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AS STATION MANAGER, I CAN CERTIFY THAT PAXTON BROADCASTING WPXN 104.9 RUNS DAILY NEWSCASTS MONDAY-FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING 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.

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JAMIE LEE BAKKEN, GENERAL MANAGER

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## WPXN Issues of East Central Illinois for 2023 1<sup>st</sup> quarter

January 9 The Paxton Park District is in one of its busiest times of the year. Time for Youth Basketball. Paxton Park District Director Cody Evans says over 400 kids, 43 teams will take the courts in gyms in Paxton this year. Evans says there are always thank yous to businesses. 5 min Interview. 7am, 8am, noon

January 13 Governor J-B Pritzker has some strong words for county sheriff's who say they won't be enforcing the new ban on assault weapons. A number of Sheriff's are taking a stance against the law, saying it's unconstitutional. Gun rights groups say they could be filing a lawsuit against the ban as early as next week. Ford County Sheriff Chad Johnson and Iroquois County Sheriff Clint Perzee are among the sheriff's that have said they won't enforce the ban. Champaign County will enforce the ban. 2 min 630, 730, noon

January 19 City of Paxton leaders continue to work with local businesses and homeowners in the downtown area of the city on re-development agreements. The total nears 20 says Paxton Mayor Bill Ingold. 5 min Interview 630, 730, noon

Jan 20 Interview with State Senator Tom Bennett Live on Radio 15 Minutes

Jan 31 Gibson City leaders are creating a tax increment financing district to help a pair of businesses affected by a fire. The new tax increment financing district will be in the downtown area and would help Hood's Ace Hardware and Hustedt Jewelers that were damaged by the fire at Jay's Place. It's expected the TIF district will be in operation later this spring. 3 min 7am, 8am, noon

Feb 6 It started with a quarter of a million dollar donation. That was the donation to the Paxton Buckley Loda Endowment Fund. The fund continues to grow. Distributions from the money will help out the school district as funds come in says P-B-L Education Foundation President Robin Niewold. 5 min Interview 7am, 8am, noon

Feb 10 The Rantoul Police Department released on Thursday the names of two of its officers who shot and killed a 21-year-old man from Champaign on Monday. Rantoul Police officials said Officers Jose Aceves and Rikki McComas were investigating a stolen vehicle when shots were fired. Azaan Lee was hit by gunfire and was later pronounced dead at Carle Hospital in Urbana. The coroner determined he died from a gunshot wound that perforated the femoral artery in his leg. Officials added that Aceves and McComas were both hired by Rantoul Police

after previously serving in other law enforcement agencies. Aceves was a police officer in Mattoon from 2019 to 2022 while McComas was a Correctional Officer in the Champaign County Sheriff's Office from 2017 to 2019. 3 min 630am, 730am, noon

Feb 17 Interview with State Senator Tom Bennett Live on Radio 15 Minutes

Feb 20 Vermilion County voters will have a familiar question on the April 4th ballot. They'll be asked to approve a 1% sales tax increase that would benefit county schools. Voters rejected the referendum in 2018 and 2020. But the majority of rejections came from the city of Danville where 43% of county students live. Hiring school resource officers and mental health professionals is also a priority. 3 min. 7am, 8am, noon

Feb 22 Work on a new business complex on Rantoul's west side continues. The construction crew is working to meet a May deadline for completion. Rantoul Mayor Chuck Smith says recent winds caused some delays. 6 min, Interview 630am, 730am, noon

March 2 The 14th annual Prom Benefit for the Eastern Illinois Foodbank will be held on Saturday, March 4 at the Hilton Garden Inn from 7 – 11pm. This year's goal is to raise 375,000 meals for food-insecure individuals and families in the Foodbank's 18-county service territory. At any given time, more than 100,000 people in eastern Illinois, including 1 in 6 children, do not have access to enough nutritious food to support a healthy lifestyle. 3 min 7am, 8am, noon

March 15 A new concert venue is coming to the city of Paxton. The business is called "The Cadillac" as the building was home to a car dealership. Paxton Mayor Bill Ingold talks about the surrounding businesses and what another new business means for the city of Paxton. 5min, Interview 630am, 730am, noon

March 17 Interview with State Senator Tom Bennett Live on Radio 15 Minutes

March 20 The investigation into an Urbana teenager's murder has resulted in an arrest, Urbana Police officials said. The suspect, they added, is also a teenager. Officials said their investigation into the murder of Montrell Emery, 16, led detectives to obtain an arrest warrant for a 14-year-old juvenile from Urbana. They executed that warrant early Saturday morning in the area of Washington Street and MacArthur Drive, just a few blocks away from where Emery was killed. The

teenage suspect was arrested during that police operation. In addition, officers also executed two court-ordered search warrants at the scene of Emery's murder. 3 min, 630am, 730am, noon

March 31 The Ford County Emergency Management Agency and American Red Cross will be installing free smoke alarms in Gibson City April 11. It's part of the Red Cross Sound the Alarm program. EMA officials are seeking individuals to sign up for appointments to have the free smoke alarms installed in their homes. Interested parties can contact Ford County EMA Manager Terry Whitebird at 217-781-1898 or [twhitebird@fordcounty.illinois.gov](mailto:twhitebird@fordcounty.illinois.gov) for sign-up info. 3 min, 630am, 730am, noon