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IYW focuses on Kristi Hudson, Hoopeston Swimming Pool

Editor's Note: The following was submitted by Vermilion Advantage, part of a series, I am, You are, We are Vermilion County! The series profiles residents throughout the county.

This segment of IYW takes a dive into the Hoopeston Pool and the woman who spearheaded the campaign to keep it up and running: Kristi Hudson.

Kristi was born and raised in Hoopeston where her and her husband have raised their two boys, Sam, and Sean. She received her bachelor's degree in Anatomy from the University of Illinois and came back to Hoopeston to be a massage therapist. After 20 years of that career, she decided to make a change, studied occupational therapy at Parkland Community College and began to work for Vermilion Association for Special Education (VASE) in Vermilion County schools.

In 2021, Kristi was hired to manage the Hoopeston Pool and with the support of the group "Save the Hoopeston Pool", she was tasked with improving the image, attendance, and finances of the pool. "Once the city was convinced to keep the pool open, the group changed its name to 'Hoopeston Aquatics Coalition' (HAC) to better express our purpose." Kristi serves as president of the group. They are now raising money for pool improvements.

Kristi was able to rally local businesses such as AM-BUCS, Hoopeston Rotary, The Pump, and other individuals, to help purchase an ADA approved staircase so that people of all abilities can easily enter the pool. They have revived private and group lessons, started water exercise classes, offered evening parties and special hours for teens, adults, women, and families. They have hosted community days offering a buy one, get one entry for people of different communities in Vermilion County. Last summer, they were able to reopen the concession stand after several years and have big plans for next summer. "I hope to get a volleyball league going, and we would love to find someone to resurrect the swim team!" Last October, HAC introduced the inaugural "Boo at the



Photo provided

KRISTI HUDSON
 Pool". Along with the Hoopeston Women's Club and members of the high school marching band, they transformed the pool into a maze and haunted scenes that over 800 people enjoyed.

Kristi has previously served on the board of Keep Ver-
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Briefly

Christmas Eve service

Please join us at First Church of God, 1004 E Orange St Hoopeston, for our Christmas Eve Service Saturday, Dec. 24 at 3 p.m. We will have our children singing songs, Christmas carols and a brief message from Pastor Carlos Sanchez.

Hope to see you there!

Cheer card

Steve Baker has successfully completed his stem cell procedure and would enjoy hearing from friends and residents. Cards and letters may be sent to him at:

Steve Baker
Room 105
c/o IMD Guest House
1933 W. Polk St.
Chicago IL 60612

Christmas closings

- Just the Facts will not be printed Monday.
- Hoopeston Public Library will be closed Hoopeston Public Library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24 through Monday, Dec. 26 for Christmas.
- The library will reopen with regular hours on Tuesday,

Dec. 27.

- Fast Lanes will close at 1 p.m. Christmas Eve and be closed Christmas Day.
- Hoopeston administrative offices will be closed Friday and Monday. Hoopeston Police Department will be open for the holiday.
- Trash pickup in Hoopeston will be one day late next week.

Community blood drive

A Hoopeston blood drive will be held from noon-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30 at First Presbyterian Church community room, 915 E. Orange.

For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

Court Dispositions

November 9

Brittney D. Rutledge, Hoopeston, failed to appear for theft, found guilty by default, fined \$180 plus \$20.02 restitution; status hearing December 14.

Robert A. Waters, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, case sent to state for further enforce-

ment.

Jessica M. Cabrales, Hoopeston, appeared for general nuisance; status hearing December 14.

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milion County Beautiful and started a Hoopeston group called Trash Walkers who met weekly to pick up litter. She loves where she lives and says, "I love living in a town with access to grocery, seven restaurants, a pharmacy, banks, gasoline, swimming pool, mini golf, bowling alley, barber, chiropractor, doctors' offices, all within ¼ miles from my house, and my backyard being in the country with corn or soybeans every summer" about Hoopeston. "I love living in a community where strangers collect clothes and goods for a family who lost their home to a fire or where someone passes on a couple of \$100 bills because they hear someone is having a rough holiday season or where people send boxes and boxes of food and supplies to a food cupboard or animal shelter."

We thank you, Kristi, for all you do throughout Vermilion County and for all the love you pour into the Hoopeston community.

Weather

WINTER STORM WARNING 12 pm. Thursday-6 a.m. Saturday. Rain/snow/breezy today. High 35. Tonight, snow likely, blowing snow. Low -7. Tomorrow, blowing snow, breezy. High 1, low -4.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Classifieds

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MILFORD CROSSROADS YOUTH CENTER is seeking a DIRECTOR., Flexible Hours. Working with youth in grades 2-10. Applications available at Milford Building & Loan, Milford Village Hall or on Facebook at Milford Crossroads Youth Center . Contact Rod at (815) 471-4634. Immediate start date.

Hoopeston Police Department is accepting applications until December 31, 2022 for a full time Dispatcher. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W. Main St., or online at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

Fast Lanes looking for weekend Breakfast waitress and cooks. May lead into other days or nights! We also need night waitresses. MUST be available for weekend shifts. Experience helpful! Stop in and get an application! No phone calls/FB messages.

Hoopeston Public Library is seeking a dependable individual to shovel and salt sidewalks this winter. Must be able and available to keep walks clear for library operating hours, 10-6, Monday-Friday, and 10-3, Saturdays. Contact Library Director Tricia Freeland, 217-283-6711.

First Christian Church has immediate opening for a secretary, Tuesday-Thursday 8 am-noon. Send a Resume to FCC, PO Box 115, Hoopeston, IL. 60942

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

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