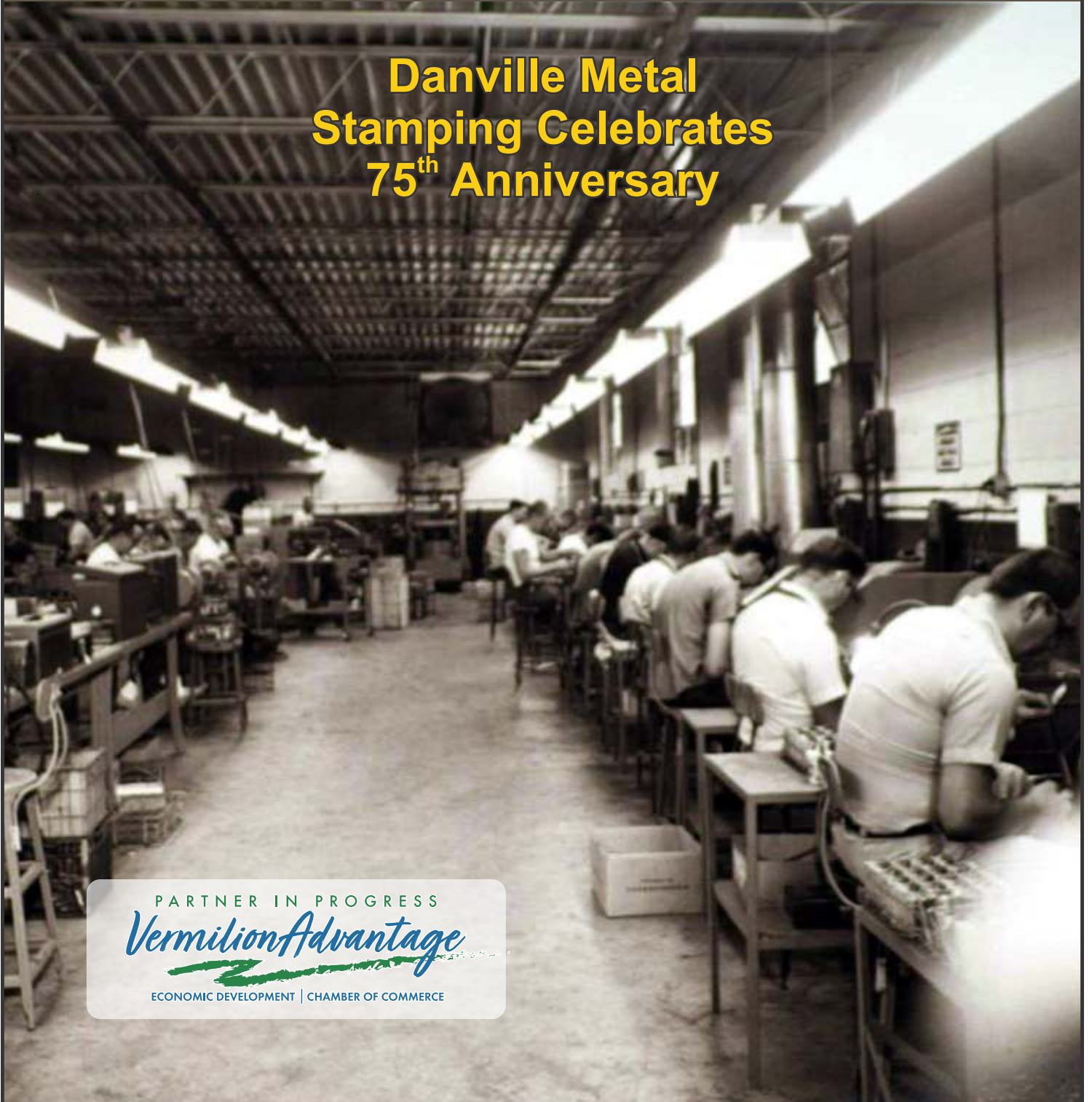


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East Park Church of Christ Sharing the Good News in Vermilion County

The new minister at East Park Church of Christ, Steve Cordle, invites the community to visit – and bring your questions. "Our worship is simple so we can encourage an environment conducive to learning, and during class time, we encourage serious discussion," he says. "We want to be as close to the early Christians as possible in our beliefs and practices. We steer clear of an entertainment atmosphere, we don't use bands, drama or other forms of entertainment. Our purpose is to proclaim and teach the gospel to our community." Our worship assemblies are simple and aimed at teaching and building up members through inspiring singing along with Bible based sermons and other lessons.

Cordle is a 1987 graduate of the University of Alaska and a 1994 graduate of the Bear Valley Bible Institute in Denver, Colorado. He has authored three books and essays for various publications and is working on his fourth book, *Thinking: A Real Christian Thing*. His wife Debbie was born and raised in Colorado where she graduated from Westminster High and attended Metro State Community College. She also serves as the church secretary. They have one daughter, Amelia, who is 8.

In addition to the Cordles the congregation is served by three elders Dave Eason, Barny Ellis and Ben White who are all long time Danville residents, plus there are five deacons.

East Park Church of Christ offers 9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages. The adult



Minister & elders for the East Park Church of Christ in Danville (Left to Right): Steve Cordle, minister. Elders Barney Ellis, Dave Eason and Ben White.

class is studying through a three-book series entitled "God's Love Story" followed by preaching at 10:30 AM. They also offer a Wednesday morning class, currently studying the Gospel of John. The church building is located at 1224 E. Voorhees in Danville, Illinois.

Historically, the Church of Christ traces its lineage to the second chapter of Acts in about 29 or 30 AD. Locally, the church traces its beginnings to 1912, when the first known group of Christians met in Danville. In 1940, this group merged with another group meeting at Gilbert and English. Like the rest of Danville, the congregation has had its ups and downs over the years. Currently, there are about 55 members at East Park.

Cordle says people unfamiliar with the Church of Christ are surprised they do not use instrumental music. But there are some misconceptions. "Occasionally, someone will say, 'the Church of Christ

doesn't have music,' which is really an incorrect statement," he explains. "We have music; it's vocal just like the early Christians. A little-known fact is 'acapella' comes from an Italian word that means 'in the manner of the chapel' or 'the way of the church.'"

Plans are underway for 2022 events, including the possibilities of a vacation Bible school, a seminar on evidence for the Christian faith, and Sunday/Wednesday night assemblies.

The East Park Church of Christ is serious about its faith and open to some merriment. Several years ago, one couple ended their wedding with a recessional to the *Star Wars* theme, while another donned sunglasses and went out with "Sunny Days" theme from *Sesame Street*. "No reason we can't have a little fun!" says Cordle.

"We have a solid core and welcome members of our community to visit or call if you have questions!" he adds.

To learn more about East Park Church of Christ, visit eastparkcofc.wordpress.com. You can also find them on Facebook @eastparkcofc or YouTube at www.youtube.com/channel/UC14H9oyCTNffBpyzi_xik_w.

Steve Cordle maintains a YouTube channel (Let Us Study Together with Steve Cordle) and a Facebook Page. For those who would like help studying the Bible, but are concerned about Covid, Zoom, Skype, Hangouts and Facebook video options are also available.



Visitors are always welcome at the Church of Christ facilities located at 1224 E. Voorhees in Danville.

Mike Hulvey Wins Danville Rotary's Service Award



We love it when the good guys win! Mike Hulvey, Chief Operating Officer for Neuhoff Communications and perhaps Vermilion County's most positive champion, was named the 2021 recipient of the Danville Noon Rotary's 2021 Vocational Service Award.

The Rotary Vocational Service Award recognizes high ethical standards and a commitment to ensuring an individual's work helps improve people's lives.

The local leader was surprised when he learned he'd won. "When you look at the hundreds of people who contribute to our community regularly, to be given this honor among those is humbling," he says. "The names of past recipients

are among our Mt Rushmore; to even be on the tour bus heading to the monument is a great honor." Other prestigious award winners include astronaut Joe Tanner, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman, Illinois Representative William Black, and local philanthropist and business owner Lou Mervis.

About Mike Hulvey

Family is at the center of Hulvey's life – wife Julie, daughters Marissa Hulvey-Simpson and Macey Hulvey, and sons Blake and Evan Ingram. The star of the family show is granddaughter Nora. Julie and Mike also care for longtime friend and local hero Fowler Connell.

Hulvey's family moved to Vermilion County in 1976 when his dad, Ted Hulvey, was hired as the Superintendent for the Oakwood School District. He started his broadcast career on WDAN as a Danville High School student radio staff member. While in high school, he also worked at WITY in Danville.

“Continue encouraging the next generation of leaders and community volunteers. So many people invested their time and energy in us. We have an obligation to invest in the generations following behind.” Mike Hulvey

He's been in media ever since. During his tenure, he's held positions including part-time broadcast operator (middle of the night shift), sports director, business manager, advertising salesperson, local broadcast operations manager, general manager, vice president-operations and now chief operating officer. In addition, he was also part owner of a radio station in Grand Island, Nebraska. “We operated over 25 radio stations and oversaw three network television stations along with numerous digital products for the Neuhoff family,” he says. “These experiences have served me well, as I understand what our team faces daily. As my opportunities grew within our company, having the servant mentality of changing light bulbs and unclogging toilets has been very important. The past 30 years of working with Geoff and now Beth Neuhoff – it's been a huge honor. The Neuhoff family has embraced being a local media company; it's just a part of our DNA. The communities we serve only benefit from this approach.”

Hulvey's love for serving started young and never stopped. He's served on the boards of Danville Visitor's Bureau, Vermilion Advantage, National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament, Vermilion Healthcare Foundation, Vermilion County Sportsmanship Committee, Danville Foundation for Industrial Growth and Step-Up Vermilion County, local hospital foundation, among others. He also serves the broadcast industry on the boards of the Illinois Broadcasters Association and the National Association of Broadcasters, as chair of the Radio Advertising Bureau and past president of the International

Broadcasters Idea Bank. “My parents long encouraged us to find our passion and be engaged in those things...active board service is a way we've done just that,” he says. “My goal is to make a difference in any organization where we're involved. If you don't, then you are holding up a spot from someone who will.”

Among his many projects over the years, the one closest to his heart and talents may be the Sports Media Camp for Kids at Danville Area Community College (DACC). The camp started 25 years ago with Scott Eisenhauer following a conversation with former DACC AD John Spezia. Students gain hands-on media skills, get a behind-the-scenes look at professional sports and media organizations, and finish the week by serving as announcers for a Danville Dans game. “It's so important that we give the next generation as much help in moving forward as we all received,” he says. “Watching these students grow in their skills and now watching them grow as professionals is so rewarding. Two former summer camp students will be working at the upcoming Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles. They are among the stars of tomorrow who started their journey here in Vermilion County, something we should all be very proud of.”

But Hulvey may be best known for his signature “March Forth Moments,” a long-running, weekly radio campaign on the Neuhoff stations. The series is a nod to the perpetually sunny leader's birthday of March 4th and celebrates people, organizations and businesses making a difference in the area. “It's our way of reminding the community to look for the good news that is around us every day,” he says. “The tag line, ***'When you focus on good news, you get more of it'*** couldn't be truer.”





United Way of Danville Area Kicks Off Winter Giving Campaign



Want to give a gift guaranteed to impact the community in a big way? If so, consider joining the United Way of Danville Area's Winter 2022 Campaign happening now. "We want our community to have a better understanding of why United Way is the leader of Community Impact and how everyone can help be part of positive change," says Mary Surprenant, CEO, United Way of Danville Area.

The 2021 Campaign Chair is Nicole Van Hyfte, Community Development Coordinator, Vermilion Advantage. The 2021-2022 goal is \$500,000.

Surprenant says the organization exists "to find answers to problems that are too big to tackle alone; the ones that impact all of us. United Way of Danville Area, Inc goes looking for them."

The United Way office is located at 425 N. Gilbert Street, Suite 3, Danville. Along with Surprenant, the office is staffed by Executive Assistant John Rankin and Dolly Parton Imagination Library Volunteer Cheri Hembrey.

The organization's region encompasses Vermilion County in Illinois and Fountain and Warren Counties in Indiana. This year, currently funded programs will reach over 16,000 people.

Local agencies receiving funding include Boy Scouts, Prairielands Council, Boys & Girls Club, CASA of Vermilion County, Community Action Program of Western Indiana,

CRIS Healthy Aging Center, Crosspoint Human Services, Danville Family YMCA, Gateway Family Services, Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, Love INC, Peer Court, Rosecrance, Salvation Army, Survivor Resource Center, Vermilion County Child Advocacy Center, and WorkSource Enterprises.

Through a community-based volunteer funding allocation process (board members and community leaders), agencies apply with a program they feel aligns with United Way of Danville Area, Inc.'s impact initiatives. Once

agencies are through the comprehensive application process, approved agencies have an opportunity to interview in front of the Community Investment Committee. After the interviews, the Community Investment Committee decides what programs best align with the goals of United Way of Danville Area and how much each program will receive. During the funding year, agencies are required to report quarterly on the progress of their program.

"We rally around our communities' most critical problems, and we fight," she says. "We are the hand raisers, the game changers, the never-back-down life transformers. We fight for everyone in our community. We fight for those who can't. This is why United Way of Danville Area is our area's Community Impact Engine. United Way doesn't fund agencies; rather, they fund programs that align with the impact initiatives of the community. Our communities' needs change from year to



"Do you want to build a snowman?" Winter 2022 Campaign happening now. For as little as \$5 a week (\$250 annual investment), you can be part of the 2022 Leadership TEAM at the Gala on February 25th.

Need a GREAT reason to stop eating those candy bars or drinking multiple cans of soda? Make investing in United Way your New Year's Resolution and help fight for our community's health, safety, and prosperity.



year. Our community deserves an organization that can adjust to those needs.”

Just some of the services offered through the United Way of Danville area include:

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- Free and easy access to information through PATH-Crisis 211.
- Provide children, from birth to five years, access to books through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
- Leading, connecting, and collaborating with local organizations through Central Illinois Community Health Network, Danville Local Area Network, and the Vermilion County iPlan health assessment committee to better understand our area's most critical needs.
- Access to numerous volunteer opportunities.



In the last 90 days, according to uwaypath.211counts.org (United Way of Danville Area funded program), of the 11,667 calls for help, 37.9% have been for housing assistance and/or shelter. There were more calls for mental health services than food assistance.

Many things have changed for United Way over the last ten years, but one thing remains the same. United Ways across the country fight for the health and well being of all in their communities through funding programs that impact the area's most critical needs. United Way of Danville Area, Inc. has found ways to pivot around the worldwide

pandemic by offering more digital campaigns and online presentations.

To learn more about United Way of Danville Area, visit unitedwayda.org or follow them on Facebook @UnitedWayofDanvilleArea. To make a gift, call the office at 217-442-3512, email ceo@unitedwayda.org, or text GIVEUNITED to 26889.



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Platinum	Top Hat	\$1500+	\$125+

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Leadership Donors will receive two tickets to the United Way Leadership Gala on February 25th at the Danville Country Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. - Initiative & Recognition Program to begin at 7:00 p.m.

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Thank you to all who have already pledged and donated!
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Danville Metal Stamping C



One of Danville's leading companies is celebrating a major milestone! Danville Metal Stamping is marking 75 years of continuous operations in Danville and planning for many more. "Over the years, we have continued to improve the way we produce our

parts by upgrading our laser technology and equipment and integrating automation," says Gardner Peck, Executive Vice President at Danville Metal Stamping (DMS). "We continue to invest in new and better technology to make sure we are manufacturing the best quality parts."

DMS is a sheet metal fabrication company that supplies gas turbine components to the Aerospace and Defense industries and gas turbines

for power generation. The DMS team makes parts for nearly all the turbines under the wings of commercial passenger planes in the United States. The company employs 400 people.

"Next time you look up and see a commercial jet remember it is likely that there are parts made here in Vermilion County powering that jet."



DMS has several locations in and around Danville, including 400 Eastgate Drive and several buildings between 17 and 42 Oakwood Avenue.

The company's ability to provide customers with a finished part that, in many cases, was manufactured on-site from start to finish makes them



celebrates 75th Anniversary

unique in their industry. Many competitors specialize in only one area, like machining, but for Danville Metal Stamping, that is just one of many departments.

“Many people are surprised to learn how accurately we must manufacture our parts,” says Peck. “For example, the average human hair is about 0.004 inches in diameter, and we have many parts that have tolerances that are less than the diameter of a human hair. That means if we are off by 'a hair' in the production of a part, we cannot sell that part. Additionally, many people would be surprised to know that even though we do not sell what we manufacture locally, we ship the parts made in Vermilion County all over the world.”



Covid restrictions mean the company cannot safely gather to celebrate the 75th anniversary with current and retired employees. Rather than cancel, they plan to celebrate next year.

Danville Metal Stamping has a long history of giving back in Vermilion County. The company's support has included the Danville Family YMCA, Danville Area United Way, Danville Public Schools Foundation, Schlarman Academy, Toys for Tots, Community Blood Services of Illinois, Downtown Danville Summer Sounds, Danville Dan's Baseball, Danville High School Show Choirs, and the Danville Tennis Center to name a few.

As one of the area's few longtime, family-owned and -operated manufacturing companies, the DMS roots run deep. “We have many employees who are second and third-generation employees,” says Peck. “We have been successful due to the people from Vermilion County.”

Vermilion Advantage membership gives Danville Metal Stamping a great network and a place to communicate with other manufacturers and businesses in the county. “Vermilion Advantage also provides us with relevant data and trends from our local area as well as other similar regions to help drive business decisions,” adds Peck.

If you are interested in joining the Danville Metal Stamping team, the company is hiring for many positions. To learn about current openings and apply online, visit danvillemetal.com/careers. To learn more about Danville Metal Stamping, visit danvillemetal.com.

“We want to thank all of our current and former employees for their hard work, and we are looking forward to our next 75 years in Vermilion County.”

Gardner Peck, Executive Vice President
Danville Metal Stamping



IT'S IN YOUR HEAD

New Business Opens to Bring Healing and Wholeness to Vermilion County



Hunter LaFave has one goal for his new business, It's In Your Head. He wants to bring the lessons and techniques he learned through his battle with cancer and traveling through Asia back to Vermilion County. "I want to help my community develop the skills and mindset necessary to live a happy and healthy life," says LaFave, the company's Owner/Instructor.

"These are methods available to everyone, no matter where you are, to make your life more enjoyable and comfortable. It's not just for someone who is depressed or going through a life-threatening illness; it can help people who are already doing well and want to improve. It is not tied to any religion or belief. These are simply methods anyone can adopt to take better care of themselves and improve their relationships."

Services include one-to-one, group, or multi-day retreats that utilize breathwork, yoga, and meditation, along with mindset and emotional training. "Whether you are depressed, anxious, stressed out, or you feel good and want to feel great, I can help give you the tools necessary to be your best," says LaFave.

Since starting It's In Your Head, he has taught classes and provided services to over 500 people internationally, including support through cancer treatment. The company is located in Danville.

Businesses can also benefit from one-on-one training, group classes, weekly/biweekly/monthly relaxation check-ins, workshops, and retreats, customized to fit specific needs. "I come in and teach a combination of all these techniques mixed with positivity and mindset training," he says. "We work on creating daily habits to calm the mind, release stress, strengthen the immune system, keep the body fit, and boost morale. We all feel the added stress of Covid, and employers are seeing the effects of stress on the workforce. I teach techniques to provide lasting relief, creating a more healthy, happy, and productive workplace."

LaFave is available to teach in person or through video conference.

The idea for the business was born when LaFave experienced a white-water kayaking trip that takes young

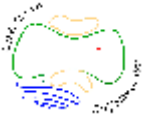
adults who have survived cancer on adventure-based healing excursions. "We would kayak during the day and at night meet around a fire, and everyone would discuss what they have been through," he says. "I watched people ten years removed from treatment, even some doctors themselves, weep when I shared my story. That pain was still in them. This was my motivation to start It's In Your Head. That pain stays in the body unless it is processed. I want to help people heal, not just physically, but in every aspect from whatever they have been through, cancer or otherwise."

It's In Your Head is already benefiting from membership in Vermilion Advantage through connections to the business community. "It's been invaluable to get my company off the ground and understand what is possible in the area," he says. "Our strength is in our people, and Vermilion Advantage creates that connection."



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Up & Down Golf Simulator Opens in Downtown Danville

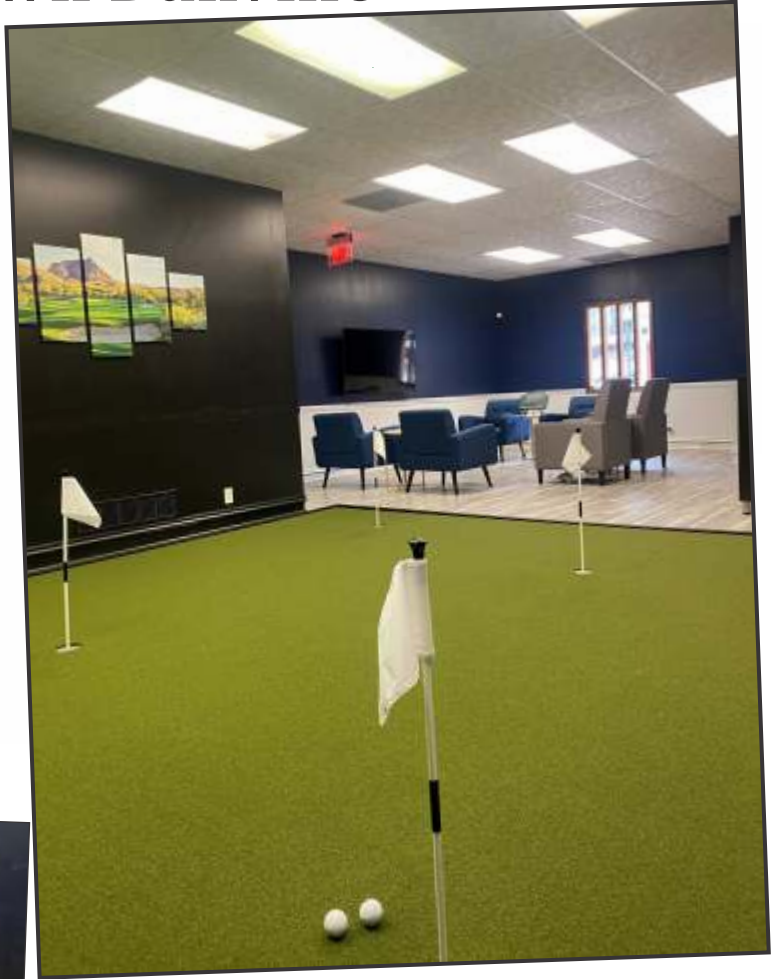
Want to keep your golf game in shape this winter or take up a new hobby? David Schmidt has the ideal solution. The entrepreneur opened Up & Down Golf Simulator in downtown Danville in mid-October.

Up & Down Golf Simulator offers a full swing indoor golf simulator. They have three bays which are rented by the hour. The average person takes an hour to play 18 holes.

The business is located at 110 N. Vermilion Street in Danville.

“You use real golf clubs, driver through putter,” says Schmidt. “It is accurate within five yards.”

The simulator enclosures are custom built for the space. Each simulator features a launch monitor using a combination of Doppler radar and high-speed cameras to track the ball. Gaming PCs with state-of-the-art simulator software use the data from the launch monitor to provide a life-like golfing experience.



Schmidt is a member of the Danville Country Club, which is his favorite real-life course. “My favorite virtual course is The Sanctuary in Colorado,” he says. “The two most popular courses for our customers are Torrey Pines and Pebble Beach Golf Links.”

The business will be giving back to the community through a relationship with RU (Rescue Us), an addiction recovery group in Tilton. Up & Down Golf Simulator will host fundraisers for the organization starting in December.

“I think Vermilion County's greatest strength is the sense of community,” he says. “Everyone is so willing to extend a helping hand. I've found the staff at Vermilion Advantage very knowledgeable, and I'm sure will have a lot of good advice as well as connections.”

To find out more about Up & Down Golf Simulator or book an appointment, visit their website at upanddowngolfsimulator.com. They can also be found on Facebook @ Up & Down Golf Simulator.



Icebox Club: Vintage Refrigerator Masterpieces Created for Charity

You've never seen a refrigerator quite like the ones created by The Icebox Club in Danville. The club donates restored, vintage refrigerators to local charities for auctions. They are theme based with artwork, music and special-effect lighting. Some past themes include Cubs World Series Champions, Margaritaville, the American Flag and many more. The masterpieces are often the hottest ticket at local charity auctions. Many of the pieces raise upwards of \$4000. The Icebox Club has raised over \$25,000 to date.

The Icebox Club members are active in volunteering for various community events. "We proudly partner with the City of Danville and DDI in helping to organize the Holiday Night of Lights parade," says club member Mary Morrison. "We have painted at the historic Danville Stadium, salvaged at the Fischer Theater and partnered with AMBUCS. We volunteer for many fundraisers and events all year long."

The Icebox Club is funded through its annual 50/50 raffle. Tickets are sold Labor Day through the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Tickets are \$10 and the winner usually receives over \$1500. All the monies raised underwrite club projects and are donated to those in need.

"We are not your typical 'lunch club' service organization," says Morrison. "When we get together, we are getting things accomplished. We utilize social media to communicate as well as text each other regularly to stay informed." Members enjoy getting together socially and plan regular outings like wiener roasts, tubing at Kickapoo and having beverages at local establishments.

The club welcomes anyone to join regardless of technical or mechanical abilities. They gather monthly in a local garage to work on projects. For more information regarding the next



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Lafayette Harper Taking Good Care of Clients at The Prelude

Lafayette Harper is a man with a vision. The local entrepreneur is a licensed barber and owner of The Prelude, a barbershop/detail shop located at 1029 E. Main in Danville.

Mr. Harper has been taking care of customers since 2006. He worked in several barbershops before opening his own. "The Prelude is my baby, my project, the first barbershop I've officially opened on my own," he says. "I opened my shop earlier this year in March. Since the first day I opened, I amassed a pretty successful business."

People may be surprised to learn how many customers Harper can serve. To a certain extent, he's a one-man army, serving over 245 registered clients. He's earned a reputation for taking good care of everyone.

Harper explains that most barbers are considered pillars of the community and a place to be heard. "In my case, I have numerous clients that ask me for advice," he says. "They tell me, 'You have your life in order. You are healthy, have a successful business, beautiful fiancée, two beautiful children with one on the way, and can make investments.' My response is always, 'Please don't make the comparison between our two different lives because what you don't see is all the time and effort that I put in, the sleepless nights; it's an endless grind.'" Harper believes the answer to success lies in focusing on how much a person wants something and how much they are willing to sacrifice on the journey to success.

Because of the way he encourages peers, those who take his advice often see positive changes in their lives. "The way I see it is that blades sharpen blades, so in that context, as much as I inspire my clients, my clients also inspire me," he says. "They look to me as a beacon of sorts, so I'll never steer them in the wrong direction.



Like many others, the pandemic limited Harper's community involvement. Before the pandemic, he found creative ways to give back. He took young men on camping trips, offered free back-to-school haircuts to anyone who needed one. He and Darnell Smith, co-owner of CMS Detailing, also host a recreational dance event, "Stepping in the Park," that provides a "chill atmosphere for adults who want to love people and listen to some good music." The event also includes an annual BBQ cookout competition that is free and open to the public.

He has a strong vision for making Danville and Vermilion County an excellent place to live and work. "Danville is what it is but what Danville has in abundance is passion and a great depth of untapped potential," he says. "If the resources were there, more individuals would realize they are more than just a

product of their environments. Give them the tools to learn new habits, to unlearn the learned behavior and establish goals and complete them."

Vermilion Advantage membership means more awareness of his business, access to information and new networking possibilities. "You never know who you will cross paths with," he adds. "As I became a bigger entrepreneur, I will need to become more business savvy. The way I see it is the bigger the consortium of like-minded people, the better the chances of success in any endeavor we embark upon."

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ALL A's ACCOLADES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ACHIEVEMENTS

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



November Employee of the Month

Hometown Stars McDonald's.....Zane Greene
 Classic Rock-n-Roll.....Jessica Goulding
 Oakwood.....Kim Gouard
 Georgetown.....Caleb Kleiner
 Hoopeston.....Jeena Joza
 Neighborhood McDonald's.....Shameka Plummer
 Covington, IN.....Karma Kingery

November Student/Athlete of the Month:

Danville High School Student of the Month.....Rebecca Feuerborn
 Danville High School Athlete of the Month.....Natalie Porter
 Schlarman Academy North Student of the Month.....Madi Bruens
 Schlarman Academy North Athlete of the Month.....Cody Abernathy
 Oakwood Student of the Month.....Warren Durbin
 Oakwood Athlete of the Month.....Xoey Ensign
 GRFHS Student of the Month.....Christopher Clippinger
 GRFHS Athlete of the Month.....Isaiah Cope
 Hoopeston Area High School Student of the Month.....Billy Zarate
 Hoopeston Area High School Athlete of the Month.....Abel Colunga
 Covington High School Student of the Month.....Cora Reynolds
 Covington High School Athlete of the Month.....Calvin Springer

December Employee of the Month

Hometown Stars McDonald's.....Teresa Taylor
 Classic Rock-n-Roll.....Sahara Lane
 Oakwood.....Alaina Rothwell
 Georgetown.....Camryen Sloan
 Hoopeston.....Kylie Brown
 Neighborhood McDonald's.....Rosa Angel
 Covington, IN.....Rita Hay

December Student/Athlete of the Month:

Danville High School Student of the Month.....Nevaeh Smith
 Danville High School Athlete of the Month.....Nau'tika Conaway
 Schlarman Academy North Student of the Month.....Avery Kelsey
 Schlarman Academy North Athlete of the Month.....Jason Craig
 Oakwood Student of the Month.....Brady Verhoeven
 Oakwood Athlete of the Month.....Josh Young
 GRFHS Student of the Month.....Gracie Miller
 GRFHS Athlete of the Month.....Girls Basketball Team
 Hoopeston Area High School Student of the Month.....Emily Ray
 Hoopeston Area High School Athlete of the Month.....Angel Zamora
 Covington High School Student of the Month.....Ethan Dixon
 Covington High School Athlete of the Month.....Holly Linville

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