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## Vermilion Advantage backtracks on scope of DC junket

The scope of a trip by Vermilion Advantage members to Washington, DC has been walked back after the fact.

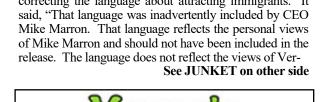
In a September 18 press release, Mike Marron, Vermilion Advantage president/CEO, announced the economic development group was sponsoring its first annual lobbying trip to the nation's capital to "build relationships with our Representatives on a Federal level and to advocate for Vermilion County's priorities for growth and economic development."

The junket, on September 18-19, included board members and community leaders, according to the release.

Priorities listed for Vermilion Advantage included support for the \$1 million appropriation for flood/storm wa-

ter remediation along East Voorhees in Danville; funding for general infrastructure for an industrial prep site; funding for blight remediation/land bank operations; and funding for workforce training initiatives and a streamlined regulatory process for immigrants so we are more readily able to attract immigrants into our community.

A follow-up press release was issued September 23, correcting the language about attracting immigrants. It said, "That language was inadvertently included by CEO Mike Marron. That language reflects the personal views of Mike Marron and should not have been included in the





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### Motorcycle accident Saturday claims life of Cissna Park student

Funeral services have been announced for Colson Jaymes Carley, 17, of rural Milford.

#### **Letters to the Editor**

#### Thank you, firefighters

We've all heard the expression about a "barn-burning" but I really didn't intend to burn it down! I was trying to burn some dead tree limbs and brush in the alleyway preparatory to the usual fall city pick up but it got out of hand. As my barn was burning, a volunteer fire person/neighbor saw it. She called it in and the response of the volunteer fire department was very prompt. It saved my Pony barn, built in 1920, when my property at 805 E. Lincoln was actually outside city limits.

I want to thank the firemen and women volunteers for their great work. Nobody appreciates them properly until they need them.

> Dick Doyle Hoopeston

Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Private family service will be on Thursday, with burial at St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery in Crescent City. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Iroquois Memorial Hospice or Cissna Park Booster Club.

Condolences may be shared at www.knappfuneral homes.com.

According to police reports, Mr. Carley was riding a motorcycle northbound on Rt.1, south of County Road 1330 in Iroquois County. The motorcycle crossed into the east ditch for an unknown reason and struck a culvert at approximately 4:39 p.m.

Mr. Carley was thrown from the motorcycle and was taken to Iroquois Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

A senior at Cissna Park High School, he played baseball, basketball and golf. In his honor, students at several schools around the area wore Cissna Park's school colors at their own sports activities over the weekend.



### Up against the wall

Hoopeston Area High School students strut homecoming finery while waiting their turn to take pictures in front of the brick walls at Rotary Park in downtown Hoopeston. Homecoming activities were scheduled all last week, culminating in Friday night's football game, where the Cornjerkers were defeated by Momence, 48-14. Ayden Larkin and Macy Warner were crowned king and queen. Members of the court were Layla Birch, Claire Dixon, Kayla Recker, Seth Goble, Trenton Montez and Angel Zamora. Attendants were juniors Willamina clayton and Paul Smith, sophomores Mady Klaber and Nick Cardenas and freshmen Libby Lugo and Fletcher Swartz.

#### **Junket** continued from other side

milion Advantage, nor anyone involved with the organization or its board.

"The lobby trip to Washington DC was a highly successful effort to discuss funding for infrastructure projects and workforce development surrounding the Quaker site. At no time was the topic of Immigration discussed."

A former state representative, Marron's initial press release said during his time in the legislature, "it made a big difference to me when people from the district came to visit and let me know what was important to them. I believe legislators take notice of that, and you are remembered during budget time. We must start getting Vermilion County on the minds of our elected officials."

While in Washington, VA members were to meet with various members of the Congressional Delegation including Vermilion County's representatives, Robin Kelly and Mary Miller.

#### Weather

Slight chance of showers today. High 74. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 56. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of showers late. High 77, low 61.

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