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Antioch Theatre celebrates 100th anniversary

July 26, 2024, marked the 100th anniversary of the grand opening of the Antioch Theatre, which is now considered the longest standing business in Antioch, and one of the oldest operating movie theatres in Illinois.

Theatre history

The theatre venture was a co-partnership between Lyman B. Grice of Antioch and William C. Bryant of Bristol, Wisconsin. The building, located in the heart of Antioch on the south side of Lake Street, had modern conveniences and seats for 400 patrons. The projected cost of the building was \$40,000. Ground-breaking began on September 26, 1923, and shortly after construction began, Grice and Bryant sold a half interest in the venture to James P. Johnson and Albert L. Fell. Johnson was a local proprietor of a resort hotel and his son Oliver G. Johnson, was managing the Majestic Theatre in Antioch. In January 1924, Oliver G. Johnson announced he was moving his motion picture business (Majestic Theatre) into the new theatre building under construction on Lake Street.

The name of the new theatre under construction was originally proposed as the New Majestic Theatre, but that name was dropped in favor of the Antioch Theatre. The first feature presentation on July 26, 1924, was Zane Grey's "The Wanderer of the Wasteland."

In October 1947 a remodel of the theatre added a balcony with an additional 100. The balcony was then remodeled again in the late 1960's and those same seats still exist today. In May of 1962 the theatre was sold to the Rhyan family who operated it until the early 2000's. The theatre was sold and operated until May

of 2014 when it was closed due to maintenance problems, ownership struggles and a new mandate to switch to digital projection.

Recognizing the significance and importance of the theatre to a town like Antioch, investor Timothy Downey purchased the property and launched a Kick Starter campaign to raise funds to repair/renovate the theatre. More than \$750,000 was raised and invested into the property and in March of 2015 it was reopened after numerous repairs including the addition of a 36-seat boutique theatre, all new digital projection and sound, new screens, drapery and seating, new marquee (taking classic cues from the origins of the theatre), a redesigned facade, and a renovated lobby. In 2022 the theatre was sold to a local family and continues to operate as a 1st run movie theatre.

Over the years the Antioch Theatre has survived prohibition (during which it was rumored the Al Capone tunnels passed through the theatre basement), World War II, the digital age and the COVID-19 pandemic. The theatre was the background for a bank robbery that occurred next door at the former First National Bank on March 9, 1950, and just last month the venue for a wedding! The theatre shows more than 70 different movies and attracts more than 25,000 people to downtown Antioch each year.

Upcoming celebrations

In recognition of all the loyal supporters and patrons of the theatre, they are offering a series of free shows celebrating 100 years of movies. They have picked some of the best movies of each decade from the 1920's through 2020's and will be showing them along with period correct commercials, cartoons, and/

or tributes from each decade. The viewer will experience the sights and sounds and feel like they have been transported back to that period.

Beginning on July 26 in a throw-back to the early days they showed the 1924 silent film "Sherlock Jr." starring Buster Keaton.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, the 1930's will be celebrated with the academy award winning film "Gone with the Wind" starring Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh.

The 1940's bring "Casablanca" on Saturday, Aug. 10.

The 1950's rock into Antioch on Saturday, Aug. 17 with Elvis Presley back on the big screen in "Jailhouse Rock".

The 1960's started the new Hollywood era, and it was extremely difficult to pick just one movie to play! On Friday, August 23 they start the first of the late-night movies for their celebration with "Night of the Living Dead". The mature late-night movies will be followed with a general audience movie on Saturday mornings with "2001: A Space Odyssey" playing on August 24.

Friday, Aug. 20 they kick off the 1970's with the dysopian "A Clockwork Orange:", followed by the fan favorite "Jaws" on Saturday, Aug. 31.

The celebration continues into September and celebrates the 1980's with "Platoon" on Friday, Sept. 6, and "E.T. Extra Terrestrial" on Saturday, Sept. 7.

The 1990's feature "The Shawshank Redemption" on Friday, Sept.

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FREE SHOWS WEEKLY

Friday, 7/26 @ 4pm (1924) **Sherlock Jr.**
 Saturday, 8/3 @ 10am (1939) **Gone with the Wind**
 Saturday, 8/10 @ 10am (1942) **Casablanca**
 Saturday, 8/17 @ 10am (1957) **Jailhouse Rock**
 Friday, 8/23 @ 10pm (1968) **Night of the Living Dead**
 Saturday 8/24 @ 10am (1968) **2001: A Space Odyssey**
 Friday, 8/30 @ 10pm (1971) **A Clockwork Orange**
 Saturday, 8/31 @ 10am (1975) **Jaws**
 Friday, 9/6 @ 10pm (1986) **Platoon**
 Saturday, 9/7 @ 10am (1982) **ET**
 Friday, 9/13 @ 10pm (1994) **Shawshank Redemption**
 Saturday, 9/14 @ 10am (1996) **Space Jam**
 Friday, 9/20 @ 10pm (2008) **Gran Torino**
 Saturday, 9/21 @ 10am (2001) **Harry Potter**
 Friday, 9/27 @ 10pm (2014) **American Sniper**
 Saturday, 9/28 @ 10am (2016) **The Lego Movie**
 Friday, 10/4 @ 10pm (2020) **Impractical Jokers: The Movie**
 Saturday, 10/5 @ 10am (2023) **Five Nights at Freddy's**

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Suspect charged in connection with shooting death of 15-year-old

A Round Lake Beach man has been charged in connection with the shooting death of Valeria Rodriguez.

Round Lake Beach Detectives and Task Force Investigators reviewed video surveillance from several cameras in the area of the shooting. In the early morning hours of July 26th, investigators conducted a search warrant at a home in the 1400 block of Kildeer Drive, Round Lake Beach. During their search, they located a semi-automatic pistol and other evidence. Preliminary analysis of the pistol shows it is consistent with discharging the shell casing located outside of Rodriguez' home.

Investigators determined Shorbonia Poole, Jr., 19, of the 1400 block of Kildeer Drive, Round Lake Beach, possessed the firearm that was used in the homicide.

Pending additional follow-up investigation, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the charge of unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon (class 2 felony) against Poole, Jr. Additional charges are expected pending additional forensic information.

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office Victim Support Specialist Team has been activated and in close contact with the Rodriguez family.

Poole, Jr. remained in custody pending an initial court hearing. The Lake County State's Attorney's Office is filing a petition to detain Poole, Jr. in custody pending trial.

Original release

(issued 7/25/24):

Lake County Major Crime Task Force Investigators and Round Lake Beach Police Detectives

are investigating the homicide of a 15-year-old Round Lake Beach girl.

On July 24, at approximately 9:10 p.m., Round Lake Beach Police responded to a residence in the 1500 block of Cherokee Drive, Round Lake Beach, for a report of an injured person. When police officers arrived, they found a 15-year-old inside the residence who sustained a gunshot wound.

Preliminary information indicates a person fired a gun outside, nearby the home. A stray bullet shot from the firearm entered the victim's home and struck the victim. The victim was transported to an area hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. It does not appear the victim was the intended target of the shooting.

Due to the circumstances, Round Lake Beach Police requested the assistance of the Lake County Major Crime Task Force.

The Lake County Coroner's Office is scheduling an autopsy for the girl. Major Crime Task Force Investigators and Round Lake Beach Police Detectives continue to actively investigate the homicide.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Round Lake Beach Police at: 847-546-2127



Shorbonia Poole, Jr.

Sheriff's reports

Parolee apprehended after striking squad, fleeing

A man, who is a parolee, was apprehended after striking a sheriff's squad car and fleeing.

On July 24, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies spotted a stolen Chevrolet Avalanche at a gas station in the 13900 block of West Yorkshire Road, Unincorporated Waukegan. The driver of the stolen vehicle fled from deputies the night before.

Sheriff's deputies approached the vehicle, which was parked near a gas pump. The driver, William J. Neely, 26, who has no permanent address, reversed the Chevrolet into a squad car, disabling the squad, and fled. Another deputy in the area located the Chevrolet in the area of Sandy Court and McCarthy Road, Wadsworth. Sheriff's deputies attempted a traffic stop, but Neely fled.

Neely was pursued westbound on several roads, toward Lindenhurst. A sheriff's deputy was able to set up a vehicle stopping device near Route 45 and Stearns School Road, Lindenhurst. Neely struck the device, and his tires became deflated. Neely then turned eastbound on Hutchins Road, began swerving, and crashed into the ditch near Mill Creek Drive.

Neely was taken into custody without further incident. He was transported to an area hospital, where he was evaluated and released back into custody.

The Chevrolet and a trailer it was towing were both confirmed to be stolen.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the case, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the charges of two counts of aggravated fleeing and eluding (class 3 felonies), and reckless driving (class A misdemeanor).

Notification is being made to the Illinois Department of Corrections regarding the

parole violation.

A passenger in Neely's vehicle, Kristen M. Brennan, 34, of Antioch, was arrested for two outstanding McHenry County warrants and a parole violation warrant from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

Neely remains held in the Lake County Jail pending an initial court hearing this morning. Brennan remains held in the Lake County Jail pending her transfer to McHenry County.

Multicar crash under investigation

Lake County Sheriff's Crash Investigators are investigating a Thursday afternoon five vehicle crash that left one person critically injured.

On July 25, at approximately 6:05 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Route 173 east of Route 45, in unincorporated Antioch, for a traffic crash with injuries. Sheriff's deputies arrived and located five vehicles involved.

Preliminary investigation shows a Ford F-550, hauling an excavator, was traveling westbound on Route 173, approaching Route 45. For a reason currently unknown, the driver of the Ford, a 52-year-old man of Waukegan, failed to slow down for traffic stopped at the red light. The front of the Ford struck the back of a Nissan Versa, driven by a 23-year-old man of Savoy. The Nissan then struck a stopped Volkswagen Atlas, driven by a 47-year-old man of Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. The Volkswagen was then pushed into a Chevrolet Silverado, driven by a 39-year-old man of Woodstock. The force and momentum of Ford then caused the Nissan to sideswipe a stopped Kia K5, driven by a 60-year-old man of Antioch.

The driver of the Nissan was transported to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville with non-life-threatening injuries. A front seat passenger in the Nissan, a 25-year-old man of Champaign, was transported to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville with non-life-threatening injuries.

A rear seat passenger in the Nissan, a 24-year-old woman of Champaign, was transported via medical helicopter to Advocate Condell Medical Center with critical, life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the Volkswagen was transported to Froedtert Pleasant Prairie Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The drivers of the Chevrolet and Kia were uninjured.

The crash remains under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Technical Crash Investigations Unit.



William J. Neely



Kristen M. Brennan

Sheriff's Marine Unit responds to boat explosion with injuries on Lake Michigan

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit assisted the U.S. Coast Guard and Illinois Department of Natural Resources at the scene of a boat explosion on Lake Michigan today.

At approximately 3:00 p.m., the Lake County Sheriff's Marine Unit was notified that a boat exploded in Lake Michigan and two occupants were injured. Sheriff's Marine Unit Deputies responded to North Point Marina and launched their Lake Michigan Patrol Boat. Prior to their arrival, a good Samaritan transported the two occupants of the boat, a 46-year-old man of Washington and a 55-year-old man of Franklin Park, to shore. The two occupants were subsequently transported in serious condition to an area hospital with burns and smoke inhalation symptoms.

Sheriff's Marine Unit Deputies arrived at the scene, which was approximately two miles northeast of the Waukegan Harbor. They located the 25-foot fiberglass hull powerboat, engulfed in flames. The unoccupied vessel burned for approximately 90 minutes before sinking.

The investigation into the cause of the explosion will be investigated by the Illinois Conservation Police.

Man arrested for sexually abusing North Carolina girl

A 15-year-old child from North Carolina was rescued from a man in Green Oaks.

On July 23, the United States Marshals Service received information that a missing 15-year-old girl from Kannapolis, North Carolina, might be located at a house in the 31000 block of Prairie Ridge Road, Green Oaks. The United States Marshals Service informed Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Chicago Field Office and the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Members of HSI, the Lake County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, and Sheriff's Special Investigations Group conducted an immediate investigation. The investigation produced evidence showing the girl was indeed located at the above residence. On July 24, a search warrant was obtained for the residence.

Detectives set up surveillance at the home, and at approximately 4:00 p.m., Andrew W. Szech, 43, of the above residence was seen leaving the home with the victim. Detectives apprehended Szech and rescued the victim.

Further investigation revealed that Szech began communicating with the victim online in June. Szech encouraged the victim to take a bus from her home to Chicago in early July, and Szech picked her up from the Chicago bus station and took her to his home in Green Oaks, where he sexually abused the victim.

A search warrant was conducted at Szech's home where detectives recovered:

- One firearm
- Over 2,700 grams of canna-

- Nearly 30 grams of psilocybin laced candy
- Over 55 grams of psilocybin mushrooms
- 27 cannabis plants
- Over 55 Adderall pills

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office Children's Advocacy Center assisted in the investigation. After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the case, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges against Szech: Three Counts of Criminal Sexual Abuse (class 1 felonies), Unlawful Possession of Psilocybin Mushrooms with Intent to Deliver (class 1 felony), Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver (class 1 felony), Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (class 2 felony), Unlawful Possession of Adderall with Intent to Deliver (class 2 felony), Aggravated Battery (class 3 felony), Unlawful Possession of Cannabis Plants (class 3 felony), Two Counts of Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Firearm (class 4 felonies), Reckless Conduct (class A misdemeanor), and Aggravated Assault (class A misdemeanor).

Additional charges are expected.

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office filed a petition to detain Szech in custody while awaiting trial. Szech was held in the Lake County Jail pending his initial court hearing July 25.

The victim is safely away from her abuser and has been placed in care.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "There is not much worse than exploiting a vulnerable child. We will go to all lengths to rescue children and victims from trafficking and sexual abuse. I am so thankful this child is safe and can begin to receive the assistance and help she needs to begin healing from this terrible situation. I am thankful for the strong collaboration our Office has with our federal and local partners, which led to this rescue and prosecution."

Serious crash under investigation

Lake County Sheriff's Office Traffic Crash Investigators are investigating a serious morning crash in Newport Township.

On July 27, at approximately 10:15 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area of Russell Road and Frontage Road (near I-94) for a traffic crash with injuries. When deputies arrived, they located two vehicles with major damage.

Preliminary investigation shows a Chrysler 300, driven by a 21-year-old man of Zion, was traveling eastbound on Russell Road just west of Frontage Road. A Mitsubishi Outlander, driven by a 27-year-old man of Schaumburg, turned in front of the Chrysler and quickly attempted to make a U-turn. The driver of the Chrysler



Andrew W. Szech

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Leaders of Crystal Lake-based Innovative Home Concepts brought the idea of providing a free roof for an area veteran to Dawn Bremer of McHenry-based The Bremer Team, Keller Williams Success Realty. The idea has since evolved into a much larger 30 Days for 30 Vets program.



An Innovative Home Concepts crew like this one will work on a deserving McHenry County veteran's roof after selections are made in the 30 Days for 30 Vets program coordinated by The Bremer Team, Keller Williams Success Realty. Nominations open Thursday, Aug. 1, for the program that will provide free home repairs and product installations in multiple categories.

30 Days for 30 Vets provides gift of a lifetime for veterans in need

Nominations for home improvement project awards open Aug. 1

Cynthia Wolf
CONTRIBUTOR

Thirty deserving, McHenry County military veterans will receive the gifts of a lifetime this fall as part of the 30 Days for 30 Vets program coordinated by The Bremer Team, Keller Williams Success Realty.

Nominations will open Thursday, Aug. 1. Sought are stories of veterans whose lives would be vastly improved by receiving a much-needed home renovation, said Dawn Bremer, owner and president of the McHenry-based Bremer Team. She added that, already, home repair, appliance and improvement firms have stepped up with more than \$200,000 in pledges of services and materials.

"I'm blown away by the enthusiastic reaction so far," she said. "We are getting calls from people asking how they can help, how they can be a part of it. It's great to see how the community can put divisions aside and come together."

Nominations may be made by clicking "apply" at 30daysfor30vets.com.

In early October, a committee of community members and veterans will review all nominations received through Sept. 30. At a later October date, a private celebration for recipients and participating vendors will take place at the McHenry Outdoor Theater – Golden Age Cinemas.

Then, each day in November — the month of Veterans Day — one deserving recipient's story will be shared on the 30daysfor30vets.com website as well as on the 30daysfor30vets.com Facebook page, Bremer said.

It all started when the leaders of Crystal Lake-based Innovative Home Concepts brought up the idea to provide a free roof for a veteran in need, she added. Rhett Wilborn, owner of Innovative Home Concepts, and Courtney Wander, the company's general manager, said they had lunch with Bremer several weeks ago to talk about their idea.

"We brought the idea up to her because we know she works with a lot of veterans, and she took it just 1,000 times further than we had thought of," Wilborn said. "She was just like, 'That sounds great. Let's work together on this

thing.'"

Bremer said that one of her agents, U.S. Marine veteran Michael Adams, was a strong motivator for launching in the spring the Bremer Team Heroes Savings Plan, which cuts closing costs for qualifying veterans. The two talked about the roof idea, and

how many veterans struggle in silence when it comes to keeping up with home maintenance.

Soon, Bremer had multiple companies on board, offering everything from roofing to gutter replacements, countertops, air-conditioning systems, water heaters, appliances,

kitchen remodels, ramps and more. Home Depot has even pledged a \$24,999 grant.

To date, about 20 home improvement firms have stepped up. Along with Innovative Home Concepts, other top donors so far include Jett's Heating & Air, Accurate Plumbing Pros Inc., Kenny's Floor

Covering Inc. and The Glad Lamb, which provides cabinet refinishing and specialty painting.

More would be welcome, Bremer said, as would monetary donations to further support the effort. Simply

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County, Realtors coming together to hold property tax workshop

The McHenry County Treasurer's Office, the County Clerk and Recorder's Office, and the Heartland Realtor Organization are teaming up to hold a property tax workshop to educate the public about tax breaks and protections available to them.

The workshop will take place at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6 at the Realtor organization's offices at 405 E. Congress Pkwy., Crystal Lake. The event is free, but attendees must RSVP.

Treasurer Donna Kurtz and County Clerk and Recorder Joe Tirio will discuss the many property tax exemptions available, the many convenient and safe ways to pay McHenry County property taxes, ways to protect property deeds, and new programs designed to give new property owners tax relief. The workshop is geared not just toward homeowners, but real estate, legal and financial service providers as well.

"So much has changed for the

better in recent years, from expanded and easier ways to pay tax bills to the state lowering the interest rate for the popular senior citizen tax deferral program," Kurtz said. "A forum like this gives taxpayers, and their service providers, tools to know about both payment and the status of their tax bill, and to ensure that they are getting all the exemptions they're entitled to receive."

Changes include the elimination of processing fees for paying by electronic check and the creation of the VIP taxpayer Program, which allows property owners to schedule electronic payments, get reminders of due dates, and sign up to receive next year's bill electronically. The Treasurer's Office also has been working to raise awareness of the state's lowering of the interest rate for the Senior Tax Deferral Program from 6% to 3%. Tirio and Kurtz have recently partnered their offices to create the Welcome Home Program, which provides new property owners

with their tax bills when they otherwise might not have received it due to their closing date.

This is not the first time that Tirio has worked together with the Heartland Realtor Organization — they worked together to educate the public about a new law that created a mechanism by which homeowners can remove illegal restrictive covenants on their property documents.

"There's a lot to take in when it comes to property taxes, and it can be hard for people to keep up, and to make sure they can take full advantage of exemptions and other ways to lighten the burden," Tirio said. "We thank the Heartland Realtor Organization for once again helping us to spread the word."

Reservations for the free workshop can be made by calling 815-459-0600 or emailing info@heartlandro.com; a Zoom link will be made available upon request for people wishing to attend remotely.

Theatre (Continued from front page)

13, accompanied "Space Jam" starring Michael Jordan on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The 2000's bring them to the award winning "Gran Torino" starring Clint Eastwood on Friday, Sept. 20 along with the original "Harry Potter: The Sorcerer's Stone" on Saturday, Sept. 21.

"American Sniper" from the 2010's plays on Friday, Sept. 27 and "The Lego Movie" hits the big screen again on Saturday, Sept. 28.

The celebration will wrap up with the 2020's in the first weekend of October with "Impractical Jokers: The Movie" playing on Friday, Oct. 4 followed by last year's hit movie, "Five Nights at Freddy's" on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Thank all who have supported the theatre over the years and a special thanks to Mark Scarpelli and Raymond Chevrolet Kia of Antioch who

have been strong community partner and supporter of the theatre, including free shows and concessions to attendees over the many holiday seasons.

The theatre looks forward to serving the Antioch Community and surrounding areas for another 100 years.

Reports (Continued from page 2)

struck the Mitsubishi, as the Mitsubishi's driver attempted to make the U-turn.

A passenger in the Mitsubishi, a 24-year-old woman of Schaumburg sustained major injuries in the crash. She was transported to St. Catherine's Medical Center in Pleasant Prairie with critical, life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Mitsubishi was transported to St. Catherine's Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the Chrysler was uninjured. The crash remains under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Technical Crash Investigations Team.

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

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McHenry County Conservation Foundation seeks local buyer for carbon credits

As part of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative's Chicago Region Carbon Program, the McHenry County Conservation Foundation recently received 8,266 carbon credits from its Camp Lakota Woodland project, a 70-acre carbon project in Hartland Township. A second issuance of carbon credits is scheduled to take place in November 2024, with a total of 11,622 credits available for local and regional businesses in the Chicagoland Area to purchase to reduce their carbon footprint and invest in the health and vitality of our local communities.

In 2021, the Foundation purchased 120-acres of land formerly owned by the Boy Scouts of America and operated as the Camp Lakota Boy Scout Camp for more than 50 years. Of those 120-acres, nearly 70 are mature oak and hickory woodland that contain significant stands of white, red, and bur oaks, with some limited numbers of hills oak, swamp

white oak, and pine plantation. Through participation in the Chicago Region Carbon Program, the Foundation was able to enroll those 70 acres into a regionwide carbon crediting program which ensures the protection of those woodlands while also providing a revenue stream that will be used to further support the vision and mission of the Conservation District.

A carbon credit represents one metric ton of stored carbon dioxide (CO₂). Companies, cities or organizations that want to reduce their carbon footprint can purchase carbon credits to offset emissions that they are unable to reduce through other means. The Foundation's carbon credits are registered with City Forest Credits, a national nonprofit carbon registry that administers technical carbon standards, including methodologies for the quantification of CO₂ stored in project trees. The International Carbon Reduction and Offset Alliance, which cer-

tifies best practices for carbon offsetting and is considered the premier endorsing body globally, has endorsed all of the carbon credits registered with City Forest Credits.

Voluntary carbon markets like the one managed by City Forest Credits help mitigate the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions by working with organizations and agencies that will continue to fund natural climate solutions through the sale of their carbon credits. Additionally, they provide difficult-to-decarbonize industries with the opportunity to offset emissions immediately, while they take steps to eliminate carbon emissions. Offsetting emissions using high quality, verified carbon offset credits through voluntary carbon markets present a great opportunity for businesses looking to do their part, offset their greenhouse gas emissions, and provide valuable conservation benefits.

Any businesses interest-

ed in learning more about the opportunity to reduce their carbon footprint while also investing in local conservation, should contact: Shawna Flavell, Executive Director of the McHenry County Conservation Foundation at 815.338.6223 or sflavell@mchenryconservation.org.

The McHenry County Conservation Foundation is a 501c3 supporting organization that works to obtain grants and gifts in support of the work of the McHenry County Conservation District, directing nearly all of its budget to conservation projects and environmental education programs that go beyond what government funding alone can provide. Grants and donations to the organization help ensure that McHenry County's public lands, water, and wildlife are preserved to benefit our way of life and that of future generations. Visit <http://www.mchenryconservation.org> or call (815) 338-6223.



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Zachery Zuberbier, kneeling at the church altar while he is being ordained as a Lutheran minister by the senior pastor, Ed Ungemach. Visiting pastors from local Lutheran churches also participated in the ceremony.

Antioch's Faith Lutheran Church welcomes a new pastor

On June 30, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Antioch celebrated the ordination and reception for their new pastor, Zackary Zuberbier. In attendance were twelve sister-congregations pastors. Zackary will be the pastor of instruction and administration with Pastor Ed Ungemach as senior pastor.

Pastor Zuberbier was born in Milwaukee, where his father worked as a police officer for the Milwaukee police department and his mother served him and his one younger brother as a stay-at-home mom. He attended grade school at St. Jacobi Lutheran in Greenfield, Wisconsin and High School at Martin Luther High School just down the road. After graduating high school in 2016, Zack went to Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, Minnesota for his Bachelor of Arts. At MLC he served as president of the Art in Ministry program and as captain of the MLC men's golf team. Upon graduating from MLC in May 2020, he enrolled at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) at Mequon, Wisconsin

to pursue his Masters of Divinity.

As part of the WLS training program, Pastor Zuberbier was assigned to Faith Lutheran Church in Sharpsburg, Georgia for his Vicar year (the third year of WLS training is an on-site full time, internship). Upon completing his Vicar responsibilities and returning to the Seminary for his senior year, Zack served at Crown of Life Lutheran Church of Hubertus, Wisconsin as a Senior Vicar.

On May 23, 2024, Pastor Zuberbier received his first pastoral ministry assignment from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) assignment committee to serve as an associate pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Antioch.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at 24300 West Grass Lake Road, Antioch. Office number is 847-395-1660, or see the website at www.faithantioch.org.

Summer worship services are 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible studies for both children and adults are offered at 8:15 a.m. on Sundays. All are welcome to attend.

Conservation district events

August First Friday concert: Cassandra Vohs-Demann and Friends

Friday, August 2, 7-8:30 p.m., Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park.

Join us on the first Friday of each month for an evening of music under the oaks! Cassandra Vohs-Demann joins forces with guitarist/vocalist Ken Johnson and the amazing talents of Joe Pesz on drums and James Seidel on bass to bring you an eclectic mix of modern and classic hits and original music. All ages. No registration required.

Talk & Trek: Pleasant Valley

• 30 vets

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reach out to Bremer at 847-456-6334 or bremerteaminfo@gmail.com.

"This is going to be an incredible program," said Adams, who served two tours of duty in Iraq. "You always see great support for veterans in the form of discounts or free entry to events and stuff like that, but it doesn't necessarily provide what veterans really, truly need.

"Veterans tend to be prideful people who are hes-

itant to seek help," he continued. "I think having an opportunity for somebody close to them to write their story and explain why they are deserving — to be that reach-out — will help tremendously."

Bremer said she plans to make 30 Days for 30 Vets an annual event, and expand it to include Lake County next year.

Tree ID and Ecology

Saturday, August 3, 1-3 p.m., Marengo Ridge Conservation Area, Marengo.

Join certified arborist Rachel for a 1-2 mile hike and learn about the variety of tree

species present, tips and tricks for identifying them, and how they interact with others in their ecosystems. This is a slow paced hike, with several stopping points along the way. Ages 14+.

Living History Open House: Life & Times During WWII

Sunday, August 11, noon - 4 p.m., Powers-Walker House, Glacial Park, Ringwood.

Visit this Greek Revival 1854 restored house and learn more about the families that once called it home. August's program focuses on the Schaeffer & Steinmetz families, who lived in the area

during the World War II era. Drop in anytime! All ages. No registration required.

One Sweet Ride

Sunday, August 11, 1-3 p.m., North Branch Conservation Area, Richmond.

Enjoy a 12-mile round trip bike ride along the Hebron Trail, with a sweet stop in Hebron. Participants will have the chance to purchase and enjoy coffee or ice cream from a local establishment. Bring your bike and helmet. Participants are responsible for their own purchases. Ages 7+.

Outdoor Discovery Lab:

Rocking Out!

Tuesday, August 13, 10-11:30 a.m., Marengo Ridge Conservation Area, Marengo.

Uncover rocks and minerals with outdoor scientific experiments that are hands-on and family friendly. These adventures are self-guided with staff and volunteers on site to provide direction and equipment. All ages.

Yoga Under the Oaks

Thursday, August 15, 11 a.m. to noon, Lost Valley Visitor Center Patio, Glacial Park Conservation Area, Ringwood.

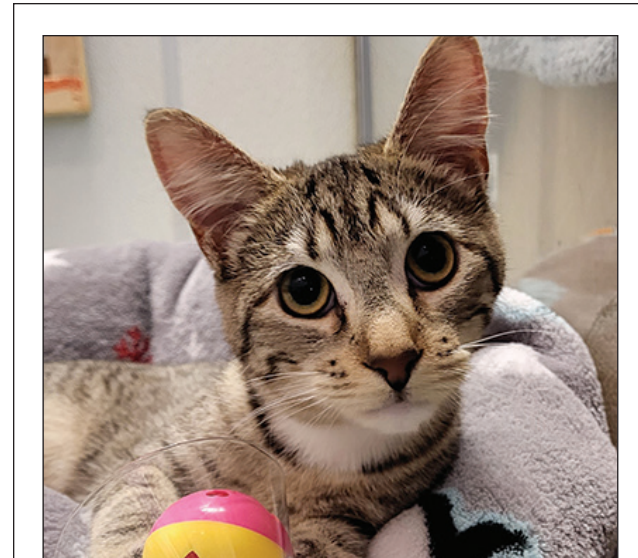
Welcome the summer morning under oaks trees during a yoga practice! Denise Jordan will lead the class on the patio, overlooking Glacial Park's scenic wetlands and woodlands. Please provide your own yoga mat, limited supply available. Ages 14+.

Explore: Aquatic Invertebrates

Friday, August 16, 2-3 p.m., Keystone Road Canoe Landing, Richmond.

Explore the amazing world of aquatic invertebrates! Learn what aquatic invertebrates can teach us about their habitat, and join us in collecting some with pond nets, observing them, and finally releasing them. Please dress in shoes that can get wet. All equipment will be provided. Ages 7+.

For more information or to sign up for programs please visit the McHenry County Conservation District website at MCCDistrict.org.



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Pet of the week

Epsilon, is about a year old, spayed, up-to-date on routine shots (incl. rabies), tested negative for FIV, feline leukemia and heartworm and micro-chipped. She is vision impaired, but gets around just fine.

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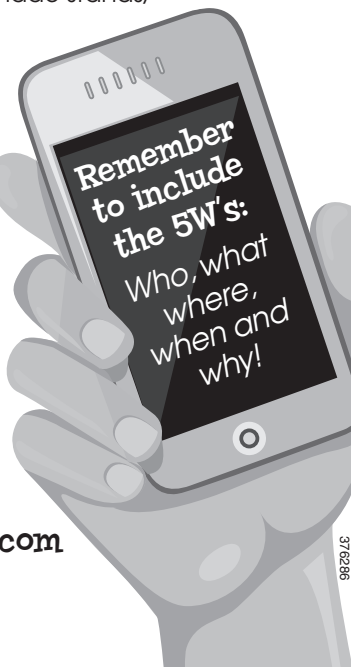
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Lake County Sheriff's arrest bulletin

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

June 10

Roysshell L. Rhyan, 32, North Chicago, was cited for aggravated battery to a correctional officer;

Shane R. Nichols, 38, Beach Park, was cited for a warrant arrest: violation of parole (Wisconsin Dept.

of Corrections), and a new charge: resisting arrest;

Thomas R. Schimka, 50, Fox Lake, was cited for a warrant arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled substance;

June 11

Chad E. Gibson, 32, Mt. Pleasant, WI, was cited for a warrant obtained: retail theft;

Asha Cartledge, 26, North Chicago, was cited for driving while license suspended;

Paul R. Siebert, 27, Antioch, was cited for a warrant

arrest: drug induced homicide (McHenry County);

June 12

Ashley M. Blouch, 34, Racine, WI, was cited for aggravated speeding (90 mph in 45 mph zone), driving while license suspended and no insurance;

Julio C. Aguilar, 21, Round Lake, was cited for no driver's license;

Juvenile, was cited for DUI – drugs and no insurance; Mayra G. Hernandez, 26,

Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol, open transportation of alcohol and resisting arrest;

Mario A. Vizzini, 19, Round Lake Beach, was cited for aggravated speeding (92 mph in 45 mph zone);

June 13

Juan C. Sanchez-Rubio, 39, Round Lake, was cited for a warrant arrest: DUI;

Carlos Ramiro-Zamora, 36, Wauconda, was cited for DUI – drugs, unlawful possession of a controlled sub-

stance, reckless driving and no insurance;

Karlee Fanuda, 43, Ingle-side, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and open transportation of alcohol;

Hugo Roma, 37, Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and no insurance;

June 14

Sergio Lazcano Guzman, 22, Mundelein, was cited for aggravated speeding (84 mph in 45 mph zone);

Amanda M. Moran, 36,

Waterford, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

Joseph E. Ramsey, 32, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled substance;

Juvenicio E. Arizmen-di-Trujillo, 45, North Chicago, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

June 15

Dionna M. Siler, 36, North











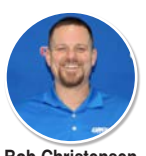

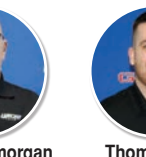
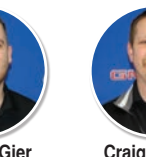

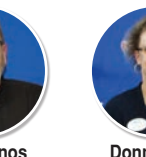
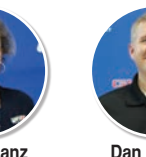
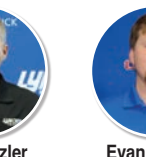
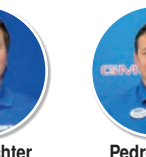
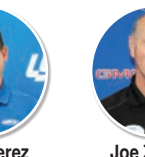
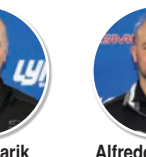
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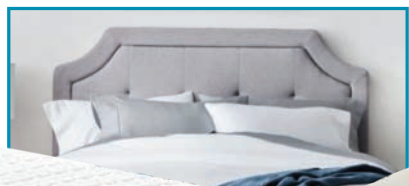
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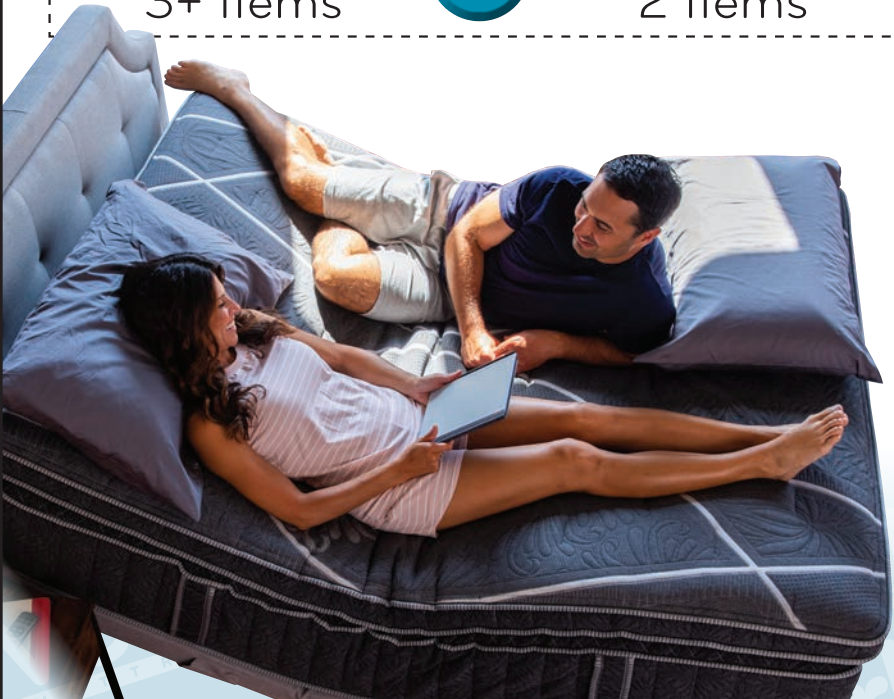


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