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# llion blooms emerging at Richardson Farm

Third annual Tulip Festival expected to open late this month

Cynthia Wolf CONTRIBUTOR

Picture it: roughly a million blooms in a razzle-dazzle profusion of reds, yellows, purples, whites, apricots, pinks and more.

Now make a plan to come see it, as the third annual Richardson Adventure Farm Tulip Festival is on the horizon. Although an exact opening date is, as yet, unavailable, the Richardsons expect to have their 12-acre tulip treasure trove in bloom late this month and early in May.

The best current guess on opening day is sometime between April 22 and April

Those interested are encouraged to check the Richardson "World's Largest" Corn Maze Facebook page or richardsonadventurefarm. com often for the latest tulip fest updates. Visitors to the website also can sign up for the farm's newsletter. Recipients of the newsletter will be among the first alerted when an opening date is finalized, said George and Wendy Richardson, who operate the farm along with George's brother, Robert, Robert's wife, Carol, George's son, Ryan, and Ryan's wife, Kristen.

"We're especially excitwe'll have a million flowers in bloom this year," George Richardson said. "We've planted 300,000 tulip bulbs each year for three years. The

bulbs that were among the first to be planted are having babies. So, this year should really be something to see."

With more than 60 varieties ranging from Daydream (yellow-orange) to Blushing Beauty (salmon pink) and Oueen of Night (a dark purple that's almost black), the palette will be sure to impress.

The tulip festival has been a popular draw at the Spring Grove farm since its spring 2021 debut. Twelve football fields worth of tulips are now planted in a northwesterly segment of the 500-acre farm, adjacent to a picnic area around Richardson Lake.

The festival will feature live music on weekends, plus food trucks serving up everything from poutine to quality Mexican fare, wood-fired pizza, burgers, sandwiches, pulled pork and ice cream. Beer wine, soft drinks, hot drinks and smoothies also will be available.

And the Richardson Adventure Farm gift shop will be open, where visitors can find hand-painted crafts, bourbon-infused honey, a wine-tasting bar featuring Prairie State wines, fresh donuts, homemade fudge, nice restrooms and much more.

Craft beer from Lake Viled because we're predicting la-based 9th Hour Brewing also will be featured, while families are encouraged to enjoy any of the several outdoor

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Above: An aerial view shows the planting patterns and different varieties of tulips in bloom during the Richardson Adventure Farm Tulip Festival in May 2022. This year's fest is expected to open late this month, weather and flower height permitting. Left: Robert Richardson prepares to plant tulip bulbs in the fall of 2020, in anticipation of the first tulip festival at Richardson Adventure Farm in spring 2021. This years festival is expected to open sometime in late April to early May. Watch for information on richardsonfarm.com.

GEORGE RICHARDSON PHOTOS Hi-Liter/MCN



## Secretary of state backs proposal allowing noncitizens to receive standard driver's licenses

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The Illinois House recently advanced a measure that would allow noncitizen residents who are currently eligible for a "temporary visitor driver's license" to instead obtain a "standard" driver's license that can be used as identification.

Lawmakers created the temporary visitor driver's license, or TVDL, in 2013 to ensure all drivers on state roads have passed a road test regardless of legal residency. It is available to individuals who have lived in the state for over one year, do not have a social security number, and may or may not have government documentation authorizing their presence in the United States.

To receive one, the individual holder to do anything from social security number to obmust provide their U.S. immigration documentation or, if they don't have that, a passport or consular card. They must also prove they have automobile insurance.

According to the secretary of state's office, more than 300,000 people currently have a TVDL. Under the bill, these would remain valid driver's licenses but the secretary of state would no longer issue new ones.

While the TVDL is valid as a driver's license, it was never valid as identification. The card contains a purple line with the letters "TVDL," and the phrase "Not Valid for Identification.'

That's something immimakes it difficult for the card-

pick up a prescription to buy alcohol. Rep. Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar, D-Chicago, said in floor debate that some businesses decline to accept the TVDL as identification even when paired with identification from the individual's native country.

Applicants for a standard driver's license would be required to follow the same process as applying for a TVDL, but the license they receive would be the same as one issued to any other Illinoisan whose ID does not comply with federal REAL ID guide-

REAL ID requirements are scheduled to go into effect in Illinois in May 2025, and they grant rights activists said require stricter identification such as a birth certificate and

tain one. The IDs are used for purposes such as air travel and visiting military bases and secure federal facilities. Standard licenses contain the words "Federal Limits Apply," but they are otherwise valid as both a driver's license and ID card.

The measure, House Bill 3882, has support from Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias.

"This legislation will make our roads safer and protects immigrants who are legally able to drive," Giannoulias said in a statement. "As with all drivers, immigrants who drive in Illinois must prove they are safe, capable motorists in order to earn the standard driver's license."

The legislation's back-

the fact that those carrying a TVDL sometimes face discrimination because of the purple bar on the card. Rep. Barbara Hernandez, D-Aurora, is the lead sponsor of HB

"My parents were undocumented for 21 years," she said. "...My parents would have wished years ago that said, a registrar "should never they could have a driver license. Today we're updating those driver licenses to turn them more standardized, to stop discrimination."

Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, R-Jacksonville, characterized the bill as an attempt to "hide" a person's status.

"I think the reality is we're trying to turn undocumented individuals into documented individuals," he said. "We have individuals who have come here outside of the legal process, and I know the legal process is broken. So why don't we work on encouraging the federal government to actually do something to fix a broken system, instead of hiding the fact that it's broken."

Rep Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez, D-Cicero, noted that the TVDL is not only granted to individuals without legal residency status but also "those who are here legally from a foreign country tem-

"The premise behind the temporary driver's license was to allow individuals who are undocumented to be able to drive the road safely so school, so they can go to the grocery store, so they can go to work," she said. "Unfortunately, over time, the purple ID has been viewed and recognized as a driver's license for the undocumented which is simply untrue."

Caulkins, of Decatur, questioned whether making TVDL holders eligible for a standard immigration agents provide a license would create a system court-issued warrant, order or that's ripe for voter fraud, subpoena for the information.

on the day of an election with a license and other identifica-

Henry Haupt, a spokesperson for Giannoulias, said safeguards would remain in place to prevent ineligible individuals from being registered to vote. Under the current registration process, he rely on a driver's license as proof of citizenship.'

He noted anyone registering to vote must attest to their citizenship.

"While election officials ask to see identification when an applicant registers to vote, it is for the purpose of identifying the applicant, not proof of citizenship," he said in an email. "The voter application form completed by the applicant requires the applicant to swear or affirm U.S citizen-

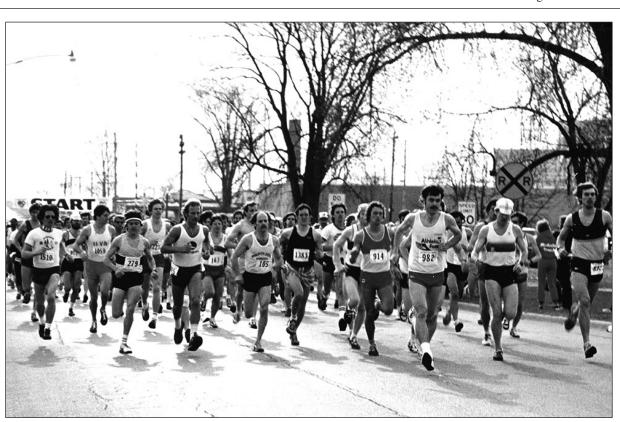
Haupt said the automatic voter registration process would not change under the

"Applicants will still present the same documents as they did under the TVDL program, such as a foreign passport or consular identification card," he said. "Those documents will alert secretary of state facility employees that the applicant is not a U.S. citizen and therefore voter registration will not be offered."

Noncitizens will also be coded in the secretary of state's system differently than citizens, Haupt said, and the that they can take their kids to program won't allow for voter registration in that instance. The bill also exempts a

license application from entering the automatic voter registration process if there is no social security number associated with it.

The bill would also pro-Republican Rep. Dan hibit the use of driver's license data for immigration enforcement purposes unless





Above: A marathon was held in Lake County for 20 years beginning in 1980. Footage and items from the race are part of the special exhibit, "Ready, Set, Go! Lake County's Racing History," opening at the Dunn Museum April 15. Left: The Highland Park Jaycees participated in a race in 1967. The upcoming exhibit features photographs and and artifacts from races held in Lake County. The exhibit runs through September 10. For more information visit www. lcfpd.org/museum.

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## New special exhibition opening at Dunn Museum

A special exhibition, "Ready, Set, Go! Lake County's Racing History," opens Saturday, April 15 at the Bess Bower Dunn Museum in Libertyville. It runs through September 10.

Inspired by artifacts in the Museum's collections and those shared by other Lake County historical organizations, the exhibit examines racing venues and many forms of racing that have occurred in Lake County. The exhibit features photographs and artifacts of boat races on the Chain O' Lakes, harness racing at the Lake County Fair, motor racing at Half

Day and Waukegan speedways, runners at 5Ks and the Lake County Races and more.

"Nothing compares to the thrill of the race," said Director of Education Nan Buckardt. "We hope Museum visitors are exhilarated when they experience the new exhibition."

The exhibit features videos of past races, an interactive pinewood derby track for children and a stationary race car that Museum designers built. "The car will provide a fantastic, fun opportunity for pictures," Buckardt said. "There is also a place to share your own racing story.

Special exhibitions at the Dunn

Museum are sometimes traveling exhibits created and presented by national touring companies. Other times, they are the result of the skill, expertise and hard work of the Dunn Museum staff, which is the case of "Ready, Set, Go! Lake County's Racing History." "When our staff members curate an exhibition, it enables us to show more of the collection and connect visitors to our collective history.

The Dunn Museum is located at 1899 W. Winchester Rd., Libertyville. For more information call 847-968-3400 or visit www. lcfpd.org/museum.

#### **CLC** celebrating **Community College** Month with open houses

Learn why College of Lake County is a great place to pursue an education during the Open House any time between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at all three campuses in Grayslake, Waukegan and Vernon Hills, plus the Advanced Technology Center in Gurnee on Saturday, April 15. The event is free and open to the public.

The Open House is a great way to celebrate Community College Month this April. CLC serves residents in diverse communities throughout Lake County. The college is proud to be part of building strategic collaborative partnerships to establish innovative solutions that meet the diverse skilled talent pipeline workforce needs in its community.

"Open House is a great opportunity for those interested in attending to learn more about CLC," said Assistant Director of Outreach and On-Campus Experiences Jason Sarna. "You can ask faculty and staff questions directly and get information about all of the academic programs and student services the college offers.'

At the Open Houses, learn about the 170 degrees and certificates the college offers in nine fields of interest, as well as financial aid, scholarships, employment opportunities for students, CLC's new online options, dual credit programs, non-credit credentials, academic and student support services and student life opportunities. Visitors can come and go as they please, chatting with faculty members, college and career navigators and academic success advisors. Walk-ins are welcome.

CLC is also hosting Maker Faire Lake County and the Green Living Fair on the same day, April 15. Both family-friendly events are free and open to the public.

Campuses are located at: Grayslake, 19351 West Washington Street; Waukegan, 111 N. Genesee St.; and Vernon Hills, 1120 S. Milwaukee Ave.

## Advocates push for tax credit aimed at increasing affordable housing

Would cost state \$35 million annually for 10 years

By Nika Schoonover Capitol News Illinois

Lawmakers are considering bills that would create a new tax credit for affordable housing, referred to as the 'Build Illinois Homes Tax

The legislation, contained in the identical House Bill 2044 and Senate Bill 1737, would mirror a federal program administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority and Chicago Department of Housing which helps finance affordable housing across Illinois.

The Illinois Housing Council, a non-profit membership association consisting of over 260 businesses and non-profits, has been advocating for the measure's passage.

"Our state is facing an affordable housing crisis, stemming from years of housing under-production," Allison Clements, executive director of IHC, testified in a Senate committee. "Our state's housing deficit has grown 64 percent since 2012, meaning we have more people needing homes than are available."

A 2023 IHC showed Illinois still has a deficit of low-income housing despite the federal program. According to the report, Illinois has lost 13 percent of its low-rent units since 2011. Additionally, while there are more than 450,000 extremely low-income renters in Illinois, there are only about 150,000 affordable and available rental units, creating a deficit of about 288,000.

"The dollars have actually filled a critical need but they are only a short-term solution to build affordable housing in Illinois," Rep. Dagmara Avelar, a Democrat from Bolingbrook and lead sponsor on HB 2044, said in a House committee hearing March 23. "The long-term, permanent solution is a state tax credit, the Build Illinois Homes Tax Credit that can sustain affordable housing construction over the next 10 years."

If passed, the Build Illinois credit would cost the state \$35 million annually for 10 years, which advocates say would help increase the number of housing units by 3,500 each year. Once investors construct the housing developments, they would be eligible for an income tax credit based on the development area.

Clements emphasized that the state tax credit would only be issued after the construction of a unit is complete and qualified tenants are moved in.

"Private sector investors, not taxpayers, are going to bear the financial risk of a project not being completed or successful and they closely monitor and oversee each development where these credits are involved," Clements said in the House committee. "Because the state tax credit is not claimed by an investor until the affordable housing is successfully built and completed, passing this state tax credit this year would not result in any budget impacts to the state until

According to the IHC report, over 20 states currently use tax credits to attract private equity for building more affordable housing. Lawmakers in Kentucky and Ohio are also considering measures to enact such programs.

Gov. JB Pritzker profunds posed additional for housing in his budget address. The program, referred to as "Home Illinois," would provide for a \$50 million increase in homelessness services, including for emergency shelter, short-term rental assistance and the development of new permanent supportive housing units. If implemented, "Home Illinois" would bring the total funding in that area to \$350 million.

In his budget address on Feb. 15, the governor estimated over 120,000 people homelessness experience annually and over 76,000 children live in overcrowded shared housing.



#### Cheers for the champions

At the March 21 meeting of the County Board, the Johnsburg High School Skyhawks Cheerleading Team was honored with a proclamation for bringing home the second consecutive state championship. The Skyhawks captured the state title Feb. 4 at the Illinois High School Association Competitive Cheerleading State Finals. Two weeks prior to that they traveled to Dallas and won their division title at the National Cheerleading Association High School National Competition.

## The Penny's Purpose fundraiser set for April 22

auction and fundraiser for The Penny's Purpose will be held at The Lodge of Antioch and The Rivalry Alehouse on

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From 6-8 p.m. a silent auction will be held upstairs at The Rivalry Alehouse. Auction items include themed baskets, tickets to local theater, tickets to local sporting events, home décor,

scooter, customized wine narrel, margarita cart, orthodontics basket, toddler tower. child's stool, smoke brisket certificates, wine tastings, The Penny Basket, and many

There will be a 50/50 raffle held, and tickets can also be purchased for the booze thepennyspurpose.org.

each or 6 for \$5 for a chance at winning a wagon full of booze.

For information on the event or to purchase online 50/50 raffle tickets. visit the link at https:// fb.me/e/3s2CO5TPz or send questions to fundraising@

#### Open burning began April 1, alternatives are encouraged

With the spring season beginning, many McHenry County residents are tasked with additional pruning and clean-up of landscape waste to manage properly. It is important they remember that the McHenry County Public Health Ordinance's open burning of landscape waste has restrictions that are in effect throughout the year.

Residents located within municipalities should check with their city or village regarding burning restrictions that may apply. People who do not live in a municipality with a more restrictive burning ordinance should be aware of these key requirements of the McHenry County Public Health Ordinance when open burning landscape waste.

Burning is limited to Saturdays and Sundays in April,

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May, October and November from dawn to dusk.

Waste cannot be brought to another property to be open burned for disposal. Only landscape waste generated on the site where it was produced may be burned.

The burn area must be located a minimum of 100 feet from any habitable structure and 50 feet from a detached garage, shed, barn or any other non-habitable structure.

Adult supervision is required throughout the dura-

tion of a burning. A water source or fire extinguisher must be available. Burning any other materials, such as garbage, paper, cardboard, construction materials or animal waste is prohibited. The McHenry County Department of Health strives to provide timely responses to open burning complaints. Resi-

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dents may also contact any local law enforcement agency, fire department or fire protection district with a complaint. Agencies that respond to open burning concerns are responsible for a variety of issues. All responses are prioritized, and an immediate response is not always possible.

There are alternatives to the open burning of landscape waste that McHenry County residents use that could also benefit their properties. MCDH encourages residents to consider alternatives to the open burning of landscape waste, such as processing larger tree limbs and branches into firewood for fireplaces, mulching, composting, using landscape service companies, or dropping landscape waste off at a composting facility or landscape waste transfer sta-

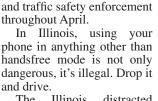
Residents should also take advantage of landscape waste pick-up services provided by their local municipal solid waste haulers and follow the hauler's waste preparation requirements.

Complete information about the McHenry County Public Health Ordinance and suggested alternatives to open burning are available online at https:// www.mchenrycountyil.gov/ county-government/departments-a-i/health-department/ environmental-health/public-health-nuisance/openburning-of-landscape-waste. Residents with questions should call MCDH's Division of Environmental Health at (815) 334-4585. McHenry residents interested in learning more about their local ordinance are encouraged to call their local municipality.

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From left: State's Attorney Eric Rinehart presents Carol Gudbrandsen and K-9 Browser a plaque in honor of their retirement.

#### Cyber crime analyst and electronic detection K-9 retire

On April 3, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office congratulated Cyber Crime Analyst, Carol Gudbrandsen, and electronic detection canine, Browser on their retirement.

Carol Gudbrandsen started at the LCSAO in 2010 and worked in the Cyber Crime Division, specializing in digital evidence forensics of computers, mobile devices, and computer networks. Her abilities made her an integral part of all types of criminal investigations including homicides, crimes against children, sexual assault, theft, burglary, and white-collar crimes.

"Carol has been a pioneer in this office. Because of her work, our office has secured justice for thousands of survivors in Lake County and beyond. We will miss her professionalism, her expertise, and her compassion for all. We wish her and Browser well in their retirement, "Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart stated.

Browser is an English Labrador who was trained to sniff out a bonding chemical baked on to all electronic circuitries. He assisted Carol and other law enforcement agencies throughout Lake County,

including federal agencies, in search warrants. "Browser always knew when we were going on a search warrant," Carol said. "He would get really excited, especially when he saw the food pouch that was waiting for him."

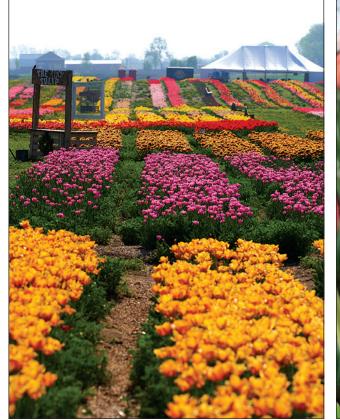
Over the years, Carol performed thousands of forensic examinations on various types of digital evidence and was the forensic analyst for all Lake County police departments. Carol also worked on cases for Homeland Security, FBI, DEA, and the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

When I first started, I used to work mainly on child exploitation cases, but now, digital forensics is used in almost every case. The challenge is knowing exactly what to extract from the devices," Carol said.

At her retirement party, Carol said she will miss working with law enforcement and with everyone in the State's Attorney's Office. She said Browser is a very social dog and that he will certainly miss all the people he got to see every day.

Carol will be replaced by JB Brooks as Cyber Lab Director. Brooks currently works in the cyber lab as a forensic analyst. Rinehart stated, "As a former law enforcement officer and penetration tester, Brooks brings a wealth of knowledge from the public and private sectors to our cyber lab. While we will miss Carol, we are also confident that JB can build on her work and lead our cyber lab as we upgrade multiple systems through recent federal grants.'





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Over the last three years, the Richardsons have planted more than 60 varieties of tulips across 12 acres at their Spring Grove farm located at 909 English Prairie Road. These photos depict a previous year's profusion. Expected for tulip fest this year: a million blooms.

## ● **Blooms** (Continued from front page)

games available, such as free tulip per paid admission, Giant Jenga, Giant Connect on week days. Four and bags.

Festival hours will be 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, with the gift shop closing a half hour later, at 7 p.m. The fest is closed Mondays. Children 3 and vounger are admitted to the fest for free. Cost for those 4 and up is \$16, including one

On Saturdays and Sundays, cost is \$16 for ages 4 to 12 and \$19 for ages 13 and older, again with one free tulip per paid admission. Additional flowers may be purchased for \$2 a stem.

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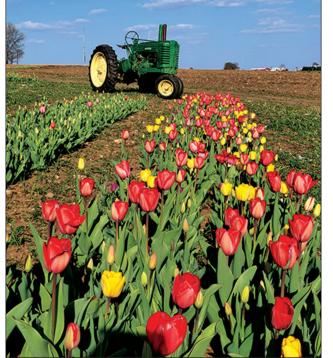
Filming page at richardsonfarm.com before visiting.

The Richardsons said they look forward once again to welcoming thousands of visitors to their colorful celebration of the season. "What's better

spring, and what's better than tulips in the spring?" said Robert Richardson, who first explored the idea Road, Spring Grove.

of having a tulip fest at the farm back in 2019. "They're just a riot of colors. We've had folks come out to make marriage proposals, folks come out to take high school graduate photos ... it's been than a great addition to the offerings here at the farm."

Richardson Farm is located at 909 English Prairie



HEIDI SCHULZ PHOTO Hi-Liter/MCN



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#### Pet of the week

Lavernia, is about 8 years old, spayed, up-todate on routine shots (incl. rabies), tested negative for heartworm and on preventative and micro-

She is an affectionate and easy-going dog that loves playing fetch with tennis balls and squeaky toys.

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Shown here are the 167 students who completed CPR and AED certification training in 2022 at McHenry Community High School. This year 221 students completed the course and will be honored in the 10th anniversary celebration of the program on April 5.

## McHenry High School celebrates 10 years of offering CPR/AED training

High School is celebrating the 10th anniversary of offering American Heart Association CPR/AED training with an April 5 ceremony marking the completion of the latest group of students to complete the lifesaving course.

With the 221 students who most recently completed the course, the total number of students trained during the

The training is even more important with Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin crediting CPR and AED for saving his life when he collapsed on field earlier this year. Hamlin is working to encourage CPR and AED use and training in

physical educa-The tion department offers the HeartSaver for K-12 Schools ry High School District 156

with Northwestern Medicine McHenry. The course includes CPR, handling choking emergencies and using an AED (automatic external defibrillator.)

"Our community is safer because of all this training the kids have gotten," said Dr. John Beerbower, assistant division chair for McHendriver's education at Upper Campus.

Beerbower said he's heard from several former students that the training allowed them to respond well in emergen-

Students receive an electronic certification to show they've completed the rescue training for infants, children

#### Registration open for low cost rabies, microchip clinics

McHenry County owners whose companion animals are or will be due for their rabies vaccines can register for the McHenry County Animal Control low-cost rabies vaccination and microchip clinics.

The MCAC will be holding a few drive-thru clinics throughout spring at its location, 100 N. Virginia Street in Crystal Lake. These clinics are by appointment only, and can be done online at https:// mchenrycountyscheduling. as.me/schedule.php?calendarID=7958106. Residents with questions can call (815) 459-6222

Cash is the only form of payment accepted at the clin-

following days: Clinics for 13 from 1-4 p.m. Clinics for McHenry County cats: May 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.

All dogs must be leashed, and all cats must be in a carrier when arriving for their appointments. Please do not bring animals that are in heat. Information about bite history or dogs that are easily stressed will be requested when making an appointment. Owners are responsible for putting a muzzle on any dog that needs one prior to their appoint-

Rabies is a virus that at-

pet ics. Rabies clinics for cats and tacks the central nervous sysdogs will be offered on the tem of animals and humans and is fatal once symptoms McHenry County dogs: May appear. A change in an ani-23 from 1-4 p.m. and June mal's behavior is often the first sign of rabies in a pet. A rabid animal may become either abnormally aggressive or unusually tame, and it may lose fear of people and become docile or become excited and irritable.

Adults should encourage children to avoid touching unfamiliar animals and to immediately tell an adult if they have been bitten or scratched by an animal. All animal bites or contacts with animals suspected of having rabies should be reported to the MCAC at (815) 459-6222.

"Keeping up on your pet's rabies vaccinations not only helps to keep your pet safe, but it also keeps our communities safe," said Maryellen Howell, MCDH's Director of Animal Control. "This is especially true as we move toward the time of year when our pets spend more time outside and they are more likely to come into contact with wildlife."

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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

#### March 6

throp Harbor, was cited for a driver's license;

warrant obtained: residential burglary:

Juan Carlos Sosa-Blas, 38, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant arrest: aggravated DUI;

Susan E. Farbaky, 30, Jaston T. Johnson, 39, Win-Round Lake, was cited for no

Timothy L. Jackson, 51, no permanent address, was cited for a warrant arrest: theft;

Robert J. Bane, 41, McHenry, was cited for a violation of a court order;

Robert J. Bane, McHenry, was cited for attempted possession of a con-

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trolled substance;

Oscar Hernandez, 28, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license suspended;

#### March 8

Rolando Martinez, Mundelein, was cited for unlawful violation of an order of protection;

Desaray D. Moore, 21, Zion, was cited for no driver's license, aggravated speeding (63 mph in 35 mph zone), no insurance, and failure to restrain children;

Everado Hernandez, 35, McHenry, was cited for driving while license suspended and no insurance:

Jeronimo Bautista-Molina, 34, Chicago, was cited for driving while license suspended:

Chaquanda M. Alexander, 34, Waukegan, was cited for driving while license suspended and no insurance; March 9

Kelsev J. Fortman, Mundelein, was cited for criminal damage to property and criminal trespass to property;

#### March 10

Keley S. Mendoza, 27, Chicago, was cited for a warrant obtained: retail theft;

Eric G. Mata, 30, Waukegan, was cited for a warrant obtained: burglary and theft;

Angel Valencia, 21, Mundelein, was cited for a warrant

arrest: burglary; Michael B. Flannery, 46, Spring Grove, was cited for domestic battery;



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES PHOTO Hi-Liter/MCN

Dunn Museum visitors donated more than 2,200 pounds of food to benefit the Libertyville Township Food Pantry during the five-year anniversary week. Alex Rodriguez from the township loaded more than 40 bins filled with food from the museum.

#### More than 2,200 pounds of food collected during Dunn Museum celebration

The Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County celebrated its five-year anniversary by offering free admission to visitors with the donation of a non-perishable food item or toiletry. Collected items benefit the Libertyville Township Food Pantry.

Nearly 2,000 people visited from March 25-April 2, a 20% increase over spring break week last year. More than 2,200 pounds of food was collected for the

"The generosity of the visitors over this past week has been amazing," said Museum Operations Manager Alicia Fullerton who coordinated the effort with the food pantry. "People brought in bags of food. If you break it down, each visitor brought in a pound of food or toiletries.'

The celebration brought many people who had not been to the Museum before. "It really was a win, win situation," Fullerton said. "We heard so many positive comments." The Museum shares the entwined stories of Lake County people, events and nature through exhibitions, education and community engagement.

This food drive was incredible and exceeded all our expectations," said Libertyville Township Supervisor Kathleen O'Connor. "The current economy has doubled the number of households that are in need in this area."

"The Museum covers a lot of history, from prehistoric to the present time," said Sheryl Becker, who brought her daughter and a friend. "I loved the Museum. My favorite part was the boat," said Rachel Becker, 9. "It was our first time here," said Brielle

"I enjoyed the variety of the historical exhibits," said Bridgette Labissiere, who brought her three children. She learned of the celebration through a mom's group. "I liked the one-room schoolhouse and the old military uniforms. My husband is military, she said. "I liked the dinosaur the best," said Chris, 5.

"Our visit was fascinating," said Shaina Kriese who came with sister Tamara Feldman, a third-grade teacher in Waukegan. "We are nature and history buffs," said Kriese, who brought her children. Violet, 5, liked the dinosaur while Levi, 4, enjoyed the fossil teeth and bones.

The Museum, which has operated in Libertyville for 5 years, is named in honor of Lake County's first official historian, Bess Bower Dunn (1877–1959). Her determination to preserve the early history of Lake County resulted in a significant and lasting contribution—and one of the best cultural offerings in the Chicago area. The Lake County Forest Preserves, which operates the Museum, is continuing her mission and sharing her innovative spirit with visitors of all ages.

For those who didn't get a chance to visit over spring break, the Museum offers free admission on the first and third Thursdays of every month from 5–8 pm. Plan your visit: LCFPD.org/planyourvisit.

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# Antioch Police investigation leads to felony counterfeit drug traffic charges

lice Department has made an arrest as part of its ongoing battle against the trafficking of deadly counterfeit pills. Officers arrested a 19-year-old village resident on felony drug charges. Robert Julian of the 1000 block of Victoria Street in Antioch was taken into custody on Monday, April 3 and charged with the possession and intent to sell counterfeit pills. A loaded handgun was also recovered during the arrest. Julian is also expected to be charged with the illegal possession of a loaded firearm, pending crime lab analysis.

Antioch Police Chief Geoffrey Guttschow says this week's arrest is significant in the department's response to combat the local issues associated with the ongoing nationwide opioid epidemic.

"The type of drugs that were taken off of our streets this week are the same type that has been responsible for the vast majority of overdoses our police de-



Robert Julian

Guttschow. "Antioch has rant. no place in homeour town for criminals like this."

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Julian was the target of a several months-long investigation. Detectives determined that he had been selling fentanyl-laced counterfeit pills that were intended to resemble legitimate prescription medications. He was also suspected of selling fentanyl-laced counterfeit pills that were believed to have been connected to an overdose death of an Antioch resident, last year.

The previous week, Antioch Police detectives obtained a \$250,000 warrant for Julian's arrest for Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance, which is a Class Two felony. On April 3, at 3 p.m., Antioch police officers conducted a traffic stop on

been dealing Harden Street and Route 173. Julian was taken into custody on the outstanding arrest war-

> During the traffic stop, officers also recovered a loaded 9mm pistol from inside the vehicle, along with more than 80 counterfeit pills that tested positive for fentanyl. Additionally, officers located 1.2 grams of

pieces of drug paraphernalia.

In addition to the charges related to the warrant, Julian was also charged with: Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin/ Fentanyl Class 1 Felony; Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Class 2 Felony; Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine, Class 3 Felony; Unlawful Possession of who worked to develop the Controlled Substance, Heroin/ Fentanyl, Class 4 Felony; and Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance, Diazepam, continues to use community Class 4 Felony.

Julian was in bond court, Tuesday afternoon, where a Lake County Judge remanded him to the Lake County Jail on a bond of \$500,000. His next court appearance is set for May 3, 2023.

He could also face additional charges for unlawfully possessing a loaded firearm. The department anticipates approval of felony gun charges pending the results of the crime lab

Chief Guttschow commends the hard work of the Antioch Police officers and detectives lives with this arrest."

case against Julian and bring him to justice.

"Although the department outreach and education to save lives, such as our recent opioid awareness fair, and the distribution of Narcan, the Antioch Police Department remains 100% committed to bringing to justice those who decide to sell this poison in our community," said Guttschow. "The hard work of the members of our department not only took a drug dealer and drugs off the streets of our town, but it also took a handgun away from a criminal. Drugs and guns together can have deadly implications. It's safe to say, our officers saved

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Items recovered from Julian's vehicle during a traffic stop on April 3.

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