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Santa making a stop at McHenry **Outdoor Theater this weekend**

By: Cynthia Wolf CONTRIBUTOR

Fortunately for area theater buffs, and before things grow altogether too hectic for him, Santa plans to check out the McHenry Outdoor Theater this weekend,

"We are thrilled to be expecting visits from Santa this weekend," said Scott Dehn, owner of the theater at 1510 N. Chapel Hill Road, east of downtown McHenry. "When he told us he could make it, we cheered. It turns out, even Santa enjoys some great holiday classics under the stars."

Late season pricing is just \$15 per carload, Dehn said. The box office opens at 5:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and movies start about 7 p.m.

"We hope to greet lots of visitors who will enjoy not only some terrific movies and perhaps some hot cocoa and other treats, but also the chance to visit with Santa, take some photos and create some great, lasting family memories," Dehn

On the big screen Dec. 13-14, will be Will Ferrell in "Elf," followed by 2006's The Nativity Story.

The theater's final weekend of the 2024 season will be Dec. 20-21, when audiences will have the chance to catch "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" followed by Bill Murray in "Scrooged."

Those looking for holiday gifts are encouraged to check out the Bremer Team Taphouse and Snack Bar, where all Outdoor merch is deeply discounted to wrap out the year. Dehn added.

For other information, visit goldenagecinemas.com, or find the McHenry Outdoor Theater on Facebook.



MCHENRY OUTDOOR THEATER PHOTO Hi-Liter/MCN

Kids gather in front of the big screen at the McHenry Outdoor Theater during the 2023 holiday season. Santa plans to greet visitors there this weekend. On the big screen will be Will Ferrell in "Elf", followed by "The Nativity Story". For more information visit goldenagecinemas.com.

Lake County Associate Judge position has 23 applicants

The Administrative Office of Illinois Courts has notified Chief Judge Daniel B. Shanes that 23 local attorneys have submitted applications for the Associate Judge vacancy in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. The vacancy is a result of the retirement of the Honorable Theodore S. Potkonjak, Associate Judge, on October 4, 2024.

The applicants include: L. Kat Allen of Libertyville, Caryn A. Barone of Gurnee, Kevin J. Berrill of Lake Forest, James C. Bertucci of Libertyville, Shyama P. Chauhan of Lake Forest, Roderick A. Drobinski of Wauconda, Eric J. Kalata of Lindenhurst, Kimberly J. Lenzini of Waukegan, Karen G. Levi of Highwood, Craig M. Mandell of Highland Park, Deborah J. Menas of Libertyville, Sari W. Montgomery of Riverwoods, Terry A. Mueller of Lake Forest, Daniel Naranjo of Barrington, Gretchen A. Neddenriep of Third Lake, Jason A. Newman of Highland Park, Deborah L. Reece of Buffalo Grove, Stephen J. Rice of Libertyville, Lauren K. Rothenberg of Deerfield, Sang W. Shim of Hawthorn Woods, David M. Spada of Wauconda, Mary E. Stanton of Grayslake, and Donald R. Tyer of Long Grove.

Over the coming weeks, the candidates will be interviewed by the circuit judges and evaluated by members of the Lake County Bar Association's Judicial Selection and Retention Committee. The Bar Association will poll its membership

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Pastor Jesus Gerena appointed to CLC **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees of the College of Lake County Community College District 532 (CLC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Pastor Jesus Gerena to fill its vacant seat. This appointment was approved at the board meeting on November 19, 2024. Gerena will serve as an appointed trustee until a successor is elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term at the next Consolidated General Election for open trustee positions on April 1, 2025.

Gerena is Senior Pastor of Iglesia Rebano Condado de Lake (Christian Fellowship of Lake County). He has been a member of the CLC Lakeshore Campus Advisory Committee since 2017. Gerena expressed that serving on the advisory committee has provided him with valuable lessons about addressing barriers students face to access quality education, making college affordable and bringing programs to CLC that allow students and graduates to compete in the current job market. He is eager to bring his skills and experience to support the overall mission of the College of Lake County.

For the past six years, Gerena has served as a commissioner for the Waukegan Housing Authority, working with the organization's board to oversee a capital improvement budget of \$200 million to create new housing units in Waukegan for families and seniors. Regarding this experience, Gerena stated, "I have developed a strong foundation in the principles of board governance, teamwork and collaboration. I am committed to fostering transparent decision making and supporting policies that prioritize student success, equity, inclusion and financial

Gerena added, "I am particularly inspired by the advancements the College of Lake County has made in our community with programs in the healthcare field, technology, business, human service, and others. I will serve with integrity, passion, dedication and outmost commitment to the vision and mission of the college."

After the appointment of Pastor Gerena, CLC Board of Trustees Chair Torrie M. Newsome stated, "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I welcome Pastor Jesus Gerena and look forward to his active engagement in support of the College's mission as a comprehensive community college committed to equitable high-quality education, cultural enrichment and partnerships to advance the diverse communities it serves. College of Lake County is a designated Hispanic-Serving Institution, with 46 percent of its currently enrolled student body representing the Latino community. I look forward to Pastor Gerena's insights and contributions to deepening the Board's relationship within the Lake County Latino communities."

CLC is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees who are elected by the voters of Community College

About College of Lake County

College of Lake County (CLC) is a comprehensive community college providing northeastern Illinois with equitable, high-quality education, cultural enrichment and workforce partnerships. It is designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education. In 2023, CLC was named a Leader College by the nationally recognized Achieving the Dream organization. Each person affiliated with the college is committed to ensuring access, belonging and success for all CLC students. The college offers more than 170 degree and career certificate programs. Affordable in-person and online college credit and non-credit classes help students achieve academic, career and personal goals. CLC has three campuses located in Grayslake, Vernon Hills and Waukegan. Learn more at www.clcillinois.edu or call (847) 543-2000.

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on all applicants' qualifications. This transparent process also allows for public comment, which must be submitted in writing to The Office of the Chief Judge, Lake County Courthouse, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085-4359. Letters will be accepted until December 20, 2024.

After the comprehensive review process, the nominating committee of circuit judges will select the names of two candidates

to be on the ballot. All circuit judges will receive individual ballots with the finalists' names, and they will submit their ballots to the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in Springfield. The Administrative Office will tally the votes, and Chief Judge Shanes will then be advised of the candidates who receive the majority of votes; that candidate will ultimately be installed as an Associate Judge with the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.

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Department of Justice renews Lake County Human Trafficking Task Force grant

State's Department of Justice (DOJ) awarded the Lake County Human Trafficking Task Force an additional \$700,000 in grant funding as a renewal of a prior grant. The funding will be allocated over the next three years to strengthen the Task Force's ongoing work in investigating and prosecuting human traffickers while also providing critical services to the survivors of labor and sex trafficking.

Co-led by the Lake Coun-State's Attorney's Office (LCSAO) and A Safe Place (ASP), the Task Force is a collaborative effort between prosecutors, police, and community-based social service providers to support survivors, to increase community awareness, and to hold traffickers criminally responsible through aggressive prosecutions. With-

This month, the United in the State's Attorney's Office, Incident Based Reporting Systhe grant funds are used for a prosecutor, an investigator, and a task force coordinator.

Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart commented after the renewal, "The Department of Justice and its subject-matter experts recognize the work we are doing in Lake County, and our office greatly appreciates their confidence as shown by this renewal."

Prior to the formation of the Task Force in 2022, A Safe Place identified dozens of survivors of human trafficking, yet there were no active investigations or charged cases in Lake County in 2020 or 2021. Currently, the task force is investigating over 20 cases, and there are five pending cases against defendants in Lake County courts. The Department of Justice National

tem showed that only 30 sex trafficking cases and 17 labor trafficking cases were formally reported to Illinois law enforcement between 2021 and

Rinehart added, "The data shows that trafficking is a vastly under-reported crime, and that it is one of the reasons why it so dangerous. Such exploitation of the individual is one of the most damaging and calculated crimes in our system. These renewed grant funds give us the resources we need to conduct these intensive investigations and to build prosecutions in complex cases. Make no mistake, traffickers in Lake County will be investigated and incarcerated for these crimes that exploit

Chief Executive Office of ecutions.

A Safe Place Pat Davenport stated, "A Safe Place continues to experience the needs of survivors that come through our doors and the collaboration with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office is critical to our delivery of our services. Without them, the funding would not have become A RE-ALITY which is so much needed to provide services."

The LCSAO plays a vital role in the Task Force by conducting proactive investigations and pursuing the prosecution of individuals involved in sex and labor trafficking. The prosecutors' work, combined with A Safe Place's victim-centered approach, ensures that survivors receive the comprehensive support they need to regain control of their lives while ensuring successful pros-

Conservation district seeking nominations for 2025 conservation awards

McHenry County Conservation District is seeking nominations for individuals who have been Conservation Champions for the public lands of McHenry County.

To nominate someone for Conservation Champion or Legacy Award, download and submit an electronic nomination form from the District's website (MCCD. me/ConservationAwards). Nominations will be accepted through December 31,

The Conservation Champion Award

This award recognizes individuals who have made one or more contributions of extraordinary significance or impact to the conservation movement through their continued dedication and support of the mission of the Conservation District. Significant contributions can include leadership, innovation, environmental legislation, community building, restoration fieldwork, citizen science and

money and land.

The Conservation Legacy Award

This award posthumously recognizes contributions that transcend time. Whether the award winner dedicated ten or fifty years towards the local environment, their work lives on well past their earthly lifetime. Their legacy is a gift to their community, as well as the plant life and wildlife within it. Regardless of how many lives

volunteering, or donations of they touched, Conservation Legacy Award winners need to have inspired others to become stewards of the land.

McHenry County Conservation District looks forward to celebrating the recipients each year who protect, preserve and promote the wide open spaces throughout McHenry County for future generations to enjoy.

For more information on McHenry County Conservation District visit MCCDis-



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Homer Simpsons 'Junkola' will be on display at Volo Museum through Decem-

Volo Museum debuts Homer Simpson's pink car for 35th anniversary of 'The Simpsons'

To celebrate the 35th anniversary of The Simpsons, the Volo Museum is unveiling a special Christmas display featuring a fanrecreated version of Homer Simpson's iconic pink car, affectionately called the "Junkola."

This one-of-a-kind exhibit will only be on display for the month of December, offering fans of the show a unique photoop filled with a decorated Christmas tree, life-size cutouts of the Simpsons family in festive holiday outfits, and of course, the famous vehicle.

This car is such a fun pop-culture touchstone," said Brian Grams, Museum Director. "The Simpsons have influenced generations, and when I saw the car, I knew it needed to be part of our collection."

The Junkola was painstakingly recreated by a fan in Michigan to match the car seen in the opening credits of every episode. The vehicle recently hit the online marketplace, going viral on social media while also garnering national media attention. When Grams learned it was available for purchase, he couldn't resist. Negotiations even included a replica of Homer's iconic pink sprinkle

donut. After acquiring the car, it was placed in storage, awaiting the perfect moment for its public debut.

That moment arrived thanks to Jim Woidyla, the museum's Marketing Director, who noted that December 17th marks the 35th anniversary of the very first episode The Simpsons."Not only is it the 35th anniversary, but the first episode also happened to be a Christmas special," Wojdyla said. "Talk about the perfect time to debut the car, The Simpsons legacy, and celebrate the holiday season all at once," he

The iconic pink car display will only be available through December 31 before it returns to storage. The Volo Museum also offers another Simpsons photo opportunity on the property: a bench with life-sized statues of the beloved characters, making it a must-visit destination for fans of the iconic series.

Admission to Volo Museum is \$24.95 for adults, with all pricing options listed at www. volofun.com. The photo op is free with regular paid admission to Volo Museum.

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Rinehart calls for sustained urgency in reducing violent crime, bringing equal justice to all communities

Starts second term as Lake County State's Attorney

Rinehart was officially sworn in, marking the start of his second term as Lake County State's Attorney.

Along with him, all Lake County Assistant State's Attorneys and Investigators also took their oaths.

After the ceremony. State's Attorney Rinehart expressed gratitude to his family for their support and presence and delivered the following statement:

"Thank you Judge Manak for your work in Lake County and the legal community. You are an amazing person who leads by example and who has never backed down from the challenge of helping

Next, I want to thank each and every person who has ever worked in the Lake County State's Attorney's office. By serving others and by making our communities safer, you have answered the highest calling. And to each of you, I want to thank you for your public service in advancing our office's mission.

This mission is to make our community safer within a justice system that must be dedicated to truth, fairness, and compassion as it breathes life into democratically-passed laws and secures the constitutional rights that generations have fought to protect.

We serve: the Lake County residents who we strive to make safer today, and decades into the future; the survivors whose voices we lift up in the courtrooms as we join them in seeking justice in individual cases; and the civilians whose rights we protect by always making sure that we seek true justice - not "victories" - but fair and constitutional results.

While performing this solemn duty of bringing equal justice to every community, we must also strive to answer the question of why the most-resourced country in the world struggles with a crime problem?

many types of violent crimes tects communities in the fu-

On December 2, Eric are down in Lake County – at a rate much faster than the national or state averages. But we cannot be compla-

> We will continue to hold offenders accountable through modern and effective investigations with our dedicated police partners. Because of new technology inside and outside the office, crime clearance rates have risen steadily – particularly in underserved communities. After an arrest, and without cash bail, we can now hold violent offenders and hopefully give some peace to survivors and protection to the community.

> We will also keep investing in the amazing prosecutors, administrative staff, investigators, and victim specialists who take over after the police have solved the case. I will keep urging the county board and state legislature to prioritize safety and to invest in this office. We need more victim specialists to support domestic violence survivors, more prosecutors to decrease caseloads, and more tools to counteract the opioid crisis.

> These steps will help us respond to the crime that happens right now.

> But Bishop Desmond Tutu once said, 'There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to look upstream to find out why they are falling in.'

> Prevention is key to the long-term health of the community, and we are the ones who are best situated to identify what can prevent crime. In other words, we are the ones standing on the river.

> In other words, the best way to be hard on crime is to prevent it in the first place to find those root causes and to treat them so that violent crimes do not take lives. By saving lives and reducing crime we reduce generational and community trauma.

Investing in trauma reduction not only serves our Locally, we know that moral mission, but also pro-



ture. The same can be said of the need to invest in mental health and substance abuse treatment. We should expand our specialty courts so that more of those in-need can be part of such a successful treatment program. At the same time, we will expand diversion and deflection for simple, non-violent crimes to treat people closer in time to the offense, and to save time and resources in our courthouse for those cases with victims and/or that are complicated.

But our work cannot succeed without data, transparency, and trust from the community.

We must work much harder to create a data culture in Lake County. Not because we think data itself drives down crime, not because we believe data dashboards should replace compassion or counseling, but because we know that data will explain our successes, teach us about our mistakes, and allow us to compassionately and urgently direct people and money to those in the highest need.

Data will also help us strengthen the trust between the courthouse and the com-The community needs to see whether our office is diverse, whether our dispositions create racial disparities, and whether we are securing justice for all victims - regardless of what they look like, what language they speak, or where they are from. It may be uncomfortable, but I must lay down this challenge: we must work harder to end the racial disparities that we see in our crime victimization data, our coroner statistics, and our in-

In conclusion, I want to end by thanking the community. Lake County is beautiful and diverse, with amazing resources and large challenges. Our local resources include our amazing non-profit organizations, our local governments, our churches, our schools, our civic organizations, our businesses, and our survivor-support providers. We know that using your connections and experiences will make this office stronger and our community healthier.

Our job must be to use our resources in this county to solve our crime problems so that we can lift everyone up and so that everyone is safe. We truly can achieve safety, justice, and equality for all. But it is hard work. And I know we are up to it as an office and as a community."

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Man arrested for possessing over 1,000 images and videos of child pornography

County Sheriff's Detectives arrested a Lindenhurst man December 3 for possessing over one thousand images and videos depict-

Lindenhurst.

Stiegel

ing violent child pornography. The Lake County Sheriff's Cybercrime Unit received information that an IP address in Lake County was uploading child pornography online. Sheriff's detectives conducted further investigation showing the IP address was registered at a home in the 300 block of North Crooked Lake Lane,

Sheriff's detectives presented the case facts to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office who approved a search warrant for the house. A Lake County Judge signed and authorized the search warrant.

On December 3, members of the Lake County Sheriff's Cybercrime Unit, Lake County State's Attorney's Office Cybercrime Unit, and Illinois Attorney General's Office Cybercrime Unit conducted the search warrant at the residence.

Investigators determined Aaron J. Stiegel, 25, of the same residence, was responsible for downloading, uploading, and storing child pornography. Some of the images and videos he possessed contained children under the age of 10

saulted. The investigation re- Keith MacDonald, 33, of with a Deadly Weapon, Disvealed that Stiegel likely traded child pornography with others across the country.

After reviewing the initial facts and circumstances of the incident, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the charges of five counts of possessing child pornography (class 2 felonies) against Stiegel.

Additional charges are anticipated to be filed.

Sheriff's detectives are conducting further investigation into the individuals Stiegel shared child pornography with, and leads will be sent to appropriate law enforcement agen-

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office intends to file a entry through petition to detain Stiegel in custody while awaiting trial.

Lake County Sheriff's personnel take swift action to stop an attack

The fast actions of Lake County Sheriff's Deputies prevented serious injury to an elderly woman being attacked yesterday afternoon.

On December 2, at approximately 4:25 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Telecommunicators received a 911 call from a residence in the 38600 block of North Lewis Aveof an individual armed with a knife, threatening the lives of those in the house. Sheriff's Telecommunicators were able to obtain crucial information tery to a Person Over 60 Years

the same residence, armed himself with a knife and told everyone inside they were 'going to die," which they relayed to responding sheriff's deputies.

Sheriff's deputies arrived and looked inside a window of the residence. They observed MacDonald standing over an elderly woman, who was lying on the floor. Not knowing if MacDonald was still armed with a knife and believing

elderly woman was at immediate risk, the sheriff's deputies forced locked front door,



and tackled MacDonald to the ground, successfully taking him into custody.

Further investigation revealed MacDonald became enraged after learning he was going to be evicted from the home by his family. MacDonald grabbed hold of a knife from the kitchen and began chasing a woman around the home, saying he was going to

After reviewing the facts nue, Beach Park, for a report and circumstances of the incident, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges against MacDonald: Aggravated Batbeing sadistically sexually as- that the man out of control, of Age, Aggravated Assault

orderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Child Endangerment (there was a one-yearold child present during the

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office filed a petition to detain MacDonald while awaiting trial.

Flynn sentenced for 3 counts of sexual relations within families

The McHenry County States Attorney's office announced that on November 15, David W. Flynn, of Chicago, was sentenced to 15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on three counts of Sexual Relations Within Families. Flynn will also be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his natural life. Flynn's sentence was part of a negotiated plea of guilty entered before the Honorable Judge Tiffany E. Davis.

On January 9, 2022, Flynn and the victim were in Waterloo, Indiana, when third parties became aware of Flynn's ongoing sexual abuse of a then 19-year-old female family member. When Flynn was aware others knew, Flynn threatened to kill himself while holding a knife to his own throat. The victim called the police, and Flynn was subsequently hospitalized for suicide threats. After the sexual relationship was revealed, the victim returned to McHenry County and made formalized police reports documenting the ongoing sexual abuse. Flynn, himself, admitted to the offenses to other witnesses. Further evidence of Flynn's acts and incriminating statements was discovered in text messages that were recovered during forensic investigative analysis of cell phone data.

McHenry County State's Attorney Randi Freese thanks Det. Andrew Taylor with the Marengo Police Department, Sgt. Michael Roehrkasse with the McHenry County Sheriff's Office, the Fox River Grove Police Department, and the Waterloo Indiana Marshal's Office for their collaborative efforts and thorough investigation in this case. A special thanks to Assistant State's Attorney Ashley Romito for her work in prosecution of this

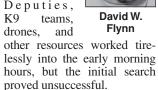
Two high-risk missing people located in less than 24 hours

highly endangered people endangered individuals were were safely located through

Sheriff's Deputies and our law enforcement partners.

On November 29, at approximately 11:00 p.m., a the exceptional skills of our 60-year-old man with cognitive disabilities was reported missing from his home in ment of everyone involved to

Wadsworth. Temperatures had dropped into the teens, prompting an urgent and e x t e n s i v e search effort. Deputies, teams,



At first light Saturday, the sheriff's criminal investigations division organized a systematic search grid. During this effort, the missing man was located near the Wadsworth Savanna Forest Preserve by Lake County Forest Preserve Police Officers, who were assisting with the search. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment for cold exposure and is expected to make a full recovery.

On November 30, at approximately 1:40 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a missing elderly woman with multiple cognitive disabilities in unincorporated Antioch. The woman had been last seen over an hour earlier and was believed to have left her home on foot.

The search included drones from partnering police departments and K9 teams Duke, Zeus, and Danno from the Sheriff's Office. During the search, K9 Duke, led by Deputy Dwight Arrowood, alerted to the woman's scent. K9 Duke guided Deputy Arrowood to a vehicle near the home, where the woman was found lying in the back seat. Paramedics transported her to a local hospital for treatment for cold exposure, and she is also expected to recover fully.

Both individuals faced life-threatening risks due to the extreme cold, and their timely rescues underscore the importance of coordinated efforts and specialized resources.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "In the span of just 24 hours, the dedication and teamwork of our sheriff's deputies, K9 teams, and law enforcement partners saved two lives. Despite the harsh In less than 24 hours, two outdoor elements, these highly found and brought to safety.

of our law enforcement partners for their critical role in these rescues and commend K9 teams. This is a testament to the unwavering commitprotecting our community."

The Lake County Sheriff's Office extends its gratitude to the Lake County Forest Preserve Police, Zion Police Department, Fox Lake Police Department, Antioch Police Department, Libertyville Police Department, Gurnee Police Department, and Illinois State Police for their assistance in these searches.

Vodnansky sentenced to eight years for predatory criminal sexual assault

On November 25, Matthew K. Vodnansky, a 41-year-old male from Fox Lake, was sentenced to 8 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault. Vodnansky entered a negotiated plea of guilty before the Honorable Judge Tiffany E.

On February 8, 2022, the McHenry County Sheriff's Office began investigating a report of a delayed criminal sexual

abuse, stemming from an outcry by the victim to the school social worker. The victim reported that Vodnansky sexually abused her 3 to 4 years earlier



Matthew K. Vodnansky

when Vodnansky believed that she was asleep. Vodnansky was previously convicted of possession of child pornography in 2002 and was a registered sexual offender at the time of this

Truth-in-Sentencing require that Vodnansky serve a minimum of 85 percent of his sentence prior to being released from the custody of IDOC. Upon release, Vodnansky will be placed on Mandatory Supervised Release for a period of between three years to life and will be required to register as a sexual predator for life.

McHenry County State's Attorney Randi Freese thanks the victim whose courage was paramount to seeing that justice was done in this case as well as the McHenry County Sheriff's Department and Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County. This case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Margaret O'Brien.

MCCD events this weekend

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Join McHenry County Conservation District for a day of holiday fun on Saturday, Dec. 14 from noon to 4 p.m. at Glacial Park, Route 31 and Harts Road, Ringwood. Visitors are encouraged to spend the day at a variety of winter themed drop-in pro-

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All ages are welcome to the drop-in programs. Registration is not required.

McHenry County Conservation District and their programs visit MCCDistrict.org.

MCCD hosting winter candlelight ski/hike this

weekend McHenry County Conservation District invites skiers and hikers of every experience level and age to the first

with materials from nature. season on Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14 from 5-9 p.m. at Boone Creek Conservation Area, 916 Cold Springs Road, Bull Valley.

Registration is not required for this free drop-in activity. Bring your own equipment if using. No pets, please. A To learn more about minimum of 4 inches of snow are required to ski. If there is less than 4 inches of snow, the events will be held as hikes.

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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.

Oct. 20

David P Braun, 63, no permanent address, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and no insurance.

Oct. 21

Gildardo Fimbres, 72, Beach Park, was cited for a warrant obtained: violating the sexual offender registry; Juan J. Gonzalez, 20, Wauconda, was cited for a warrant arrest: residential

burglary; Nelson Y. Ruiz-Sarmiento, 60, Elgin, was cited for driving while license revoked, and suspended registration:

Richard A. Tommasetti, 61, Round Lake Beach, was cited for attempted possession of cocaine, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia;

Hailey A. Gertz, 23, Ingleside, was cited for a warrant arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled substance;

Oct. 22

Brian R. Procanin, 46, Lake Villa, was cited for a warrant obtained: theft; Alfredo P. Reinoso, 25,

cited for no driver's license and no insurance; Angela L. Haverty, 45, Wauconda, was cited for

Round Lake Beach, was

criminal trespass to property and child endangerment; Charles A. Leibfritz, 36,

Cary, was cited for a warrant arrest: resisting arrest;

Daniel Reyes Martinez, 18, Palatine, was cited for no driver's license;

Lamar E. Whitehead, 44, North Chicago, was cited for a warrant arrest: identity theft (Kenosha County, WI); Karl W. Miller, 47, Keno-

sha, WI, was cited for unlawful possession of a stolen motor vehicle, and driving while license revoked;

Lilton Robinson, Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

Daesheonna L. Boss, 28, Dubuque, IA, was cited for driving while license suspended;

Troy V. Whitlow, 62, Arlington Heights, was cited tery;

for a warrant arrest: disor- Nov. 3 derly conduct;

Ramunas Klimasauskas, 45, Palatine, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and open transportation of alcohol;

Alfredo E. Jarquin-Ro-cha, 31, Waukegan, was cited for DUI - alcohol, no driver's license and open transportation of alcohol;

Ashley L. Willecke, 41, Gurnee, was cited for a warrant arrest: identity theft;

Amanda M. Knutson, 40, Woodstock, was cited for a warrant arrest: DUI, domestic battery (McHenry Coun-

Joenathan Mandujano Medina, 22, Grayslake, was cited for DUI - alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident and no insurance;

Yves C. Starling, 49. Deerfield, was cited for domestic battery involving strangulation;

Oct. 29

Dylan N. Vanzeyl, 19, Third Lake, was cited for theft and criminal trespass to property;

Oct. 30

Tommie P. Potchynok, 77, Woodstock, was cited for burglary, and criminal damage to property;

Oct. 31

Brittany M. Barnett, 27, Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol, failure to secure child in restraint, and child endangerment;

Allan Enrique Sevilla Montino, 30, Lindenhurst, was cited for DUI – alcohol, no driver's license and no insurance;

Nov. 1

Daniel A. Schlabach, 43, Ingleside, was cited for a warrant arrest: aggravated domestic battery; Thomas Basile, 57, Lake

Villa, was cited for a warrant arrest: driving while license suspended: Alejandra Ramirez-Meri-

da, 34, Lake Bluff, was cited for DUI - alcohol, no driver's license and suspended registration;

Jose Herrera Lopez, 26, Waukegan, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and no driver's license;

Logan R. Hutchins, 23.

Beach Park, was cited for a warrant arrest: domestic bat-

Chance D. Grammar, 22, Grayslake, was cited for aggravated speeding (72 mph in 35 mph zone);

Francisco J. Juarez-Moreno, 34, Arlington Heights; Sebastian W. Jez, 42, Chicago, was cited for aggravated speeding (101 mph in 65 mph zone).

Nov. 4

Alejandro Tapia, 44, Zion, was cited for a warrant arrest: forgery;

Carlos E. Medina-Silva, 45, no permanent address, was cited for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, aggravated battery to a peace officer, resisting arrest causing injury, and trespassing to railway property;

Ryan M. Shaver, 41, no permanent address, was cited for failure to register as a sex Sheri M. Slough, 38, Mt.

Prospect, was cited for a warrant arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled sub-

Nov. 6

Willie L. Wright, 54, no permanent address, was cited for theft; Dashawna O. Phifer, 43,

Waukegan, was cited for driving while license revoked and suspended registration: Demarcus R. Maxey, 30,

Chandler, AZ, was cited for reckless driving, and aggravated speeding (92 mph in 45 mph zone);

Tasha Byrd, 47, Zion, was cited for driving while license revoked, revoked registration, and improper transportation of cannabis;

Danny Rivera, 30, Zion, was cited for a warrant arrest: aggravated battery, criminal damage to property, and a new charge: obstructing a peace officer and improper transportation of cannabis;

Ruben D. Bastidas-Gil, 30, Waukegan, was cited for no driver's license, and suspended registration;

Nov. 9

Johann J. Huelsman, 22, Lake Bluff, was cited for DUI – alcohol;

Nov. 10

Orlando Wilson, 26, no permanent address, was cited for a warrant arrest: criminal trespass to vehicle.



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