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OBJECTIVE

**Veteran Sports Broadcaster with Experience from Prep to Professional
Seeks to Share His Passion for Sports with your organization**

EMPLOYMENT

2015-Present Broadcaster, Spartan Sports Network, East Lansing, MI

- Play-by-play broadcaster for Michigan State University Softball
- Fill-in Pregame, Halftime and Postgame host for Michigan State University Football
- Fill-in Play-by-play broadcaster for Michigan State University Basketball
- Co-host, SSN Morning Show

2011-Present Sports Broadcaster, WGHN Radio Inc., Grand Haven, MI

- Play-by-play broadcaster for WGHN's coverage of Grand Haven football and basketball since 2016
- Host WGHN's Coach's Show every Monday night during prep football season since 2016
- Play-by-play broadcaster for Country 93.1's coverage of Muskegon Catholic Central football and basketball from 2011-2015
- Host Country 93.1's Coach's Show every Wednesday night during prep football season from 2013-2015
- Other Sports play-by-play and talk show coverage for WGHN and Sports Radio 1370 including, basketball, baseball, hockey and lacrosse

2008-Present Freelance Sports Broadcaster

- Play-by-play for Michigan State University's BTN2Go coverage
- Sports play-by-play and voiceover talent for DSE-TV in Muskegon for 2011-2015
- Fill-in play-by-play broadcaster for the Bloomington Prairie Thunder Hockey Club
- Fill-in play-by-play broadcaster for Southwest Baptist University Bearcats football on KBFL-FM in Springfield, MO

2007-08 Broadcaster and Director of Communications, Muskegon Fury Professional Hockey Club, Muskegon MI

- Delivered play-by-play, pre- and post-game broadcasts for all Fury games
- Hosted weekly radio call-in show, interviewing team and front office members
- Composed press releases for games and player signings
- Promoted and attended several Fury community events and appearances
- Refreshed web site and crafted weekly mass e-mail
- Distributed information as required by the International Hockey League handbook

2002-2007 Sports Writer, Grand Haven Tribune, Grand Haven MI

- Created game stories, features and columns covering high school, college and professional sports
- Appeared weekly on 101.7 FM WMRR Muskegon as a guest commentator, promoting prep football

2011-Present Executive Director, Humanity for Prisoners

2005-2013 Sales Representative, various organizations

- Grand Haven Tribune
- Holland Sentinel
- WGHN, Inc.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Communications Arts & Sciences, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

- Specializing in telecommunications and advertising/marketing

BROADCASTING AWARDS

- First place, Market 4 Sports Play-by-play, 2011 Michigan Association of Broadcasters
- Merit Award, Market 4 Sports Play-by-play, 2012 Michigan Association of Broadcasters

WRITING AWARDS

- First place, Class D Sports Column, 2003 Better Newspaper Contest by the Michigan Press Association
- Second place, Class D Sports Feature, 2005 Better Newspaper Contest by the Michigan Press Association
- Third place, Division 1 Sports Column, 2003 Michigan Associated Press Editors' Association contest
- Third place, Class D Sports Feature, 2003 Better Newspaper Contest by the Michigan Press Association
- Honorable mention, Class D Sports Column, 2005 Better Newspaper Contest by the Michigan Press Association

REFERENCES

- Will Tieman – Owner and Broadcaster, Spartan Sports Network – 517.337.1776
- Jacquie Joseph – Head Coach, Michigan State University Softball – 517.355.4752
- Jeff Rose – Sports Director/Executive Producer, WGHN Inc. – 231.286.7075
- Jamie Baldwin – Director of Athletic Communications, Michigan State University – 517.355.2271

DEMO

- <https://mtjapkes.wixsite.com/demo>