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Alexandra Gale Named New Vermilion Regional Airport Manager

The Vermilion Regional Airport means more than just a career to new Airport Manager Alexandra (Alex) Gale. “My late father, Bob Gagnon, was the airport manager here for over 30 years,” she says. “I grew up at this airport and I knew that I wanted to be in aviation at a young age. Airports always brought me joy and I wanted to earn a living doing something that I loved.”

As manager, Gale is responsible for ensuring the airport is maintained efficiently and effectively, bringing in events and creating public interest in the airport. “I anticipate the needs of the airport and its tenants and provide the proper infrastructure necessary for the present and future endeavors.” She credits the airport’s outstanding team of three maintenance workers and office manager with helping her move the airport forward.

Gale says most people may not realize the airport’s 6,000ft. runway is capable of handling large business jets and small commercial airliners. “We also have a facility that anyone can rent for parties or corporate gatherings,” she says. “Renovations were completed this spring and we are currently taking reservations.”

She wants the airport to become a better business tool for the area. She also hopes to create more community interest by hosting events and creating an environment where people would enjoy spending their weekends or even a lunch hour “coming out and enjoying the peace of the airport while watching the great array of aircraft we have out here.”

“This industry allows us to be integral parts of communities and we get to be active members within our community in a variety of ways.”

Background

Gale was raised in Catlin. She graduated from Schlarman High School and Danville Area Community College. She earned a degree in Air Traffic Control Management with a minor in Aircraft Dispatch. “The path to become an air traffic controller was very cumbersome and I was able to find a job as a dispatcher for private jets with Flightstar at

Willard Airport in Champaign,” she says. “I worked my way up in the company and became the Avionics Manager, which tied in more of my air traffic control training. After more than five years at Flightstar, the airport manager position in Danville came up and I knew it was my time to apply for it and was very grateful to be selected.”

She says people are what make her career field second to none. “The aviation industry has a lot of great, passionate people in it,” says Gale. “This industry allows us to be integral parts of communities and we get to be active members within our community in a variety of ways.”

In her free time, she and her husband enjoy Vermilion County’s parks and recreation, are active in the hot air ballooning community and pre-COVID frequently attended concerts. She also enjoys home renovation. “If I didn’t go into aviation, I was going to be an interior designer,” she says. The couple’s son, David, turned one on March 1.

To learn more about the Vermilion Regional Airport, visit vrairport.com, call 217.442.4624 or follow them on Facebook @Vermilion Regional Airport.

CAREER CORNER

DACC Welding Program Trains Students for In-Demand Careers



If you love to work with your hands, have a good attitude, good eyesight, and good manual dexterity, a career in welding may be your ticket to a great future in a short amount of time.

The "accelerated" welding program at Danville Area Community College (DACC) can be completed in two semesters. Students learn all the major aspects of welding to secure a job in the welding industry.

“Welding is a highly sought-after skill by employers that offers both job security and a fair wage,” explains DACC Welding Instructor R.J. Rowland. “One of the biggest benefits of the program is the Advanced Welding Certificate from DACC will open many doors for students that normally would not be open.”

Rowland adds that the program requires commitment. “Students can misunderstand and think it’s going to be easy, and they won’t have to put in the time practicing to become proficient.”

Graduates of the Advanced Welding program go into one of three areas: Manufacturing, Maintenance, and Construction.

The average annual salary for welders is \$39,410 according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Midwest, California, and Texas offer the greatest employment possibilities.

“I am most proud of my students when they graduate my welding program and immediately land a welding job making more money than they ever have before,” says Rowland.

COVID changed very little about the welding program. The minimal amount of time spent in the classroom moved online but the students continued to spend most of their time in the welding lab. Every student in the welding lab works in their own 6' x 6' welding booth, which built in a natural social distancing environment. The College also built additional storage for students’ safety equipment to prevent close contact.

For more information about the Danville Area Community College Welding program, visit dacc.edu, email rjrowland@dacc.edu, or call 217-443-8791.



RJ Rowland

MEMBER PROFILES



Boys & Girls Club Opening Doors to a Brighter Future for Area Youth

When the going got tough during the COVID pandemic, the team at the Boys and Girls Club in Danville stepped in to help local youth. The Club increased its service hours to 10 per day (7:30am-5:30pm), Monday through Friday, so that the kids will have a safe, social distanced and less distracting place to do virtual or blended school classes and homework.

“We didn’t raise the price for a child to attend the Club knowing the additional hardships families may face with COVID, business closings, and layoffs,” says Rob Gifford, Executive Director. “Our staff really stepped up by being more flexible, working additional hours, continuing to stress safety/social distancing, and finding new ways to keep our kids engaged. Many community members and organizations helped by being more generous so we can offer our Club kids more opportunities, more hours of operation, and the additional PPE supplies needed to keep everyone safe and healthy!” The Club also purchased over 100 new iPads, so each youth has their own to use.

The Boys and Girls Club of Danville, Illinois is a non-profit organization offering after-school and summer programs and services to at-risk children ages 6-18 in Vermilion County. The programs range from Education/Career Development, Character/Leadership and Development to Healthy Life Skills, Sports/Physical Fitness/Recreation, and the Arts. “Educational development is one of the cornerstones of our organization as well as the emotional, social, and mental development of our community’s youth,” says Gifford. “Homework assistance during Power Hour, tutoring during Power Prep, and high yield learning activities through Project Learn can be educational, yet fun.” The Club employs 25 people.

The cost per child is \$25 for the whole school year and \$150 per child for the summer (all-inclusive). Club kids get homework help, tutoring, high yield learning activities, field trip opportunities, nutritious meals, and information about secondary education with colleges or trade schools. They also learn about career opportunities,

good character and leadership skills, healthy lifestyles, positive conflict resolution skills, and making positive choices. Students benefit greatly from the relationships they build with caring adult mentors.

As a non-profit, the Boys and Girls Club of Danville is heavily dependent on donations from individuals, businesses, and other organizations to supplement grant opportunities. Making a financial contribution enables the Club to continue providing life-enhancing programs and services to area youth in a safe environment. “We rely on private donations for so many things in our budget and without these, we couldn’t be successful each year,” says Gifford. “In-kind donations of services, products, and time are important as well and help us get the most out of our budget.”

To learn more, volunteer, or make a gift, visit bgcdnv.org, follow them on Facebook @BoysGirlsClubofDanville, call (217)446-4315, or email Rob Gifford at rgifford@bgcdnv.org

STEP Recovery Center



Wendy Lambert



We recently caught up with Wendy Lambert, CEO of STEP Recovery Center in Danville. She shared information about this important local resource.

Tell us more about your organization. Our goal is to empower people in recovery to achieve long-term and successful recovery from destructive lifestyles, allowing them to become productive members of society. We serve hundreds each year within Vermilion County and the surrounding areas. We have five members on our board of directors. Our non-profit organization is two years old.

Where are you located? We are in Danville, IL., currently on the east end of town but plan to obtain a building downtown for our operations to better serve our community.

What services do you offer? Recovery meetings and functions, assistance in emergency residential, transportation to and from detox/residential treatment facilities, PTSD/suicide prevention support groups, fundraising, spiritual enhancement, art classes and family fun night, volunteer opportunities, group wellness activities, and more to come.

What makes STEP Recovery Center unique? We have raised the bar on recovery in our community, making this lifestyle much more attractive to the once-using addict. Lives are changed daily, and in turn, their families are healthier and happier. Our churches are full of grateful people who have been rescued from the hell of addiction. We're better employees because we appreciate companies who offer the "second chance." Recovery is not boring. It's awesome and the happiness that follows is contagious.

What should a person do who is interested in taking the first steps towards recovery? Contact us for help in attending recovery meetings, counseling, intensive outpatient treatment, rides to and from detox, and safe housing after treatment. From there, we help people change the lifestyle they once knew into the opportunity to make their lives better than they ever dreamed possible.

How did Covid affect your organization? Many people in recovery struggled with isolation as we were unable to gather for meetings for a while. We started online meetings and it helped, but it just wasn't enough for most. Slowly, we opened a few in-person meetings to the ones most desperate, practiced social distancing, masks, sanitizing everything, and taking precautions. It was a lot of work, but the number of successful people in recovery rose.

What special kindnesses did you see during the pandemic? Many people coming together to assist the shut-ins and disabled or homeless to provide housing/food/clothing to those in need. Donations poured into our organization so we could share with the less fortunate. As people in recovery were getting jobs, we were reaching out to those living in tents or under bridges, helping them get housing in the Rescue Mission and Dayspring Women's Shelter, then find jobs and their own homes.

What do you see as Vermilion County's greatest strengths? Vermilion County is a diverse community graced with compassionate and caring organizations that work very well together, making us exceptional predecessors to the generation behind us.

How can a person learn more about STEP Recovery Center? Call me at 217-597-9653 or reach out to any of our board members. Follow us on Facebook @STEPRecoverycenter for exciting news and upcoming events. Visit our website at steprecoverycenter.net.

WELCOME HOME, WELCOME HERE



Lisa Rhodes, RN Named CEO of Crosspoint Human Services



Lisa has been a part of the Crosspoint Team for the past 26 years. She has worked in various capacities within the organization. So, the next step taking on the role of CEO was a natural transition for her and the agency.

Rhodes primary role is to oversee and carry out the mission of Crosspoint. Her leadership approach of collaboration within the agency and with other community partners is part of her new role. She is looking forward to continuing the great relationships with other organizations and developing new partnerships within the community.

With her background in Behavioral Services becoming the CEO of Crosspoint Human Services is a great fit. Since graduating from Lakeview School of Nursing in 1986, she has worked in the behavioral health field. Positions include, Lakeview inpatient substance abuse unit, United Samaritans Gero-psych unit, and Martin Luther King inpatient adult unit before coming to Crosspoint. “When I started at Crosspoint in 1995, I developed the Quality Improvement Program, coordinated to obtain, and maintain through today our national accreditation, worked in Human Resources, and developed the nursing/medical services of Crosspoint,” says Rhodes. Her titles have included

Quality Improvement Coordinator, Director of Nursing and Quality Improvement, Director of Nursing and Residential Services, Director of Nursing, Residential and Community Day Services/Early Intervention, and Clinical Director.

She has a long list of what she loves most about her work. “Collaborative efforts with a multidisciplinary team to make an impact on individual lives, exploring opportunities to enhance our services that are responsive to the immediate needs of individuals/our community, hearing success stories, seeing the smiles, knowing we are making a difference every day, developing and leading staff teams, and opportunities for staff growth and satisfaction,” says Rhodes.

Rhodes says most people are surprised by the comprehensiveness of Crosspoint’s many services. The array of programs includes mental health services, crisis intervention, developmental disabilities services, domestic violence, transitional shelter, psychiatry, residential, and many others.

Her goals for the organization include “enhancing our presence/partnerships throughout Vermilion County, providing an effortless experience and responsive access to our services, connecting individuals and families to the resources they need, promoting a positive culture for persons served and employees, enhancing our

psychiatric services to include children and adolescents again,” she adds. Crosspoint will also prioritize responsiveness related to the Vermilion County Community Health Plan, 2021-2023. Lisa has embraced this new role and is already moving forward with new ideas, programs, and services for the staff and Persons Served at Crosspoint Human Services.

When she is not working, Rhodes enjoys spending time with her family - Todd and Jessica Rhodes, son and daughter-in-law of Catlin, IL; Jori Rhodes, daughter of Catlin, IL; and Wayne and Sharon Tennyson, parents of Catlin, IL.

To earn more about Crosspoint Human Services, follow them on Facebook, Linked In, and Amazon Smile. Coming soon will be a new website, along with a presence on Twitter and Instagram. To request a tour, call 217-442-3200 To find out more about immediate position openings, visit www.crosspointhumanservices.org or visit them on Facebook Crosspoint Human Services.

To support the organization, consider becoming a volunteer, sharing information about Crosspoint’s mission, donate items to Y’s Buys, or make a financial gift to help purchase equipment, supplies, and resources for their clinical programs.

COMMUNITY



Douglas Discovery Garden: A Vermilion County Treasure

Vermilion County Master Gardeners on the DDG Committee:

Back Row Left to Right: Patsy Green, Paulette Miller, Susie Willard, Katie Head, Debbie Andrews-Bryant, Lee Smitley, Mary Jo McDonald
Front Row Left to Right: Lynn Wolgamot, Marge Prideaux, Mary Stonecipher, Nancy Roderick



Good things happen when Vermilion County residents and organizations work together. A perfect example is the Douglas Discovery Garden (DDG) located at the corner of Wayne and Florida Avenue in Danville. Situated at the former location of Douglas Elementary School, the community garden is open to the public every day.

Lynn Wolgamot serves as Executive Director of DDG, a 501c3 nonprofit, volunteer organization. Wolgamot has been

with DDG since its inception in 2006. She was the garden partner from Keep Vermilion County Beautiful where she served as the Executive Director.

The development of the garden was a collaborative effort between the Danville Area Visitors Bureau, Danville Gardens, City of Danville, U of I Extension, Vermilion County Master Gardeners, Keep Vermilion County Beautiful, Class 24 of Vermilion Advantage’s Leadership Tomorrow, and Danville District 118, who razed the building and sold the land to the city.

The idea of a community garden started in 2006, but the actual planting of the garden started in 2009-10 with the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup. DDG was planted by Master Gardeners and community volunteers

“Vegetables are planted in all the raised beds,” says Wolgamot. “They are for the taking of anyone in the neighborhood who wants them. We don’t have to tell our neighbors they may take the vegetables. Several walk many blocks to pick vegetables and share their stories of what they made to eat. Ripe vegetables not picked were given to the CRIS Garden Share Program for seniors before Covid and to the Day Spring Shelter during Covid.”

Flowers are planted in the Florida Ave beds and around the pergola, which also includes a grape arbor and fruit trees.

The Golden K Kiwanis built a new educational pavilion. The Golden K Pavilion will be used for meetings, educational presentations, gardening presentations by Master Gardeners, and with any luck by

retired teachers to teach neighborhood children during the summer.

A committee of volunteers decides what to plant in the garden each year. The ideas for the garden (including planting and how to expand interest in the garden) change as volunteers are added to the committee.

Vegetables and flowers are planted each year but forming partnerships with the Kenneth D Bailey Academy, Vermilion County Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program, and Peer Court have added educational value in teaching children how to tend the garden.

Local individuals and families have also found ways to enhance the garden. "We were approached by Pete Holst, who had

memorabilia from the Class of 1960, about whether it could be placed in the garden," says Wolgamot. "We said, 'Of course!' He ordered a stone and a plaque. He paid for the stone and even laid the concrete and we planted around it. Sadly, Pete passed away during Covid. Another story is about the children of the Ernie Curtis family who purchased trees in their parents' names, provided an American Flag for the pole, and decorated the garden with small American Flags each Memorial Day."

The garden has been funded in several ways including memorial donations, fundraisers, the Master Gardener's budget, Cadle Foundation grants, other non-profits,

and generous donations from Vermilion County businesses.

"I am pleased our garden is a viable community garden where those who need fresh vegetables can take them," says Wolgamot. "I am proud to be part of such an ambitious project that is both functional and beautiful in season. I love hearing the positive visitor comments. I am constantly reminded this garden truly is a 'labor of love.'"

To learn more, volunteer, or support the Douglas Discovery Garden, follow them on Facebook by searching "Douglas Discovery Garden."



Ryan Pankau teaches Master Gardener Students Pruning Techniques



Vermilion County Master Gardeners Marge Prideaux and Walter Deck

EVENTS

Balloons Will Fly in Vermilion County This Summer



“We know there is a huge pent-up demand within the county to ‘get out and do something’ after a stressful year for everyone. We are working hard to present a festival the community can enjoy and be proud of. We ask for your assistance in helping us create a festival that is safe, accessible to all and most importantly, creates smiles all around, because as we have stated from the beginning... it’s for the kids!!!”

*Jim Anderson and Pat O’Shaughnessy
Co-Chairs, Balloons Over Vermilion*



Mark your calendar for July 9 and 10! That’s when Pat O’Shaughnessy and Jim Anderson, Co-Chairs of Balloons Over Vermilion (BOV), say hot air balloons will fly at this year’s event based at the Vermilion Regional Airport.

“We are working hard to present BOV for the community this summer,” says O’Shaughnessy. “We are planning and working towards a full/open event but also have some alternatives in the planning phase in case the state is not open. WE WILL FLY BALLOONS IN VERMILION COUNTY THIS SUMMER. It just remains to be seen what the event will look like.”

Balloons Over Vermilion, NFP is a 501c not-for-profit corporation formed to provide the hot air festival known as Balloons Over Vermilion. BOV consists of a seven-person volunteer board who meet year-round to plan the event and coordinate with our 30+- person steering committee who manage each area of the event. The Board and Steering Committee is comprised of veterans of the Balloon Classic Days and young talent who will take the BOV into the future.

Specific times have not been established but should be like years past - 3-11 pm on Friday and 1-11 pm on Saturday.

The complement of balloons will remain

the same this year. “Our launch field will only accommodate 30-35 balloons so we will keep the numbers the same, 30 or so sponsored balloons and two or three special shapes,” says O’Shaughnessy. “As in the past, we will also have two or three tethered ride balloons operating on the festival grounds.”

The event will also include concessions, entertainment, a beer tent, a kids' area, and more. Some areas will require adjustments due to Covid-19 - to meet patrons' needs and state requirements.

Due to Covid-19 mitigation concerns and state requirements for additional mitigation



measures such as limited capacity and sanitation between shuttles, the shuttle busses to and from Balloons Over Vermilion will not operate this year. Parking on site will be increased and limited shuttle service from the parking lots will be available.

Rossville/Alvin Elementary School will serve as the host class this year. "They were scheduled for BOV 2020 and had just begun

to work with us when the event was canceled," says O'Shaughnessy. "It is uncertain what children's activities will be allowed to happen this summer, and our access to the kids at school is limited so we will go where we are allowed, work on additional items they can help us with from afar, and hope they lead the parade of pilots down the tarmac on July 9th."

Volunteers can sign up at balloonsoververmilion.com Volunteers can choose the job and shift they want to work. Sponsors wanting to become involved in the Balloons Over Vermilion family can reach Pat O'Shaughnessy at 217 260-6716 or message him thru the website.

Festival of Trees to Continue Under the Leadership of Balloons Over Vermilion



The 23-year November tradition of Festival of Trees will continue, thanks to the Balloons Over Vermilion volunteers.

OSF Healthcare approached the Balloons Over Vermilion organization in search of the right group to take on the responsibility of presenting the Festival of Trees. "These types of events did not fit the business model of OSF, but they realized the importance of the event to the community," explains Pat O'Shaughnessy. "This event, which provides family entertainment while giving back to the community in the support of outreach programs and hospital initiatives, fits perfectly in the mission of Balloons Over Vermilion. The timing of the events, one in the summer, one in late fall allows our

organization to coordinate both events and keep a near quarter-century jewel shining in Vermilion County. It was an easy decision for our board to step up and accept the challenge of continuing this event."

Along with providing family entertainment, the funds raised from the festival stayed in the community to support outreach programs such as Faith in Action, I Sign the Body Electric as well as supporting major hospital initiatives in building and equipment. "Our agreement with OSF provides that a certain percentage of proceeds will be donated to the OSF Foundation for the next five years for specific hospital initiatives. This year's donation will benefit renovations at the

Bobette Steely Hegeler Cancer Care Center," adds O'Shaughnessy.

People interested in helping with the organization or volunteering during the event are always welcome. Volunteers can sign up thru the website as the event draws closer. To become more involved in the planning of the festival, call 217-260-6716.

"It is a real pleasure for BOV to be given the opportunity to continue this honored event," he adds. "We do not take that responsibility lightly and will work hard to present the quality event the community has come to expect. Come join the fun. Fly balloons with us in the summer and decorate or just admire trees in the fall. They will both make you smile!"

Hoopeston Sesquicentennial

Schedule of Events

Event Dates & Times Are Subject To Change

For more information visit www.hoopeston150.com

May Events

Sunday, May 30, 2021

2:00p - Golf Cart Parade

Begins at the Lorraine Theater

3:00p - Free Ice Cream Social

Honoring Essential Workers

Held at McFerren Park

June Events

Saturday, June 5, 2021

10:00a - Cemetery History Walk

Topic: Who's who of early Hoopeston

3:00p - Cemetery History Walk

Topic: Hoopeston Patriots

Saturday, June 12, 2021

10:00a - Cemetery History Walk

Topic: Women of Hoopeston

3:00p - Cemetery History Walk

Topic: Unforgettable Lore

Monday, June 21, 2021

10:00a - Downtown Historical Tour

1:00p - Downtown Historical Tour

Sesquicentennial Week Events

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Family Day

All Events at McFerren Park Civic Center & Lagoon

10:00a - Community Church Service

11:00a - Community Picnic

12:00p - Beard Contest & Youngest/Oldest Contest

1:00p-3:00p - Gospel Music

1:00p - Children's Fishing Derby - Ages 0-13

Monday, June 28, 2021

Agriculture Day

8:00a - Sesquicentennial Farm Tours & Awards

9:00a - 11:00a - Silgan Factory Tours (Meet at City Hall)

1:00p, 3:00p, 5:30p, 7:00p - Downtown Historical Tours

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Youth Day

McFerren Park Legion Shelter

1:00p-3:00p - Lorraine Theater Tours

5:00p-7:00p - Youth Activities and Games - 3-10 year olds

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Food provided.

7:00p-9:00p - Teen Dance w/ DJ

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

"Holy City" Day

1:00p - 3:00p - Self Paced Historic Church Tours

6:00p - Children's Magic Show at the Lorraine Theater

Thursday, July 1, 2021

Ladies Day

9:30a - 12:00p - Flower/Garden Tour

3:30p - Promenade Downtown

4:00p - High Tea at Methodist Church

4:00p - Library History Presentation During High Tea

5:00p-7:00p - Lorraine Theater Tours

Friday, July 2, 2021

Taste of Hoopeston

4:30p-6:30p - Local Restaurant Samples

6:00p - BINGO at Legion Shelter

6:00p - 8:00p - Senior Citizen Dance at Civic Center

Saturday, July 3, 2021

Hoopeston's 150th Birthday Celebration

9:00a - Flea Market Opens - Legion Shelter Area

10:30a - Grand Parade - Downtown

11:30a - Lion's Club Fish Fry & Rotary Ice Cream Open

12:00p - Classic Car Show - McFerren Park

1:30p - Girl Scout Sesquicentennial Stroll - Jaycee Shelter

1:30p - Chalk Art Contest - McFerren Tennis Court

3:00p - Teachers Vs. Firefighters Kickball Game - Pony Field

4:00p - Beer Tent Opens - Soccer Fields

4:00p - Back Paiges Band - Soccer Fields

7:00p - Logan Kirby & Band - Soccer Fields

9:30p - Fireworks - Soccer Fields



Meet Nicole Van Hyfte: New Vermilion Advantage Community Development Coordinator



There's a new face in the Vermilion Advantage office. In April, Nicole Van Hyfte joined the team as the new Community Development Coordinator

As the Community Development Coordinator, Nicole supports businesses at every level including existing businesses ready to grow and expand, new start-up organizations as they launch, and companies transitioning to new ownership. She is also involved in community engagement and working with surrounding communities to further economic development ideas and projects.

Van Hyfte has long believed in the vitality of the community. "I have always been extremely passionate about Vermilion County, and now I get to put my passion into practice and hopefully help make a positive difference in this amazing community," she says.

In her short time with Vermilion Advantage, she noticed one thing she didn't expect. "I was surprised, and I am sure a lot of people would be surprised, by how many jobs we currently have on our job board," she says. "There are over 100 amazing jobs with great benefits just waiting for people to apply. If you are currently job hunting, check out vermilionadvantage.com/job-board. You will be impressed!"

Before joining the Vermilion Advantage staff, Van Hyfte worked in finance and human resources at WorkSource Enterprises, in radio at Neuhoff Media, and most recently as the K-6th grade music teacher for the Bismarck School District. She also developed a popular blog, Peace of My City, about Vermilion County's many strengths.

"I believe my passion for this community really came to life in 2015 when I started my blog," she says. "It was neat to see this community really thriving and to hear people talking about it. I believe that is the path that eventually led me to work for Vermilion Advantage."

The Catlin native and current Hoopeston resident has lived in Vermilion County most of her life. She earned an associate degree in Business from Danville Area Community College and a bachelor's degree in Leadership and Management from Lincoln Christian University.

Her community involvement includes First Gig Rock and Roll Camp, Downtown Danville, Inc., volunteer coordinator for Culture Shock, 29th Leadership Tomorrow class, DLO Musical Theatre, Fischer Theatre, DACC Theatre Department, and Keep Vermilion County Beautiful.

She enjoys spending time with her husband Andy and their children. "Between the two of us, we have four daughters: Kate, 16, who will be attending ISU this fall; Ellen, 13, who will be an 8th grader in Zionsville, IN; Jillian, 11, who will be a 7th grader at Hoopeston Area Middle School; and Kennedy, 8, who will be a 3rd grader at John Greer Grade School in Hoopeston. We are a very busy family! Our hobbies include music, golf, frisbee, travel, Cubs baseball (my husband would say Dodgers), and Colts football," she says.



"Vermilion County is such a diverse and incredible place to live and raise a family. We have so many passionate people in this community who are willing and working hard to make it better all the time. From the live music to the theatre programs to the clubs and organizations like Arts in the Park and Balloons Over Vermilion, there is always something to look forward to."

*Nicole Van Hyfte, Community Development Coordinator
Vermilion Advantage*

Vermilion Advantage FUN-raiser



29th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

DANVILLE COUNTRY CLUB | FRIDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2021

Prizes | Skins Game | Mulligans & Hole Contests

GOLF TEAMS

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION PRICE:

\$100 per person Includes guest fee, cart, 2 mulligans (one per nine holes), prizes and lunch. \$90 per person if you specifically request the morning flight.
Reservations must be made and paid by end of business on August 6. Cancellations received after August 6 will not receive a refund.

7:30 AM Registration	Noon Registration	Lunch
___ 8:00 AM Shotgun	___ 1:15PM	11:30 - 2:15 PM

Name(s): 1: _____ 3: _____
2: _____ 4: _____

Prizes awarded for overall tournament, 1-3 gross & net

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

___ YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR

Levels

___ Exclusive Hole Sponsor: \$500
You can choose the hole and only your sign will be at the hole. You can man the hole and provide any food, beverage or prize desired.

___ Lunch Sponsor: \$250

___ Beverages on the Course Sponsor: \$200
You pay to sponsor the hole, plus you set up & serve beverages of your choice at the hole.

___ Cart Sponsor: \$200

___ Hole Sponsor: \$150

No limit to number of sponsors per hole. Sign, but no giveaways.

Company Name: _____ Contact: _____

Payment Option: ___ Bill my Company ___ Check Enclosed ___ Charge to my Credit Card*

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Name on Card _____

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For reservations – you can email this form to mdykes@vermilionadvantage.com, fax form to 217-442-6228 or call 217-442-6201

ALL A'S - ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ACCOLADES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Witzel Family McDonald's

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



Congratulations!

May Employee of the Month:

Hometown Stars.....	Makenzie Price
Classic Rock-n-Roll.....	Abigail Menez
Oakwood.....	Ethan Brewer
Georgetown.....	Damian Parrish
Hoopeston.....	Linda Nosler
Neighborhood McDonald's.....	Doris Cox

Students and Athletes for May:

Student of the Month Danville High School.....	Stieve Lawless
Athlete of the Month Danville High School.....	Larvell Watkins

Student of the Month Schlarman Academy North.....	Caveon McNeal
Athlete of the Month Schlarman Academy South.....	Jamal Taylor

Student of the Month Oakwood High School.....	Ricci Arcay
Athlete of the Month Oakwood High School.....	Tiffany Paris

Student of the Month GRFHS.....	Kladyn Hayman
Athlete of the Month GRFHS.....	Maddie Roach

Student of the Month Hoopeston Area.....	Abigail Walder
Athlete of the Month Hoopeston Area.....	Justin Jones

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Classic Rock-n-Roll McDonald's Manager Named Outstanding General Manager



Mark McLeod, General Manager of the Classic Rock-n-Roll McDonald's in Danville was recently named one of the top managers in the nation. McLeod, who began his career in 2004, received the Outstanding General Manager Award, which puts him in the top 10% of all McDonald's managers in the US.

The Outstanding General Manager Award takes many aspects of the store operations into consideration. These include staff development, retention, sales, quality, service, cleanliness, community service and involvement plus customer satisfaction surveys all factor into the award selection.

Don and Deanna Witzel, Owner/Operators of the Witzel Family McDonald's were thrilled for

Mark. "Having Mark selected as a recipient of the Outstanding General Manager Award, reflects on his entire team," says Deanna Witzel. "Being selected among the best of the best is no surprise to our team or the loyal customers of his restaurant. We are very proud of Mark. Every day he works to provide the best experience for customers and our managers and crew as well."

Mark McLeod reflected on his award. "It means that my crew and managers (some past and present) have done very well," he says. "Although we may struggle from time to time, we run a very good store and take pride in what we do. It also means that our community – even with all the options – continues to visit us."

Dean Shore Earns CIMA® Designation



Dean Shore, CFP®, CIMA®, Financial Advisor with Shore Wealth Management, earned Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA®) Designation. He completed the Investment Management Theory & Practice Executive Education through the Yale School of Management. The course prepared Dean to complete the CIMA® designation through the Investments & Wealth Institute.

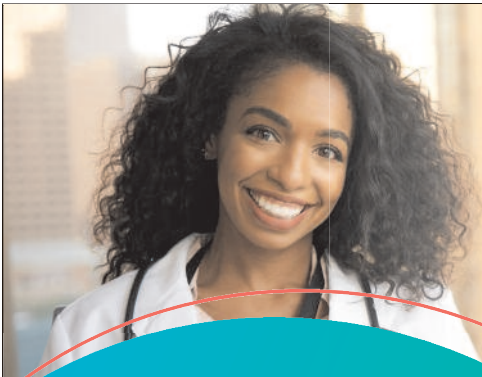
Dean began his career with Fidelity Investments in Los Angeles in May 2015 as a Financial Representative. He transitioned back home to Shore Wealth Management as a Financial Advisor in January 2017.

Shore Wealth Management is a Danville-based multi-generational financial planning and wealth management firm offering personalized guidance to a select group of individuals, families, and organizations both locally and around the country. The company's mission is to use disciplined financial planning processes and

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Having successfully obtained the CIMA® designation, Dean gained proficiency in advanced portfolio construction, management, and strategic investment initiatives rooted in the most sophisticated financial frameworks. The CIMA designation offers portfolio construction expertise to Shore Wealth Management clients which is only available from less than 4% of financial advisors in the United States.

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