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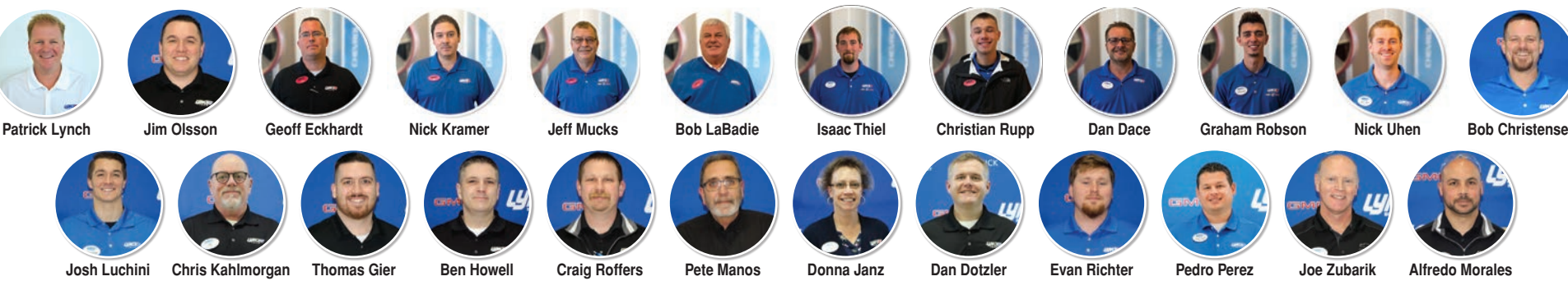
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Earth day celebration planned

McHenry County Conservation District will host an Earth Day celebration on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at Prairieview Education Center. Visitors can explore earth-friendly activities and stations including guided nature hikes. The event is co-sponsored by the Environmental Defenders and is free for all ages with no registration required. Prairieview Education Center is located at 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake.

IDNR's Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Grant program provides funding for projects

Seventeen Illinois schools have been awarded Schoolyard Habitat Action grants totaling \$15,700 from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Conservation Foundation. Included in the list of schools is Libertyville High School in Lake County, \$1,000 for a pollinators wetland project.

The Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant program supports the development or enhancement of wildlife habitat, such as pollinator gardens and other projects, on school grounds or other public places. Funding is provided through donations to the Illinois Conservation Foundation. The Jadel Youth Fund and the Dan-

iel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation are the major sponsors of the program.

"The Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant program provides children and educators with an opportunity to increase the use of native plants in landscapes while benefiting wildlife species," said IDNR Director Natalie Phelps Finnie. "By participating in these projects, students learn their efforts can make a positive difference in the world, and they gain experience in problem-based learning through planning, developing, and maintaining the habitat."

Nearly \$360,000 in Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant funding has been distrib-

uted since the program began.

"We want school children to learn about nature through hands-on experiences," Finnie said. "It's our goal to have Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant program projects developed in every county of the state and eventually at every school. So far, we have supported projects in 86 of Illinois' counties."

Applications will be accepted soon for the next round of the program, with an application deadline of Nov. 30, 2023. Visit <https://dnr.illinois.gov/education/grantsshag.html> to access the application form and related information or email dnr.teachkids@illinois.gov.

Pritzker: 'Devil's in the details' when considering lifting ban on new nuclear reactors

Statewide building code, requirement that retailers accept cash also advancing through legislature

By Jerry Nowicki and Nika Schoonover
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Lawmakers went on a two-week spring break with more than 700 bills already passed in at least one chamber of the General Assembly.

They returned to Springfield on Tuesday for a final one-month stretch in which the measures can be amended, defeated or sent to the governor.

Among the bills to successfully move to the other chamber are a measure to lift the state's 1987 moratorium on nuclear power plant construction, a bill that would create statewide building codes and another requiring retail establishments to accept cash payments within certain hours.

Gov. JB Pritzker noted that he's generally supportive of the concept of lifting the nuclear construction ban, although he didn't commit to signing the proposal contained in Senate Bill 76, which passed on a 39-13 bipartisan roll call.

Pritzker said he is supportive of allowing for the construction of small modular nuclear reactors, which are small-scale generators that could be used to power individual factories or for other uses.

He said he didn't think doing so would be contradictory to the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act that he signed in 2021. Some environmentalists have opposed lifting the nuclear ban due to the dangers associated with nuclear waste.

"These are smaller, less prone to an accident, more likely for us to be able to maintain them for a long period of time, that's something that's worthy of consideration," Pritzker said. "Now the devil's in the details and we want to make sure that we're not just opening this up to nuclear everywhere or any type of nuclear."

SB 76, as written, would allow any type of nuclear construction, including the large-scale projects.

"I don't know where that bill will go this session, but I'm not opposed to it as if I'm, you know, just dead set against any nuclear," he said. "I just want, if we're going to consider it, it's got to be safe."

Statewide building codes

Beginning in 2025, Illinois could have statewide building codes for new or substantially renovated commercial and residential construction under a bill that passed the Senate before break.

Sponsored by Dave Koehler, D-Peoria, Senate Bill

2368 allows the state's Capital Development Board to prohibit occupation of such a facility until it is inspected. The building would have to be compliant with several state or federal building codes for electricity, energy efficiency, accessibility, and plumbing, as well as the Fire Investigation Act.

"Basically, what this does is establishes a statewide building code as a minimum standard," Koehler said during floor debate. "Now most communities are going to have well above the minimum standard. But the reason that this is important is because Illinois is one of only six states in the union that does not have a statewide building code."

Koehler said when Illinois has a natural disaster and applies for funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the state has to check a box noting it doesn't currently have such a code.

"And so it costs us money," he said.

The bill would require municipalities with existing building codes to adopt at least the newly created statewide minimum standard and submit their plans to the state. A homeowner renovating a residential property in a jurisdiction without a building code would have to adopt the code of any jurisdiction within 100 miles of the construction in the contract with their builder.

Otherwise, it would have to comply with the new statewide standards, which apply to new construction and any renovations that increase the property's value by 50 percent or more.

Republicans questioned whether a statewide code would be enforceable in smaller towns.

"It's up to a municipality as to how they want to enforce it," Koehler said. "The Capital Development Board is responsible for having organizations say that they're, you know, what codes they have and all that. In terms of who enforces that? I don't know."

Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, used a small town in his district as an example to speak against the bill.

"In Metcalf, Illinois, they don't have anybody to mow the lawn, okay, let alone inspect a house," Rose said. "But more importantly, you're telling an awful lot of people who couldn't afford to repair and maintain their home in the first place that we just doubled or tripled the bill. And there may or may not be some guy from the (Capital Development Board) knocking on their door."

The measure passed 34-18 with one present vote and it awaits action in the House.

Cash requirements

Lawmakers advanced a bill that would mandate retail establishments to accept cash for purchases under \$750. Senate Bill 1979 passed 40-16 in the Senate with mainly Democratic support.

Sen. Omar Aquino, D-Chicago, is the bill's lead sponsor. He said SB 1979 is aimed at protecting "underbanked and unbanked" people who only carry cash.

"This bill is making sure that those folks ... have an ability to still purchase needed things," Aquino said. "Getting fuel, getting their medicine at the pharmacy, getting food on the table that they're able to purchase from groceries and restaurants."

The bill also says retail establishments can't charge a higher price to customers paying with cash. SB 1979 also exempts restaurants, gas stations and grocery stores from the requirement between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. in an effort to protect against robbery.

"It goes directly into trying to keep people safe," Aquino said of the time exemption. "Businesses are accepting cash, we're just trying to get ahead of the trend that looks like more locations are going for a non-cash payment."

Debate on the measure centered around the question of accessibility versus safety, with Republican opponents arguing that mandating businesses to accept cash was putting them at risk.

"What I'm concerned about is the small businessman who operates in an area that he's worried about theft, or he's worried about robbery, and he chooses how he runs his business to operate in a certain area," said Sen. Jil Tracy, R-Quincy.

Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, added that not all robberies occur at night.

"These businesses, some have been ransacked, and the times in which they were ransacked in the last several years was not between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.," McClure said. "They were in broad daylight, and we are seeing that more and more."

The bill also notes that retailers are not required to accept any denomination of currency larger than a \$20 bill.

A violation could result in a \$50 fine for the retail establishment, \$100 for a second offense in a 12-month period or \$500 for a third offense during that period. No establishment could be fined more than \$5,000 in one year.

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MCHS class of 1973 seeking missing classmates for reunion

The 1973 McHenry Community High School Reunion Committee is seeking missing classmates to join in celebration of their graduation fifty years ago. The class was the first to graduate from West Campus. They spent their first two years at East.

Events are planned in July, in conjunction with McHenry's Fiesta Days. Tours of both (East and West) Campus will happen, along with a casual buffet dinner, informal golf at

a local course and plenty of time to catch up with classmates. Many are traveling in from other parts of the country, as well as those attending from McHenry and surrounding communities.

Registration will begin soon, with an early bird price planned. 1973 classmates can register at 1973warriors.net or contact Don Rose at mchs1973dr@gmail.com or 815-814-5075.

Titanic's tragic tale unfolds as visitors take history's helm in new exhibit

Cynthia Wolf
CONTRIBUTOR

The period clothing. The luxury automobiles. The travel gear and lore that puts a visitor at history's helm. It's all here, with riveting detail.

"It's been 111 years since the Titanic was gashed by an iceberg in the North Atlantic and sank. But the public's fascination with this tragedy — with the stories of the people who perished and those who survived — never diminishes," said Greg Grams, founder of the Volo Museum and the man behind "A Tribute to the Tragedy," opened April 14 at the museum, 27582 Volo Village Road.

"I share that fascination," he continued, noting he has spent more than a year and about \$5 million developing the exhibit. "This has been a labor of love, and a quest to find answers to a lot of the questions I had about how it all unfolded. I'm extremely proud of how it's turned out."

Touted as unsinkable, the luxury liner was on its maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York when it struck the fateful iceberg at 11:40 p.m. April 14, 1912. By 2:24 a.m. April 15, 1912, the ship had broken in two, both parts resting at the bottom of the ocean. Of 2,240 passengers and crew aboard, 706 survived, according to History.com.

It's been the subject of countless books and numerous films, including, of course, the 1997 James Cameron epic featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet: "Titanic."

Visitors to the Volo Museum's new exhibit will encounter the very vehicle from which the two stars' infamous onboard dalliance car was fashioned — a 1912 Renault. "The exhibit's is one of only two of the touring models ever made, the other of which went down with the ship," said Jim Wojdyla, marketing director for the museum.

Also among Titanic-era vehicles in the display is a 1912 Delaunay-Belleville once owned by Evalyn McLean, who also possessed the famous Hope Diamond, on which Rose's Heart of the Ocean necklace is based in the Cameron film.

"Each one of the cars included in this exhibit is extremely rare and valuable," Wojdyla said.

The exhibit itself also is rare — one of only a handful in the United States that is devoted to Titanic lore. On the way into the exhibit, which will feature a separate entrance and separate admission, a ship's bow is under construction.

Inside, several examples of genuine period attire show the type of clothing that first-, second- and third-class passengers might have worn aboard ship. Well-researched story boards line the walls, each relating a brief narrative of a passenger or a facet of the tragedy's timeline. A tribute to the musicians is here, as is a recreation of the ship's bridge.

Among interactive parts of the display, a trio of inclines indicate the terrifying grade of the ship's slanting deck at various times as Titanic sank.

Another offers a chance to dip a finger into 28-degree salt-water — the temperature of the North Atlantic as the ship disappeared into the sea.

There's even a White Star Line life vest positioned next to one from the Cameron film, as well as a small theater where visitors can watch a 9-minute reel about people who were on board.

"These families who were on the ship had less than three hours to, in many cases, say their goodbyes," Wojdyla said. "We wanted to present an exhibit that pays respectful tribute."

Admission to the Titanic exhibit will be \$14.95 for those ages 5 and older. Entry will be metered, with only 30 people allowed in per hour, so tickets will be date- and time-specific.

More information about the exhibit is available at volocars.com/the-attraction/titanic.

Regular museum admission is \$22.95 per adult, \$20.95 per senior, \$19.95 for military, \$12.95 for children ages 5 to 12 and free for children 4 and younger. Separate admission to the Jurassic Gardens dinosaur park is \$15.95 each; free for children 4 and younger.

Combo passes, good for both the museum and Jurassic Gardens, plus re-entry the following day, are \$34.95 for adults and \$24.95 for children. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

For other details, visit volofun.com, find Volo Museum on social, or call 815-385-3644.



From top: Volo Museum Marketing Director Jim Wojdyla talks about the terrifying slant of the ship's deck as the RMS Titanic sank April 15, 1912. Visitors can experience how increasingly difficult it must have been to hang on. Storyboards and vintage clothing are found throughout the new Titanic exhibit. Wojdyla describes how the design of White Star Line vests severely injured passengers when they leapt into the frigid waters of the North Atlantic as the Titanic sank. The Volo Museum's "A Tribute to the Tragedy" is now open. For details and to purchase tickets visit volofun.com.

CYNTHIA WOLF PHOTOS
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Community briefs

Antioch Traveling Closet giveaway event April 30

Antioch Traveling Closet will be hosting their spring giveaway on Saturday, April 30 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Items available will be clothing, shoes, cleaning supplies and toiletries. Bags will be provided and all items are on a first-come, first-served basis, with no charge.

No strollers, car seats, wagons or shopping carts are allowed inside for safety reasons. The organization reserves the right to refuse to serve anyone.

The Antioch Traveling Closet is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

The spring giveaway will be held at the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr., Antioch.

For more information or to make a donation, visit: antiochtravelingcloset.org.

Native shrub and tree sale order deadline

May 5

The Friends of Volo Bog are taking orders for their Native Shrub and Tree Sale until Friday, May 5 at 3 p.m.

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Volo Bog State Natural Area is located at 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingle-side.

Order forms can be found online at www.FriendsofVoloBog.org.

The Penny's Purpose fundraiser and silent auction this Saturday

The third annual silent auction fundraiser for The Penny's Purpose will be held at The Lodge of Antioch and The Rivalry Alehouse on April 22.

Support the cause by dining in or placing a carryout order the day of the event at either location and 30% of all food and drink sales

will be donated back to The Penny's Purpose when you mention their name upon ordering.

From 6-8 p.m. a silent auction will be held upstairs at The Rivalry Alehouse. Auction items include themed baskets, local theater tickets, tickets to local sporting events, home décor, collectible Barbie's, electric scooter, Customized Wine Barrel, Margarita Cart, Orthodontics Basket, Toddler Tower, Child's stool, Smoke Brisket Certificates, Wine Tastings, The Penny Basket, and many more items.

There will be a 50/50 raffle held, and tickets can also be purchased for the booze wagon raffle. Tickets are \$1 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@thepennypurpose.org.

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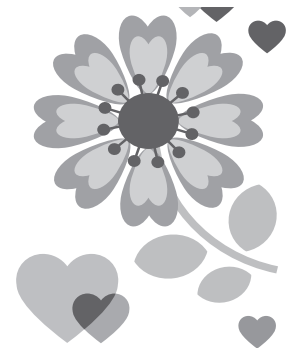
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Bill calls for review of teacher licensing standards

Task force would review use of edTPA exam

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Some Illinois lawmakers are calling for a review of one of the tests prospective teachers must pass in order to be licensed in Illinois.

The test is known as the Teacher Performance Assessment, or “edTPA,” and it is intended to determine whether a prospective teacher has the knowledge and skills necessary to be effective in the classroom. It has been a requirement for teacher licensing in Illinois since 2015.

State Sen. Tom Bennett, R-Gibson City, said he started hearing concerns about the test from people in his district, and he later learned that those concerns were shared by other lawmakers.

“And it was over and over again,” he said in an interview. “I was only hearing from a few folks that thought it was the best thing since sliced bread, which, okay, but then I hear from the other side. It’s like, I’m not hearing the same thing from people in my district.”

Every state has its own criteria for licensing teachers and every school of education uses its own curriculum for training teachers. Developed at Stanford University, the edTPA was intended to be a standardized way of measuring an aspiring teacher’s knowledge and abilities, regardless of what state they came from or which college

or university they attended. The assessment is given at the end of a prospective teacher’s student teaching experience. It’s a performance-based assessment that, among other things, requires applicants to submit a portfolio that includes actual lesson plans and tests that they’ve administered, examples of their students’ work, and other material that demonstrates their knowledge and competence.

The portfolios are then scored by teachers and teacher educators with expertise in the subjects and grade level in which the applicant is seeking a license.

Bennett said that having outside evaluators who have never met or worked with the applicant scoring their portfolios is one of the issues that concerns him about edTPA.

“They’re weighing in, and their weight is pretty heavy,” he said. “If they pass, great. If they don’t, it’s based on this evaluation from these folks that don’t understand the whole situation. So that just got my attention.”

Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel, D-Shorewood, a cosponsor of the bill, said she has concerns that edTPA is so rigorous and intensive that it could deter some people from ever trying to become a teacher.

“You will have someone that wants to be a math teacher, and then they get to the

point where they have to do all this work for their student teaching and all this additional rigorous testing and projects,” she said. “And what you end up having is, they’re like, ‘Why would I go through all of this and maybe not even make it, only to make \$40,000 coming out (of college) when I could stop what I’m doing right now as a junior, take a couple extra classes and become an accountant and come out making \$60,000 or \$65,000?’”

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. JB Pritzker issued an executive order suspending use of the edTPA but that executive order will expire when the disaster declaration is lifted on May 11.

Bennett is the lead sponsor of Senate Bill 1488, which passed unanimously out of the Senate March 30 and now awaits action in the House. It would continue the suspension of the edTPA through Aug. 31, 2025. It would also establish a task force to evaluate teacher performance assessment systems and make recommendations to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly by Aug. 1, 2024.

“I think this is a good time to sit back, let’s review it, see what we got, and I’m very grateful for bipartisan support from a number of Republican and Democrat senators really feeling the same way,” Bennett said.

An ‘egg-cellent’ time had by all



The egg hunt in Spring Grove’s Thelen Park, that was rescheduled due to inclement weather, turned out to be a beautiful day. Many attended to collect eggs, children were able to visit with the bunny and donations were accepted for the food pantry.

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Senate Bill aims to limit excessive school district cash reserves

Some districts could operate for years on money they’ve stashed away.

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The overall financial health of Illinois school districts has been improving in recent years, according to a recent state report, but a bill moving through the General Assembly seeks to rein in the amount of money some districts are saving.

Senate Bill 1994, which recently passed unanimously out of the Senate and now awaits action in the House, would put a cap on how much money school districts could hold in reserves. Districts that exceed it would be required to file a report with the state.

“They’re kind of like a nonprofit where, you know, money comes in and resour-

ces come in, and then it needs to be spent,” the bill’s sponsor Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel, D-Shorewood, said during an interview. “Like, yes, you need to have savings. Yes, those are good practices. But you can’t just be sitting on all this cash and then not doing anything with it.”

The Illinois State Board of Education publishes a report each year measuring the financial health of all 852 school districts in the state. The report looks at several factors such as their expenditure-to-revenue ratio, short-term and long-term debt, and how many days’ worth of cash on hand they keep.

ISBE uses those factors to generate an overall “financial profile” score for each

district. Over the last seven years, the latest report noted, the statewide average score has risen steadily.

To receive ISBE’s highest rating, districts must keep the equivalent of 180 days of operating expenditures on hand. The agency also notes that bond underwriters and financial advisers typically recommend 144 to 180 days of operating expenditures.

According to the most recent report, which includes data from the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, 70 percent of districts had cash reserves of between 100 and

359 days of expenses. But 197 districts, or 23 percent, had reserves of 360 to 720 days, and 10 districts had reserves greater than 720 days.

The report does not identify which districts have those large reserves.

SB 1994 would require districts to calculate their three-year average operating expenses each year and report their cash on hand. If their cash reserves ever exceed 2.5 times their annual average, they would have to submit a plan to ISBE for how they intend to spend those reserves.

Districts would not be required to spend excess reserves, but only to submit the plan detailing how they intend to do so over the next three years.

Cappel said that limit was negotiated with superintendents and other officials involved in school district budgeting who had pushed back against the original version of the bill, which would have required districts to immediately spend down any reserves beyond 250 days of operating expenses.

She noted that there are many reasons why a district

might build up large reserves. Some, she said, might save up so they can pay cash for capital expenses like a new security system or to build a new elementary school. Others might be bracing themselves for the possibility that their heating or air conditioning system might go out.

“I don’t want to stop any district, if they’ve got plans to build something that’s appropriate, you know, a kindergarten building or whatever,” she said. “Of course, we want you to be able to use that. So that’s kind of where this came from.”

‘The Importance of Being Earnest’ opens Friday

When putting together a slate to celebrate their 60th Season, PM&L knew they wanted to include a classic play they haven’t produced in a while. Last staged by PM&L in 1990, “The Importance of Being Earnest” is acknowledged as a comedic masterpiece by the legendary Oscar Wilde.

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You will find Earnest, clever, witty, playful, funny, and a marvelous retreat back to the Victorian “age of surfaces” where all is not always what it appears to be! Earnest runs for three weekends and tickets are available online at <https://pmltheatre.com/seasons/season-60/the-importance-of-being-earnest/>.

PM&L Theatre is located at 877 Main Street, Antioch.



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Pet of the week

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Stormwater Management Commission projects starting

Spring is construction season in Illinois. Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) is gearing up for several infrastructure projects to vastly improve regional and local stormwater issues that will help reduce flooding impacts for hard hit communities across Lake County.

This year's projects include the long-awaited historic infrastructure improvement in Park City that will reduce flooding for more than 800 properties. Grant funds will be used to construct culverts and storm sewer system upgrades extending from IL 120 south to the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. There also will be modifications and the replacement of the stormwater system restrictor plate at the Casimir Pulaski Drive culvert.

"Lake County is fortunate to enjoy an abundance of water. However, we have reached a critical impasse due to the larger rain events occurring with greater frequency in our area due to climate change. The appropriation of funding for additional flood reduction is crucial to the future of our county. Continuing the momentum, this year's goal is to upgrade aging stormwater infrastructure within the county that is undersized and unable to handle the increasing volume from larger rain events," said Kurt Woolford, Executive Director of Lake County Stormwater Management.

Last year, Lake County received an initial \$30 million of the \$122 million granted in State funding. This funding

for regional stormwater projects from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) was immediately put to work to improve regional and local stormwater issues.

According to Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart, "Since its inception, the Stormwater Management Commission has prioritized efforts to secure funding to modernize the stormwater infrastructure throughout our county to manage rainwater runoff. This provides flood reduction while reducing pollutants in our water systems and groundwater replenishment, which is something we all can celebrate."

A total of 14 stormwater improvement projects were funded by the initial money received. The DCEO grant afforded construction of seven projects to begin in Antioch, Fox Lake, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Libertyville Township in 2022 and supported the final engineering on seven other projects for construction in 2023. Working with local community partners, SMC identified 52 additional project locations that are in critical need of infrastructure upgrades. Information on each of these projects can be found in the Lake County Stormwater Grants in Action book posted the Stormwater Management Commission website at <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/553/Stormwater-Management-Commission>. The projects listed will be funded

through the remaining appropriated funds once the monies are released by the State of Illinois.

"These improvements to our county infrastructure address safety concerns our residents experience when there are stronger storms, and it means Lake County residents can worry less about flooding," said Donny Schmit, Mayor of the Village of Fox Lake and Chair of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. "While we can't always prevent flooding, there are steps we can take to reduce its impact on the community. Partnerships with local jurisdictions as well as state and federal agencies play a key role in flood damage reduction, but more still needs to be done."

In addition to Park City, projects in Antioch, Warren Township, Libertyville, Grayslake, and Shields Township are scheduled to start construction in 2023. Looking ahead, SMC will continue to provide preliminary engineering and project development to have shovel-ready projects for remaining funding opportunities.

To stay up to date on SMC construction and progress, sign-up at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ILLAKE/signup/32290> to receive Stormwater Management E-News and more from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. Be sure to "Like" and follow SMC at [Facebook.com/Lake-CoSMC](https://www.facebook.com/Lake-CoSMC).



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Lake County Sheriff's Office K9 Zeus to get donation of body armor

Lake County Sheriff's Office K9 Zeus will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Zeus' vest is sponsored by Barbara Napolitano of Oak Brook, IL and will be embroidered with the sentiment "Gifted by B. Napolitano". Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 5,043 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s

with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "We are so grateful for the support from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. and our Lake County community. It is so important to keep our canine deputies as safe as possible. We continue to enthusiastically grow our canine unit, because we have seen what a tremendous resource they are to Lake County."

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$985 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1800.00, weighs an average of 4-5 lb., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

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McHenry County Sheriff's arrest bulletin

The following arrests in McHenry County were reported by the McHenry County Sheriff's Department. Suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

March 14
Javier Ramirez-Campos, 39, Island Lake, was cited for contempt of court;

Benjamin M. Sharp, 47, Milwaukee, was cited for retail theft – taking merchandise from retail establishment with intent to deprive merchant without paying;

David W. Stodolny, 52, Chicago, was cited for manufacture of controlled substance, 2 counts of A-11 mfg/

del 200+ sched I & II anlg, manufacture/deliver/possess with intent to deliver cannabis – more that 5,000g, 2 counts of (A)(2)(A) mfg/deli 15<100 grams cocaine, possession of controlled substance, and endangering the life or health of a child – causes, permits or places child in circumstances (non-family related);

Matt H. Jones, 45, Lakemoor, was cited for manufacture, deliver, possess with intent to deliver cannabis – more than 10g but less than 30 g, (A)(2)(A) mfg/del 15<100 grams cocaine/analog, manufacture/deliver controlled substance – fentanyl 15 but less than 100 grams, manufacture,

deliver, possess with intent to deliver cannabis – more than 5,000g, A-11 mfg/del 200+ sched I & II analog, possession of controlled substance – heroin 15 but less than 100 grams, possess controlled substance – schedule I-II narc 200 grams or more psilocybin, possession of cannabis – more than 5,000g, and endangering the life or health of a child – allow circumstance;

March 16
Brittain C. Powers, 19, McHenry, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact and interference with reporting of domestic violence;

Michael A. Buffano, 32, Oakwood Hills, was cited for

3 counts of child pornography, and 6 counts of unauthorized video recording/transmission in restroom, tanning bed/salon, locker/changing room, hotel bedroom;

March 17
Jeffrey J. Watkin, 51, Round Lake, was cited for failure to remain at the scene of a vehicle damage accident, failure to notify damage/unattended vehicle class A, improper lane usage and failure to reduce speed;

Dustin T. Crandall, 39, Lake Geneva, was cited for 2 counts of possession of a controlled substance;

Joshua B. Kurtz, 48, McHenry, was cited for possession amt controlled substance except (A)(D), and possession of drug paraphernalia;

Henry O. Hartman, 18, Crystal Lake, was cited for possession of controlled substance, criminal defacement of property, manufacture, deliver, possess wit the intent to deliver cannabis – more than 10g but less than 30g and A-2 domestic battery/physical contact;

March 18
Whitney H. Wilson, 35, Crystal Lake, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact and A-1 domestic battery/bodily harm;

Jennifer N. Martinez, 34, Wonder Lake, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact, and A-1 domestic battery/bodily harm;

Axel A. Santiago Zepeda, 23, Spring Grove, was cited for A-2 domestic battery/physical contact;

March 19
Mayra G. Mendoza, 34, Algonquin, was cited for endangering the life or health of a child – causes, permits or places child in circumstances (non-family related).

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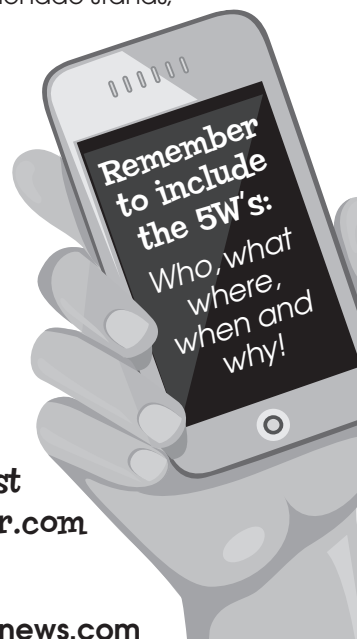
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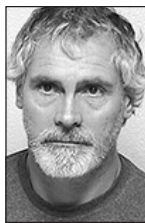
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Wanted man barricades door, hides, is bitten by K9 Dax

On April 11, at approximately 1:05 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a residence in the 35600 block of North Lane Drive, Ingleside, for a violation of an order of protection. The protected person reported the respondent of the order, Richard C. Huhn, 53, of the 35600 block of North Lake Drive, Ingleside, was at her home, in the garage, refusing to leave. The victim reported Huhn threatened he would kill her if she called the police. Huhn had an active arrest warrant for a previous violation of an order of protection.



Richard C. Huhn

Sheriff's deputies arrived and attempted to speak with

Huhn through an access door leading into the garage. Huhn refused to exit the garage and placed objects in front of the door, to barricade it, should deputies attempt to enter. Sheriff's Canine Dax arrived at the scene and Huhn was informed to exit, or K9 Dax would be released.

Huhn refused to exit, and sheriff's deputies utilized a ram-device to force the service door open. Sheriff's deputies entered and located Huhn hiding under a bench in the garage. He refused to surrender, even after again being warned K9 Dax would be released. K9 Dax was released and bit Huhn on the leg. Upon being bit, Huhn surrendered, and was placed into custody. He was transported to an area hospital for treatment for the bite wounds.

After reviewing the facts

and circumstances of the incident, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the charge of Violating an Order of Protection with a Prior Conviction.

Huhn was transported to the Lake County Jail upon his discharge from the hospital.

Man dies from gunshot wound to head, investigation ongoing

On April 12, at approximately 7:35 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 40700 block of North Black Oak Avenue, Unincorporated Antioch, for a report of an unresponsive man on a driveway.

Sheriff's deputies arrived and Antioch Paramedics were already on-scene con-

ducting life-saving measures. The man, later identified as, William Martys, 59, of the same residence, was transported to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, where he was subsequently pronounced deceased. Further investigation revealed Martys sustained a gunshot wound to the head.

On April 13, the Lake County Coroner's Office conducted an autopsy. The autopsy revealed Martys died from the gunshot wound to the head.

Based on the preliminary information, the death is being investigated as a homicide. The investigation remains ongoing by the Lake County Sheriff's Office and Lake County Major Crime Task Force.

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.

March 10

Luis R. Nazario, 53, Gurnee, DUI - alcohol, and no insurance;

Fernando Martinez, 51, Kenosha, WI, was cited for DUI - alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident and no insurance;

March 11

David A. Kochenash, 35, Grayslake, was cited for domestic battery;

March 12

Sammy W. Grabarski, III, 28, Bristol, WI, was cited for DUI - alcohol, and aggravated speeding (85 mph in 50 mph zone);

Khadijah R. Burt, 28, Waukegan, was cited for DUI - alcohol, and driving while license suspended;

Leantae Johnson, 30, Chicago, was cited for a warrant arrest: domestic battery (Indianapolis, IN).

March 13

David S. Kaminski, 40, Antioch, was cited for a warrant obtained: forgery;

Jessica C. Garlock, 27, no permanent address, was cited for a warrant obtained: forgery;

Elizabeth M. Tiskevich, 32, no permanent address, was cited for a warrant obtained: forgery;

Brittany A. Marble, 27, Spring Grove, was cited for criminal trespass to residence;

Josh L. Cole, 42, Chicago, was cited for DUI - alcohol, and open transportation of alcohol;

March 15

Jose D. Rodas-Nunez, 29, Waukegan, was cited for no driver's license and leaving the scene of a crash;

March 16

Barry G. Isaacson, 60, Long Grove, was cited for violation of an order of protection;

Jorge A. Brambila, 36, Lake Villa, was cited for a warrant obtained: residential burglary, unlawful possession of a stolen vehicle and aggravated ID theft.

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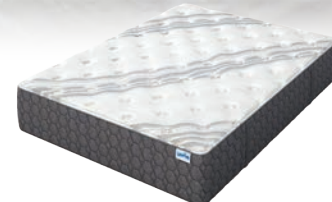


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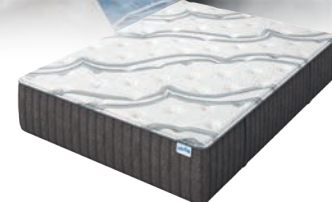


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