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## JLC fall season offers adventurous musical mix

The James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts (JLC) at the College of Lake County loves to bring in performances from a wide range of genres, from Americana to world music. Everyone can find something they enjoy in the new 2024-25 season.

“The best way to describe the upcoming season is fun,” said JLC Executive Director Alisa Baum. “We have an exciting mix of performances, featuring international stars, a local sensation, familiar beloved music and new artists that will captivate our audience.”

### Tommy Castro & The Painkillers plus the Nick Moss Band - Friday, Oct. 18

Alligator recording artist and B.B. King Entertainer of the Year award-winner Castro leads the way on this blues odyssey, performing with his brilliant, raucous roadhouse band. Delivering authentic, traditional blues-rock seasoned with his soulful vocals, this show will surely rock the JLC stage. Chicago bluesman Nick Moss joins the musical mix, performing hammering blues layered with gospel, rockabilly and jam band elements. Tickets are \$32, or \$27 for seniors 65+ and military and \$15 for students.

### Blind Boys of Alabama - Saturday, Oct. 19

This legendary, multi-Grammy™ winning ensemble has broken racial barriers, sound-tracking the Civil Rights movement with a storied and stellar history of collaborating with artists as diverse as Mavis Staples, Peter Gabriel, Stevie Wonder, among many others. Their “jubilee singing” style is lively, combining traditional spirituals, lost classics, soul, blues and R&B to create a zesty mix of sublime and spirit-stirring music, spreading light and love everywhere they go.

Tickets are \$35, or \$30 for seniors 65+ military and \$15 for students.

### The Travelin' McCourys - Sunday, Oct. 27

Born into the bluegrass tradition, the McCoury brothers — Ronnie on mandolin and Rob on Banjo — are musical pilgrims and adventurers, both possessing knife-edge chops that reimagine the traditions, while cutting innovative pathways into southern music. A McCoury show is a “can’t-miss” event featuring some of the best musicians and singers from all genres, creating supercharged, sublime music that forges in all directions. From rock and bluegrass, contemporary and classic, to steel, R&B and jam band, this will be a feast for the ears. Tickets are \$28, or \$25 for seniors 65+ and Military and \$15 for students.

### Grupo Bella - Saturday, Nov. 2

In a Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) concert, this lively quintet adds their impassioned musicianship to a colorful festival of Mexican heritage, traditions and culture. With roots in the mariachi style and fronted by Grammy™ winning vocalist Vanessa Ramirez, Grupo Bella will create a unique fusion of Latin American and American styles, including Mexican pop, folk Boleros, Huasteco and more. Don’t miss this inspiring, jubilant concert of honor and remembrance. Tickets are \$20, or \$18 for seniors 65+ and military and \$10 for students.

Tickets are currently on sale online at [www.jlccenter.clcillinois.edu](http://www.jlccenter.clcillinois.edu) or by phone at (847) 543-2300. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the JLC Box Office, 19351 West Washington Street in Grayslake. The JLC Box Office is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The JLC offers free parking and has a snack bar with soft drinks, beer, wine, chips and candy.



The James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts (JLC) at the College of Lake County loves to bring in performances from a wide range of genres, from Americana to world music. Above: The Blind Boys of Alabama will perform a lively show of blues and R&B on Oct. 19. Left: Grupo Bella will bring a festival of Mexican heritage, traditions and culture on Nov. 2. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.jlccenter.clcillinois.edu](http://www.jlccenter.clcillinois.edu).

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# Illinois Supreme Court rulings address FOID seizures, hospital room privacy

## Justices unanimously overturn decision that would have voided part of FOID law

By Peter Hancock

and Hannah Meisel  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The Illinois Supreme Court recently vacated a lower court ruling and reinstated a statute that authorizes the state to revoke a person's Firearm Owners Identification card once they've been charged with a felony, even if they haven't yet been convicted.

The case involved Aaron and Charles Davis, a father and son who were charged with reckless discharge of a firearm, a felony, for allegedly shooting their rifles into the air over the Fourth of July weekend in 2016.

Soon after the charges were filed, the Illinois State Police revoked their FOID cards pursuant to a provision of the law that authorizes the agency to revoke permits from anyone "who is prohibited from acquiring or possessing firearms or firearm ammunition by any Illinois State statute or by federal law."

In the Davises' case, ISP

relied on a federal law that makes it illegal "for any person who is under indictment for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year to ship or transport in interstate or foreign commerce any firearm or ammunition or receive any firearm or ammunition which has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce."

The charges were later reduced to misdemeanors and each of the defendants had their FOID cards reissued after pleading guilty. After receiving their new cards, the Davises sued, arguing they were denied their constitutional right to keep and bear arms for self-defense during the time their FOID cards were revoked. They sought a declaration that the FOID Card Act is unconstitutional as it applies to people who have been charged with, but not convicted of, a felony.

Their attorney, Thomas Maag, of Wood River, also

represents one set of plaintiffs in a federal lawsuit in the Southern District of Illinois challenging the constitutionality of the state's ban on assault-style weapons and large-capacity magazines. A trial in that case was held last week in East St. Louis and a ruling is now pending.

In March 2023, Madison County Judge Ronald Foster granted the Davises' motion and declared the law unconstitutional as it applied to people charged with, but not convicted of, felonies. He issued a permanent injunction barring the state from enforcing that provision of the law.

The state appealed directly to the Supreme Court, which stayed the lower court order while the appeal was pending. And in a unanimous opinion Sept. 19, the high court reversed the lower court decision, saying because the Davises had already had their FOID cards reissued, they no longer had standing to sue and claim they were being injured

by the law.

### Hospital room privacy

The Illinois Supreme Court last week unanimously ruled that patients admitted to a hospital should not have a universal expectation of privacy that would prevent law enforcement from entering a hospital room to question them or search their belongings.

The case stretches back to October 2016, when Cortez Turner arrived at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro with a gunshot wound to the leg.

Emergency room staff had already been notified that a gunshot victim would be arriving via ambulance, but Turner was dropped off by a friend two minutes before the ambulance arrived carrying Detrick Rogers, who was fatally wounded by a gunshot to the head.

In the middle of the night, detectives from the Murphysboro Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office showed up to the trauma room in which Turner was being treated. During the course of being questioned, Turner agreed to the officers' request to seize his blood-stained clothing, which was on the counter in the room.

Eventually, Turner was implicated in Rogers' death, an alleged drive-by shooting. Turner was later charged with first degree murder in addition to perjury for lying to a grand jury about the murder. After his 2019 conviction, Turner

was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

During trial, Turner's lawyers argued the bloody clothing collected from the hospital room should have been suppressed as evidence as it was not in plain view, and because he did not provide consent for officers to take them—despite testimony and detailed hospital chart notes from a nurse who took care of Turner in the emergency room indicating otherwise.

But after trial, Turner dropped those reasonings and began arguing the evidence should have been suppressed because the detectives should have first obtained a warrant before entering the trauma room.

On appeal, however, Illinois' 5<sup>th</sup> District Appellate Court did not agree, and after arguments in front of the state high court in May, neither did the justices of the Illinois Supreme Court.

Quoting from both a 1992 Illinois Supreme Court opinion and a 1990 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Justice Elizabeth K. Rochford wrote that Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches and seizures "offer protection to people, not places...but the extent to which they protect people depends upon where the people are."

Rochford went on to explain a six-factor test to determine whether a person should have a reasonable expectation of privacy, eventually reaching the conclusion that the

only factor in Turner's favor was that he was "legitimately present" in the trauma room.

Turner's attorneys tried to argue that he should have the same expectation of privacy as a person who rented a hotel room. But the justices rejected that reasoning, noting that Illinois law requires hospital personnel to call the police when a gunshot victim enters the emergency room.

The ruling pointed to a dozen or so similar cases across the country in which courts at both the state and federal level have "reached the same conclusion," — including a recent 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Appellate Court's decision in a case with facts "remarkably similar" to Turner's.

In that case, the court "relied on the existence of a similar statute" to Illinois' law requiring hospital personnel to notify law enforcement about gunshot wound victims, rejecting arguments "that a person being treated in a trauma room has the same reasonable expectation of privacy as a hotel occupant."

Rochford noted that Illinois' appellate courts have previously ruled in favor of a defendant's expectation of privacy in two separate cases involving patients in hospital rooms. But, she wrote, those rulings were careful to note that the question of reasonable expectation of privacy "depends on the totality of the circumstances and those circumstances will vary from person to person and from case to case."

# Lake County Coroner's Office recognized with Life Changer Award

The Lake County Coroner's Office received the 2024 Life Changer Award for Outstanding Teams from the Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Network organization, recognizing its valiant efforts to make an impact on organ and tissue donation.

The Gift of Hope organization is part of a nationwide system helping people through organ and tissue donation. The Lake County Coroner's Office was nominated for the award earlier this year by the Gift of Hope Community Foundation.

"This award reflects the commitment and dedication invested by Coroner Jennifer Banek and her team in collaborating with Gift of Hope that has increased organ and tissue donation, ultimately saving lives of those in desperate need," Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart said. "Though the loss of a loved one is incredibly tragic, the gift of organ and tissue donation can bring hope for a normal life to so many."

Last year, the Coroner's Office and Gift of Hope expanded their ability to work together by collaborating on an initiative that allows Gift of Hope to access electronic information related to a deceased person more efficiently. This pivotal change allows Gift of Hope to connect with families and coordinate tissue and organ donation when this is the intention of the loved one or their next of kin. Prior to the new electronic interface, coroner's deputies would reach out to Gift of Hope representatives to notify them of potential donors.

Coroner's deputies are responsible for conducting death investigations, working with families, and other investigative and

logistic concerns. Since electronically interfacing with Gift of Hope, when a coroner's deputy enters the deceased person's information into a portal, Gift of Hope can immediately begin its organ and tissue screening process.

The impact of this change since the collaboration began is clearly evident. In 2023, the team made 148 referrals, which led to 84 family discussions and 24 successful donors. Those 24 tissue donors contributed to the improvement or healing of over 600 lives. As of May 30, they have referred 60 cases resulting in 11 tissue donors.

"The Lake County Coroner's Office is honored to receive the 2024 Life Changer Award for Outstanding Teams from Gift of Hope. This recognition reflects our team's dedication and aligns with our shared vision to make a meaningful impact through organ and tissue donation," said Lake County Coroner Jennifer Banek. "I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart and the entire board for recognizing the collaborative efforts between the Lake County Coroner's Office and Gift of Hope, which resulted in 24 organ and tissue donors who were able to subsequently help hundreds of recipients."

To become an organ and tissue donor, join Illinois' new organ and tissue donor consent registry. This is a confidential registry managed by Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias' Office. To register and review the donation process, go to [www.giftofhope.org](http://www.giftofhope.org), and click on "Join the registry."

## Early voting for presidential election open in McHenry County

In-person early voting for the Nov. 5 presidential election started today at the new McHenry County Election Center, County Clerk Joe Tirio announced.

Early voting is available between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the new Election Center, located at 410 S. Eastwood Drive (Route 47), Woodstock; the site will be closed on Monday, Oct. 14 for Columbus Day. Starting Monday, Oct. 21, an additional 11 early voting locations will open up across McHenry County. Voters will be able to cast a ballot early until Monday, Nov. 4.

This election, the County Clerk's Office will be offering a limited edition "I Voted Early" sticker at all of its early voting locations to encourage people to cast their ballots early to avoid potential Election Day traffic and weather. The County Clerk's Office did the same for early voting during

the 2020 presidential election with a commemorative Susan B. Anthony sticker honoring 100 years of women's suffrage.

The County Clerk's Office will start sending vote-by-mail ballots to voters who have requested them or have signed up for the permanent vote-by-mail program. You can request a vote-by-mail ballot, or enroll in the permanent program, by visiting [www.mchenrycountyclerk.gov](http://www.mchenrycountyclerk.gov) and clicking on "Elections."

If you're not registered to vote, or you have changed addresses since the last election, you can register or make those changes at the polls before you vote.

The County Clerk's Office is always looking for people who are willing to serve as election judges. Judges are paid for their time and training. If you want to serve in upcoming elections, visit the County Clerk's website or call 815-334-4242 for more information.

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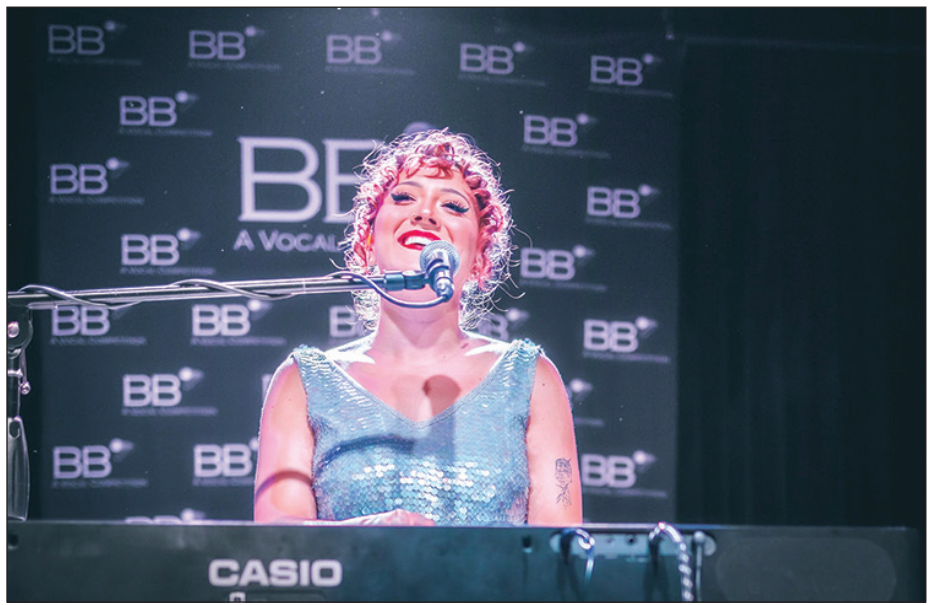
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Winning singer, songwriter and keyboardist Lauren Hall of Chicago performs during the spring finale of the Big Break at Durty Nellie's in Palatine, where a new



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Big Break season starts Tuesday, Oct. 8, with the top prize being \$10,000. The contest is free to enter at [bigbreakproductions.com](http://bigbreakproductions.com).

## Second Big Break contest set to start Oct. 8 at Durty Nellie's

### Singing competition nets winner \$10,000 prize, wealth of experience

Musician Lauren Hall has some sound advice for contestants gearing up for the next Big Break contest starting Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Durty Nellie's: Believe in yourself; dial in the details; and put in the work.

Hall should know. The Chicago-based singer, songwriter and pianist emerged victorious during spring's Big Break, the first to be hosted by Durty Nellie's Gastropub & Concert Hub, which boasts a concert hall spacious enough to accommodate hundreds of audience members at 180 N. Smith St., Palatine. The contest is coordinated by Big Break Productions, now in its 21st season.

Hall, a former contestant on "The Voice," said she initially had reservations about the Big Break.

"I was really nervous to even join because my time on 'The Voice' was really difficult," said Hall, who made it to the

Top 32 on the NBC show in 2019. "It was amazing beyond words, but the emotional roller coaster of competing ... I felt like my life and my career were over when I got eliminated. But really, it had just begun."

Competing in the Big Break from March until May of this year was, in fact, a tremendously career-enhancing experience, said Hall. It was nerve-wracking, yes, she said, but also cathartic. The judges, who also act as coaches, provided invaluable feedback. The contacts made with others in the music industry — and even the intense rehearsal, wardrobe selection and preparation time necessary to successfully compete — all will continue to serve the full-time musician well going forward. No doubt it will be the case for fall's competitors, as well, she said.

"Be prepared," she advised. "Put together a full package."

For the upcoming season, after the initial Tuesday event open to all registrants at 6 p.m. Oct. 8, regular performances will take place Thursdays, Oct. 17-Dec. 19, with a week off for Thanksgiving. The first two rounds — Oct. 8 and 17 — are limited to contestants and judges only. Thereafter, on Thursdays from Oct. 24 to Dec. 19 (rounds three through 10), the on-site audience votes. A certain number of singers are eliminated weekly until the field is narrowed to the sole winner, who is awarded a \$10,000 prize.

Registration is free for contestants 21 and older. There is no cap on the initial number of contestants. Attendance and on-site voting during Rounds three through 10 also are free. Details are available at [www.bigbreakproductions.com](http://www.bigbreakproductions.com). Event sponsors are sought, added Jim Dolezal, co-owner of Durty Nellie's.

"This is a chance for local talent to pursue careers in the music industry," Dolezal said. "It's also a great opportunity for area businesses to support these emerging artists by sponsoring the contest."

To inquire about sponsorship, send an email to [james@durtynellies.com](mailto:james@durtynellies.com).

Durty Nellie's has a decades-long history of hosting top local, regional and national musical talent. Upcoming shows include Old Shoe & Mr. Blotto at 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4; Bella Cain at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19; Secretly Sad HallowEMO at 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25; and the Modern Day Romeos Halloween bash at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. The Halloween bash also will feature Too Hype Crew and a costume contest with a top prize of \$1,000, Dolezal said.

Full music lineup details and tickets are available at [durtynellies.com/upcoming-events](http://durtynellies.com/upcoming-events).

## Conservation District upcoming events

### Twilight at the Farmhouse

Thursday, Oct. 3, 6-8 p.m., Powers-Walker House, Glacial Park, Ringwood.

Enjoy the twilight ambiance of the Powers-Walker House by candlelight and lamplight while viewing the ever-changing colors in the Lost Valley Marsh. Smell the aromas and see what is being baked in the wood-burning

stove. See how early settlers tried to get the remains of their work done at the day's end. All ages welcome. Drop in any time during the program, no reservation required.

### The Big Sit

Sunday, Oct. 13, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., drop in with no registration required at Glacial Park Conservation Area, Ringwood.

Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week with The Big Sit, an annual, international, noncompetitive birding event. Find a good location for bird watching, sit in one spot and count all the bird species you see or hear.

Hosted by Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge and McHenry County Audubon Society with support from the Illinois Department of

Natural Resources and McHenry County Conservation District. All ages welcome.

### Career Panel

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 5-6:30 p.m., Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake.

Considering a career in conservation? Curious about the types of jobs available at an organization like the District? A panel of staff from various

departments will discuss their career paths and past projects before participating in a Q&A. Ages 14+.

### Tree Planting and Care 101

Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake.

Join a certified arborist to learn how to choose and properly plant a tree in your home

landscape, as well as how to maximize the chance that the tree will survive into adulthood and thrive for years to come. Ages 14+.

### Discovery Days: Spider Web Wonders

Friday, Oct. 11, 10-11 a.m., Stickney Run Conservation Area, McHenry.

Enjoy a morning of fun, educational games, lessons and other hands-on experiences focused on the theme of the day: spider webs! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 2-6 with adult.

### History Hike: Brookdale

Friday, Oct. 11, 1-2:30 p.m., Brookdale Conservation Area, Woodstock.

Join District Landscape Architect Jen for a walking tour of the facilities and grounds that make up the District's administrative campus. We will explore the cultural and natural histories of the site, from early taverns to its days as a nationally recognized conference center. Ages 14+.

### Big Woods Planting Party

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1-3 p.m., Coral Woods Conservation Area, Marengo.

Join for our annual OAKtober Planting Party, where you'll work with District staff and volunteers to reforest the heart of Coral Woods Conservation Area as part of the District's long-term efforts to restore the "Big Woods" that once covered a third of our county.

For more information or to sign up for programs please visit the McHenry County Conservation District website at [MCCDistrict.org](http://MCCDistrict.org).

## Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12

Snuff out the risk of fire in the home

Did you know that fire departments across the nation receive a call about a home fire every one-and-a-half minutes?

According to the Red Cross, approximately 68,000 disasters take place each year, and of those, the majority are home fires. Fortunately, there are steps you can take around your home to reduce the risk of fire. These include:

Arrange for a professional cleaning and inspection of wood stoves, fireplaces and furnaces prior to the start of each heating season.

Inspect all electrical outlets and extension cords, and make sure they are in good condition and are not overloaded.

Store matches, lighters and volatile chemicals in their original containers in a locked cabinet out of the reach of children.

Place space heaters away from combustibles and turn them off when leaving the room.

Stay in the kitchen or at the grill while cooking and keep combustibles away from the stove- or grill-top.

Install smoke detectors on each floor and bedroom in your home, and test them regularly.

Keep combustibles away from wood stoves, fireplaces and furnaces.

Douse cigarette butts with water before throwing them into the trash.

Handle gasoline with care and store it in an approved container out of the reach of children.

Keep candles away from combustibles and out of the reach of children, and extinguish the flames when leaving the room.

Place fire extinguishers throughout your home and learn how to use them.

Burn wood only in wood stoves and fireplaces, and use a fireplace screen when possible.

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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.

**Aug. 1**

Maurice Carter, 19, Park City, was cited for driving while license suspended, aggravated speeding (87 mph in 55 mph zone), no insurance, and improper transportation of cannabis;

**Aug. 2**

Neal Correnthis, 19, Chicago, was cited for a warrant obtained: burglary;

Tomasz Sieczko, 54, Beach Park, was cited for domestic battery;

David W. Hammit, 60, Gurnee, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia;

Joshua M. Goik, 29, Wonder Lake, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and unlawful pos-

session of ammo;

Dillon L. Sustre, 31, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license revoked, improper transportation of cannabis and no insurance;

Claudia J. Bolivar-Castellano, 42, Chicago, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

Dayon L. Sanders, 36, Lakemoor, was cited for aggravated assault on a peace officer, and resisting arrest;

**Aug. 3**

Nora Padilla-Gonzalez, 31, Carpentersville, was cited for no driver's license, suspended registration and no insurance;

Mark X. Walls, 35, North Chicago, was cited for driving while license revoked and suspended registration;

Jesse J. Engel, 43, Hermansville, MI, was cited for reckless driving;

Yenny Gonzalez, 20, Waukegan, was cited for no driver's license and suspend-

ed registration;

Ramya L. McGee Belisle, 20, Round Lake Beach, was cited for a warrant arrest: driving while license suspended (McHenry County);

Albert L. Rogers, Jr., 36, Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol and no insurance;

**Aug. 4**

Felipe Albarran, 41, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license suspended; Maruri Y. Casteson, 33,

Waukegan, was cited for no driver's license;

Anthony T. Brown, 56, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled substance;













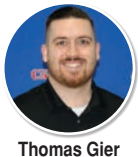




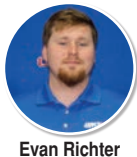
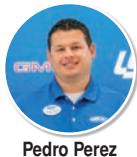


Yoselin Carmona, 23, Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and resisting arrest;

Daron T. Huley, 37, North Chicago, was cited for driving while license suspended.

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# Sex offender arrested for possessing child pornography

Lake County Sheriff's Detectives arrested a registered sexual offender who possessed child pornography.



Thomas Rix

Lake County Sheriff's Detectives received information that Thomas Rix, 57, uploaded possible child pornography to a social media page. On September 24, sheriff's detectives attempted to locate Rix at the home he was registered to be living, as a sexual offender, in the 100 block of Sheridan Road, Winthrop Harbor. Rix was not living there. Sheriff's detectives learned about a week prior, he registered living at a new address in the 1600 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Winthrop Harbor.

Contact was made with Rix, and he agreed to meet with detectives at the Winthrop Harbor

Police Department. During a conversation with Rix, he informed detectives he had actually been living in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, for several days and he was not living in Winthrop Harbor, contrary to where he had registered to live.

Members of the Illinois Attorney General's Cybercrime Unit, who were on scene assisting, conducted an analysis of Rix' cellular phone. The analysis revealed multiple images of a girl under the age of 8. Some of the images were of the girl in her underwear, and at least one contained a pornographic image of the girl.

Sheriff's detectives determined Rix knew the little girl from when he lived at a previous apartment in Winthrop Harbor, and he took the photographs at that time.

Investigators are seeking search warrants to conduct additional analysis on other elec-

tronics possessed by Rix.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances of the case, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the charge of child pornography against Rix. The Lake County State's Attorney's Office filed a petition to detain Rix in jail while awaiting trial. The petition was granted by a Lake County Judge during a detention hearing which occurred on September 26.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Fortunately, it appears sheriff's detectives were able to stop this man before he committed a further horrific act on the young girl whose photos he had. The members of our office will tirelessly investigate and arrest those who prey on our children. We will always be relentless in our pursuit of justice, especially when it comes to protecting the most vulnerable among us—our children."

Rix is next due in court on October 23.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office thanks the Illinois Attorney General's Office and Winthrop Harbor Police Department for their assistance.

## Riley sentenced to 4 years for aggravated DUI

Patrick D. Kenneally, McHenry County State's Attorney, announces that 53-year-old, John J. Riley, of Woodstock, was sentenced to four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections following a negotiated plea of guilty to the charge of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. The sentence was handed down by the Honorable Judge Mark R.



John J. Riley

Gerhardt on September 12.

On February 7, 2024, Woodstock Police Department officers were dispatched to a Casey's parking lot regarding a traffic crash. Upon arrival, officers met with the victim who reported being struck by another car while stopped at a red light on Eastwood Drive and Route 14. He stepped out and contacted the driver of the other car who reportedly showed signs of intoxication. The other driver then fled the scene. However, prior to leaving, the victim managed to photograph the other vehicle's license plate. Within an hour, the officer's investigation led them to an apartment complex on Commons Drive, where the offender's vehicle was found. Upon contact with Riley in one of the units, officers determined he required emergency aid for intoxication. The victim later confirmed the identification of Riley as the other driver, leading to his subsequent arrest. This was Riley's fourth conviction for Driving Under the Influence-related charges.

The McHenry County State's Attorney's Office commends the Woodstock Police Department and Assistant State's Attorney Ashur Y. Youash for their exceptional work on this case. Driving under the influence plays a role in 22% of all crashes in Illinois and carries severe consequences not only for the offender but for the victims. The safety and security of our roads remain a top priority.

## Wisconsin man sentenced for aggravated DUI

McHenry County State's Attorney Patrick D. Kenneally announces that on September 20, 36-year-old Bryan M. Johnston of Twin Lakes, Wis., was sentenced to 4.5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence. Johnston was sentenced by the Honorable Mark Gerhardt.

On the night of February 12, 2023, deputies with the McHenry County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 7800 block of Tryon Grove Road for a report of vehicle going off the roadway. Deputy Riddle determined that

Johnston was the driver of the vehicle, and he further identified Johnston's minor son as the non-restrained front passenger of the vehicle. While speaking with Johnston, Deputy Riddle observed that he smelled strongly of alcohol, had red bloodshot eyes, and his speech was slurred. Johnston later admitted that he had been drinking at a Super Bowl party prior to the crash. Johnston's son was transported to the hospital, where it was determined he sustained multiple severe injuries as a result of the crash.

McHenry County State's Attorney Patrick Kenneally recognizes the dedication of the McHenry County Sheriff's Department and Assistant State's Attorney Maria Marek for their continuing efforts to keep our roads safe.

## Sheriff's office seeks information from fatal pedestrian crash

A 24-year-old Island Lake man was pronounced dead after being struck by a vehicle in the 4300 block of Roberts Road in unincorporated Island Lake.

On Friday, Sept. 27, at 10:48 p.m., members of the McHenry County Sheriff's Office, Island Lake Police Department and Wauconda Fire District responded to a crash in the 4300 block of Roberts Road involving a pedestrian and one vehicle. The incident resulted in the pedestrian being killed.

Preliminary investigation indicates that several pedestrians were walking on or near the roadway when an unknown white in color vehicle struck one of the pedestrians. The force of the impact caused the victim to be thrown into the ditch area and the vehicle failed to stop after the crash.

The pedestrian was transported to Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington where he was pronounced deceased.

Debris from the offending vehicles front and right side, were located on the scene and collected as evidence. The driver and vehicle have not been located.

The investigation is ongoing and is being investigated by the McHenry County Sheriff's Office Major Traffic Crash Investigation Unit and the Lake County Coroner's Office.

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# Arrests (Continued from page 5)

**Aug. 5**  
Ann M. Johnson, 63, Zion, was cited for driving while license suspended and no insurance;  
Alfredo C. Hernandez, 23, Wheeling, was cited for electronic harassment, and disorderly conduct;  
Brian D. Kramer, 63, Inglewood, was cited for un-

lawful possession of a controlled substance, obstructing justice and a warrant arrest: aggravated domestic battery;  
Christian P. Arvalo Torres, 48, Beach Park, was cited for no driver's license;  
Cherie S. Storino, 61, Libertyville, was cited for disorderly conduct;

**Aug. 6**  
Brandon H. Blue, 28, Chicago, was cited for battery;  
David A. Fabarky, 43, North Barrington, was cited for DUI – alcohol;  
**Aug. 7**  
Alexxa Sanchez-Nunez, 22, Wheeling, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and no insurance;

Nicholas F. Wu, 31, Round Lake, was cited for a warrant arrest: DUI – drugs (Cook County);  
**Aug. 8**  
Arnulfo M. Perez, 41, Spring Grove, was cited for a warrant arrest: driving while license suspended (DuPage County);  
**Aug. 9**

Robert E. Ray, 38, Inglewood, was cited for liquor violation;  
Ben K. Takaoa, 19, Vernon Hills, was cited for unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor;  
Mark L. Wolpoff, 20, Buffalo Grove, was cited for unlawful consumption of alcohol, and possession of a false

ID;  
**Aug. 10**  
Arajo G. Mortan, 29, Beach Park, was cited for no driver's license;  
Sonya M. Huiett, 46, Gurnee, was cited for battery;  
Romel Adolfo Sifontes, 36, Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and no driver's license.

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QUEEN SET STARTING @

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**v3 PLUSH** 1-Sided No Flip  
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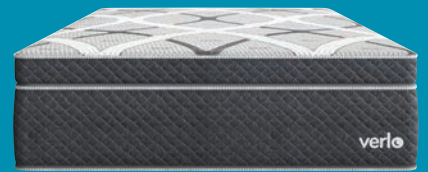
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