

HOOPESTON RADIO, INC.

WHPO 101 COUNTRY

221 E BANK ST.

MILFORD, IL 60953

PUBLIC FILE INFORMATION FOR 2ND 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 black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bakken', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

JAMIE LEE BAKKEN, GENERAL MANAGER

HOOPESTON RADIO, INC. WHPO 101 COUNTRY

WHPO 2ND QUARTER ISSUES

Fake threats made across Illinois

As for 3 p.m. Wednesday 4/12/23, the Illinois State Police (ISP) is reporting local law enforcement in 19 counties, totaling 21 calls, received threats directed towards schools today. Responders have not located any actual threats as a result of these calls. The ISP Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center currently has no information concerning credible threats related to school safety. Law enforcement, public safety, and private sector security officials are encouraged to remain vigilant and report all suspicious behavior to local police agencies.

Communities in Illinois, and across the country, are experiencing what is referred to as swatting – dangerous and illegal fake calls about an active shooter situation, typically at a school. While state and national intelligence agencies have seen a pattern of these fake calls, each call is taken seriously.

Counties in Illinois that have reported calls today include:

City	County	City	County
Champaign	Champaign County	Springfield	Sangamon County
Chicago	Cook County	Freeport	Stephenson County
Aurora	DuPage County	Marion	Williamson County
Carbondale	Jackson County	Rockford	Winnebago County
Murphysboro	Jackson County		
Mount Vernon	Jefferson County		
Vienna	Johnson County		
Dixon	Lee County		
Decatur	Macon County		
Granite City	Madison County		
Collinsville	Madison County		
Centralia	Marion County		
Bloomington	McLean County		

Jacksonville	Morgan County
Peoria	Peoria County
Pittsfield	Pike County
Eldorado	Saline County

Hoopeston Police Arrest man on gun charges

Unlawful use of Weapons, Possession of Weapons by Felon, Defacing Identification Marks of Firearms, No Valid Registration, Driving while License Suspended H23-1857 2023-3331 Time: 1:26 am Location: 800 S Dixie Highway Hoopeston Arrested: Andrew D Cordova (M)(28) of Mendota Details: While on patrol, HPD officers conducted a traffic stop. A computer search showed Mr. Cordova to have no valid registration and driving while license suspended. A search of the vehicle found the weapon. Mr. Cordova was arrested and transported to HPD for processing and later transported to PSB to await arraignment.

Fatalities occur in interstate pile up

The Illinois State Police (ISP) has located another fatality from the May 1, 2023 crash on I-55 near milepost 76. Initially, six individuals were found deceased at the crash scene. However, the severity of the crash masked the remains and what was previously believed to be the remains of one individual was two. ISP is working closely with the Montgomery County Coroner's Office to confirm the identification of the seven deceased individuals and information will be released once identification is complete and proper notifications have been made. The coroner previously confirmed 88-year-old Shirley Harper of Franklin, WI. died in the crash.

A total of 37 people were transported to area hospitals with injuries ranging from minor to critical and ages spanning 2-years-old to 80-years-old. Approximately 72 vehicles are known to be involved in the crashes that occurred in both northbound and southbound lanes of I-55 between mile post 72 and 78 near Farmersville in Montgomery County shortly before 11 a.m. on May 1, 2023.

Many vehicles involved in those crashes will be released beginning May 3, 2023 at 8 a.m. If you were traveling south on I-55 prior to the crash, please call 217-685-4354 to arrange pickup for your vehicle.

If you were traveling north on I-55 prior to the crash, please call 618-346-3653 to arrange pickup for your vehicle. Some, but not all, vehicles traveling northbound on I-55 will be released.

These instructions still apply if your vehicle will be retrieved by a tow service, as additional information needs to be gathered at the time your vehicle is released. People retrieving vehicles must provide their driver's license and insurance to the ISP Command Vehicle located at the intersection of Brown and Henrietta in Divernon. An officer will ask basic questions such as, who was in the vehicle, your phone number, and insurance card information. Adjustors and/or private reconstruction are not allowed to gain access to the vehicles until tomorrow, May 3, 2023 after they are processed.

ISP thanks all its first responder partners and sister agencies for their tremendous work and assistance during this incident.

Law enforcement personnel from Divernon Police Department, Hillsboro Police Department, Litchfield Police Department, Macoupin County Sheriff's Office, and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene.

The following Fire Departments also responded to the scene: Carlinville Fire Department, Chatham Fire Department, Divernon Fire Department, Farmersville Fire Protection District, Girard Fire Department, Pawnee Fire Department, Rochester Fire Department, Shell Creek Fire Department, Springfield Fire Department, Springfield Hazmat, and Virden Fire Department.

Emergency medical services were provided by: Five helicopters from Air Evac and Arch, America Ambulance Service, Bunker Hill Ambulance Service, Carlinville Ambulance, Chatham Ambulance, Echo 6 Ambulance, Gillespie/Benld Ambulance, Hillsboro Ambulance, Litchfield Ambulance Service, Medic First Ambulance, Morrisonville Ambulance Service, Nokomis Ambulance, Pawnee Ambulance, Prairieland Ambulance Service, Raymond Ambulance Service, Stoughton Ambulance, and Virden Ambulance Service.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and the Illinois Secretary of State Police also provided personnel on scene.

The Macoupin County Coroner, Montgomery County Coroner, and Sangamon County Coroner are assisting with the fatalities.

Vermilion county man dies in crash

WHAT: Two Vehicle Fatal Traffic Crash WHERE: Interstate 74 eastbound near Milepost 202, near Oakwood, IL, Vermilion County WHEN: May 6, 2023 at approximately 9:15 p.m. VEHICLES: Unit 1- 2008 Black Harley-Davidson motorcycle Unit 2- 2017 Blue Ford Escape DRIVERS: Unit 1- Jacob Lovell, 24-year-old male from Danville, IL – Deceased Unit 2- Virginia Salazar-Castillo, 56-year-old female from Danville, IL – Uninjured PRELIMINARY: The preliminary investigation indicates the following: Unit 1 was traveling east on Interstate 74 near milepost 202 when it struck a pothole in the right lane, lost control, and the driver was ejected off the motorcycle and onto the roadway. Unit 2 was also traveling in the right lane behind Unit 1 with an unknown car between Units 1 and 2. The vehicle in front of Unit 2 swerved left to avoid striking Unit 1, but the driver of Unit 2 could not see Unit 1 driver in the roadway until it was too late. Unit 2 struck the driver of Unit 1. The driver of Unit 1 was transported to an area hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. The driver of Unit 2 was uninjured. The roadway was closed for approximately 2 hours for the crash investigation. No further information is available.

Tacher gets probation after sexual relations with student in Watseka.

A Watseka teacher was sentenced to probation after she pleaded guilty to having a sexual relationship with a student.

Stephanie L. Harmon, 32, pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and will spend the next four years on probation.

Last fall, police received a tip that an Iroquois County teacher was in a sexual relationship with a student from the school.

After a one-month investigation, the Watseka Police Department arrested Harmon, on September 30.

We're told the allegations of the sexual assault did not occur in the school.

During an interview with police, the victim and Harmon reportedly admitted the allegations were true.

Harmon was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine.

Hoopeston police arrest teen on stolen car charges and more

Theft of Motor Vehicle, Aggravated Fleeing & Attempting to Elude, Reckless Driving, No Valid Drivers License H23-2659 2023-4455 Time: 12:51 PM Location: 700 block of S First Ave Arrested: 17 year old male juvenile Details: HPD was notified of a stolen vehicle in the area of above. HPD located the vehicle and the driver to be a 17 year old male of Hoopeston. He was taken into custody and transported to HPD for processing. Later, he was taken to the Juvenile Detention Center, Danville to await arraignment.

GCMS student dies in accident

A 17-year-old Gibson City-Melvin-High School student was killed Tuesday in a single-vehicle accident in Ford County.

In a Wednesday announcement, GCMS Superintendent Jeremy Darnell said rising senior Colin Kristensen died in an accident at 500 East and 1200 North roads in Sibley at approximately 3:07 p.m. Tuesday.

"Colin was an amazing young man who was active in a diverse set of activities from athletics, agriculture and FFA, and was incredibly talented in the technical aspects of our performing arts programs," Darnall wrote. "The family, students, staff and community are shocked and saddened by the sudden loss.

"The GCMS community always rises to the occasion to support our children and families, and we want to thank everyone who has already reached out to do so. We ask that everyone respects the privacy and grieving process of the family and those closest to Colin.

"Information on arrangements will be provided when made available by the family. Thank you for your support, thoughts, and understanding in this difficult time."

A release issued Wednesday by the Ford County sheriff's office said the office, along with Gibson Area Ambulance Services and the Sibley Fire Department, responded to the accident.

A vehicle occupied only by Mr. Kristensen was northbound on 500 East just south of its intersection with 1200 North at the time of the accident.

"The driver lost control of the vehicle leaving the roadway, entering the ditch on the east side of the road (and) striking a utility pole," the sheriff's office

said. "The vehicle then rolled several times, ejecting the driver from the vehicle.

"After the driver was assessed on the scene by medical personnel, it was determined he succumbed to his injuries."

Project success says goodbye to CEO and welcomes a new one

Project Success of Vermilion County, Inc. says goodbye and welcomes new CEO! Lucas Seilhymer will be leaving his position as CEO of Project Success in June, to pursue another opportunity. Lucas has been with Project Success since 2019. "Mr. Seilhymer proved himself to be just the person we needed when this vacancy occurred the last time," said Project Success Board President Keven Forney. "Lucas led Project Success through the challenge presented by COVID-19 and we still saw programmatic growth. He shored up our financial position and tapped into some new local and state resources. I think I always knew that he would move on to new opportunities and greater challenges. We on the Board will miss him and wish him well." Kimberly David has been named the new CEO for Project Success. Kimberly has been with the agency since 2000 and has been the Associate Director since 2014. Dr. Forney commented, "Ms. David was our first thought as a successor, and our conversations with her simply reinforced our thinking. She has a vast depth of knowledge about Project Success and was able to work under and learn from a number of directors throughout her 23 years with us. The Board saw no need to seek any outside applicants since we had an internal candidate who possessed every possible quality we want and need in our next CEO." Please join us for a celebration and welcome reception on June 21, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Catlin Community Building (109 S. Sandusky).

Hoopeston man sentenced after a guilty plea

On May 30, 2023, Burke pleaded guilty to Intimidation (class 3 felony extended term) and Domestic Battery (class 4 felony). Burke was sentenced to ten (10) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the charge of Intimidation due to him being extended term eligible and he was sentenced to a concurrent term of Three (3) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the charge of Domestic Battery. Based upon his plea of guilty

to the charge of Domestic Battery he will be required to serve four (4) years of mandatory supervised release.

Prior to the sentence being imposed Circuit Court Judge Charles Hall heard evidence that on December 23, 2022, Burke became irate with the mother of his children, possibly over diverging romantic interests.

As the argument turned physical and Burke made various threats of violence against the victim, threatening to escalate to even more, possibly deadly violence, if the police were contacted. The Hoopston Police Department was contacted, arrived, saw the defendant holding the victim against her will, and the defendant bit her. The victim was able to break free and got away from Burke. While Burke was being detained and arrested by police, he was threatening revenge against the victim.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy expressed her appreciativeness of the victim's courage in this case; including the victim's family and their prompt reporting of Burke's crimes. The State's Attorney also thanked the Hoopston Police Department for their efforts to ensure that this domestic abuser will properly spend a significant period of time behind bars.

Danville man found guilty

Robert Cunningham of Danville, was found guilty June 6, 2023, by a Vermilion County jury of Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer, a class 2 felony and Aggravated Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Peace Officer, a class 4 felony. The jury heard evidence that on May 5, 2021, around 2:00 p.m., Cunningham, led Tilton Police on chase after causing a disturbance at the Tilton Village Hall. Tilton Police Chief Phillip Bernardi attempted to pull Cunningham over, but Cunningham fled past a dead end and on to a sidewalk path, through a parking lot, driving on the wrong side of streets, disobeying stop signs, and reaching speeds in excess of 80 miles per hour on Georgetown Road. The chase ended when Cunningham got his vehicle stuck in a ditch. Cunningham was arrested and secured in a police vehicle. Soon after that, Cunningham managed to move his hand-cuffed hands from behind his back to the front of his body and lured Chief Bernardi into opening the back door of the police vehicle. Witnesses stated this is when Cunningham "launched" himself at Chief Bernardi, leading to a fight on the side of the road, which was witnessed by several people. Circuit Judge Thomas O'Shaughnessy presided over the jury trial, and will sentence Cunningham on August 8, 2023. State's Attorney,

Jacqueline Lacy, thanks the jurors for their service and attention in hearing this matter. She expressed appreciation for the decision, which affirms that the citizens of Vermilion County do not accept these acts of violence against our community and its Law Enforcement.

Airport welcomes new manager

Vermilion Regional Airport Authority is pleased to announce the hiring of Teresa "Tess" Cook as our Vermilion Regional Airport Manager and welcomes Tess to her new office today - June 7, 2023. Tess is from Lexington, KY and has relocated to Danville with long-term partner Lane Bradford and is eager to continue the transformational stewardship of Vermilion Regional Airport. Tess earned her Bachelor of Science, Aeronautics degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University's Arizona campus in 2021. Her hard work and dedication earned Tess a high GPA and Deans list honors throughout her time with Embry Riddle. Embry Riddle is the premier Aeronautical and Aerospace University in the U.S. Flying Cessna 172's in the Embry Riddle Flight Program has yielded over 100 hours of flight time including being a Part 107 Certified Drone Pilot. This Aeronautical knowledge and skill will serve Tess well in the Airport Manager role as she understands the role of airports in the National Airspace System. Prior to Vermilion Regional Airport, Tess worked for Silent Falcon as a professional drone pilot providing PCI pavement indexing services and data analysis to U.S. airports. A critical function for planning the life, maintenance and refurbishment of an airports most valuable and expensive infrastructure asset the runways, taxiways and apron / ramps.

Former Danville Mayor Jailed

RANTOUL — Village board members want more information before they decide whether to accept the resignation of the town's well-liked village administrator after domestic battery charges were filed against him Monday evening.

Scott Eisenhauer tendered his resignation Tuesday afternoon in the wake of the previous evening's incident in which he was involved in a domestic dispute with his wife at their Rantoul home.

At the monthly village board meeting Tuesday evening, Village President Chuck Smith said he had been informed by several trustees that they were not ready to accept the resignation.

"I would like to table Scott's resignation until a later date," Trustee Terry Workman said. "When I make a decision I would like to know all the facts of a situation ... and be able to evaluate. ... I do not know that at this time, so I do not want to accept this resignation until I have all the facts."

Trustee Gary Wilson agreed, saying everyone makes mistakes they wish they could take back.

"As Trustee Workman said, once we get everything on the table and understand what took place, at that time we can make an intelligent and informed decision," Wilson said.

Trustee Sam Hall asked if it's known when additional facts might be available. Smith said he didn't know.

Smith placed Eisenhower on administrative Monday after he learned of the charges against him. He said the village administrator would remain on administrative leave "until we have a better understanding of what happened."

Earlier, Smith said he was saddened by Eisenhower's decision to resign.

"It's a deep wound. It really is," he said. "Even though I don't condone what he did, it's hurtful. I'm sorry to lose him."

Eisenhower, 58, of Rantoul, appeared before Champaign County Judge Ben Dyer on Tuesday on two counts of domestic battery and one count of interfering with the reporting of domestic battery.

Dyer said Eisenhower asked to be represented by the Champaign County public defender's office, but he doesn't qualify.

The judge gave him time to hire his own attorney, and ordered him to be back in court June 27.

As a condition of his bond, Eisenhower can't have any contact with his wife.

According to a Champaign County sheriff's office report, Eisenhower's wife said she and her husband were arguing about marital issues Monday and she told him she was moving out.

"In response, he dumped the contents of her purse out, got in her face screaming at her, pushed her down onto the couch and hit her in the face," the report states. "She told him she was calling police, and as she was calling 911, he grabbed the phone from her, pulling out some of her hair in the process."

The report also states Eisenhower's wife reported her husband had been physical with her in the past when she threatened to leave, "pinning her down to prevent her from going."

The sheriff's office said Eisenhower made a statement to deputies and admitted that he had come home upset because his wife didn't want to go with him on a family trip.

"He said he started yelling at her as soon as she came home, admitted dumping the contents of her purse out and throwing her clothes on the floor," the report states. "He admitted grabbing the phone from her when she tried to call 911 in order to prevent her from calling police out of concern for his career and admitted pulling her hair when he did so."

Domestic battery and interfering with reporting domestic battery are both misdemeanors punishable by probation or up to a year in jail.

The sheriff's office was asked by Rantoul police to handle this case.

Eisenhower was hired by the village in November 2018 and earns about \$110,000 per year.