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Bands, Brews & BBQ event great chance to have fun, boost community

Aug. 16-18 Rotary festivities to feature fireworks finale this year

Cynthia Wolf
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Bands, Brews & BBQ, the McHenry Area Rotary's premier fundraising event, is set for Aug. 16-18 at Petersen Park.

Featuring eight stellar bands, mouth-watering barbecue and other fare, as well as craft beers, hard seltzers and more, this year's event will culminate with fireworks on Sunday, Aug. 18. The fireworks were unused during Fiesta Days due to heavy rains on their originally scheduled date.

Along with live music, food and drink, the fest will feature grilling party raffle packages, each valued between \$500 and \$1,000.

"We are hoping for an exceptional turnout this year," said event co-chairman Don Tonyan, who also is immediate past president of the McHenry Area Rotary. "There are so many tremendous charities that we have helped with monies raised in the past, and we'd love to do even more."

Tonyan and co-chair Denis Buch said the club is especially excited about its new commitment to the McHenry Community High School Dual Credit Program, toward which the club has pledged \$20,000. Altogether, since the fest's inception in 2012, more than \$400,000 has been allocated to various youth leadership and academic programs, meals for the hungry, health care for those in need, services for the homeless, global polio eradication, and other local and international programs addressing humanitarian needs.

Grants issued over just the last two years include:

- \$975 to the Knights of Columbus Council 1288
- \$988.23 for construction materials, tools for a Guatemalan dormitory project
- \$1,000 to a local group affiliated with Living Waters for the World
- \$1,000 to Kids in Need of McHenry County
- \$1,100 to Outreach Inc.
- \$1,866 to Feed My Starving Children
- \$2,100 to Rotary International's PolioPlus program
- \$2,500 to Sunbeams Uganda
- \$2,500 to the Family Health Partnership Clinic of McHenry County
- \$2,500 toward the Riverwalk Shoppes in McHenry
- \$6,000 toward disaster relief in Lahaina, Hawaii
- \$6,400 to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program

Funds also have been devoted to Rotary Secret Santa, a pollinator-friendly gardening project at Johnsburg High School, and lumber to craft picnic tables for the Youth and Family Center of McHenry County.

Gates for Bands, Brews & BBQ open at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, with the first band, John Todd, starting at 5 p.m. Gates on Saturday, Aug. 17, open at 3:30 p.m., with RealTime Noise taking the stage at 4 p.m. On Sunday, Aug. 18, the gates previously set to open at 11:30 a.m. instead will open at 1:30 p.m. due to the addition of the fireworks, with



The Jimmy Nick Band prepares to perform during Bands, Brews & BBQ 2023. Nick will be back to help kick off the 2024 McHenry Area Rotary fest on Friday night, Aug. 16.

John Ballantyne's Crazy Heart Band starting at 2 p.m.

Fest hours end at 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The event's final band, Tennessee Whiskey, will wrap up about 8 p.m. Sunday, and the fireworks launch at dark that night.

Other bands rounding out the schedule are Jimmy Nick after John Todd (with a few combined performances) on Friday night; Recaptured,

a Journey tribute band, and 8 Miles South on Saturday; and Wildwood Country on Sunday. Full lineup details are available at mrbbb.com/bands. Discounted tickets are available at mrbbb.com/tickets.

Tickets are \$7.50 each now through Aug. 15; \$15 each at the gate. Petersen Park is located on the shoreline of McCullom Lake, at 4300 Peterson Park Road, McHenry. Three-

day passes also are available. Those are \$20 now; \$25 at the gate. VIP tickets, which provide one-day entry to the VIP tent plus four premium drink tickets, are \$75 each. Children 12 and younger admitted free.

Bands, Brews & BBQ's presenting sponsors this year are the McHenry Auto Dealers' Association and the McHenry Outdoor Theater - Golden Age Cinemas.

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Delivery Point is the headliner at Afrofest taking place at Greenbelt Cultural Center on August 17.

Dynamic musical group to perform at Aug. 17 Afrofest

Afrofest is taking place from 12–8 pm, Saturday, August 17, at Greenbelt Cultural Center in North Chicago. The event is a vibrant celebration of African culture and heritage.

“Afrofest brings together families for an unforgettable day of music and culture,” said Angelo Kyle, president of the Lake County Forest Preserves. “It’s a joyful celebration set in a beautiful venue.”

Live music performances will fill the day, with the headliner, Delivery Point, taking the stage at 6 pm. Known for their energetic performances and diverse musical repertoire, Delivery Point blends traditional African rhythms with modern sounds to create a unique

fusion that captivates audiences, event organizers said.

Their music often showcases lively drumming, rich vocals and a blend of instruments that reflect various African cultures. “Their performances go beyond mere concerts; they are immersive experiences that celebrate the richness and variety of African music,” Kyle said.

The family-friendly event is geared for all ages. Local food vendors will offer an array of options.

The Greenbelt Cultural Center is located at 1215 Green Bay Road. Admission and parking are free. Festgoers should bring a blanket or lawn chair and pack a picnic. There are several opportunities

to register to become a festival vendor. Vendors can showcase a variety of products, from traditional African clothing and handmade crafts to unique art pieces. This provides a platform for local businesses to reach a broader audience and connect with the community. Interested in becoming a festival vendor? Contact us by email at greenbelt@LCFPD.org or visit LCFPD.org/vendor-permits.

For more information about Afrofest, visit LCFPD.org/afrofest-2024 or call 847-968-3477. For information about other summer events at the Lake County Forest Preserves, visit LCFPD.org, or call 847-367-6640.

Lake County Health Department announces retirement of Executive Director Mark Pfister

Search process for next Executive Director underway

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center Executive Director Mark Pfister will retire on September 3, 2024. Mark worked at the Health Department and served the Lake County community for over 30 years, and served as its Executive Director for seven years.

“Mark has set a very high bar as Executive Director, elevating community trust in public health and serving as a leader through a global pandemic,” said Board of Health President Timothy Sashko. “I am grateful for all the work that he has done for our community during his tenure and wish him all the best as he begins his retirement.”

Pfister began his career at the Lake County Health Department as an Aquatic Biologist and Lakes Management Program Coordinator in 1991. In his time at the Health Department, he

also served as the Associate Director of Environmental Health Services and the Director of Prevention and Population Health Services before becoming the agency’s Executive Director in 2017.

“I feel very fortunate that I have been able to serve the Lake County community and am proud of our innovative and successful accomplishments,” said Executive Director Mark Pfister. “I look forward to seeing the ways in which the Lake County Health Department will continue its mission and expanding our leadership in public health.”

The Health Department has contracted with GovHR USA, a national search firm that specializes in executive government recruitment. The search began in early August and is anticipated to take approximately 12 weeks to complete.

Upcoming MCCD events

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+.

Easily Accessible Prairie Plants

Saturday, Aug. 17, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park Conservation Area, Ringwood.

This easy walk or ride will be all on relatively flat paved surfaces, but along these surfaces are multiple high quality prairie plants. We will learn to identify some native prairie plants as well as discuss their benefits to the ecosystem and to us. All ages.

Climate Conversations: Eco-Emotions

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 7-8:30 p.m., Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park Conservation Area, Ringwood.

Brenna McClellan, an experienced environmental educator working towards a master’s degree in Environmental Culture and Communications at the University of Glasgow, will discuss the emotional re-

sponse brought on by climate change. Ages 14+.

Introduction to Volunteering

Thursday, Aug. 22, 9-10:30 a.m., Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park Conservation Area, Ringwood.

Learn about the many ways you can volunteer with the District at this introductory meeting! Meet District volunteer liaisons and watch a short orientation presentation giving an overview of all the programs available. Ages 18+.

Discovery Days: Camouflage

Friday, Aug. 23, 10-11 a.m., Coral Woods Conservation Area, Marengo.

Enjoy a morning of fun and education games, lessons, and other hands-on experiences focused on our special theme of the day: camouflage! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 2-6.

Forest Bathing

Saturday, Aug. 24, 8:30-11 a.m., Fel-Pro RRR Conservation Area, Cary.

Join certified Therapy Guide Jennifer Boudart for a slow, mindful walk intended to help you connect with nature. You will learn about forest bathing and about the Fel-Pro RRR site. Ages 18+.

September First Friday concert: The StingRays

Friday, Sept. 6, 7-8:30 p.m., Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood.

Join us on the first Friday of each month for an evening of music under the oaks! Bring a picnic dinner, enjoy the beautiful view and stay for a free concert featuring rock and roll group, The StingRays. All ages. No registration required.

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

Summer Vacation Letters

Hi I'm Ashlyn and I'm 12 years old.

During my summer vacation, I loved riding my horse through sunlit meadows, feeling the wind in my hair. The bond with my horse grew stronger with each gallop. My horse Boone made my summer unforgettable. Other days, I also spent afternoons hanging out with my family on the boat. I sometimes walked my dog outside on the sidewalk in front of our house, her name is Clara. My summer went by fast.

-ASHLYN



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Hi, my name is Autumn, and I am 14 years old. This summer, I had an amazing time.

My summer was filled with a bunch of amazing things keeping me busy. To start off, every weekend consisted of a different softball tournament in a different location, because of that I traveled a lot. On the weekdays I spent a lot of time going to the beach and tanning and spending a lot of time with my friends. Occasionally, on a nice day, my family and I would take our boat out on the lake, and I would have fun tubing. Those are some of my favorite things I did during the summer.

-AUTUMN





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A recent expansion at Medline will help the company in its commitment to providing safe, effective, high-quality products for their customers.

Medline triples the size of company's in-house testing lab

\$27 million facility expansion supports company growth, commitment to safety and quality

Medline recently expanded its product testing and development lab in Mundelein, Illinois - tripling the size of the facility to 74,000 square feet and significantly bolstering the company's capacity to test a variety of products, ingredients and solutions efficiently and comprehensively.

The \$27 million expansion project "supports our continued growth," said Lara Simmons, chief quality officer for Medline. "Our main mission is to provide safe, effective, high-quality products that provide value to our customers."

The expanded lab includes upgraded mechanical systems and environmental controls, and increased

lab space and capabilities—including design verification, chemistry, microbiology, expiration dating, calibration and formulation.

The facility and operations are ISO 17025 certified and routinely audited by the FDA, meeting the highest standards for safety, quality and unbiased reporting. The lab has grown to more than 140 employees, including engineers, biologists, chemists, formulation scientists, and technicians.

"People can be confident that we have solid policies and procedures, and are meeting all standards and training requirements," said Simmons. "Our number one priority is

product quality," said Michael Turturro, Ph.D., Medline director, product development. The expansion, he says, allows the lab to test 10,000 to 12,000 samples a month.

Through in-house testing, "we can be confident in the performance of our products and have the assurance that our products are meeting or exceeding standards," said Simmons.

This is especially important with increasing Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other regulatory requirements.

"Our focus is continuous improvement; making our products better and incorporating customer feedback," said Simmons.

Pritzker signs measures reining in biometric data privacy law, eliminating grocery tax

Measures are among more than 50 bills signed since Aug. 2

By Hannah Meisel and Jerry Nowicki

CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois' first-in-the-nation law that allows residents to sue companies over the improper collection of their biometric information will be slightly less punitive after Gov. JB Pritzker signed a new law.

Lawmakers this spring amended the Biometric Information Privacy Act in response to an Illinois Supreme Court ruling last year that suggested lawmakers clarify the law. That ruling found fast food chain White Castle violated BIPA each time employees scanned their fingerprints in the course of performing their jobs, as the company never obtained employees' permission to collect their fingerprints.

But under Senate Bill 2979, employees or customers whose fingerprints, retinal scans, voice samples or other unique biometric information were collected by businesses without their permission can only claim one violation of BIPA instead of hundreds. In jobs with fingerprint-enabled time clocks and cash registers or other secure areas that require biometric data scans to access, employees might end up scanning their thumbs or eyes dozens of times per day.

Using the old method of accrual, White Castle's attorneys estimated the company would be on the hook for up to \$17 billion in penalties, as the law provides for \$1,000 in

damages for each "negligent" violation or \$5,000 for each "reckless" or "intentional" violation.

Though the eye-popping number made headlines, White Castle earlier this year settled the case for \$9.4 million.

Business groups, however, argue that settlement and others like it represent the obvious outcome of the law unique to Illinois, which they argue has incentivized the creation of a cottage industry for ambitious attorneys.

Though technology took years to catch up with the law's aims, thousands of lawsuits have been filed—especially since they began to take off around 2018—including a few that have resulted in high-profile settlements, such as a \$650 million class-action payout from Facebook in 2020.

While some business groups were supportive of the reforms, others claimed they did not go far enough.

Chicago-based attorney Danielle Kays of Fisher & Phillips LLP, who represents companies facing BIPA challenges, told Capitol News Illinois that the amendment "can be seen as a step in the right direction" but said it's up to the courts to interpret the update to the law.

"This isn't the full reform that most businesses probably want—or that is warranted, given that still no plaintiff has actually been harmed by BIPA violations," she said.

Because there have been no data breaches that have led to anyone's fingerprints or other biometric information being stolen, Kays and others say lawmakers should further amend BIPA to allow businesses to cure violations before facing a lawsuit. A business is in violation of BIPA if it doesn't have a storage policy in place, doesn't properly protect the data, or if it does not get consent from customers or employees for the data being collected.

The amendment also made it easier for companies to get consent from customers or employees.

While the old law required "informed written consent" for the collection of fingerprints and other biometric data, businesses can now obtain that consent via an electronic signature, which the bill defines as an "electronic sound, symbol, or process." Kays also noted that there was an uptick in BIPA cases filed between May, when lawmakers passed the amendment, and the end of July.

"We track the cases on a daily basis and BIPA filings have been fairly consistent but there, of course, have been ebbs and flows," she said. "One could conclude that the plaintiffs were trying to file the lawsuits before the BIPA amendment went into effect.

Grocery tax to be eliminated

As part of state budget negotiations this year, lawmakers

approved Pritzker's plan to eliminate the statewide 1 percent grocery tax beginning in 2026. He signed that provision into law on Aug. 5.

The revenue from the state grocery tax goes to municipal governments, rather than state coffers. To make up for those lost revenues, the law allows counties and municipalities to levy their own 1 percent grocery taxes by passing an ordinance, rather than needing a referendum.

It also gives non-home rule municipalities the authority to

Lake County Clerk's Office initiates mandated permanent vote by mail application mailing

In accordance with Public Act 102-0015, the Lake County Clerk's Office has initiated its mandated mailing to allow voters to complete a one-time application to become enrolled in the permanent vote by mail program. Sometime after August 7 the notice for permanent vote by mail should arrive in mailboxes across Lake County. Voters wishing to enroll in permanent vote by mail can do so by completing the application and returning it to the Lake County Clerk's Office. Voters who do not wish to receive future notifications can also opt-out of notifications as this mailing is required every two years.

Why are they doing this?

Public Act 102-0015 was signed into law in 2021 and requires the election authority to notify eligible voters about the ability to enroll in permanent vote by mail.

What you need to know:

1. Voters who have opted out of notifications or voters who are already enrolled in permanent vote by mail will not be receiving the permanent vote by mail application mailing.
2. Voters who have an email address on file with the Lake County Clerk's Office will be emailed the application.
3. The mailing allows voters to complete an Application for Permanent Vote by Mail and have a ballot automatically mailed to them at any address specified for future elections.
4. A voter remains in permanent status until the voter requests to be removed, provides notice of a change of address outside of Lake County, or our office received

confirmation that the voter has registered in another county.

5. Ballots are mailed 40-days prior to each election. This year, ballots will begin to be mailed September 26, 2024.
6. Applications are also available for electronic completion by visiting LakeVoterPower.Info

Important note on timing:

In early July, the Lake County Clerk's Office conducted voter registration audit mailing as required by federal and state law. Due to the timing of these mailings, there might be some overlap in the receipt of audit letters and Vote By Mail letters by Lake County residents. They are currently receiving multiple trays of audit letter responses daily, and it is possible that some of these responses may not be processed before the Vote By Mail mailing is dispatched. They ask for your patience and understanding during this period and encourage you to follow the instructions provided in both mailings carefully.

The Lake County Clerk's Office is dedicated to maintaining the accuracy of voter rolls and providing voters with the necessary information and options to participate in the electoral process. They appreciate the community's cooperation and support throughout this verification and application process.

For more information on Lake County Clerk services and up-to-the-minute election news, visit LakeCountyClerk.info, follow us at twitter.com/LakeCountyClerk, join our page at facebook.com/CountyClerk, or call 847-377-2400.

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Openlands Lakeshore Preserve surrounds the new 18.2 acres that the Lake County Forest Preserves is purchasing to expand Fort Sheridan. Above: The area that is shaded in red shows the new purchase at Fort Sheridan

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Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve expands

The Lake County Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of 18.2 acres to expand Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve in Lake Forest at a special board meeting Tuesday, July 9.

The U.S. Department of the Navy is selling the \$6 million property located on the east side of Patten Road in unincorporated Highwood. It consists of a bluff surrounded on three sides by the ravines of the Openlands Lakeshore Preserve, a 71.5-acre parcel. The parcel was gifted to the Forest Preserves last summer by Openlands, a Chicago-based regional conservation organization and land trust, as an addition to Fort Sheridan.

"This is a tremendous enhancement for Fort Sheridan," Executive Director Alex Ty Kovach said. "We're elated with this result after

11 years of dedicated work, first by Openlands staff and then by the Forest Preserves."

The new land meets Forest Preserves acquisition goals of protecting wildlife habitat, preserving wetlands, prairies and forests, providing scenic vistas, protecting Forest Preserves holdings and adding to existing preserves.

"This is a special parcel that will enhance the preserve and is a unique habitat that our District is now able to protect," said Board Member Paul Frank whose district covers this area.

Once the transaction closes, the property will be one contiguous parcel surrounded by forest preserves, managing the landscape will be easier and more cost-effective.

"This acquisition is a rare chance to preserve a highly developable

piece of land," said Angelo Kyle, president of the Lake County Forest Preserves. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to purchase and eventually restore this valuable land."

Currently, there are no funds available to restore the property. However, if a November 5 referendum passes, funds will be allocated for developing a master plan for the portions of Fort Sheridan added in the past two years to integrate them into the northern portion of the preserve.

Voters will be asked to approve the sale of \$155 million in bonds. \$65 million will be used for land acquisition and \$90 million for public access improvements and habitat restoration. The estimated annual increase on a Lake County home valued at \$300,000 is just under \$33.

Lake County and Naval Station Great Lakes sign intergovernmental support agreement, recognizing partnership

Lake County and Naval Station Great Lakes (NSGL) officials gathered today to ceremoniously sign an Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) at the County's Libertyville campus, strengthening their partnership.

Through the agreement, Lake County will provide sand, gravel and soil removal for NSGL. Lake County has an existing contract for the purchase of these services that allows NSGL to team up with the County for joint purchasing. As part of the IGSA, Lake County also will assist NSGL with material procurement.

"Lake County has had tremendous success improving efficiency, and achieving cost savings by purchasing goods and services with other units of government," said Sandy Hart, Lake County Board Chair. "The Naval Station has always been a great partner and we are proud to be the home of the Navy's largest training installation and the estimated 100,000 active, reserve, and retired service members and their families who live in Lake County."

Opened in 1911, NSGL is the Navy's only Boot Camp. Located on more than 1,600 acres in Great Lakes, the installation includes 1,153 buildings with 39 on the National Register of Historic Places.

"This IGSA strengthens

the relationship between Lake County and Naval Station Great Lakes," said Captain Steve Yargosz, Commanding Officer for Naval Station Great Lakes. "They can enhance efficiencies and develop a greater culture of mutual support. They can create new community revenue streams, and they keep jobs and dollars local. The IGSA we sign today are a win for all involved."

In 2013, Congress enacted legislation creating IGSA's which allow military services to form partnerships with local and state governments for the provision, receipt or sharing of installation and community support services.

"I'd like to thank the leadership of Naval Station Great Lakes and the Lake County Administrator's leadership team for delivering this groundbreaking partnership," said Paul Frank, Chair of the Lake County Financial and Administrative Committee and Board Member for District 11. "This is a great example of the good things we can do when government agencies partner together to deliver efficiency and cost savings. I'm proud to be here today to help commemorate and launch this new partnership agreement."

The IGSA was approved by the Lake County Board at its July meeting.

Member Board of newly formed LakeComm meets for first time

On Tuesday, July 30, the first meeting of the Member Board of Directors for the newly formed entity Lake Consolidated Emergency Communications (LakeComm) was held at the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center.

When fully operational, LakeComm, will serve as the new consolidated Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the partnering agencies, municipalities, and unincorporated areas of Lake County. A PSAP is a 9-1-1 call center responsible for

answering calls to an emergency telephone number for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services. It is the first critical step in ensuring that emergency calls are quickly and efficiently answered, and information is routed to the appropriate response units, thereby enhancing public safety and reducing response times.

With the establishment of the Member Board of Directors, the next level of planning will focus on LakeComm's transition to consolidated operations in the new Regional Operations and Communications (ROC) facility in 2025.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the founding LakeComm member agencies as well as other potential member organizations. There are currently 23 LakeComm member agencies.

Elections were held for LakeComm Officers as well as the elected members of the LakeComm Executive Committee.

"This is an exciting first step for LakeComm", said Kevin Timony, the newly elected Chair of the LakeComm Member Board of Directors and Village Manager, Village of Vernon Hills. "Now that we have our officers and executive committee in place, we can begin the hard work of transitioning to the new PSAP in summer 2025."

A resolution was passed by the Member Board appointing a LakeComm Transition Manager to facilitate and coordinate the transition from current operations to the new organization until an executive director is hired.

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They are a quiet duo that are strongly bonded and would need to get adopted together. There is one adoption fee for the two of them.

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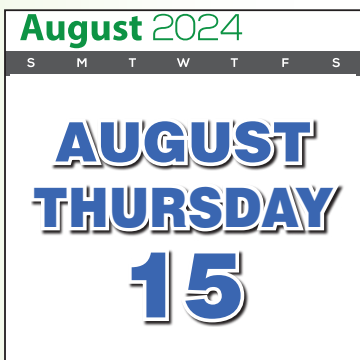
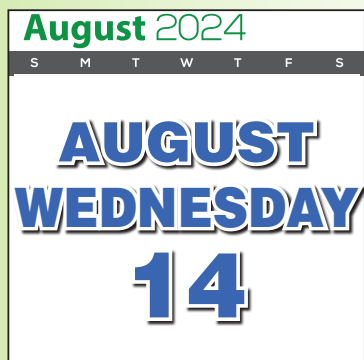


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Sheriff's reports

Two arrested on fentanyl related charges

McHenry County Sheriff's Office arrested a man and woman in Marengo after they were found to be transporting 120,000 fentanyl pills.

McHenry County Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force received information from an undercover detective that a large quantity of illegal narcotics would be entering the area on August 8.

Deputies were able to identify Gloria Gastelum (54, Tucson, AZ) and German Vargas (22, Tucson, AZ) near Marengo. Deputies stopped Gastelum and Vargas in a rental car near W Grant Highway and Ford Street in Marengo and found them in

possession of 120,000 fentanyl pills marked as oxycodone. Gastelum and Vargas were arrested and taken into custody without incident.

Gloria Gastelum was charged with: Manufacturing and delivering 900 grams or more of fentanyl - Class X, and Possession of 200 grams or more of fentanyl - Class 1.

German Vargas was charged with: Manufacturing and delivering 900 grams or more of fentanyl - Class X, and Possession of 200 grams or more of fentanyl - Class 1.

Fatal pedestrian involved traffic crash

under investigation

Lake County Sheriff's Traffic Crash Investigators are investigating a fatal evening crash involving a pedestrian in unincorporated Wauconda.

On August 7, at approximately 9:00 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Route 12 and Old Rand Road in unincorporated Wauconda for a car versus pedestrian traffic crash. Sheriff's deputies arrived and located a 39-year-old man from Arlington Heights who was critically wounded without a pulse. A sheriff's deputy performed CPR on the man, and the

man regained a pulse. He was transported via ambulance to Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Preliminary investigation shows a Toyota Camry, driven by a 68-year-old man of McHenry, was traveling northbound on Route 12. As he was traveling northbound, for an unknown reason, it appears the pedestrian was attempting to cross Route 12 on foot. The driver of the Toyota did not see the man, and struck him as he drove northbound. The driver of the Toyota was uninjured.

The Lake County Coroner's Office is scheduling an autopsy of the man.

The crash remains under investigation by the Lake

County Sheriff's Office Technical Crash Investigations Team.

Major Crime Task Force investigating homicide

Lake County Major Crime Task Force Investigators and Zion Police Detectives are investigating the homicide of a 39-year-old Zion man.

On August 9, at approximately 2:40 a.m., Zion Police Officers responded to a residence in the 2900 block of Elizabeth Avenue, Zion, for a report of shots fired. Zion Police Officers arrived and located a gunshot victim inside a home. Lifesaving efforts were performed by Zion Police Officers and Zion Paramedics. The man was

transported to an area hospital, where he subsequently succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Preliminary investigation indicates the home was likely the intended target of the shooting. The victim was struck by the rounds fired from the offender, who shot from outside the home.

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

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

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Zion Police at: 847-872-8000.

Annual suicide prevention fundraising walk set for Sept. 28

The McHenry County Suicide Prevention Task Force is proud to be hosting its annual Never Walk Alone event on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Never Walk Alone is a suicide awareness and fundraising non-competitive walk. It is an opportunity to honor those who have died by suicide, to share stories of healing and hope, and learn about resources for support. All funds raised go directly to supporting suicide prevention programs and support

for survivors.

This event is open to the public and all ages are welcome. The event is free to register. Registration link:

<https://givebutter.com/neverwalkalone24/>

The mission of the McHenry County Suicide Prevention Task Force is to raise awareness of mental health and suicide prevention, provide education, implement prevention programs and provide support for those affected by suicide within McHenry County, Illinois.

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 17

Juvenile, was cited for failure to register as a juvenile sexual offender;

Javonate W. Friar, 26, Zion, was cited for a warrant arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled substance;

Jerry E. Dickens, 54, Elgin, was cited for a warrant arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled substance;

Jacqueline J. Cowart, 49, Trevor, WI, was cited for criminal trespass to residence, criminal damage to property;

June 18

Juvenile, was cited for possession of child pornography, sexual exploitation of a child, harassment via electronic communication;

Galina M. Sagaydak, 44, Burnsville, MN, was cited for a warrant arrest theft (Pinellas County, FL);

Brian N. Anderson, 44, Russell, was cited for a warrant arrest: theft (Winnebago County);

Jason P. Souza-Temner, 45, Gurnee, was cited for driving while license revoked and no insurance;

June 19

Sharon M. Guzman-Paiz, 48, Park City, was cited for aggravated speeding (90 mph in 55 mph zone);

Lee M. Pippin, 42, Ingle-side, was cited for a warrant arrest: driving while license revoked;

Isaac Sanchez, 18, Gurnee, was cited for aggravated speeding (107 mph in 35 mph zone), and reckless driving;

Wojciech Serej, 42, Chicago, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

June 20

Rene R. Roldan, 45, Buffalo Grove, was cited for leaving the scene of an accident;

Anthony Barnes, 26, North Chicago, was cited for driving while license revoked, and no registration;

Leticia Y. Gallardo-Martinez, 38, Round Lake Beach, was cited for driving while license suspended and suspended registration;

Angel J. Vera, 21, Beach Park, was cited for aggravated speeding (103 mph in 35 mph zone), and reckless driving;

June 21

Eduardo Garcia, 44, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant arrest: aggravated assault (McHenry County);

Vanessa Almazo, 26, Waukegan, was cited for ag-

gravated DUI, driving while license suspended, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and improper transportation of cannabis;

June 22

Nicolas Carsoso-Ramon, 60, Wauconda, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

Jesus E. Garcia-Linare, 36, Waukegan, was cited for no driver's license, suspended registration and no insurance;

Andrew W. Szech, 42, Libertyville, was cited for improper transportation of cannabis;

Kristin A. Deinhart, 35, Milwaukee, WI, was cited for endangering the life of a child;

Eduardo Alonso Parra Hernandez, 32, Milwaukee, WI, was cited for DUI - alcohol and no insurance;

Francisco Alvarez-Espinoza, 25, Zion, was cited for criminal damage to state supported property, criminal damage to property, DUI - alcohol, and leaving the scene of an accident;

Larry Crank, 49, Fox Lake, was cited for DUI - alcohol, and criminal trespass to vehicle;

June 23

James M Ridge, 76, Lake

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impose sales taxes by up to 1 percent without a referendum.

Inspecting state developmental facilities

The Illinois Department of Human Services Office of the Inspector General will be allowed to conduct unannounced site visits at state-run facilities serving individuals with developmental or mental disabilities.

Senate Bill 857, signed Aug. 2, gives the OIG authority to conduct site visits to all community agencies in the state, including Community Integrated Living Arrangements and Community Mental Health Centers. The OIG is also required to issue written reports and recommendations after reviewing a facility.

The OIG will also have more authority to investigate allegations of material obstruction of an investigation under the law that took effect upon its signature on Aug. 2.

Coverage of infertility, wigs

Senate Bill 773 requires state-regulated group health

insurance policies that cover pregnancy to group health insurance to cover the diagnosis and treatment of infertility starting in 2026, including such options as in vitro fertilization. The measure also requires those plans to cover annual menopause health visits for those age 45 and older.

Senate Bill 2573 requires insurance plans to cover wigs for individuals who are losing their hair for medical reasons, such as alopecia or from undergoing chemotherapy.

Mindful classrooms

Senate Bill 2872 allows educators to provide students with at least 20 minutes of relaxation activities, like yoga and meditation, each week. It would also allow them to partner with an outside institution to provide the activities.

During House debate this spring, supporters of the bill said practicing soothing techniques, like breathing exercises and stretching, helps students manage their mental health. But those opposed expressed concern with potential programming interfering

with classroom learning time and religious freedoms.

Food grants

A pilot program that has given nearly \$2 million to local farms will become permanent after Pritzker's signature Aug. 2 on Senate Bill 3077. It creates a special fund for the Department of Agriculture to administer the Local Food Infrastructure Grant Program.

Grants would go to select small farms for things like food processing and cold storage. Grant amounts could range from \$1,000 to \$75,000 for individual projects and up to \$250,000 for a collaborative project.

Garbage truck coverings

Garbage trucks that lose trash because they are not properly covered will be subject to fines starting next year. House Bill 4848 creates a specific violation for law enforcement to cite when garbage or other debris falls from a truck and litters highways. Each infraction will result in a \$150 ticket.

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Applications for Citizens Police Academy due by Friday

McHenry County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for its 10-week Citizens Police Academy (CPA). The class will run every Wednesday starting September 11, with graduation set for November 20, 2024. Classes will be held weekly from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the McHenry County Sheriff's Office - Training Division.

The CPA consists of a series of classes, discussions, and demonstrations of the various operations and divisions of the Sheriff's Office. The goal of the CPA is to facilitate an enjoyable, educational, hands-on learning experience in the field of law enforcement while expanding our communities' knowledge of the various services we provide.

To be a participant you must be at least 18 years of age, complete an application, and pass a criminal background check. Preference is given to residents of McHenry County, but others are encouraged to apply to this free program.

Participants who complete the CPA will have the opportunity to apply to become a member of the Sheriff's Office Volunteer Program when openings occur. Applications can only be completed on the McHenry County Sheriff's Office webpage at <https://www.mchenrysheriff.org/community/cpa/> and must be submitted by Friday, August 16.

Anyone with questions can contact Deputy Tim Creighton at tmcreighton@mchenrycountyil.gov.

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An update on the transition was provided followed by direction and guidance from the newly elected Chair. A schedule for regular meetings will be determined and shared in the coming weeks.

For over a decade, regional 9-1-1 consolidation has been a top priority for the Lake

County Board and its municipal and agency partners. This initiative was spearheaded by Illinois Law (50 ILCS 750/15.4a), which mandates that any county with a population of at least 250,000 and more than one Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) should consolidate

ETSBs so that no 9-1-1 authority in the county serves a population of less than 25,000 residents. Since then, the State has continued to support additional consolidations.

Learn more about regional 9-1-1 consolidation at <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/3922/Regional-911-Consolidation>.

Arrests

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Forest, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

Lucas Rychtarczyk, 25, Des Plaines, was cited for DUI – alcohol.

June 24

Shiane M. Carter, 25, Antioch, was cited for unlawful possession of cocaine, unlawful possession of heroin, and fleeing/eluding;

Londale T. Hall, 31, Waukegan, was cited for unlawful possession of cocaine and resisting arrest;

June 25

Jennifer R. Stiemke, 36, McCullum Lake, was cited for theft, criminal trespass to property, unlawful possession of a controlled substance;

Deserey E. Motyka, 27, Beach Park, was cited for violating an order of protection, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct;

Jose R. Mercado, 24, Beach Park, was cited for DUI – drugs, improper transportation of cannabis, attempt possession of a controlled substance and child endangerment;

Baldomero E. Vela, 44, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license revoked, no insurance and suspended registration;

Jorge H. Pinto, 39, Chicago, was cited for DUI - alcohol, and leaving the scene of an accident;

Jocelyn Hernandez, 20, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license suspended, and no insurance;

Destiny L. Armstrong, 25, Zion, was cited for aggravated speeding (79 mph in 35 mph zone);

June 26

Alaye R. Banks, 29, Poinciana, FL, was cited for a warrant obtained: forgery, theft;

June 27

Kahdijah D. Terry, 30, Chicago, was cited for theft, resisting a peace officer, obstructing a peace officer, obstructing identification and no driver's license;

Togtuum Sukhbaatar, 24, Deerfield, was cited for domestic battery;

Brian A. Pesz, 38, Woodstock, was cited for a warrant arrest: domestic battery;

Robert R. Rothunde, 42, Wadsworth, was cited for a warrant arrest: domestic battery;

Dontrell D. Graise, 19, Beach Park, was cited for a warrant arrest: retail theft;

June 28

Ryan O. Irving, 40, Skok-

ie, was cited for a warrant arrest: resisting a peace officer (Cook County);

June 29

Cristian A. Garcia-Paredes, 25, Round Lake Park, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and no insurance;

Trujillo Beltran Pablo, 36, Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol, no driver's license, and open transportation of alcohol;

Thomas M. Nowotarski, 56, Fox Lake, was cited for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol;

June 30

Dwayne Little, 45, Hanover Park, was cited for domestic battery;

Ladislao Vara-Millan, 40, Zion, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and no insurance;

Liroy Mendoza Lara, 29, Zion, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and no driver's license;

Daritzky L. Ochoa, 22, Wadsworth, was cited for DUI – alcohol.

July 1

Zion M. Fleming, 23, Beach Park, was cited for criminal damage to state supported property;

Rory E. Stewart, 27, Lake

Forest, was cited for aggravated speeding (86 mph in 45 mph zone);

Matthew D. Poe, 54, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant obtained: aggravated fleeing and eluding, aggravated speeding and no insurance; Brian E. Thomas, 41, Burney, was cited for DUI – drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

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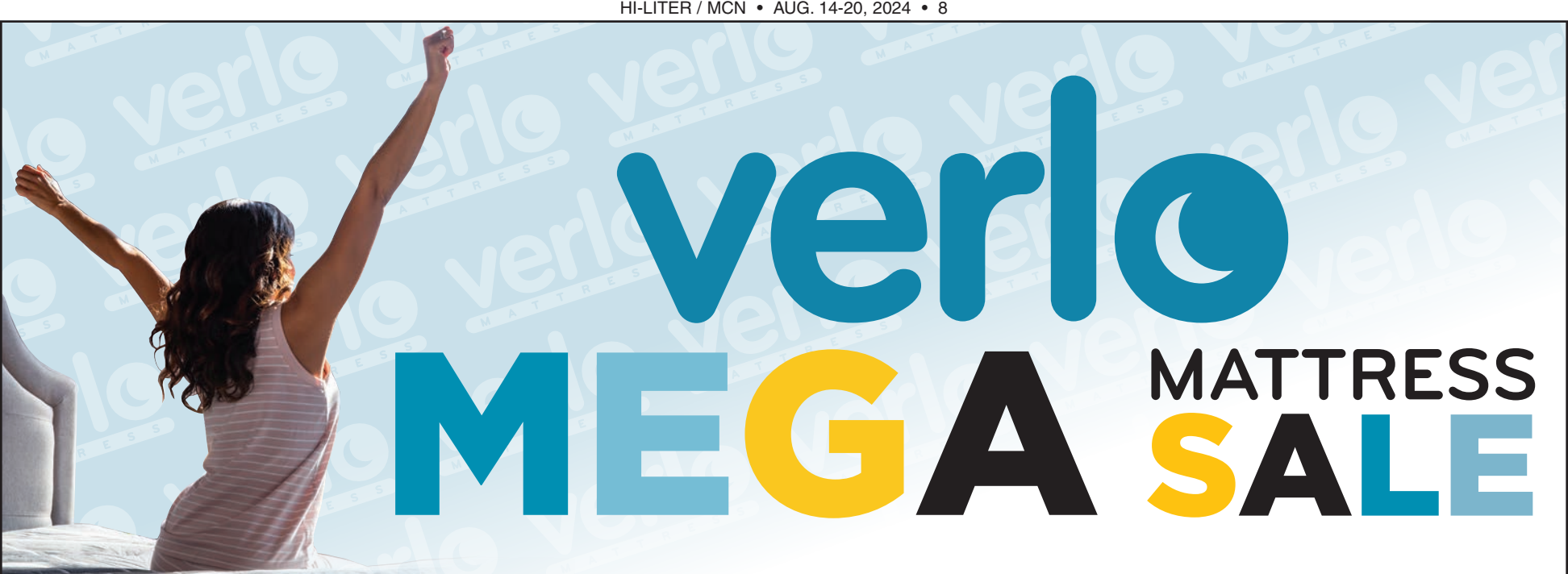
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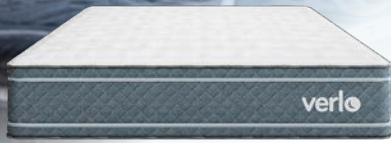


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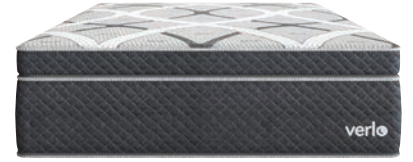
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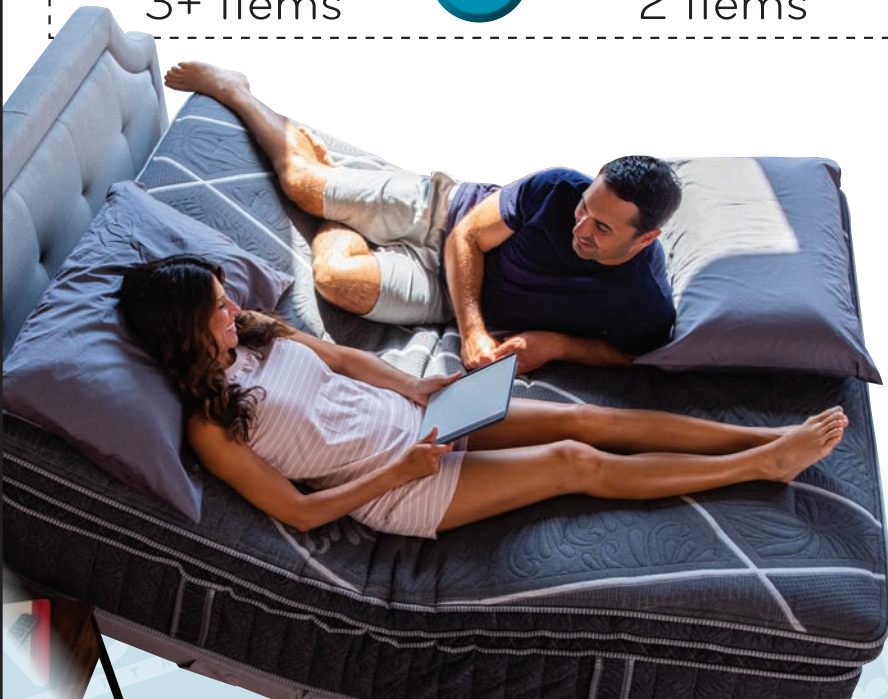
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