

HOOPESTON RADIO, INC.

WHPO 101 COUNTRY

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PUBLIC FILE INFORMATION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2023

AS STATION MANAGER, I CAN CERTIFY THAT HOOPESTON RADIO, INC. WHPO 101 COUNTRY RUNS DAILY NEWSCASTS AT 6 A.M., 7A.M. 8A.M. & 12P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY AND 7 A.M. ON SATURDAY AND AIRS DAILY PSAS FROM AD COUNCIL AROUND THE CLOCK. ATTACHED IS A LIST OF ISSUES FROM NEWSCASTS AND LIVE INTERVIEWS FOR DIFFERENT EVENTS AND ISSUES AROUND THE COMMUNITY.

I CAN ATTEST THAT NEWSCAST AND PSAS RUN DAILY AND ISSUES ARE COVERED MONTHLY.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Bakken', with a stylized flourish at the end.

JAMIE LEE BAKKEN, GENERAL MANAGER

HOOPESTON RADIO, INC. WHPO 101 COUNTRY

## WHPO 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER ISSUES

### 1. Vermilion County Coroner's Office has identified the victim of Danville Fire

The Vermilion County Coroner's Office has identified the victim of a Friday night, 12/30/2022, fire at 805 N. Vermilion Street in Danville, as 72 year old, Bernard Baker of Danville. Mr. Baker was found inside the structure and was sent to autopsy. His family was notified. Results are pending and the investigation into the cause of the fire is on-going. The Danville Fire Department, Illinois State Fire Marshall's Office and the Vermilion County Coroner's Office continue to investigate.

### 2. Bank robbery suspect, shot and now in custody in Vermilion County

Vermilion County Sheriff's Office said Jacob Edwards was arrested Friday.

The 18-year-old was on the run after allegedly robbing a bank in New Baltimore, Mich., on Tuesday, as well as stealing a vehicle in Lafayette, Ind., and fleeing police in Danville on Thursday.

Capt. Michael Hartshorn said in a news release Friday afternoon that while deputies were searching the area for Edwards, a resident on 2550 North Road called 911 and said a male subject was knocking on their door.

A deputy responded and encountered Edwards near the residence. According to Hartshorn, Edwards pointed a firearm at the deputy and the deputy shot Edwards.

Edwards was transported to the hospital for treatment.

Hartshorn said Friday morning that deputies were notified around 9:10 p.m. Thursday that Edwards was driving the stolen Indiana vehicle on North Vermilion Street in Danville.

Deputies located the vehicle and Edwards refused to stop, according to Hartshorn, which led the deputies on a chase that ended in a field on 2900 North Road, east of Henning Road.

Edwards ran on foot after crashing the vehicle, and several law enforcement agencies conducted an unsuccessful overnight search for him, Hartshorn said.

According to the FBI Springfield Office, Edwards entered the Huntington Bank in New Baltimore, Mich., on Tuesday, where he allegedly approached the teller with a note demanding money and indicated that he had armed accomplices outside. Edwards fled the bank in a car, eluding law enforcement.

The shooting is being investigated by the Illinois State Police. No further details will be released at this time.

### 3. Judge Mark S. Goodwin to seek Circuit Judge election in 2024

Associate Circuit Judge, Mark S. Goodwin, has announced his intention to seek the 2024 Republican nomination for the position of Resident Circuit Judge. "Vermilion County is a wonderful place to live," said Goodwin. "My wife, Jana, and I have made this our home for the last 35 years. We raised three children here, established careers here, have many devoted friends, and are a part of many organizations and events that we treasure. For these reasons, I am looking forward to seeking the Resident Circuit Judge position in 2024."

Goodwin engaged in a general law practice for 22 years prior to becoming Associate Circuit Judge in Vermilion County in 2009. During his time on the bench, he has presided over nearly every kind of proceeding filed in an Illinois trial court. He has extensive experience in criminal and civil trials, presiding over cases tried to verdict before the bench and jury. Goodwin has been the presiding judge over the Vermilion County Mental Health Court Program for 12 years.

The Illinois Supreme Court has appointed Goodwin to numerous extra-judicial roles, including Chairperson of the Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mentor in the Illinois Judicial Mentor Program, and Cohort Leader for the New Judge Orientation Program. "I am proud to be a part of an extraordinary group of judges in Vermilion County and the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Illinois," said Goodwin. "I look forward to continuing to serve Vermilion County and the Fifth Judicial Circuit as an Associate Circuit Judge and Resident Circuit Judge well into the future."

#### 4. Two Local men Charged by the Hoopeston Police 2/9/2023

Domestic Battery, Intimidation H23-0494 H23-0513

Time: 3:17 AM

Location: Casey's General Store

Arrested: Andrew S Prattis (32) (M) of Hoopeston

Details: At the above location, HPD officers identified the subject who had pending charges of domestic battery. Subject was taken into custody, transported to HPD, and processed. Subject was later transported to the Public Safety Building Danville to await arraignment.

UUW (Possession of Firearm by Felon), Possession of Ammunition by Felon), Possession of Firearm with Revoked F.O.I.D., Driving while License Revoked (Citation #13437); Operating Vehicle with no proof of Insurance (Citation #13438) H23-0529 2023-1062

Time: 8:09 PM

Location: Olympic Hardware

Arrested: Matthew R Williams (48) (M) of Hoopeston

Details: While on patrol, HPD officer pulled traffic on a vehicle driven by the subject. Throughout the traffic stop, the subject was found to have a revoked license and no insurance. The subject gave consent for a vehicle search which led to the charges above. He was taken into custody by HPD, transported and processed to HPD. Later he was transported to Public Safety Building Danville to await arraignment.

#### 5. Hoopeston Chamber will be merging with Vermilion Advantage

We are excited to announce some great opportunities for Hoopeston businesses. As of April 30th, Valerie Hinkle, Hoopeston Chamber President, is announcing her retirement. Upon retirement, the Hoopeston Chamber will be merging with Vermilion Advantage. If you are a member of the Hoopeston Chamber or would like to become a member of the Hoopeston Chamber, between March 20 and April 30, you can join the Hoopeston Chamber for \$100, and join Vermilion Advantage for the discounted rate of \$200 for a total of \$300 per year. If you are already a Hoopeston Chamber member, you can get the Vermilion Advantage discounted rate of \$200 for this limited amount of time. If you are already a member of Vermilion Advantage, you do not need to do anything. Vermilion Advantage welcomes businesses of all types and sizes and would like to help you in any way they can. They are comprised of over 500 members that support Vermilion County by way of their membership investment in them. In their current form, Vermilion Advantage has been in existence since 2002. They are the result of combining some of the responsibilities of a former Chamber of Commerce and former Economic Development Corporation. It was the thought of their leadership at that time that Vermilion County did not need two membershipbased organizations working on some overlapping aspects of business support when both were reliant on discretionary dollars and time. The resulting Vermilion Advantage, through membership value, provides strategic leadership on critical business issues - leading economic & workforce development, anticipating and responding to members' needs, addressing qualityof-life issues and providing a network of information & business contacts, and advocating the pursuit of opportunities to strengthen the local economy and business environment. Please see [www.vermilionadvantage.com/member-services](http://www.vermilionadvantage.com/member-services) to see the many forms of membership advantages and marketing opportunities that would be available to you as a member of Vermilion Advantage. A base annual business membership starts at \$500 but has elective amounts that are higher if you do not choose to take advantage of the grandfathered amount that is being offered at this time. Membership can be paid annually, semi-annually, or quarterly, and is prorated per calendar year. PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Upon the current Hoopeston Chamber President, Valarie Hinkle's retirement, the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce will be merging with the Vermilion County Chamber of Commerce through Vermilion Advantage. Hoopeston businesses, be on the lookout for Nicole Van Hyfte, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, to visit your community businesses to show the advantages that will be offered through this merger. Nicole is a proud resident of Hoopeston and truly believes in the direction the city of Hoopeston is moving towards. She looks forward to continuing the forward momentum for our community. For membership inquires visit [www.vermilionadvantage.com](http://www.vermilionadvantage.com), or if you have any questions, call Nicole Van Hyfte at [nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com) or 217-442-6201. Vermilion Advantage looks forward to serving your businesses and community!

6. Fatal Accident – Kentland, IN

NEWTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (03-25-23 0927 am)

On March 24th 2023 at approximately 4:05 PM; Newton County 9-1-1 center received a report of a single vehicle accident involving a fatality, in the area of CR1300S and CR 150W (about 2 miles NE of Kentland).

Initial Investigations indicate Richard Williams, 59 years of Kentland, had pulled his van into his property and gone to secure the gate. Williams' vehicle had a gear malfunction and began rolling backwards. It appears Williams had gone to the rear of the vehicle in an attempt to stop it from rolling into the roadway. However, in an unknown series of events, Williams became pinned underneath his vehicle. Williams was pronounced deceased on scene.

Assisting agencies: Newton County 9-1-1, Newton County EMS, Newton County Coroner, Kentland Fire, Indiana State Police and CR Repair.