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Star 105.5's morning show duo celebrate 15-year on air anniversary

Listener appreciation night, radio-versary celebration set for July 11 at Outdoor

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At 15 years, the morning drive pairing of Star 105.5's Joe Cicero and Tina Bree has lasted nearly twice as long as the average U.S. marriage. It's easy to see why, though: These two are great friends who have a blast together, on air and off.

Sure, there's some teasing back and forth. But each gives as good as he or she gets. And, as they celebrate their 15th radio-versary, the lighthearted bantering between Cicero and Bree has become a staple of morning routines throughout McHenry County and beyond.

"Is this the poisoned coffee or is this the regular coffee?" Cicero quipped as Bree returned to the studio with cups in hand during a recent morning show off-air moment.

"I guess we'll find out," she replied with a smile.

It all started back in 2009, when Bree — whose married name is now Lawrence but who still goes by Bree on-air — was working in the Crystal Lake-based station's promotions department when Cicero was hired to do the morning show. They worked on some weekend promos together and Cicero soon brought Bree on to the morning show, occasionally at first.

"He realized how glamorous I was," she said.

"I gave Tina her life," Cicero joked.

The duo's enduring dynamic will be celebrated during a special Lis-



Star 105.5's Joe Cicero & Tina Bree

tenor Appreciation Night starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 11, at the McHenry Outdoor Theater, 1510 Chapel Hill Road, Lakemoor. The event will feature giveaways ranging from free popcorn to a full dinner at the concession stand, movie passes, carload passes and more.

Regular admission will apply. Features that night are "Despicable Me 4" followed by "Inside Out 2." Those listening to Joe and Tina Mornings have additional chances to win.

As a torrential rain fell outside the studio window and songs played on-air, the two talked on a recent Tuesday about their working relationship over the years. It's been a great journey filled with personal appearances at local businesses, fests, parades, Friday night football games and more. It's especially rewarding, they said, when they are able to boost charitable events such as the Family Health Partnership Clinic's Care4 Breast Cancer 5K.

"Joe and Tina have done so much

in the community about raising awareness for breast cancer early detection," said Suzanne Hoban, executive director of the FHPC. "They've been an integral part of our Care4 race for years, and in doing so, have not only raised significant amounts of money, but also talked openly and honestly about breast cancer and the people it impacts.

"We don't know how many people have been motivated by Joe and Tina to get their mammograms," she continued, "but I believe that it's a big number."

Scott Dehn, owner of the McHenry Outdoor, said he thinks the key to the duo's enduring popularity is simple.

"What you hear on the radio is exactly who they are in real life," Dehn said.

Bree said many listeners have taken to referring to their show as "reality radio." A computer crash and mouse glitch during their recent Tuesday show provided real-time examples. The consummate pros laughed on-air about their dilemma and Cicero even began to sing lyrics during a listener game since he was unable to play the recording as planned.

Both reflected on how quickly time flies. "People tell us they used to listen to us on their school bus," Bree said. "And now they have kids," Cicero added. "It's so weird."

Joe and Tina are heard on Star 105.5 in the suburbs of Chicago and streaming at star105.com from 5 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.



Top: Tina Bree laughs as Joe Cicero jokes about coffee in the Star 105.5 studio on a recent Tuesday morning. The pair are celebrating 15 years as an on-air duo. Above: Bree and Cicero were invited to help celebrate this ladies' night at the Arboretum in South Barrington in 2016.

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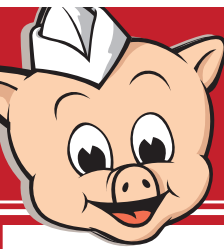
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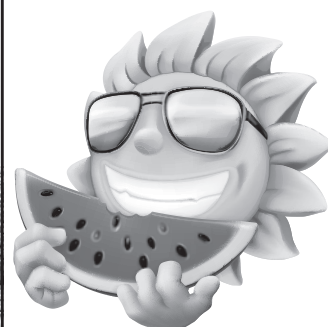
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US DOT awards \$18.8 million grant for Cedar Lake Road realignment project

Realigning Cedar Lake Road in downtown Round Lake is closer than ever before. The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced a \$18.8 million RAISE Grant earmarked towards the Cedar Lake Road Realignment and Mobility Improvements Project, marking one of the largest federal investments the County has ever received for a local infrastructure project.

Cedar Lake Road in downtown Round Lake was first studied more than 44 years ago to investigate safety and capacity challenges due to the broken alignment. Since 2012, when this section of Cedar Lake Road was jurisdictionally transferred to Lake County, the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) has worked with local and regional key stakeholders to design a truly multi-modal project that

integrates transit, walking and biking improvements for overall mobility.

Proposed improvements include correcting the existing broken alignment of Cedar Lake Road, reconfiguring the railroad station and platform, adding nearly two miles of path to close a gap for the planned Millennium Trail, and upsizing the storm sewer system to alleviate local drainage issues.

Earlier this year, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the \$1.8 billion 2024 RAISE Grant Program. The program helps communities around the country carry out projects with significant local or regional impact. RAISE projects are rigorously reviewed and evaluated on statutory criteria of safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness and

opportunity including tourism, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation.

Members of Lake County's Congressional Delegation; Rep. Brad Schneider (IL-10), Rep. Mike Quigley (IL-5), Rep. Bill Foster (IL-11), Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL-9), Sen. Dick Durbin, and Sen. Tammy Duckworth, along with 17 local and regional stakeholders sent letters to USDOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg to show support for the Cedar Lake Road project.

The RAISE Grant program is highly competitive with more than 1,000 applications submitted from around the country to the USDOT each year. LCDOT submitted two previous applications before being awarded funding. With this RAISE grant, LCDOT has now secured more than \$31 million in federal funding, which is the maximum

allowable federal share of the estimated \$42 million construction costs. Lake County, the Village of Round Lake, and Metra will all be contributing funding to the project as well.

"We are incredibly grateful to receive a historic amount of funding for this regionally significant project that will improve safety and provide the opportunity to enhance economic development in the downtown Round Lake area," said Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart. "We want to provide a sincere thank you to the entire Lake County Congressional Delegation for their tireless advocacy and support at the federal level for all of our residents and communities."

The project has a quantifiable 13:1 benefit-cost ratio providing \$565 million in net benefits which includes the reduction of 312,000 metric

tons of CO2 emitted over a 22-year period. The improvements will eliminate 17 vehicle, pedestrian, and train conflict points resulting in an 86 percent reduction in travel delays and a 36 percent decrease in the frequency of crashes. Northbound travel time along Cedar Lake Road will be reduced by 40 to 68 percent during morning and evening peak hours.

"This is one of the largest grants we've received for a transportation project and is a tremendous boost to the Round Lake downtown and beyond," said John Wasik, Chair of the Lake County Board Legislative Committee and Board Member for District 6. "Not only will this resolve some serious, long-standing safety issues, but it will pump more than \$40 million into Round Lake for economic development and fund the Forest Preserve's

Millennium Trail expansion." The Lake County Board regularly works with local legislators on opportunities through its Legislative Committee. Members of the Lake County Board often meet with legislators to advocate for local projects, such as the Cedar Lake Road project.

"Thanks to our great legislative team and our legislative committee," added Wasik. "We could not have done this without the robust support of our Congressional Delegation and local partners. We're thrilled to be able to bring back tax dollars from Washington, where we went to lobby in person this February and now have an impactful investment coming to our community."

The project has a dedicated website with information starting from the first public meeting. Learn more at cedar-lakeroadrealignment.org.

Multi-agency crisis outreach and support team receives grant, national recognition

Sheriff John D. Idleburg is proud to announce that the sheriff's multi-agency Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COaST) received national recognition and a local grant last week.

COaST has been recognized with a 2024 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). This award honors innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

Each year, NACo's Achievement Awards recognize outstanding programming in 18 categories aligned with the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, libraries, management, information technology, health, civic engagement and more. Launched in 1970, the program is designed to celebrate innovation in county government.

The multi-agency component of COaST became operational in January of 2022 and consists of members from Gurnee Police Department, Lake Forest Police Department, Libertyville Police Department, Lincolnshire Police Department, Mundelein Police Department, Vernon Hills Police Department, and the Lake County Sheriff's Office. A police officer from one of these local agencies and a sheriff's deputy from the sheriff's office partner with a social worker,

clinician, or peer specialist to respond to mental health related calls.

Since the inception of the multi-agency team, COaST responded to dozens of mental health calls in progress. This allowed trained professionals to deploy at the scene, spend as much time as necessary with the person in crisis, and allow the first-responding deputies/police officers to return to emergency calls for service.

"The Achievement Awards recognize excellence in county government and effective public service," said NACo President Mary Jo McGuire. "This year's winners have delivered results for our residents and demonstrated innovative efforts to strengthen our communities."

Additionally, Illinois State Senator Adriane Johnson was able to secure a \$250,000.00 operational grant for COaST. This grant was a line item in the Illinois FY25 budget that was passed during the legislative 'Spring Session' and signed by the Governor on June 5, 2024. The funds

can be used for general operational expenses, staffing, capacity building, and equipment.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "We are thrilled NACo recognized the innovation and importance of our multi-agency COaST program! Additionally, the funds secured by Senator Johnson will greatly improve our ability to aid those in mental crisis. Our COaST program was one of the first in the nation, and we are so incredibly proud of its success. We have been able to provide services to thousands of Lake County residents since the program's inception."

"I support the award-winning Lake County COaST program because it aligns with one of my top priorities: ensuring the safety of residents who are struggling with mental health issues that require intervention and treatment instead of punishment," said Adriane Johnson, State Senator of the 30th Legislative District. "Sheriff John Idleburg and his dynamic team, along with several po-

lice chiefs from Lake County proactively implemented the COaST program to provide training, resources and tools to properly and safely respond to calls involving

mental health concerns. I will continue supporting effective and compassionate programs that prioritize people and safety."

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3D Sideouts enhances outdoor concert area

New amenities add to draw of enjoying great musical acts under the stars

Cynthia Wolf
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Positioning 3D Sideouts Sports Tavern to be the local place for enjoying great live bands under the stars has been something of a quest for owner Jerry DeLaurentis.

While his focus this summer has shifted from big, blowout Bands in the Sand weekends to making his more intimate patio stage area more enticing than ever, DeLaurentis predicts no shortage of crowds — or of crowd-pleasing electricity. Five nationally touring bands are scheduled so far, with numerous other No. 1 Chicagoland cover bands heading to Island Lake during weekends throughout the summer and into the fall.

Music lovers will enjoy their favorites on a spacious patio stage area with room for about 800 attendees — 1,000 if the gates are opened to the crate bar and new skydeck atop it. The outdoor area's great summer vibe includes potted palms, a fire table, a gazebo bar and multiple seating levels.

"Between the band schedule and the new setup, we're going to be bigger and better

than ever," DeLaurentis said as he showed off his newly raised patio stage and talked about the 6-by-10-foot video wall crews soon would install there.

That's not to mention his investment in an improved sound system, with subwoofers now tucked under the 3.5-foot-high stage floor, better lighting, and exclusive seating options. The latter includes the newly constructed skydeck, or the gazebo bar with side deck, either of which can be reserved for parties of up to 20 people.

Several other VIP, reserved, stage-view table seating options also are available, in addition to general admission tickets, for all shows.

The season kicked off on June 22 with the Freddy Jones band. That was the first of the five big acts so far booked for the summer at Sideouts, 4018 W. Roberts Road, Island Lake.

Other nationally touring acts on the schedule include Local H July 13, Imposters in Effect: Beastie Boys Tribute July 27, Mungion Aug. 10, and The Prince Experience Aug. 17.

Additionally, great local and regional talent will be featured Thursday through Sunday weekly through September, DeLaurentis said, including The 1985, Too Hype Crew, Fool House and more.

Those interested can find further details at 3dsideouts.com/events-calendar, where visitors also will find the ticketweb link for purchases.

Prices vary depending on the performance, but typically fall within the \$25 range for general admission for a nationally touring act, or \$15 for a regional band, and up to \$1,000 to reserve the skydeck or gazebo bar.

VIP table reservations also are available; prices vary depending on size of the party. Find full details at ticketweb.com.

Shows are rain or shine, with food and drink available for purchase. For additional general information, visit 3dsideouts.com, find Sideouts Sports Tavern on social, or call 847-526-7174.

"It's going to be a fantastic summer for music fans at Sideouts," DeLaurentis said. "Our new outdoor venue is second to none."



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Music fans enjoy a 7th Heaven performance at 3D Sideouts Sports Tavern, 4018 W. Roberts Road, Island Lake.



CYNTHIA WOLF PHOTO Hi-Liter/MCN

3D Sideouts owner Jerry DeLaurentis shows off the stage-facing view of his new skydeck, available to reserve for parties of up to 20 people.

Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile Virus in Lake County

A mosquito "pool" (batch of mosquitoes) sampled on June 12, 2024 in Highland Park has tested positive for West Nile virus. This mosquito pool is the first confirmed indicator of West Nile virus presence in Lake County in 2024.

"We expect mosquitoes every summer, but it's important to remember that they can also carry diseases like West Nile virus," said Mark Pfister, Executive Director of the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center. "We can take steps to 'Fight the Bite' to protect ourselves and our families from a potentially deadly disease."

Practice the "4 Ds of Defense" to protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes:

- Drain: Drain standing water from items around your home, yard, and business.
- Defend: When outdoors, use an insect repellent containing DEET,

picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, 2-undecanone, or IR3535 and reapply according to label directions.

- Dawn and Dusk: Protect yourself all day and night, and wear repellent outdoors during these prime times for mosquito activity.

- Dress: Wear long sleeves, pants, and closed toe shoes when outdoors to cover your skin.

Culex pipiens mosquitoes, which are the primary carriers of West Nile virus, are most abundant when the weather is dry and hot. Residents can help prevent these mosquitoes from breeding by eliminating areas of stagnant water from their properties. Items like buckets, gutters and plant containers, kiddie pools, and any other items holding water around homes and businesses can become breeding sites.

The Lake County Health Department's Mosquito Surveillance Program coordinates mosquito

trapping results throughout Lake County. Mosquitoes are tested weekly for West Nile virus. The program also monitors reports of dead birds (an early sign of the presence of the virus) and investigates areas of stagnant water for the presence of mosquito larvae, specifically from the Culex mosquito, which is the primary carrier of West Nile in Illinois.

"With the warmer weather, people spend more time outdoors and mosquitoes become active," said Alana Bartolai, Ecological Services Program Coordinator at the Health Department. "From late-Spring to Fall, we set traps around Lake County and monitor weekly for this public health threat."

In 2023, 173 out of 763 mosquito pools tested positive for West Nile virus. There was one human case of West Nile virus. Since 2002, there have been 80 confirmed human cases of West Nile virus in Lake County, as

well as four confirmed deaths.

Most people infected with West Nile virus have no symptoms of illness. However, some may become ill usually 3 to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle ache. In some individuals, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 50 and individuals with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

Find more prevention tips and information on West Nile virus at www.FightTheBiteNow.com. Residents can also call the Health Department's West Nile hotline to report areas of stagnant water, report locations of dead birds, and obtain more information on the signs and symptoms of West Nile virus. The West Nile hotline number is (847) 377-8300.

County creates interactive map of drainage districts and tiles

In an effort to prevent damage to drainage tiles that help control flooding, the McHenry County Geographic Information Systems Department and the Division of Transportation have embarked on a program to map them.

The interactive map, which includes locations of active and inactive drainage districts and the locations of known tiles, can be found on the GIS map page at www.mchenry-countyil.gov/departments/geographic-information-system-gis/interactive-maps. The map is regularly updated as more tile locations are found.

Since the late 1800s, county farmers have built underground pipes, known as tiles, to pick up water in low and wet spots and conduct it to flowing water to prevent ponding and flooding. The most common ones are made of clay, while early ones were made from hollowed-out logs, and others are made from plastic, concrete and other modern materials.

Identifying tile locations is important as the county continues to develop, said DOT Design Engineer Ernest Varga. Work first began on the map last summer at the behest of concerned farmers.

"This was an outcry from farmers — we have to locate these tiles so that people are made aware of them, and they are not disrupted," Varga said.

One of the McHenry County DOT's first tasks when it was created in 1913 was to survey drain tiles that had been installed to that point; 43 drainage districts were subsequently created to maintain them and oversee subsequent

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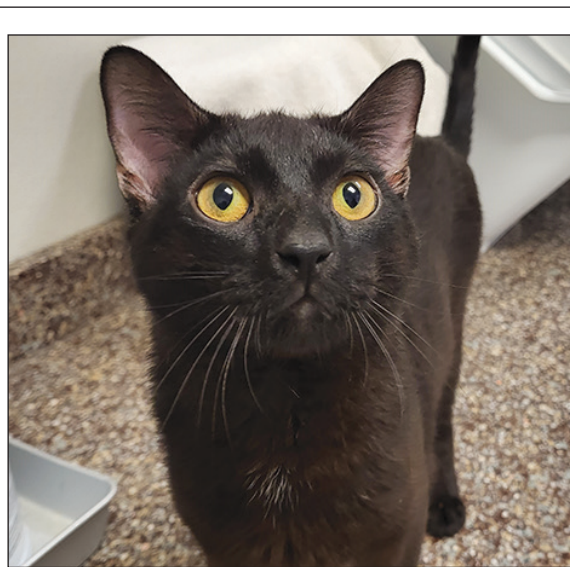
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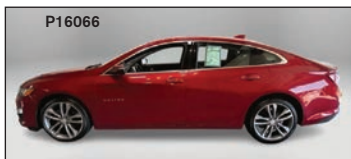
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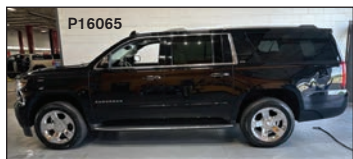
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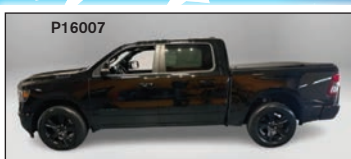
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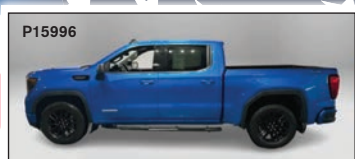
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Sheriff's reports

Man threatens 'military style' shooting at Lake County Courthouse

A man previously convicted in 2016 of making a terrorist threat directed at the Lake County courthouse was again arrested for threatening the courthouse.

On June 14, 2024 the Lake County Sheriff's Office became aware that a man in Chicago's Riverwalk area passed a note to a security guard working at a Riverwalk restaurant. The note indicated there would be a mass shooting with military precision at the Lake County courthouse. The note also made threatening remarks directed at a Lake County Judge and a Chicago Police Officer assigned as a task force officer to the FBI.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division launched an investigation. On June 27, the man returned to the River-



Daniel B. Pederson

walk area and was spotted by the security guard he previously passed the note to. The security guard contacted Chicago Police

Department and the man was located, and taken into custody. The man was identified as Daniel B. Pederson, 42, of the 200 block of E Cullerton Street, Chicago. After Pederson was positively identified, Lake County Sheriff's Detectives worked with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office and obtained an arrest warrant for Pederson for one count of 'Threatening a Public Official' (Class 3 Felony).

On June 28, members of

the Sheriff's Warrants Team took custody of Pederson in Chicago. He was then transported to the Lake County Jail where he remains held pending his first court appearance.

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office intended to file a petition to detain Pederson, and additional charges are possible.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office thanks the Chicago Police Department and FBI Chicago Field Office for their collaboration and assistance.

Car strikes train at crossing

A Woodstock woman suffered non-life-threatening injuries after striking a train on Seeman Road in Union early on June 27.

McHenry County Sheriff's

Police, McHenry County Conservation Police, Marengo Fire and Rescue Districts, Union Fire Protection District, and Union Pacific responded to a call for a crash involving a 2017 Honda Civic and a Union Pacific train at about 7:01 a.m. The female driver, and sole occupant, was traveling southbound near the 8000 block of Seeman Road when she struck the train, which was traveling westbound.

The driver sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to Northwestern Hospital in Huntley. There were no injuries reported on the train.

The railroad crossing at Seeman Road does not have any lights or gates.

The crash remains under investigation by Union Pacific Railroad.

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ones. Only three of these drainage districts remain active today, and data from those original surveys was incorporated into the interactive map. Mapping drainage tiles has been a requirement of the county building permit process since McHenry County first adopted its Stormwater Management Ordinance in

2004. Tile locations identified in permits are forwarded by the Planning and Development Department for mapping, GIS Director Nicole Gattuso said. The GIS Department also has been working collaboratively with the McHenry County Conservation District, the McHenry-Lake Soil and

Water Conservation District, the McHenry County Circuit Clerk's Office, and the County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

The McHenry County Board has identified the need to inventory drainage tiles, and to reactivate defunct drainage districts to maintain and repair them, in its Five-

Year Strategic Plan.

Besides the drainage map, the county GIS Department maintains interactive maps for zoning, road construction, hiking and biking paths, and others. You can find them by visiting www.mchenry-countyil.gov/departments/geographic-information-system-gis/interactive-maps.

County Board approves Lake Michigan Water Interconnection Project for Pekara System

Lake Michigan water is on its way to the Pekara and Horatio Gardens neighborhoods in south central Lake County. At its latest meeting, the County Board approved a contract that gives Lake County Public Works the green light to begin construction this summer on a connection that will bring Lake Michigan water to these areas.

The Pekara Water System, comprised of the Pekara and Horatio Gardens neighborhoods, currently utilizes groundwater wells. These wells are aging, not sustainable long-term and costly to upgrade.

"We're incredibly fortunate to live near one of the largest freshwater lakes in the world," said Sandy Hart, Lake County Board Chair. "This project will provide neighborhood residents the peace of mind of having access to clean drinking water for many years to come."

Lake Michigan provides a reliable water source that has a lower concentration of minerals (sodium, iron, etc.) compared to most wells, which helps eliminate wear on appliances and filtration systems and buildup on taps and faucets.

Lake County and Buffalo Grove finalized a 20-year agreement that would provide Lake Michigan water from the Village sourced via the Northwest Water Commission. The total cost of the project is \$2.2 million. The County Board allocated \$1.1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for this project and the County is funding the additional construction costs.

"The demand for high-quality drinking water has never been higher, which is why communities across the country are willing to spend billions of dollars on connections," said Jennifer Clark, Lake County Public Works and Transportation Committee Chair and

Board Member for District 15. "Thanks to ARPA funding, we were able to fast-track this project into the Public Works Capital Improvement Program and hit the ground running this year."

This will be Lake County's second Lake Michigan water interconnection project in the last decade. In 2019, the County and the Villages of Lake Villa and Lindenhurst completed a project to bring water to the Lake Villa, Lindenhurst, Fox Lake Hills and Grandwood Park water systems. At the time, the affected communities faced an uncertain future with their water supply. Growing demand depleted the deep aquifer and shallow aquifers were being pumped at capacity, which created low water levels and poor water quality.

"Finding innovative ways to bring Lake Michigan water to more communities has been a top priority of the County Board for a long time," said Ann Maine, Lake County Public Works and Transportation Committee Vice-Chair and Board Member for District 3. "This is a great solution for everyone. Our water system becomes more resilient while residents have access to great drinking water."

Last year, Lake County held a public meeting to introduce the Pekara Lake Michigan Water Project to residents. The information presented at the meeting along with additional information about the project can be found at lakecountyl.gov/LMWater.

"We thank everyone that packed the room last year at the community meeting and those that have reached out to talk about the project," said Marah Altenberg, Lake County Board Member for District 19. "There is no better time to get connected to one of our region's most valuable assets, Lake Michigan water."

CDC Health Advisory: Disrupted access to prescription stimulant medications could increase risk of injury and overdose

The McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) is alerting the community of a recent health advisory issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which details potential risks stemming from disrupted access to prescription stimulant medications for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

On June 13, 2024, the U.S. Department of Justice announced an indictment against a large telehealth company providing ADHD treatment to adults nationwide. This may disrupt access to care for 30,000 to 50,000 patients, coinciding with a shortage of stimulant medications like Adderall®, Concerta®, Ritalin®, Vyvanse®, and

their generics.

The CDC warns that this disruption may increase the risk of injury and overdose for patients who rely on these medications. Disruptions could lead patients to seek medications from the illegal drug market, significantly raising their risk of encountering counterfeit pills laced with fentanyl. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reports that 7 out of every 10 pills seized contain a lethal dose of fentanyl. Untreated ADHD can result in social and emotional impairment, an increased risk of substance use disorders, injuries, and even suicide. It is crucial for patients to obtain

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medications only from licensed clinicians and pharmacies to avoid the severe health risks associated with illegal drugs.

Public health professionals and clinicians are urged to assist affected individuals find new healthcare providers and legal sources of medication. They should educate patients about the dangers of using non-regulated medications and the high risk of counterfeit pills containing fentanyl. Prescribing naloxone and educating patients on its use is recommended for those struggling with access to stimulant medications. Ensuring that patients receive appropriate ADHD treatments and discussing alternative options if current medications are unavailable is vital. Referrals to mental health support and hotlines, such as #988 or 1-800-662-HELP (4357), should also be provided.

Affected patients should seek medications prescribed only by licensed healthcare providers and dispensed by licensed pharmacies. They should avoid purchasing or using drugs from unlicensed sources. Carrying naloxone and knowing the signs of an opioid overdose, such as unconsciousness, slow or shallow breathing, discolored skin, and pinpoint pupils, is crucial. Patients are advised to avoid illegal drugs entirely due to the high risk of encountering lethal doses of fentanyl.

Narcan (naloxone) is an opioid reversal agent used for emergency treatment of opioid overdose. Instructions for administering Narcan Nasal Spray can be found on Narcan's website. Multiple doses may be needed, along with rescue breaths. Fentanyl test strips can detect fentanyl in drugs to help prevent an overdose. Both Narcan and test strips are available for free throughout McHenry County at the following locations:

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• MCDH Narcan & fentanyl testing strip vending machine locations: The Other Side Café and Sober Bar: 135 Beardsley Street, Crystal Lake; McHenry County College – Cafeteria: 8900 Northwest Highway #14, Crystal Lake; Community Health Partnership: 62 N. Ayer Street, Harvard; Youth and Family Center of McHenry County: 1011 N. Green Street, McHenry.

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The MCDH urges all affected patients, their families, and caregivers to stay informed and seek assistance if needed. For more information from the MCDH, please visit MCDH.info or call (815) 334-4500.

LCSO joins Operation Dry Water to educate boaters on the dangers of impaired boating

As part of a nationwide effort to educate recreational boaters about the dangers of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the Lake County Sheriff's Office will join the annual Operation Dry Water campaign. The mission of Operation Dry Water is to reduce the number of alcohol- and drug-related incidents and fatalities on the water.

Operation Dry Water weekend, July 4-6, marks a national effort dedicated to intensified recreational boater outreach, education, and coordinated enforcement against boating under the influence. Alcohol use continues to be the leading-known contributing factor in recreational boater deaths and

a leading contributor to boating incidents. The Sheriff's Office urges all boaters to prioritize safety by choosing to boat sober throughout the year. The use of both legal and illegal drugs impairs judgment and reaction time, posing significant risks while on the water. Participating law enforcement agencies will work to identify and remove dangerous and impaired operators. In 2023, law enforcement officers across the nation removed 717 impaired operators from our nation's waterways during Operation Dry Water weekend.

The Sheriff's Office emphasizes the importance of boating sober, wearing a life jacket, and being

courteous to others on the water. The risk of serious injury is equal for both operators and passengers when alcohol is involved. Additionally, alcohol consumption by passengers poses a danger regardless of the operator's alcohol intake. Choose to always boat sober, to ensure everyone's safety on our nation's waterways.

Boaters can learn more about boating under the influence by visiting operationdrywater.org. Operation Dry Water is coordinated nationally by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard.

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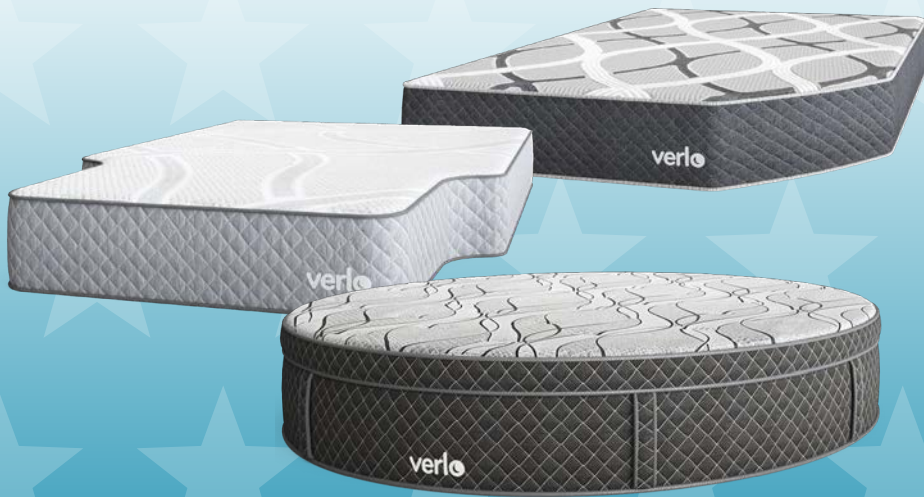
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