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Vermilion Advantage names Marron as president, CEO

Former Vermilion County Board chairman and current state representative Mike Marron has been named to lead Vermilion Advantage.

The appointment was announced Monday in a statement from the Vermilion Advantage board of directors.

Marron announced this summer that we would not run for re-election to the 104th District next year. In light of his new position, he will step away from his office before he takes over as president and CEO on December 18.

"My new position is nonpartisan and I am therefor removing myself from all political activity," he said.

Marron (R-Fithian) began his service in the state legislature in September 2018, appointed to fill the unexpired term of former state Rep Chad Hays, R-Catlin. He was

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MIKE MARRON

first elected that year and reelected in 2020 and 2022.

In a prepared statement, the Vermilion Advantage Board stated, "We believe he has the vision to lead the community to new opportunities," said the Vermilion Advantage board of directors. "His experience in both government and business is the right combination to bring new energy and perspective in accomplishing Vermilion Advantage goals."

Marrron will take over the reins from Todd Lee, who was named interim CEO following Tim Dudley's resignation in September.

Vermilion Advantage was formed when the Vermilion County Economic Development Corporation and Danville Chamber of Commerce unified. Since then, The chamber side of it has been retitled Chamber of Commerce for Vermilion County, encompassing chambers from other communities, including Hoopeston.

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From the Blotter

Karoline Gomez, 28, of Hoopeston, was stopped by police at 12:17 a.m. Monday for a traffic violation. She was ticketed for speeding 51 in a 35 mph zone at West Orange and South Sixth Ave.

Gomez was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Victor L. Hutton, 55, listed as homeless, was arrested at 3:15 a.m. Monday in the 700 block of East McCracken. Police were doing a check of vacant residences in the area and allege Hutton was illegally occupying one.

Hutton was charged with criminal trespass to residence, resisting arrest and obstructing police and was released on a recognizance bond with a date in Vermilion County Court.

Legion auxiliary to collect for vets

Hoopeston American Legion Auxiliary Post 384 will have drive up collections from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, on Thursday, Nov. 30 and 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Hoopeston Fire Station Market St. door. Needed items include men's boxer briefs (M-4XL), men's navy, gray or black sweatpants (M-5XL), Dinty Moore microwaveable 90 second meals, boxes of Little Debbie snack cakes, or money to purchase these items for the groups Gifts for Veterans program this holiday season.





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Obituaries

MITCHELL - Jill Allyn (Brockway) Mitchell, 77, of Boswell, IN, passed away on Friday evening, November 17, 2023, at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, IN.

Jill was born November 9, 1946, in Danville, daughter of Allan James and Marjorie Delores (Cottingham) Brockway. She married Jeffrey Dale Mitchell of Boswell, on September 5, 1970, at the



JILL MITCHELL

Hoopeston United Methodist Church. Jeff preceded Jill in death on February 14, 2020.

Jill is survived by daughters, Jennifer (Ashton) Eldridge of Phoenix, AZ and Jessica (Patrick) Quinn of Phoenix, AZ; son, James Jeffrey Mitchell of Boswell; sisters, Jane (Jary) Archer of Hoopeston, and Judy Brockway (Mark Skelton) of Cambridge; grandchildren, Megan and Emily Ouinn and John Eldridge.

Jill graduated from Hoopeston High School in 1964 and attended Eastern Illinois University. After college, she worked at City National Bank in Hoopeston and later retired from the Farmers & Merchants Bank in Boswell. Jill was a lifelong member of the Hoopeston United Methodist Church, volunteered with Women Making A Difference and served as a member of The Mary Hartwell Catherwood Club of the Hoopeston Public Library.

Jill was a sweet, selfless, loving mother, wife, daughter, sister, and friend. She enjoyed reading, traveling and an iced-cold Coca-Cola. She was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed watching college basketball. She loved being with her family and friends, especially her three grandchildren. Jill's true calling in life was to care for her family.

Visitation: Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 4-7 p.m. CST Funeral Services: Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 11 a.m. CST

Services will be held at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The burial will follow the funeral at the Boswell Cemetery, 2454 W State Rd 352, Boswell, IN. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jill's name to the Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St., Hoopeston, IL 60942, or the Hoopeston Multi-Agency Service Center, 206 S. 1st Ave, Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Jill's eternal tribute page and send the family condolences

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

BROOKS - Crystal Jo (Kottke) Brooks, 63, of Potomac, died at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She will be cremated and a memorial service held at a later date. Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

LAYDEN - Glenda Kay (Elliott) Layden, 80, of Hoopeston, died at 2:22 a.m. Thursday, November 23, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She will be cremated. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the noon memorial service Thursday, Dec. 7, at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Private burial will be held. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741, or Prairie Green Church of Christ, 278 N. 2800 East Road, Hoopeston, IL 60942. Condolences may be shared at www.andersonfuneral-home.com

SHELTON - John Michael Shelton, 80, of Mahomet, died at 6:18 p.m. Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center, Urbana. He will be

Sports

Boys Basketball

Hoopeston Area is now 3-2 overall after the Cornjerkers defeated Judah Christian 68-40, at home.

Owen Root led scoring with 31 points on the night, followed by Kendrick Sigerill with 12, Trenton Montez nine, Wyatt Eisenmann eight, Mason Rush five and Zach Huchel three.

Steiner had six rebounds off the bench and Montez had six assists.

Hoopeston Area was set to host Fisher Tuesday night , then travel to take on La Salette Academy on Friday. The team will get in a Saturday session when they are hosted by Clifton Central.

Weather

Sunny today. High 42. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 27. Tomorrow, partly sunny, then rain likely. High 47, low 34.

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cremated. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Blue Ridge Cemetery, Mansfield. Blurton Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

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