

I strongly urge you to join me in voting for Jacqueline Lacy for State's Attorney. Jacqueline is being supported by Sheriff Pat Hartshorn, and other members of law enforcement because she will **vigorously fight to make our communities safer**. In an office like the State's Attorney, the two things that matter most are courtroom experience and the knowledge of how to run an effective office. She continues to excel in these endeavors. Join me in voting Lacy for State's Attorney in the upcoming March Republican Primary.



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County board chairman hopes to showcase Vermilion County

Vermilion County Board Chairman Mike Marron wants to make the county a destination spot for tourism, recreation and to live.

Marron on Wednesday announced a comprehensive plan for the next decade, part of Vermilion County 2015, a strategic plan for the county's future.

VC2025 was begun by a few county board members, looking at the county's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT), who then took the idea into communities and other groups throughout the county, seeking input from leaders in all areas.

The results showed three areas that need attention:

Economic Health and Wellbeing; Maintaining a Safe and Healthy Environment; and County Unity and Image.

"The great thing about the responses was that while they know we have problems and a lot to do, the people who live here believe in this county and are proud of all the good things about it," Marron said. Each of the three areas was broken down into more specific priorities for change.

For example, under Economic Health and Wellbeing, goals are increasing communication between the county board and communities; increased communication and collaboration to ensure youth are connected to career op-

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portunities for their futures; establish and grow an enhanced self-image of Vermilion County, then share it; promote and enhance natural resources, including Lake Vermilion, Kennekuk, Kickapoo, Forest Glenn and others.

Some goals under Maintaining a Safe and Healthy Environment are: finding resources to ensure law enforcement at county and community levels have tools they need to keep the public safe; creating early intervention opportunities to identify and provide services to those who need help; discuss lack of local mental health

From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:54 a.m. Wednesday at the CSX crossing on Orange.

Police said Abby F. Lane, of Hoopeston, in a 2005 Honda, lost control in deep snow approaching the crossing, spun and struck the signal standard that holds the lights, gate and bell. There was no apparent damage to the standard.

services and how to meet existing needs and find funding; and focus on viable opportunities to improve the overall mental and physical health of county residents.

Under County Unity and Image, goals include enhancing connections to opportunities to grow the spirit of volunteerism in the county; creating a volunteer data-

Obituaries

HINES - Mary E. (Vorick) Hines, 96, of Venice, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016, in Venice. Visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Edmund Catholic Church, Watseka. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to Harbor Inn of Venice, P.c. Walker, 527 Habitat Blvd, Osprey, FL 34229.

REYNOLDS - Sharon Reynolds, 73, of Hoopeston, died at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

base; and create opportunities for regular communication with county faith leaders and schools and increase connections between the county board and Vermilion County Mayor's Council.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 36. Tonight, decreasing clouds. Low 26. Tomorrow, sunny. High 47, low 36. Sunday, partly sunny, chance of rain late. High 56, low 33.

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