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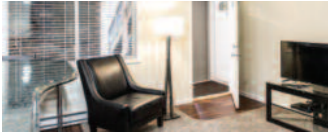


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MEMBER PROFILES



Leatherneck Hardware becomes a division of ASSA ABLOY

Leatherneck Hardware has joined the ASSA ABLOY team. On December 23, 2020, ASSA ABLOY acquired Leatherneck Hardware, a specialty door hardware manufacturer headquartered in Danville, Illinois. Leatherneck Hardware is a second-generation family-owned business established in 1977, specializing in Commercial / Aircraft Hangar Door hardware. Leatherneck also manufactures the award-winning Flat Track by Leatherneck line of sliding door hardware for residential and commercial use.

Dale Carlton, who co-owned Leatherneck Hardware with his wife Connie, will serve as General Manager of the new Leatherneck Hardware Division. “We are excited to be a part of the ASSA team,” says Dale Carlton. “This provides us with opportunities for exponential growth at our Danville location. The partnership will also allow our staff growth and benefit opportunities not available for a smaller company. All our

current staff, along with the Carltons’ son Jordan will be making the transition continuing the family dynamic in the business. We will continue to provide our customers with the same quality products and service they have come to know while growing the product lines to better serve the industry.

This acquisition will further support ASSA ABLOY’s vision to be the preferred supplier and subcontractor for large openings commonly found in Aviation, Shipyards, Mining, and Heavy Industry. As the global leader in Aircraft Hangar Doors, this is a major step to meet the unmet global market demand to offer both the Vertical Lifting Fabric Door as well as the Bottom Rolling Hangar Door technology.

“Leatherneck Hardware’s experience and expertise in designing and manufacturing specialty door hardware for heavy commercial use is a strong and logical addition to the ASSA ABLOY Entrance

Systems team. I look forward to welcoming our new colleagues and together keep strengthening our Large Application Door offering,” says Christopher Norbye, Executive Vice President of ASSA ABLOY and Head of Division Entrance Systems.

“With Leatherneck Hardware’s strong and complementary product portfolio, great leadership team, and excellent reputation in our industry, they are a perfect addition to grow our business, and we are thrilled to welcome them to the family, says Mark Daugherty, President for Industrial Door Solutions North America at ASSA ABLOY Entrance Systems. We now welcome the opportunity to support our customers and partners in the best solutions for hangar doors for all their needs.” Mark continues.

For further information about Leatherneck Hardware, visit: www.doorhdwe.com/



Viscofan – A World Leader in Food Manufacturing

With more than a dozen factories across five continents, Viscofan USA is a global leader in the food industry. The Danville plant employs more than 300 people. The starting wages and benefits rank near the top among regional manufacturers.

Even so, much like Rodney Dangerfield, Viscofan doesn't get any respect. After 14 years in Danville, the company has a new look under CEO Guillermo Eguidazu and is reaching out across Vermilion County to attract job-seekers and to advance a positive image about the value of Viscofan to our community.

Viscofan's specialty is as a "casing company" in providing the outer wrapping for a wide variety of meat products. "The casings industry is not like other industries," says Mr. Eguidazu. "This job can be really hard at times, but it is very rewarding and good for those who are up to it. Also, there's a broader sense to it when you realize how you are contributing to feeding families, not only in the United States. Who has never enjoyed a hot dog? Somehow, we are part of those moments of shared joy."

New stage of growth

The Viscofan Group produces casings for the meat industry in all range of technologies — Collagen, Cellulose, Fibrous, Plastics, Veggie and Transfer casings— and serves them to customers in more than 100 countries worldwide. Viscofan comprises 18 production plants, four of which are based in the US including: Danville, Illinois; Kentland, Indiana; Montgomery, Alabama; and Bridgewater, New Jersey.

In Danville, the road for Viscofan has not been easy or lacked times of testing since the purchase of the facility in 2006. Even so, today the company is growing in the US where a large swathe of the market relies on its products. Significant investments in operational improvements, technology, R&D, safety and human resources have been dedicated from the outset of the plant to achieve maximum performance, efficiency, and uninterrupted operation.

"There's an opportunity for growth and development we want to share with the

community," says Mr. Eguidazu.

"Following this period of settling and improvements, we are now focusing on building strong and skilled teams here in Danville to deliver on our business strategy. This business is challenging. It doesn't matter how experienced you are; very few days pass by without teaching you something new. There's nowhere but here where you can learn about this business."

Not the average work-life balance

For many of its employees in Danville, Viscofan is a means to earn a good living and not give up on a personal life balance. The company offers a unique work schedule that allows for several days off a week, good wages and a notable benefits package including medical, surgical, life insurance, short term disability, and 401k benefits.

"We are always looking for job candidates who have an interest in upward mobility within the company," says Kevin Dawson, Vice President of Human Resources. "For example, many of our front-line supervisors are employees who



Guillermo Eguidazu



Kevin Dawson

performed well in jobs and expressed interest in taking on more responsibility. For those individuals we provide additional training and leadership opportunities.”

With regards to safety, the company is strict about compliance with occupational health and safety management. International standards apply in all its facilities. In Danville, Viscofan invests over a million dollars annually to improve the facility, the processes, and the safety and working conditions for employees.

Of the many improvements, many came as a result of open dialogue and sharing with the workers themselves. “This is something that has been changing over time and that we want to continue developing,” explains Mr. Dawson. “We’ve seen commitment grow in some of the staff and this is having a positive impact. We believe it is possible to create a strong team in Danville and we would like to bring in more people.”

Take the opportunity

If the opportunity of becoming part of a world leader in the food industry seems interesting to you or to someone you might think of, do not hesitate to reach out. You can learn more about Viscofan careers in several ways: through viscofan.com/en-us, vermilionadvantage.com/job-board, and indeed.com, to name a few. Also, you can get a better grasp of what it means to work at Viscofan USA on Facebook [@viscofandanville](https://www.facebook.com/viscofandanville).

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APPI Energy Offers Effective Solutions

If you're a local business and want to explore new solutions to cut energy costs, Carolyn Johnson, Senior Energy Consultant for APPI Energy, says she and her team are ready to help.

"We offer more than just electricity and natural gas procurement," says Johnson. "We recently expanded our services to offer a holistic solutions division that offers sustainability services, efficiency solutions, renewable energy, demand response programs, and more. We look at the larger picture when it comes to our clients and can hone in on areas that we can improve to overall reduce energy consumption and improve the efficiency of their organization."

APPI Energy is the trusted energy consultant for Vermilion Advantage members, providing data-driven, holistic energy management solutions. APPI Energy delivers 25 years of proven experience, along with an extensive database of daily supplier prices, which allows the company to provide historical and real-time data. They can analyze energy usage, evaluate energy bills, deliver a green-apples-to-green-apples comparison of supplier prices and contracts, and negotiate supply solutions. Their team of 50 employees works to provide clients with tailored solutions that fit their needs. The company is based in Salisbury, Maryland.

The organization goes beyond negotiating a new energy contract for clients, offering onsite energy assessments and more. "We also continuously monitor clients' accounts, meaning we don't disappear after a contract is signed," she says. "We make sure our clients are aware of any legislative changes that may impact their bills or renewal opportunities that are in favor of their needs for future contracts. We are an extension of their team."

Johnson she's noticed more patience in the community and among the staff during the pandemic. "This is a crazy time," she says. "Our lives have changed so quickly and many of us are working from home now. We have had to juggle working from home, with teaching our kids, and being parents. It is not easy, and you never know what distractions may come up during a virtual meeting, but we have learned to adjust and just understand that everyone is doing their best. You learn to laugh and move on! Personally, 2020 has taught me to be kinder all around, for we truly do not know what battles others are facing, and if I can put a smile on someone's face then it was a good day."

The Maryland resident believes Vermilion County's greatest strength is kindness. "Living on the East Coast, each time I visit Vermilion County I am reminded how kind the community is, whether it's business or pleasure, most everyone is courteous and genuinely kind."

As a Vermilion Advantage partner, they offer services directly to members who are actively seeking to improve their energy profile. With 14 years of experience in working with local members, they've developed a critical understanding of Vermilion County's needs.

For information about how APPI can help your company, visit appienergy.com, email cjohnson@appienergy.com or call 667-330-1137.



"We offer more than just electricity and natural gas procurement."

Carolyn Johnson

SK Exteriors Serving Vermilion County



Josh Howard

Residents may be familiar with SK Exteriors' fencing expertise, but Sales Manager Josh Howard says people may be surprised to learn about the company's work in roofing, siding, windows, and door services. "Also, customers are surprised to find SK Exteriors has the capabilities to complete major commercial renovations," he adds. Villas of Holly Brook Assisted Living Center in Danville, Sierra Ventures building in Champaign, and 901 Western apartment complex in Urbana are just a few examples.

SK Exteriors started in Champaign in 1981, primarily focused on fencing. In the last ten years, the company has grown to include residential and commercial siding, roofing, and windows. SK Exteriors uses trade specific installers and currently has over 110 employees. The company completes commercial work across the country. Most of their residential work occurs within a 100-mile radius of the Champaign office. Since the hailstorm of 2019, the company has experienced significant growth in residential remodeling in Vermilion County, along with the many ongoing residential and commercial fencing projects.

Property managers, general contractors, architects, and project management companies benefit from utilizing SK Exteriors' specialized construction services. Residential homeowners going through the exterior home remodeling process are the

other area of focus for the company.

"We truly understand the investment and trust the customer is placing in SK Exteriors to successfully complete their renovation project," says Howard. "Our thorough, detailed project consulting process combined with our manufacturer and trade-specific certified installers are what really set us apart from the competition. SK Exteriors also uses sophisticated 3D software to generate before and after future renderings of customers' homes so they can envision what the project will look like." They are authorized Andersen Window & Door dealers, Elite Preferred Contractors with James Hardie and Mastic, and SELECT ShingleMaster with CertainTeed.

As with many companies, SK Exteriors has adapted during COVID. "We understand we are entering a new business era, but also continuing to focus on the fundamentals that have led us to becoming the area's largest exterior remodeling company," he says. "We have implemented strategies and processes to ensure we are on the cutting edge of technology in the industry and continuing to focus on our 5-star customer experience."

Personally, the pandemic has Howard reaffirming some truths he has long held. "Tough times don't last but tough people do," he says. "As human beings, it's so important to understand that we manifest the life we want in our heads. If we have control over

our mind and are clear what we want out of life, the universe will start to rearrange itself to make it happen for you. Keep seeking, keep believing, and keep praying."

The area native sees unity as Vermilion County's greatest strength. "I have always noticed the tremendous amount of fight and desire the area has," he says. "The community understands we are based around blue collar industries and we take pride and work hard to preserve that."

Howard is active with the Danville Ambucs, Vermilion Advantage, Vermilion County Pheasants Forever, Vermilion County Republicans and Autism Speaks. He is also in the early stages of partnering with an autism charity to provide young adults with resources to help them transition into adulthood. In 2020, he was named the sixth top producing sales consultant in the country by Storm Ventures Group, the industry's leading remodeling business/storm restoration training platform. He was invited to speak to the 2,000 attendees at the organization's national conference in March.

SK Exteriors is growing and currently looking for qualified, skilled employees, specifically for fencing, siding, and window installs. For more information, call 217-398-4812 or message them on Facebook @SK Exteriors.

Carle Project Near Downtown Danville Moving Forward



Carle Health's project on downtown Danville's west side is moving closer to breaking ground. The multi-use medical campus is designed to provide greater healthcare service and convenience for people who need it. Area residents will receive all levels of care including advanced specialty services. "There will be greater efficiency of care by moving services provided at Vermilion and Fairchild facilities to one location and expanding outpatient services into a single, multi-purpose campus," says Heather Tucker, RN – Carle Hoopston Regional Health Center Hospital Administrator and Director of Primary Care Services. "This campus will feature wellness care, diagnostics and treatment all on one site while providing future growth opportunities."

Final renderings and plans have been approved by Carle leadership. Official approvals from all governing bodies are the next steps in moving the process forward. Upon receiving those, groundbreaking is scheduled for summer of 2021 with a

completion date of winter 2022.

Carle Health is based in Urbana, IL and employs more than 10,500 people in its five hospitals, multi-specialty physician group, health plans, and associated healthcare businesses including the Carle Illinois College of Medicine, the world's first engineering-based medical school.

"We ultimately selected the new Carle at The Riverfront site, near Danville's downtown area, because it serves the community well," says Tucker. The project revitalizes the downtown neighborhood and provides easier access to healthcare via bus lines and walkability from nearby neighborhoods.

The Carle team credits community residents and leaders with their ongoing support. "The City of Danville and its residents have been supportive in recognizing the benefits of this consolidated, comprehensive facility," says Tucker. "They have seen our commitment to the community and how this redevelopment is key to providing enhanced

healthcare access and convenience to residents. In addition, this facility will economically benefit the community by energizing the downtown area and helping with the economic development in the City of Danville.

Vermilion Advantage has supported this effort as it will positively impact county residents and address a need in the community. Health indicators show that this community is among the lowest when it comes to diabetes, heart disease, cancer and overall life expectancy."

The project represents one of the largest investments in Danville's city center in the last 50 years.

"There's a need in this community and this medical campus will support our continued efforts to work with community partners to address these challenges," adds Tucker. "As a member of the Danville community for decades, we want to improve our facilities to enable us to improve the health of those we serve."

Robinson Chiropractic, Ltd. Serving More Patients



Dr. Chris Robinson, DC

For 17 years, Robinson Chiropractic has been providing exceptional chiropractic care in a variety of techniques and rehab services. They have offices in Danville, Hoopeston, Westville, and Watseka. The organization employs 25 people including seven chiropractors.

The practice continues to expand. “We have grown to double the number of patients we serve with a capacity for much more with the four locations now,” says Dr. Chris Robinson, DC. “It is our mission to see 80% of Vermilion County receiving chiropractic care regularly.”

There are now over 100 Chiropractic techniques, Robinson says. Technology has brought new mechanical adjusting instruments and even computerized instruments to the profession. Yet techniques originally taught in the early 1900’s are still widely used and effective.

People may be surprised to learn the practice serves infants and adults - from two weeks to 99 years old. Patients are seeing improvements and healing not only from back pain but also a variety of other issues including vertigo, reductions in sinus infections, sleep issues, migraines, behavior problems, bed wetting, constipation and many other conditions.

He tells a memorable story of serving a baby and her mom. “I will never forget caring for an infant that had horrible colic,” remembers Robinson. “We would always know when she entered the office as she was crying hysterically. Her poor mother was exhausted. Nothing was working to calm her down that had been tried so far. Chiropractic worked! So well, the mom asked me to move in with the family so her baby could be adjusted anytime she became fussy!”

Serving God, Serving People

Robinson says their primary goal is to glorify God by the way they serve the people they are privileged to care for. He and the staff hope this shines through to their patients in the love they show every day.

“The staff has been very compassionate with patients this year,” he says. “They have really worked hard to make the patients feel safe in our office with a lot of extra cleaning and COVID screenings. I never heard them complain about being at risk themselves working with the public. They are true servants! Even though we had to dramatically change to adapt this year, our mission did not change.”

Robinson’s approach to his business and personal life stems from a deep Christian faith. “This gives me strength to be a better husband, father, and doctor,” he says. “The Bible and prayer are where I went when fear of uncertain times would kick in this year.”

His faith also informs where and how he serves the community. He was thrilled to be named an elder at Second Church of Christ this year because he wants more people to come to know the love of Jesus as he has. Robinson Chiropractic donates what patients pay for their first visit to local organizations including the Boys and Girls Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Fair Hope, Women’s Care Clinic and others.

Love for the Community

Robinson values the fact Vermilion County is big enough to present many opportunities and small enough to make it is easy to get involved and build relationships. “Vermilion Advantage keeps us connected to the needs of the county as well as opportunities,” he adds. “It is great to have our staff build relationships with other businesses in the community. They also have helped with recruiting doctors to the area and finding them housing.”

Robinson Chiropractic is currently looking for more Chiropractors and office assistants. To learn more, visit the Vermilion County job board or find them on Facebook @robchiro1.

Revive Salon and Spa Taking Good Care of Clients



The staff at Revive Salon and Spa in Tilton is committed to helping clients feel and look their very best, especially in the last year. "My staff has worked long hours to get all of their clients back into the salon so they can look and feel good again," says Owner Sonna Quick. "All of our customers are treated like family; we love them all."

Revive Salon and Spa offers a wide variety of services including hair, nails, pedicures, tanning, and massage. They have seven employees and are hoping to hire more stylists. "We do high-lights, low-lights, color, cuts (men, women and kids), perms, up-do's, styles, manicures, pedicures, paraffin dip for hands and feet, and face waxing," says

Quick. "We also offer massage therapy and tanning beds." They carry popular lines including Redken, Amika, Matrix and Big Sexy.

The salon is located in Tilton at 2 Illiana Drive Suite A.

They will celebrate five years in business on June 20th. "In the almost five years, I have a very strong team that gets along extremely well with each other and we are like family," says Quick. "We love coming to our second home and working with each other daily (and picking on each other). I love my team!"

One of the unique features of Revive Salon and Spa is having all the services -

hair, manicures, pedicures, massage and tanning - in one location.

Quick says 2020 taught the team to be patient and to have faith. "As an individual - it let me know once again how amazing my husband really is and that he did anything and everything for all of our businesses and our kiddos and myself to make sure we make it through this crazy pandemic," she adds.

To make an appointment, learn more about services or to inquire about joining the Revive Salon and Spa team as a stylist, contact the salon at 217-655-2184, or find them on Facebook @ Revive Salon and Spa.

CAREER CORNER



Earle Steiner Named New Director of Illinois SBDC at DACC



The new director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Danville Area Community College (DACC) brings a lifetime of small business experience to his new role. Earle Steiner, who started in mid-January, had a long career at Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers prior to joining the SBDC.

"I felt the DACC Director position would be perfect because I enjoyed running my small business from all aspects," says Steiner. "I also felt the position was perfect to be able to give back to my community and help others with the like passion of being a small business owner."

The Illinois SBDC at DACC provides advising services and training for existing and new small businesses.

In his new role, he plans to expand the knowledge base of the organization. "As we work our way out of the pandemic, my plan is to get out into the community to work with

everyone in a live and safe manner," he says. "This includes existing and start-up assistance with training and advisement from all aspects."

"The more you give, the more you get in return!"

Experienced Leadership

In his career at Wendy's, Steiner was involved with training for restaurants and became the director of training and recruiting in Indianapolis, Indiana. Twenty-five years ago, he and his family then moved to Danville, Illinois to eventually become the owner operator for three restaurants.

Steiner cites a deep belief in Wendy's founder Dave Thomas' Five Legacy Values. Those values are: Quality is our Recipe, Do

the Right Thing, Just be Nice, Profit means Growth, and Give Something Back.

"I really enjoy teaching and training people," he adds. "It is very satisfying to watch your people develop and advance in their career. In my position I look forward to doing the same each and every day."

Family Life

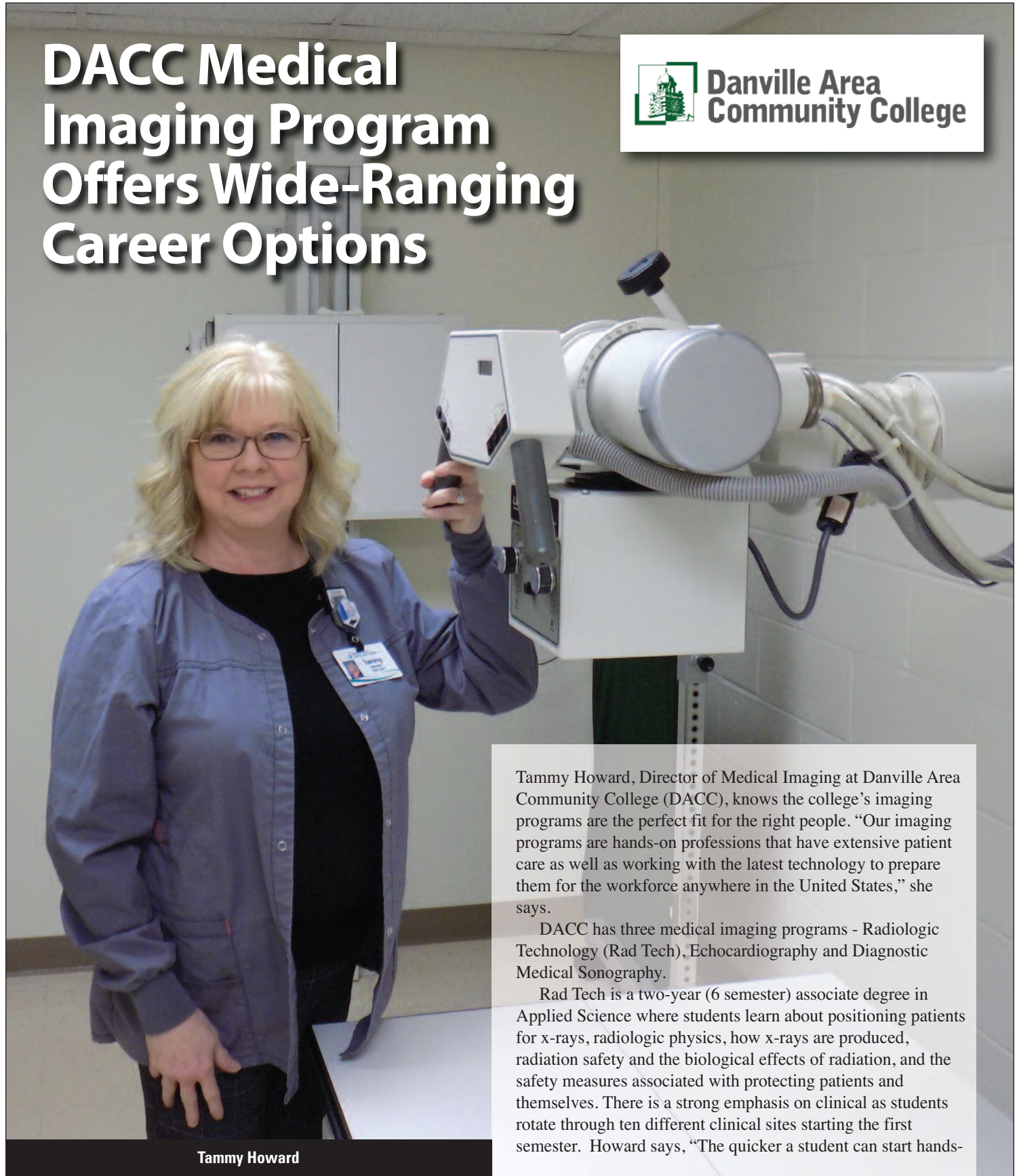
He and his wife Caryn, who is the Champaign Surgery Center Operating Room Coordinator at Carle at the Fields, enjoy the family-friendly aspects of Danville and believe it has been a great place to raise their family. Steiner's family includes sons Reed and Luke, stepson Bryant his wife Amy, and granddaughter Blake.

"Every chance I can get the entire family together I cherish!" he adds. "Our family enjoys sporting events together, with our favorite being White Sox baseball along with all college sports (especially Big 10)."

DACC Medical Imaging Program Offers Wide-Ranging Career Options



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Tammy Howard

Tammy Howard, Director of Medical Imaging at Danville Area Community College (DACC), knows the college's imaging programs are the perfect fit for the right people. "Our imaging programs are hands-on professions that have extensive patient care as well as working with the latest technology to prepare them for the workforce anywhere in the United States," she says.

DACC has three medical imaging programs - Radiologic Technology (Rad Tech), Echocardiography and Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Rad Tech is a two-year (6 semester) associate degree in Applied Science where students learn about positioning patients for x-rays, radiologic physics, how x-rays are produced, radiation safety and the biological effects of radiation, and the safety measures associated with protecting patients and themselves. There is a strong emphasis on clinical as students rotate through ten different clinical sites starting the first semester. Howard says, "The quicker a student can start hands-

on learning, the more it reinforces knowledge gained from the classroom and laboratory and cultivates confidence in our students.” Rad Tech graduates have the ability to specialize in many imaging modalities including Echo, Sono, CT, MRI, Mammography, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, and interventional procedures such as heart catheterizations.

Echocardiography and Diagnostic Medical Sonography are one-year advanced certificate programs that prepare students to enter the field of ultrasound imaging through classroom instruction and clinical experience. The curriculum for both ultrasound programs includes ultrasound physics and instrumentation in which the students learn about the interactions of sound waves in the body, Doppler concepts used for blood flow evaluation, and how to safely use diagnostic ultrasound. While both programs have ultrasound technology in common to contribute to diagnosis, the difference is in the body systems they evaluate.

The Echocardiography students are taught to perform transthoracic, transesophageal, and stress echocardiography procedures so they may acquire the information

cardiologists need to accurately diagnose heart conditions.

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography students learn to use ultrasound for non-invasive evaluation of a wide variety of body systems and pathologies as well as for guidance during biopsies and interventional procedures with radiologists.

People with excellent communication skills, a love for sciences/anatomy/math, a strong work ethic, confidence with hands-on patient care and critical thinking skills would be excellent candidates for any of these career fields.

Healthcare is one of the largest and fastest growing professions and graduates of the DACC programs can go anywhere to find jobs. “We have graduates all over the United States but locally the most common organizations they find employment are at OSF and Carle,” says Howard. “Job titles include (the initials after the titles are when they become registered): Radiologic Technologist R.T. (R), Sonographer ARDMS AB, OB/GYN and Echocardiographer RDCS.”

Howard credits the success of the DACC Imaging Programs to “the dedicated

instructors that love teaching our students and working with them at clinicals. These instructors are exemplary in their profession and are truly committed to our students and DACC.” Heidi Young, Clinical Coordinator Rad Tech; Jamie Moreland, Echocardiography; and Rachael Arnholt, Sonography serve as faculty in the program. “We certainly couldn’t achieve any of this without the continued support of our clinical affiliates and the technologist that work daily with our students,” she adds.

In the state of Illinois, annual salaries for Rad Techs range from \$48,000 to \$71,000, and Echo/Sono salaries from \$55,000 to \$85,000. Through 2029, Rad Tech positions are expected to grow by 7% and Echo/Sono positions by 12%.

The application deadline for Rad Tech is March 31st with a new class starting in June. The Echo/Sono application deadline is May 15th with new classes starting in August.

To learn more, contact Tammy Howard at 217-443-8552 or email thoward@dacc.edu. You may also visit dacc.edu/depts/medical-imaging.



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(Level \$10,000+)

Aqua Illinois, Inc.
City of Danville
Danville Sanitary District
Fiberteq, LLC
First Financial Bank
First Midwest Bank
Iroquois Federal
Old National Bank
OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart
Medical Center
Vermilion County Government

ADVANTAGE GOLD CROWN DIRECTOR:

(Level \$6,000 - \$9,999)

Arconic
Bunge Milling, Inc.
Carle / Carle Medical Supply
Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc.
Christie Clinic
Danville Area Community College
Danville Metal Stamping
Danville School Dist. #118
Hyster-Yale Group
KIK Custom Products
McLane Midwest
Mervis Industries
REG Danville, LLC
Republic (formerly Allied Waste)
thyssenKrupp Presta
Vermilion Development, Inc.
Viscofan USA, Inc.
Watchfire Signs

ADVANTAGE MILLENNIUM MEMBER:

(Level \$2,500 - \$5,999)

AmerenIP
Carle / Carle Medical Supply
Catlin Bank
City of Hoopeston
CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP
Curry Construction
Double S Liquid Feed Service, Inc.
Genpact
Greenwood, Inc.
McDonald's c/o
DND Witzel Enterprises, Inc.
Quaker Oats
Village of Oakwood
Walgreens - Danville Accounting Center

ADVANTAGE EXECUTIVE MEMBER:

(Level \$1,000 - \$2,499)

Acton & Snyder,LLP
Anderson Electric, Inc.
APPI Energy
AT&T Illinois
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
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Brainerd Chemical Midwest, LLC
Central States Distribution Service
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County Markets / Niemann Foods
Depke Gases & Welding Supplies
Envirox, LLC
Escape Day Spa
Express Employment Professionals
Faulstich Printing Company
First Farmers Bank & Trust
First Savings Bank of Danville
Flex-N-Gate Plastics
Heritage Development
Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Care
Heritage Petroleum, LLC - Danville
Hubner Industries, LLC
IL Chapter Nat'l Electrical
Contractor's Assoc.
Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation
Meijer
Neuhoff Family Broadcasting
Prospect Bank
The Sygma Network
thyssenKrupp Crankshaft Company
Towne Machine Tool Co., Inc.
Village of Catlin

ADVANTAGE ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

(Level \$500 - \$999)

***Indicates Hoopeston Chamber Member
discount due to partnership with
Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce*
A&R Mechanical Contractors
Allied Capital Title
Arnold's Office Supply
Arrow Ambulance
Autumn Fields Adult Community
of Hoopeston
AWEBCO
Belton Hearing Aid Service
BIGG Success
Bill Smith Auto Parts
Bricks and Ivy Sports
Busey Bank

C.H. Smith Insurance Agency
Carla's
Carmack Car Capitol
Charlotte's Coffee & Tea
CIBM Bank
City of Georgetown
Classic Homes Realty
Coldwell Banker Commercial Devonshire
Realty - Larry Kuchefski
Comcast Business
Commercial-News
Courtesy Ford Lincoln / Courtesy Chrysler
Dodge Jeep
Credit Union 1
CTS Computers
Danville Area Board of Realtors
Danville Bldg. & Construction Trades Council
Danville Gardens, Inc.
Danville Public Building Commission
Davis & Delanois, PC
Dawson Logistics
Days Hotel and Conference Center
Dean Crandall - Morgan Stanley
D.I. Fire & Safety
Dines Machine & Mfg.
Donohue & Associates, Inc.
Dougherty Group
Duncan Farms
DynaChem, Inc.
East Central Enterprises
Education Personnel Federal Credit Union
Edward Jones (Marcus Provost)
Ela's Eatery
EPIC Insurance Midwest
Farnsworth Group
First Institute Training & Mgmt., Inc.
FLP Wealth Advisors of Raymond James
Ford of Hoopeston**
Freeman General Contracting
Full-Fill Industries, LLC
Gailey Eye Clinic
Gardenview Manor
Gibson Teldata, Inc.
Greene Galvanized Stairs
Group 2029 Inc. (d/b/a Burger King)
Health Alliance Medical Plans
Heartland Properties, Inc.
Hickory Point Bank
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites /
Hampton Inn & Suites
Hoopeston Coin Laundry
Home Instead Senior Care

Homefield Energy
HRW, Inc.
Hub City Media, Inc.
Hussmann Rogers Law, LLC
IBEW Local 538
Illini Castings, LLC
Illume Counseling and Wellness Center
International Greenhouse Co. - Danville
JAC Property Management
Jocko's Depot / Diveley Development Corp.
Kruger's ATA Martial Arts, Inc.
Kruger-Coan-Pape Funeral Home
Kurland Steel Co.
Lamar Outdoor Advertising
Landmark Credit Union
Leatherneck Hardware, Inc.
Lebanon Seaboard Corporation
Lipa Enterprises, Inc.
Loman Ray Insurance Group **Hoopeston
Longview Bank & Trust
Love's Travel Stop
Lowe's
Martin Hood, LLC
Mattress Firm
Media One Visual Arts
MI-BOX Moving & Mobile Storage
Newton's Cleaning & Restoration, LLC
Pepsi-Cola C-U Bottling Co.
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ADVANTAGE HONOR MEMBER

(Level \$300 - \$499)

** Existing Members Grandfathered prior to Base level change to \$500 in 2014*

*** Indicates Hoopeston Chamber Member discount due to partnership with Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce*

Aquality Solutions, LLC
 Automation International, Inc.
 AutoZone Distribution Center
 B&K Investments, Inc. (Wendy's)
 Berry's Garden Center & Florist
 Bismarck-Henning CUSD #1
 Bodine Electric of Danville
 Bowman Estates
 Brunswick Apartments
 CDS Office Technologies
 Cooper East Lake Animal Hospital
 Country Financial
 Crose Insurance
 Crowder CPA's, Ltd.
 Culver's – T/Kat, Inc.
 Cunningham, Inc.
 Danville Housing Authority
 Danville NECA-IBEW Electrical JATC
 Danville Towne Centre, LLC
 David S. Palmer Arena
 DP Supply, Inc.
 (formerly Danville Paper & Supply)
 East Lynn Fertilizer
 ERH Enterprises, Inc.
 Fairchild Animal Hospital
 Fancy That Bridal & Special Occasion
 Fehr Graham
 First Presbyterian Church
 Flex-N-Gate / Master Guard II
 Georgetown Wood & Pallet Co., Inc.
 Georgetown-Ridge Farm CUSD #4
 Gibson Health of Hoopeston
 Glesco Electric, Inc.
 Hoopeston Area CUSD #11
 Illinois Small Business Development Center
 Jameson Steel Fabrication

Jenna Wirth State Farm
 KBA Limited
 Lakeview College of Nursing
 Liberty Village
 Lincoln Lanes, Inc.
 Mason, MD John
 McDowell Builders, Inc.
 McLaughlin Asset Management
 MidWest America Federal Credit Union
 Myers Carpet Weavers
 Napa Auto & Truck Parts Superstore
 NCT, Inc.
 Newell Township Supervisor
 NewWave Communications
 North Logan Health Care Center
 North Vermilion Family Dental
 Oakwood CUSD No. 76
 Olympic Hardware**
 Owen Financial Services
 Prairie Center Health Systems, Inc.
 Schomburg & Schomburg Construction, Inc.
 Servpro of Vermilion County
 Shortz Family Farms, Inc.
 Sleep Inn & Suites
 Sleepy Creek Vineyards
 Sunset Funeral Home, Memorial Park & Cremation Center
 Teasdale Foods
 Terry R. Miles, Attorney at Law
 The Myers Group at Morgan Stanley
 Townway Place, LLC
 Tridan International, Inc.
 Turk Furniture
 Vermilion County Health Department
 Vermilion Healthcare Foundation, Inc.
 Vermilion House
 Vibrant Credit Union
 Village Mall Shopping Center
 Village of Bismarck
 Village of Potomac
 WhiteSmith Marketing Group, Inc.
 Wolford Apartments

ADVANTAGE INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL, NON/NOT FOR PROFIT (with annual budget under \$250,000), AND CLUBS: (Level \$150 - \$299)

AMBUCS
 American Legion Post #210
 Amy S. Marchant - Mediator
 Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Danville
 Arts In The Park, Inc.
 Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness
 Bennett, Scott (Senator)
 Better Business Bureau – Central Illinois
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois
 Boys & Girls Club of Danville
 CASA of Vermilion County

Center Street Productions
 Central Christian Church
 Child Care Resource Service
 Cleaning by Jai
 Community Foundation of East Central IL
 CRIS Healthy-Aging Center
 CRIS Rural Mass Transit
 Crosspoint Human Services
 DACC Foundation
 Danville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
 Danville Area Labor Management Council
 Danville Christian Academy
 Danville Country Club
 Danville Downtown Event Center
 Danville Family YMCA
 Danville Farmer's Market
 Danville Public Library
 Danville Public School Foundation
 Danville Sunrise Rotary
 Danville Symphony Orchestra
 Danville Tennis Center
 Darkhorse Theatre Company
 Deer Creek Manor
 DLO Musical Theatre
 (formerly Danville Light Opera)
 Douglas Discovery Garden
 Eastern Illinois Foodbank
 Edward J. Ryan, CPA
 Erickson, Gary C.
 First Church of the Nazarene
 First Presbyterian Church of Hoopeston
 GAO Grotto / Denmark Park Corporation
 Grace Lutheran Church
 Hoopeston Multi Agency Service Center
 Immanuel Lutheran Church
 Immanuel Manor, Inc. – Senior Residences
 Informed Decisions
 JPhoto
 Keep Vermilion Co. Beautiful, Inc.
 Kona Ice of Illiana
 Laura Lee Fellowship House Association
 Law Office of Bethany D. Hager
 Midwest Print and Sign Specialists, LLC
 Monyok Leadership Coaching
 New Directions Treatment Center
 Oakwood Public Library District
 Pheasants Forever, Inc.
 Prairielands Council – Boy Scouts of America
 Project Success of Vermilion Co., Inc.
 Red Mask Players, Inc.
 Rodman Business Center
 Roland Lim Photography
 Schlarman Academy
 Shannon Schroeder, Young Living Marketing Professionals,
 Best of Oil Team
 Spring Hill Cemetery
 St. James United Methodist Church

Stephens-Felix, Stacy – Fountain Insurance
 Survivor Resource Center
 Swires, Bob
 The Fischer Theatre
 The Salvation Army
 Trinity Lutheran School
 United Way of Danville Area
 University of IL Extension., Vermilion Co. Unit
 Venue 22
 Vermilion Co. Conservation Dist. Foundation
 Vermilion Co. Elementary Schools Assoc.
 Vermilion Co. Fair and Expo
 Vermilion Co. Farm Bureau
 Vermilion Co. Museum Society
 Vermilion Co. War Museum
 Vermilion Voles Vintage Baseball Club
 WorkSource enterprises
 Zindars Property Management, LLC

ADVANTAGE HOME-BASED ADULTS, FULL-TIME STUDENTS, OR RETIREES: (Level \$100)

Anderson, Jim
 Bennett, State Rep. Tom
 Beynon, Mark
 Block, Gerald R.
 Drude, Charles (Bott's Locksmith)
 Fields, David L.
 Franklin, Susan
 (Franklin's Farm Blooms & Heirlooms)
 Hays, Chad (Retired State Representative)
 Lee, Todd
 Mulvaney, Jeanne
 Nicholls, Bill
 Resh, Gary (Resh Frame Shop)
 Spezia, John (Reach 1 Coach 1)
 Stoner, Christopher (Pro Wash)
 Teague, Tricia (The Trep School)
 Wood, Jim



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**Vermilion
County
McDonald's**

**Don and Deanna Witzel Owner/Operators
of the Vermilion County McDonald's have
announced Employees, Students and
Athletes of the Month**

Congratulations!

February

February Employee of the Month:

- Hometown Stars Jade West
- Classic Rock-n-Roll.....Kaitlynn Parker
- Oakwood.....Alexis Grissom
- Georgetown.....Dustin Adams
- Hoopeston.....Trea Powers
- Neighborhood McDonald's.....Matthias Easley-Williams

Student and Athletes for February:

- Schlarman Academy North – Student of the Month.....Tannah Ceader
- Schlarman Academy North – Athlete of the Month.....Jack Girouard

- Oakwood Student of the Month.....Olivia McArty
- Oakwood Athlete of the Month.....McKenzie Ellerkamp

- Hoopeston Student of the Month..... William Nogle

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