seriousness of ner's Office was notified and approximately 6:18 p.m., the crash the Major Crash the Tower Lakes Police De-Assistance Team (MCAT) of

partment and Wauconda Fire District responded to Roberts Road approximately 150 feet west of North Paddock Lane for a single-vehicle motorcycle crash. On arrival of emergency personnel, they found a motorcycle in the tree line near the roadway. The operator of the motorcycle was evaluated by Wauconda Fire District paramedics and pronounced deceased on scene.

Lake County was requested to assist with the crash investigation.

Preliminary investigation and witness statements revealed that the motorcycle, a 2008 Harley Davidson, was traveling eastbound on Roberts Road when the motorcycle left the roadway while navigating a curve and struck a tree south of the road.

The Lake County Coro-

responded to the scene. The deceased has been

identified as 56-year-old Mark Demski, of Lake Barrington. On Tuesday, May 28, an autopsy was conducted at the Lake County Coroner's Office. Preliminary results indicate that Mr. Demski died from blunt force injuries suffered as a result of the crash.

The crash remains under investigation by the Tower Lakes Police Department and MCAT.

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