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# With new federal waiver, Illinois expanding Medicaid to nonmedical services

*Government-funded health program will cover 'social determinants of health'*

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Many people enrolled in the state's Medicaid program will soon be eligible to receive a host of nonmedical services that could improve their overall health, including housing and nutrition assistance, violence prevention services, and services to help them transition out of incarceration.

Under a new policy that the Biden administration launched last year, state Medicaid programs can now apply for federal waivers to cover what many

people call "social determinants of health"—the conditions in which people live that can have a direct impact on their health care needs.

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved Illinois' application for such a waiver July 2. It extends through June 30, 2029, and may be extended beyond that. At the same time, CMS also approved a five-year extension of another waiver originally approved in 2018 that allows coverage of substance use disorder treatment

for individuals in mental institutions.

"You've heard the expression, 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.' Well, that's what this waiver means for Illinoisans all across our state," Gov. JB Pritzker said at a recent news conference announcing the waiver approval.

"With this extension, we can build on the demonstrated success of programs that meet these needs—housing support, food and nutrition services, employment assistance, community reintegration, while develop-

ing and piloting new solutions to ensure that we're meeting the needs of all Illinoisans," he added.

Medicaid is a publicly funded health insurance program primarily for poor people that is jointly funded by states and the federal government. It was launched in 1965 alongside Medicare, the federally funded health care program for seniors.

For years, the federal government has allowed, and even encouraged, states to innovate with their Medicaid programs by granting them short-term

waivers from standard Medicaid rules. This allows them to try out experimental, pilot or demonstration projects designed to better serve the health care needs of the Medicaid population.

The waivers are authorized under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act and thus are known as "1115 waivers."

## New services

The new waiver adds three new categories of services that will be covered under the Illinois Medicaid program for individuals who qualify. But state officials estimate it will take at least a year to get the new services up and running.

The first and most far-reaching of those covers "health-related social needs," or HRSN services. That includes such things as housing and food assistance for Medicaid enrollees who either have or are at risk of developing costly chronic health conditions and who have a documented need for such services.

The waiver covers expenses such as first month's rent, moving expenses and utility hookups, as well as temporary housing before and after hospitalization. It does not, however, cover construction costs for brick-and-mortar projects or services for people who are "not lawfully present in the United States or are undocumented."

A second new category covers violence prevention and intervention services for Medicaid recipients who either have been victims of violence in the past, are currently experiencing violence, or are at risk of experiencing violence in the future.

Elizabeth Whitehorn, director of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, said Illinois is the first state in the nation to receive approval for covering violence prevention and intervention under an 1115 waiver.

The waiver allows for reimbursement of a wide range of services for those who qualify, such as psychotherapy, grief counseling, mindfulness and relaxation-based treatments, art therapy, life skills training, and crisis intervention.

Finally, the new waiver authorizes Illinois to provide specific health-related services to incarcerated individuals for 90 days immediately before their expected release. That includes case management to assess their physical, behavioral, and health-related social needs. It also includes ensuring they have a 30-day supply of their prescription medications, along with any medical equipment or supplies they may need immediately upon their release.

As a condition of that waiver, Illinois will be required to provide Medicaid enrollment support for individuals entering a correctional facility, and it will only be allowed to suspend—not terminate—the Medicaid benefits of anyone already enrolled in the program once they enter the institution.

## Expanding Medicaid's mission

In the nearly 60 years since its inception, the Medicaid program in the United States has undergone many changes and grown exponentially. But its core function has always been that of a publicly funded health

insurance program, paying the cost of health care services for its members, the bulk of whom are children, young mothers and low-income seniors.

In 2021, according to CMS, Medicaid paid for about 41 percent of all childbirths in the United States. The National Institutes of Health estimates Medicaid pays for the care of about 62 percent of all nursing home residents.

In Illinois, Medicaid covers about 4 million individuals, with a total cost in the current fiscal year of nearly \$27 billion, including both state and federal funds.

The new 1115 waivers, however, represent a fundamental change in Medicaid's core function, moving it beyond the role of paying reimbursements for medical services into the role of funding a broader array of nonmedical social services.

State officials said they do not have an estimate of how much the new services will cost.

But Illinois Medicaid Director Kelly Cunningham said in an interview the new services covered under the waiver are still consistent with Medicaid's original purpose.

"The heart of the Medicaid program is ensuring equity across the population we serve," she said. "What we have learned, and what many other states have learned, particularly coming out of the COVID pandemic, is that what individuals need to be successful and healthy isn't just health-related services. They need access—through transportation and through housing support and through food and nutrition—access to those types of services to really help them stay healthy."

Cunningham said that in crafting the new policies covered under the waiver, IDHFS worked closely with the General Assembly, and specifically its Medicaid working group, an informal group made up of members from both parties and both chambers that meets privately to discuss and develop state health care policy.

State Rep. Robyn Gabel, D-Evanston, a cochair of the working group, said at the news conference in July she fully endorsed the new policy.

"Illinois is taking a truly transformative step in addressing the root causes of health disparities," she said. "Our health is not only our medical care, but it is the sum of all our experiences, our jobs, our homes. So in caring for some of the most vulnerable populations, we need to account for issues from housing, to food insecurity, to transition from incarceration."

But Sen. Dave Syverson, R-Cherry Valley, the leading Senate Republican on the working group, questioned during a separate interview whether the state needs to set up new programs within its Medicaid system to provide services that are already being provided through other agencies.

"If programs were the answer, Illinois should have some of the best outcomes in the country," he said. "Because we have so many programs that deal with each one of those social determinants, whether it's housing, violence



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From left: Beth Leahy - Illinois State Police Firearm Safety Counsel, Allena Barbato - Director, Title IX Compliance & Equity Officer at Rosalind Franklin University, Dr. Shannon Frattaroli - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Spencer Cantrell - Assistant Scientist Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Jennifer Banek - Lake County Coroner, Lisa Geller - Senior Advisor for Implementation at the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions and Co-Lead of the National ERPO Center, Eric Rinehart - Lake County State's Attorney, Tierra Lemon - Director of the Gun Violence Prevention Initiative, Rachel Jacoby - Gun Violence Prevention Specialist, Melissa Cisneros - Gun Violence Victim Specialist, Cordelia Coppleson - Assistant Attorney General-Law Enforcement Training Coordinator, Steve Spagnolo - Chief of Government Relations and External Affairs. The Lake County State's Attorney's Office Gun Violence Prevention Initiative recently hosted the group from ERPO Resource Center.

## Johns Hopkins Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Resource Center makes a visit to Lake County Gun Violence Prevention Initiative to promote public safety

Recently the Lake County State's Attorney's Office Gun Violence Prevention Initiative was honored to host faculty members and researchers from the Johns Hopkins Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Resource Center in Lake County and lead trainings to local law enforcement officers and service providers about Firearm Restraining Orders (FROs).

The ERPO Resource Center is part of the Center for Gun Violence Solutions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health which addresses gun violence as a public health emergency and utilizes objective, non-partisan research to develop solutions which inform, fuel and propel policy to measurably lower gun violence.

"Our Gun Violence Prevention Initiative is saving lives by actively addressing the root causes of gun violence. By limiting access to firearms through this type of court order, we can protect the public and prevent violence from those exhibiting dangerous behavior. This is our mission: to strategically increase resources and be proactive in crime prevention," said State's Attorney Rinehart who attended the trainings this week.

On August 13, the GVPI, accompanied by the Johns Hopkins ERPO Resource Center, the Illinois Attorney General's Office, and Illinois State Police, attended and presented at the monthly Lake County Chief of Police Meeting. During

this presentation, Assistant Attorney General-Law Enforcement Training Coordinator Cordelia Coppleson led a training on FROs and shared particulars as it relates to usage in Illinois.

"One of our main goals in the GVPI is to prevent homicides, suicides, and incidental shootings by restricting access to firearms by children and individuals who are at a high risk of harming themselves or others. The GVPI is extremely grateful for the support of our local community leaders and both statewide and national partners like the John Hopkins ERPO Resource Center as we continue to identify and implement best practices for spreading awareness and increasing the usage of FROs," Tierra Lemon, Director of the GVPI stated.

After the presentation, the GVPI and the John Hopkins team met with physicians and medical students from Lake County medical institutions and facilitated a conversation to better understand how local medical professionals can utilize the FRO to support patients in crisis and the unique role clinicians play in raising awareness about the tool.

The following day, law enforcement officers and service providers from throughout the county were invited to a breakfast and roundtable event at Rosalind Franklin University. At the breakfast, law enforcement officers discussed FRO utilization, shared what is working,

identified challenges they are seeing in implementation, and learned from experts in this field who shared key trends and best practices from localities across the country.

The FRO Roundtable brought together social workers, advocates, attorneys, law enforcement officers, educators, physicians, public health experts, and students to discuss how to promote education and awareness, overcome challenges in implementation, and emphasize the unique role of law enforcement in executing the Firearms Restraining Order.

"It is important to remember that when someone is in a crisis, they need time to seek help and support. Tools like the Firearm Restraining Order allow residents of Illinois to hit pause on a situation so the individual in crisis can heal. The GVPI Team is excited to strengthen the partnership with Johns Hopkins ERPO Resource Center and local practitioners in Lake County as we continue to invest in a holistic approach to public safety and gun violence prevention," Rachel Jacoby, Gun Violence Prevention Specialist, stated.

The GVPI will continue to be a resource for Lake County residents, law enforcement, and stakeholders to promote public safety through education and implementation of the Firearms Restraining Order tool.

For more information on Firearm Restraining Orders, please visit: [lcsao.org/FRO](http://lcsao.org/FRO).



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**Lake County Board members address the attendees at the National Association of Counties annual conference where they demonstrated leadership and played a role in shaping national policy.**



## Lake County Board Members lead at National Association of Counties Annual Conference with policy resolutions

Lake County Vice-Chair Mary Ross-Cunningham and Board Members Marah Altenberg, Jennifer Clark, Angelo Kyle, and John Wasik recently returned from the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference in Hillsborough County, Florida, where they played a role in shaping national policy. At the conference, Vice Chair Cunningham and Board Member Clark presented key resolutions for inclusion in NACo's American County Platform, the organization's permanent policy document.

"Once again, Lake County is demonstrating its leadership at this national conference, introducing important policy changes and addressing topics for the benefit of our residents," said County Board Chair Sandy Hart.

The NACo resolutions process empowers members to engage in national policy discussions and decisions on issues directly affecting their counties. Resolutions presented to NACo's policy steering committees are considered for adoption by the Board of Directors and, if approved, guide NACo's legislative advocacy for the coming year.

Vice Chair Cunningham proposed a resolution to NACo's Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee, urging Congress to provide additional federal funding for county deflection initiatives. These initiatives aim to divert non-violent individuals from

jails to treatment programs during behavioral health crises.

"Lake County has had much success with our COaST and 'A Way Out' deflection programs," said Vice Chair Mary Ross-Cunningham. "Our resolution calls for increased funding to further support our programs and to offer similar opportunities to smaller counties lacking resources."

The County's "A Way Out" program and the Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COaST) focus on providing necessary services and treatment to individuals instead of incarceration.

Addressing public safety and environmental health concerns along rail lines, Board Member Clark presented a resolution to NACo's Transportation Steering Committee. The policy focuses on issues such as blocked crossings, freight train lengths and the routing of hazardous materials.

The resolution urges Congress and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to mitigate delays and pollution caused by idling freight trains and blocked gate crossings, which negatively impact public safety and economic development. It also requests funding and recommendations for strategic grade separations to enhance roadway capacity and safety.

"By tackling these critical issues, we can ensure train safety, protect the environment from air pollution, reduce risks associated with transporting hazardous materials and safeguard the well-being of our residents and

communities," said Member Clark.

Member Clark also proposed to NACo's Telecommunications and Technology Steering Committee that Congress reauthorize the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provided free or low-cost internet services to eligible low-income residents. Despite its success, the Federal Communications Commission ended the ACP in June 2024 due to lack of funding.

Alongside these national efforts, Lake County continues to address high-speed internet service and digital equity through its Digital Growth Initiative. The County's Broadband and Digital Equity Action Plan aims to bridge the digital divide.

"All of our residents should have access to affordable high-speed internet," said Member Clark, who also chairs the Special Committee on Broadband. "We must continue to remove barriers, improve device access and offer digital skills training so everyone can thrive in an increasingly digital society."

All resolutions presented by Lake County were adopted by their respective committees.

Board members and county staff attended various sessions at the conference, gaining valuable insights on artificial intelligence, public safety, environmental sustainability and more. This information will be shared with Lake County government teams for further evaluation and consideration.

# Lake County announces \$850 million transportation improvement program

The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) has launched a new interactive dashboard displaying the more than 300 projects in its 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program that was recently adopted by the Lake County Board.

The program is designed to maintain the more than 900 lane miles of county highways, increase driver and pedestrian safety, improve mobility and reduce carbon emissions. This program is updated annually to show the projects planned in the current year and the next five years.

"The Lake County Board is proud to be investing more than \$850 million in transportation projects over the next six years," said Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart. "Miles of new bike paths and sidewalks will be constructed, along with many more safety improvements. One railroad grade separation is planned, while an additional two locations are being studied that would eliminate traffic backups when trains pass through."

### About the program

The 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program breaks down into three different categories in order of priority.

"Our top priority is keeping existing infrastructure in good condition while actively seeking ways to make our transportation system safer for pedestrians and motorists," said Jennifer Clark, Public Works and Transportation Committee Chair and Board Member for District 15. "The program is designed to have a wide variety of projects to address local and regional transportation needs."

1. Preservation projects keep county highway pavements, bridges, bikeways and signals in a state of good repair. These include road resurfacings, culvert replacements and bridge repairs. They are the most common type of project.

2. Modernization projects focus on increasing safety, reducing delays and improving non-motorized transportation. These include roundabouts, traffic signals, added turn-lanes, bike paths, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings.

3. Expansion projects add capacity to the system to reduce traffic congestion. These include constructing railroad/road grade separations, adding travel lanes to a road to eliminate a bottleneck and sometimes re-aligning an existing road.

The 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program shows all of LCDOT's projects currently in the works. Check out the new interactive dashboard at <https://lakecountyil.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/5fa2f2b122f34f8faad43d02fa817312>. It integrates with LCDOT's Project Tracker, providing more information than ever before.

"The public can view detailed project information using the same tool our team utilizes," said Shane Schneider, LCDOT Director of Transportation. "This is a great way to be informed of all the LCDOT projects in your area in the coming years."

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## Circuit Court of Lake County continues to lead the way in family court services

Already a leader in courts across Illinois, the Lake County Circuit Court is making two new changes to better meet the changing needs of our community.

First, in appropriate cases where counsel represents both parties and the parties have agreed to the terms of their divorce settlement, the court may accept agreed-upon affidavits to "prove-up" or settle divorce cases. "Using affidavits eliminates the need for people going through a divorce to come to court and testify in person about what they have already agreed to, allowing them to instead spend their valuable time at work, taking care of their families, and moving on with their lives," said Chief Judge

Daniel B. Shanes. Notably, the court can still require that the settlement be presented in court with witnesses when either a party or the judge requests to do so.

In addition, recognizing the increasing number of family law and divorce cases involving individuals without legal representation, Chief Judge Shanes is pleased to announce the coming assignment of a second judge designated for those cases.

"The need has been compelling, with over 50% of all divorce and family cases having at least one party representing themselves and approximately one-third of both sides representing themselves. Providing access to jus-

tice to all parties in the Court preserves trust in our legal system. Equal access to the courts for Self-Represented Litigants is an issue of growing significance, and the fair administration of justice requires the Court to be accessible," said Chief Judge Shanes. Judge Randie Bruno will spearhead this new docket, joining Judge Veronica O'Malley in focusing on family law cases involving individuals who do not have legal representation.

"Our courts in Lake County continue to innovate to meet the needs of our community. We continue to monitor the data to ensure the appropriate resources are the most appropriately and beneficially allocated," said Chief Judge Shanes.

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## Chain O'Lakes patrol boat dedicated to Tony Borcia and the Y-noT Project

Sheriff John D. Idleburg is proud to reveal that the newest Lake County Sheriff's Office Chain O'Lakes Patrol Boat is being dedicated in Tony Borcia's honor.

Tony's life was tragically taken on July 28, 2012, when he was enjoying a day with his family on the Chain O'Lakes. Tony was tubing, and he fell off the tube. A reckless and careless boater, operating a boat under the influence of cocaine and alcohol, struck and killed Tony.

After he tragically lost his life, Tony's family vowed to make our recreational waterways safer, and founded the Y-noT Project. The Y-noT Project is a non-profit organization that honors Tony Borcia, is dedicated to stopping intoxicated boaters, and providing financial assistance to victims of intoxicated boaters, and other

motorists.

The Y-noT Project has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep recreational Chain O'Lakes users safer when enjoying the waterways. The Y-noT Project donated \$75,000.00 to the Lake County Sheriff's Office to use to fund equipment and arrest impaired boaters. The generous donation allowed the sheriff's office to free-up funds, helping to purchase a new Chain O'Lakes patrol boat.

At a ceremony held July 30, the new Fluid Watercraft Patrol Boat was dedicated to Tony Borcia. Tony's mother and president of the Y-noT Project, and others from the Y-noT Project were present for the ceremony.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said at the

ceremony, "I am proud to unveil that this boat will honor Tony Borcia and the Y-noT Project! This boat will be used to stop impaired boaters from causing harm on the Chain O'Lakes, it will be there for those who need our emergency assistance, and it will exist in Tony's name and memory."

The Lake County Sheriff's Office is proud to have a strong partnership with the Y-noT Project and will proudly display a Y-noT Project sticker on its newest Chain O'Lakes Patrol Boat.

**The Sheriff's Department recently dedicated the Chain O'Lakes patrol boat in Tony Borcia's honor. Some of Tony's family, founders of the Y-noT Project, were in attendance at the dedication.**



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## Authentic Evel Knievel vehicles making rare public appearance at Volo Museum

Volo Museum is partnering with Motor Mania to give visitors a chance to get up close to many of Evel Knievel and Captain Robbie Knievel's authentic stunt vehicles, suits, merchandise, and more straight from the Knievel family's private collection. These historic pieces will be on display at Volo Museum for one weekend only: August 23-25.

John Bagley, owner of Motor Mania, was commissioned to operate and oversee the tour. His history with the daredevil family started years ago when he met Evel and

Robbie. Two years ago, John started a conversation with Kelly Knievel, Evel's son and owner of the Evel Knievel brand. "As the 50th anniversary came up, I brought the idea of putting together a tour to bring some Knievel vehicles out that no one has really ever seen before," said John. He continued, "Kelly loved the idea, and we immediately got to work on designing brand-new merchandise and displays. I went out to Vegas to pick everything up, and it has been a crazy ride ever since."

Among the many items, some featured pieces will be

the X2 Rocket that was used in the famously televised Snake River Canyon Jump in 1974, the Formula 1 Dragster he created with famous car builder Carl Casper, and the crowd-pleasing promotional Jet Bike that was used in parades that had real working rockets on each side of the bike.

"Evel Knievel's legacy is filled with unbelievable stories, and he still has a passionate fan base in 2024," said Volo Museum's marketing director, Jim Wojdyla. He continued, "We are thrilled to have the honor of being

the only stop in Illinois for this tour, and we will do everything we can to help make this event something special." John Bagley added, "I have been a long-time fan of Volo Museum and could not think of a better place to pay tribute to Evel Knievel and his family."

Tickets to this event will be free with the purchase of regular admission to Volo Museum, or their Platinum and Gold Passes. It will also be free for museum members. The tour will continue through select cities until the grand opening of the new

Evel Knievel Museum in downtown Las Vegas opens next summer.

Evel Knievel was an iconic American stunt performer and daredevil, renowned for his fearless motorcycle jumps and death-defying stunts. Over his career, Knievel attempted more than 75 ramp-to-ramp motorcycle jumps, including his legendary leap over the fountains at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas and his daring attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon in a rocket-powered cycle. Known for his signature red, white, and blue jumpsuits, Knievel

became a cultural icon in the 1970s, symbolizing courage, determination, and the spirit of adventure. His legacy continues to inspire thrill-seekers and fans worldwide.

The Volo Museum is located at 27582 Volo Village Rd in Volo, IL and is open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Museum admission is \$24.95 per adult, \$22.95 per senior or military, \$13.95 for children ages 5 to 12 and free for children 4 and younger. Separate, single-day admission to the Jurassic Gardens dinosaur park is \$16.95 each; free for children 4 and younger. Platinum and Gold passes are available. Members are admitted free. Visit [www.volofun.com](http://www.volofun.com) or call 815-385-3644.

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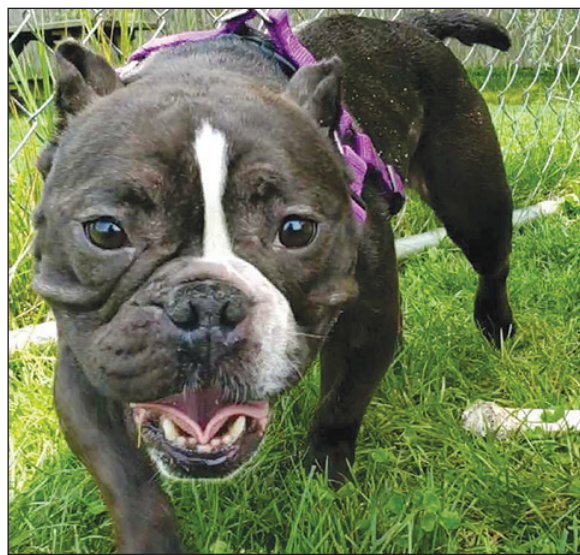
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prevention. We have so many programs. The issue is, why are we getting the poor results that we're getting with all these hundreds, maybe thousands of programs that we have throughout Illinois."

Cunningham, however, noted that the federal waiver specifically prohibits the use of Medicaid funds to duplicate existing services.

"What we're trying to do is to offer services to the Medicaid population that will help actually improve their health and improve their outcomes," she said. "And the services we're offering are really specifically defined—housing tenancy support, helping people learn to be a good tenant, how to search for housing, how to negotiate a lease—those specific services are what we are looking to cover in the Medicaid program."



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# Sheriff's reports

## Felon arrested after attempting to shoot gun at crowded bar

Lake County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a felon after he attempted to shoot security staff at a bar last Friday night.

On August 16, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a bar in the 27800 block of West Grass Lake Road, Unincorporated Antioch, for a report of a man with a gun. Lake County Sheriff's Telecommunicators were able to obtain a detailed description of two offenders from the 911 caller, and relayed the information to responding deputies. Sheriff's deputies arrived and were quickly able to locate and detain the two offenders.

Preliminary investigation shows Ronald X. Owens, Jr, 37, of the 2800 block of Buckingham Drive, Lisle, and Edwin Roddy, 42, of the 700 block of Mill Court, Waukegan, were removed from the bar earlier, by security for being disruptive. After being removed, Owens and Roddy walked to a car in the parking lot and returned to confront

security. Owens, now armed with a firearm, pointed the gun at security and pulled the trigger several times, but the firearm malfunctioned and did not fire. The two then went back to a vehicle, and met with others they initially arrived with. It is believed Owens put the gun back in the car and the others left in the car.

Owens and Roddy returned to the bar again and attempted to get inside, but were stopped again by security. Roddy then punched one of the security guards. Both were quickly located by sheriff's deputies and arrested.

After reviewing the facts



Ronald X. Owens, Jr.



Edwin Roddy

and circumstances of the case, Owens was charged with: Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon (Class 3 Felony), Two Counts of Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Class 4 Felonies), and no FOID/No CCL (Class 4 Felony).

Roddy was charged with battery.

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office filed a petition to detain on Owens until his initial court appearance.

Roddy was processed and released with a court date of September 4.

### Single vehicle crash ends in fatality

A 40-year-old man from Harvard died as a result of a single vehicle rollover crash.

On August 13, at 9:36 a.m. members of the Harvard Fire Department, MD1 and McHenry County Sheriff's Office responded to a single-vehicle fatal crash in the 9900 block of Lawrence Road in unincorporated Harvard.

A 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling southbound in the 9900 block of Lawrence Road when it exited the roadway to the east. The Jeep rolled over multiple times while continuing to travel in a southern direction, eventually coming to rest in a standing cornfield. The driver and sole occupant was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver was not wearing a seat belt at the time. The investigation continues by the McHenry County Coroner's Office and the McHenry County Sheriff's Office Major Crash Investigation Unit.

### Two die in UTV crash

McHenry County Sheriff's Office responded to a UTV crash late Saturday night that resulted in the death of a 40-year-old Harvard man and a 36-year-old Harvard man in unincorporated Hebron.

Hebron Alden Greenwood Fire Protection District, Harvard Fire Protection District, Woodstock Fire & Rescue,

Wonder Lake Fire Protection District, and McHenry County Sheriff's Office responded to the 13300 block of Thayer Road after reports of a crash involving a UTV came in.

Preliminary investigation shows that at about 10:50 p.m. on August 17, a UTV driven by a 40-year-old Harvard man, with two passengers, a 36-year-old Harvard man and a 35-year-old San Carlos, California man, was traveling eastbound on Thayer Road near Hebron. The UTV was traveling at a high rate of speed when it exited the roadway and severed a utility pole, knocking down power lines. The UTV then rolled several times, resulting in the driver being ejected. The UTV came to rest upright in a ditch and caught fire.

The 40-year-old and 36-year-old were pronounced deceased at the scene. The 35-year-old had minor injuries and declined medical attention.

Alcohol is believed to be a

factor in the crash. The crash remains under investigation by McHenry County Sheriff's Office Major Crash Investigation Unit and McHenry County Coroner's Office.

### Sheriff's Office warns residents of increased car burglaries

The McHenry County Sheriff's Office is issuing a community alert to warn residents that there has been an influx in car burglaries and car thefts in McHenry County over the past week.

Targeted areas include densely populated neighborhoods in the county, and the majority of the cars have been unlocked and some even with the keys left in the car.

The Sheriff's Office reminds everyone to keep your property safe by locking your cars, not leaving your valuables or keys in the car and turning on your exterior lights each night.

## Pritzker signs executive order for strategic plan on aging Illinoisans

Administration doubles down on tech industries in 5-year plan for business growth

By Hannah Meisel and Andrew Adams  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker last week kicked off a decade-long process to address the needs of aging Illinoisans, signing an executive order to hire a chief planning officer within the state's Department on Aging. With the U.S. Census Bureau estimating that approximately one quarter of Illinois' population expected to be 60 or older by 2030, the chief planning officer will oversee the creation of a 10-year strategic plan "with the goal of strengthening Illinois as an aging-friendly state," according to the executive order.

Pritzker's office did not indicate who might fill that role, but after the position is filled, the clock will start ticking toward a December 2025 deadline to deliver a comprehensive plan to the governor and the General Assembly that could eventually be turned into policy.

In his second term as governor, Pritzker has proposed more state investments in areas like child care and preschool, but he has not yet

launched any large-scale efforts to address the growing needs of caretaking for elder adults, especially as the Baby Boomer generation ages.

"We know that it's not just about supporting aging adults, but also being mindful of the complex needs of individuals with disabilities, and this plan will ensure no one is left behind," the governor said in a statement announcing the executive order.

For more than two decades, the state has operated the Illinois Caregiver Support Program, which offers resources to those taking care of elderly parents, neighbors and grandparents—along with grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. But the program is small and not well-known.

Past governors' administrations have made two-year plans on aging, which continued under Pritzker as Illinois is currently on the state's fifth such plan. Under the 10-year plan, the state's chief planning officer is asked to coordinate across agencies including the Departments of Corrections,

Insurance and Housing.

### Business development plan

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published a five-year plan last week, outlining how it hopes to attract and retain businesses in the state.

At the plan's center is a strategy to invest in six industries that will receive "prioritized support," capital investment and job training. They are life science, quantum computing, clean energy production, advanced manufacturing, next generation agriculture and transportation.

Some of these industries, including agriculture, have long been staples of the state's economy. Others, like clean energy and quantum computing, have become policy priorities for the Pritzker administration in recent years.

In the last two years, the state has given just over \$1 billion in tax incentives to companies in the supply chain for electric vehicles and clean energy production through the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles program.

In July, the state awarded a \$92 million tax incentive to quantum technology company PsiQuantum Manufacturing under the Illinois Chips for Real Opportunity Act, the first agreement of its kind.

Deals brokered through those programs are often part of larger packages of tax breaks, state-backed loans and other incentives. The governor's office estimated PsiQuantum's total incentives package was worth \$200 million.

The five-year plan was put together by DCEO in "consistent collaboration and consultation" with Intersect Illinois,

a nonprofit economic development agency founded eight years ago with backing from then-Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Intersect is a major player in "Team Illinois," an informal coalition of business groups and government officials that lobbies companies to set up shop in Illinois. The group, which has so far operated on a somewhat ad hoc basis, consists of the governor's office, DCEO, Intersect, trade associations, public utilities and other groups, according to the department's five-year plan.

DCEO's plan also said it is formalizing the process these

groups use to court new business developments, hoping to operate as a "unified front" for attracting investment.

The plan also lays out several proposed "areas for improvement" to state policy on business incentives. These include expanding the incentive program available to advanced manufacturers like vehicle and electronic manufacturers, granting regional economic development officials the ability to establish geographic "enterprise zones" that provide tax breaks, and further extending a tax credit for research and development.

## 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.

### 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, Gurnee, was cited for DUI - drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia;

### July 2

Teresa R. Cuciarone, 47, Loves Park, was cited for a warrant obtained: theft;

Isidro Hernandez, 25, Round Lake, was cited for a warrant arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled substance;

Rene Paz-Rivas, 32, Round Lake Beach, was cited for aggravated speeding (80 mph in 45 mph zone);

Rubi Vazquez, 19, Round Lake Beach, was cited for aggravated speeding (80 mph in 45 mph zone);

Travas McGee, 32, Chica-

go, was cited for attempted possession of a controlled substance;

Ashley Johnson, 31, Chicago, was cited for improper transportation of cannabis;

### July 3

Jamie M. Mathis, 43, Round Lake, was cited for criminal damage to government property;

Elijah J. Martine, 22, Gurnee, was cited for aggravated speeding (91 mph in 45 mph zone);

Alex Salgado, 28, Round Lake Beach, was cited for aggravated speeding (93 mph in 45 mph zone), drag racing;

Karina Rosas, 34, Round Lake Beach, was cited for aggravated speeding (93 mph in 45 mph zone), drag racing;

Israel Garcia, 41, Round Lake Beach, was cited for driving while license suspended;

Juan A. Salas-Reyes, 39, Gurnee, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

Karen C. Ratliff, 30, Elgin, was cited for a warrant arrest: contempt of court (Kane County) and new charges: improper transportation of cannabis;

Monae T. McBride, 23, Lake Zurich, was cited for no driver's license, suspended registration and no insurance;

### July 4

Fabian J. Nunn, 20, Zion, was cited for DUI - alcohol,

aggravated speeding (91 mph in 35 mph zone), and underage possession of alcohol;

Rafael Diaz, 20, Mundelein, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

### July 5

James P. Hill, 50, Round Lake Beach, was cited for aggravated speeding (80 mph in 45 mph zone);

Casey J. Geisseberger, 31, Kenosha, was cited for aggravated speeding (101 mph in 45 mph zone);

Jorge O. Herrera, 51, Highwood, was cited for a warrant arrest: violating an order of protection;

Fredy M. Monenegro, 62, Chicago, was cited for DUI - alcohol;

Sonia Donis, 61, North Chicago, was cited for no driver's license;

Alysha V. Roberson, 34, Port Barrington, was cited for DUI - alcohol, open transportation of alcohol and no insurance;

Mason R. Aron, 45, Richmond, was cited for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol;

Jeffrie C. Lawson, 24, Inglewood, was cited for domestic battery;

Quinto Guadalupe, 20, Round Lake, was cited for no driver's license, suspended registration and no insurance;

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**AUCTIONEER NOTE:** This is the 1st of 3 auctions. Here are a few High Lights we are still clean out the Garage And finding more treasures. See the web for updates & Pictures.

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