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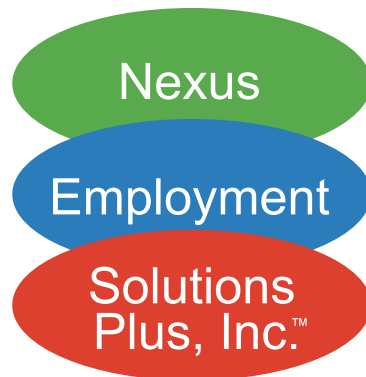
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Spring is near, and with this comes a lot of excitement around Danville and Vermilion County!

It's great to see our seasonal shops opening back up, empty retail space downtown being filled, and ongoing projects getting a boost from the great weather. One of the biggest announcements is the news of the casino finally getting the go-ahead from the Illinois Gaming Board. The project, due to be built on Eastgate Dr., will be a big economic boon for our area. Not only will it bring in visitors from other cities and states but will also lead to more great retail and quality of life enhancements on the east side. We are excited about the possibilities! We are grateful for the Wilmot family and the Golden Nugget's investment in our community. What a wonderful partnership to move our County forward.



Please keep an eye out for other great Vermilion Advantage events such as Business After Hours, Business and Networking Luncheon, Young Professionals Network, and other special events.

Hope to see you all soon!

Tim Dudley  
CEO, Vermilion Advantage

Vermilion Advantage, through membership value, provides strategic leadership on critical large and small business issues - leading economic and workforce development, anticipating and responding to members' needs, addressing quality of life issues and providing a network of information and business contacts. Vermilion Advantage works regionally to bring opportunities to Danville and Vermilion County.

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# Danville Gardens Getting Ready for Spring

Danville Gardens may have been closed to the public for the last few months, but amazing things were happening behind the scenes. “Surprise!!” say Nathan and Lisa Campbell, Danville Gardens owners. “Right now, 6,000 Boston ferns and 15,000 geraniums are growing for the spring season. We are not on vacation when we are closed. In fact, we are always growing something for the next season.”

Danville Gardens is a full-service garden center open seasonally. They offer a large selection of flowering plants, vegetables, garden décor and more. Two and a half acres of covered greenhouses are located at their 1307 Cleary Ave, Danville, Illinois facilities. Danville Gardens has been in existence for over 100 years. The Campbells are only the third owners, taking over in 1993.

The Cleary Avenue location will open on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and Danville Gardens North, at 3623 North Vermilion, will open around May 1st.

People might be surprised to learn Danville Gardens makes their potting soil in an old cement mixer. They also grow over 90% of everything on-site in Danville. The most significant change in operations has been adding an automated watering system. “This has allowed for more consistency and better



quality,” they say. “We also completed a solar project to reduce emissions and be more environmentally friendly.”

*“We have been blessed for the past 29 years with friendly, welcoming gardeners that have helped our business grow immensely.”*

Nathan and Lisa Campbell

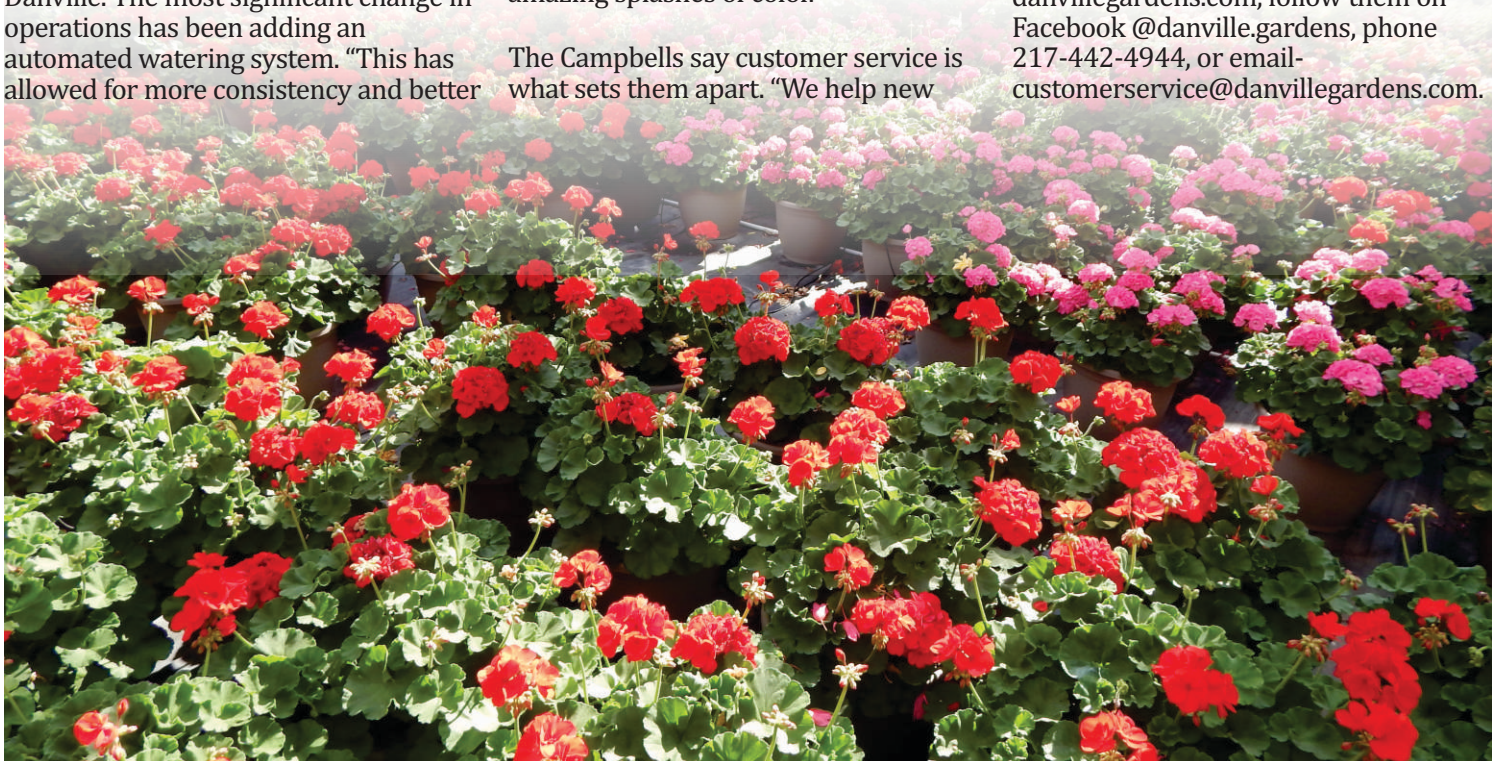
Supertunias are the most popular plant they carry. “People have learned through the years that they get beautiful plants with minimal effort,” says Lisa. “They are used all over town for amazing splashes of color.”

The Campbells say customer service is what sets them apart. “We help new

gardeners with advice to make them succeed. For avid gardeners, we may not know all the answers, but we will strive to find out. We are thankful for our dedicated and wonderful staff. Many have been here for over fifteen years, which is quite unusual for a seasonal business. Our staff is willing to help everyone be successful in gardening!!”

Danville Gardens gives back with various fundraisers as well as helping deliver to the food pantries through Second Church of Christ.

To learn more, visit [danvillegardens.com](http://danvillegardens.com), follow them on Facebook @danville.gardens, phone 217-442-4944, or email [customerservice@danvillegardens.com](mailto:customerservice@danvillegardens.com).



# Meet the Executive Board for Vermilion Advantage

## Deanna Witzel, Vice-Chairperson, Vermilion Advantage. Owner/Operator -Witzel Family McDonald's

**First, tell us about your company –** Witzel Family McDonald's is a quick-service restaurant with seven locations in Illinois and Indiana. We have over 375 employees and plan on adding additional staff soon.

**What new things are happening at your company?** We are increasing our benefits and compensation to be the employer of choice.

**Do you have any position openings?** We have openings for staff at all levels - from crew, maintenance, shift manager and general managers. Anyone interested can visit [McHire.com](http://McHire.com).

**How long have you been involved with Vermilion Advantage?** Since 2001. I have been on the board since 2008 and the executive committee since 2009, serving as chair for one term.

**What project stands out from your work with Vermilion Advantage?** Helping to amicably settle the dispute with Blue Cross Blue Shield and OSF as they bought our hospital.

**Where are you from?** I was born and raised in Washington, IL and moved to Las Vegas, NV, upon high school graduation. That's where I met my future husband and co-owner/operator, Don Witzel.

**How long have you lived in Vermilion County?** Don and I became owner/operators with McDonald's in 1999 and moved to Danville with our children Rob and Katie.

**What do you feel are the top priorities for the city/county?** Getting resources for our residents for mental health, substance abuse, and affordable housing, which we are working on with Step Up

with help from Vermilion Advantage. We also need to find a way to reduce property taxes to encourage more people to move to Vermilion County.

**How does the work of Vermilion Advantage benefit our area?** Driving economic development, jobs, homes, and the Chamber of Commerce.

**What might surprise people about you?** I started at McDonald's as a crew person, and it is the only job I have ever had.

**What's the best advice you've ever received?** My mom always said, "Good, better, best. Never let it rest until your good is better and your better is best!" And when we were looking to own our own business, my dad said two things: "Stick with what you know" and "McDonald's is number one – why would you go with anyone else?"



# Vermilion County Museum hosts *The Auschwitz Experience in the Art of Prisoners*

The traveling Holocaust exhibit at the Vermilion County Museum is not to be missed. The museum is hosting *The Auschwitz Experience in the Art of Prisoners*

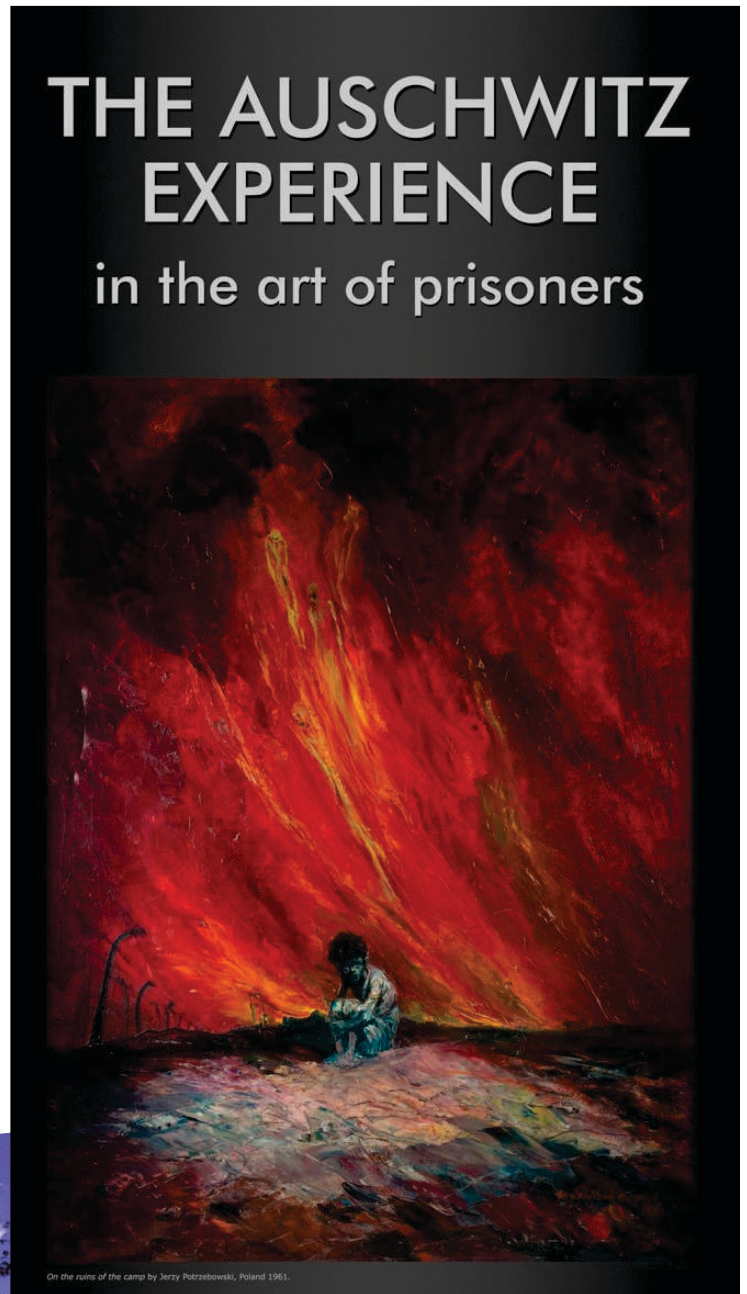
The prominent exhibition comprises artwork by 12 survivors of the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp who documented their experiences during the Holocaust. This exhibit features 24 panels depicting 60 works of art and is on loan from the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum in Poland. The powerful artwork allows visitors to better understand life in the concentration camp and the experiences of each individual who faced exhausting work and constant humiliation.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Holocaust Education Center of Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation (CUJF). The local sponsor for the event is The Myers Group, Morgan Stanley.

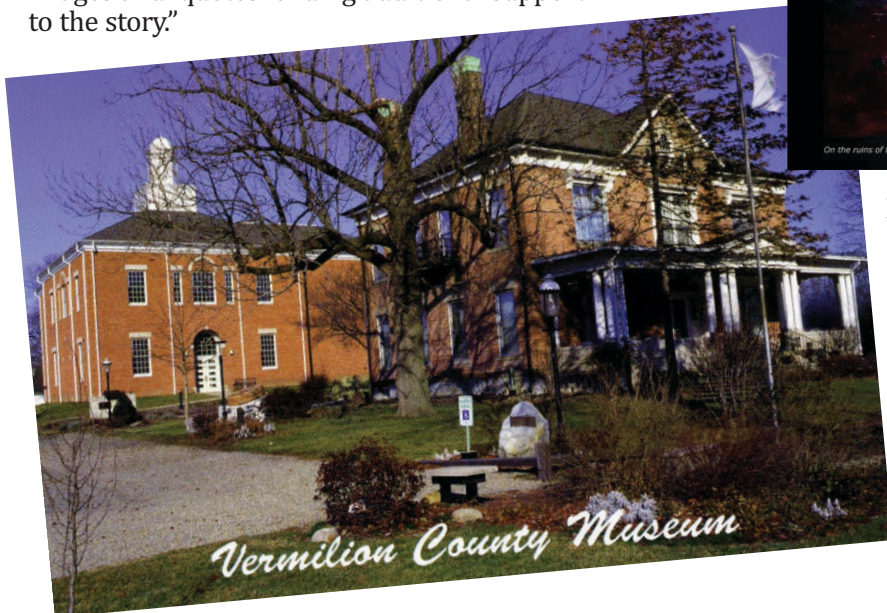
“By observing life in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp through the memory of its inmates, you will have the opportunity to increase knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust and learn about the daily struggle for survival by the camp’s prisoners,” says Robert Lehmann, co-chair of the CUJF’s Holocaust Education Committee.

The exhibit’s events and visitors have included guests at an opening event on March 6<sup>th</sup>, local civic groups, the public, and school tours from throughout the area.

All the feedback has been positive, with individuals grateful to learn more about the Holocaust. “The museum society felt it had a good tie to local history because of the many Jewish families who settled and worked in Danville, beginning in the late 1800s,” says Sue Richter, Director of the Vermilion County Museum. “This exhibit is very story driven, with the images and quotes lending additional support to the story.”



On the ruins of the camp by Jerzy Potrzebowski, Poland 1963.



For group tours, contact Susan Richter at the Vermilion County Museum via [vermilioncountymuseum.org](http://vermilioncountymuseum.org) or by calling (217) 442-2922. For more information about the exhibit, contact HEC Co-Director Brian Kahn at 217-369-5039 or by email at [HolocaustEdCtr@cujf.org](mailto:HolocaustEdCtr@cujf.org)

***“The Auschwitz Experience in the Art of Prisoners”*** exhibit will be moving from the Vermilion County Museum to the DACC Library. The exhibit will be open at DACC from April 4 through April 8.

# Spotlight: Nicole Van Hyfte, new Chamber of Commerce Director for Vermilion Advantage

We recently caught up with Nicole Van Hyfte as she began her role as Vermilion Advantage's Chamber of Commerce Director. She has big plans for the new job.

**Tell us about your first year with Vermilion Advantage.** As the Community Development Coordinator, I have learned how the chamber works and the role they play in the community as well as economic development. Over the last year, I have experienced the best of both worlds. Coming into the job, I had zero experience with economic development, and now I feel like I'm learning more every day from our CEO, Tim Dudley. He allowed me to further my education through classes, training, and conversations. I look forward to continuing that.

**How will your role change?** As I take on the Chamber of Commerce Director role, I will focus on making the chamber shine. Mabelle Dykes, who just retired, did an awesome job reviving the chamber, and now I am taking the ball and running with it. I have so many ideas for new events as well as reviving old ones. I look forward to bringing back the Mayors Council, the Quality-of-Life Council, increasing participation with the Hoopston Economic Development team, the Human Resources Safety Council, and starting new initiatives throughout the community. I want Vermilion Advantage to be the main supporter of our businesses. We already serve as the hub to make connections, and I want to bring that to the next level. We will start like-minded round tables in areas such as restaurant owners, retail owners, manufacturers, education, healthcare, etc. I will still be doing some economic development training in the background, but my focus will be creating a strong chamber.

**Why did you choose to work at Vermilion Advantage?** I had been home with my children for a year and a half while COVID kept them out of school. I have always been a busy bee and have a need for human connections.



I was ready to go back to work. My husband and I had a conversation about calling Mabelle to see if she knew of anything that would be a good fit for me. (I've known Mabelle my entire life and participated in Leadership Tomorrow on scholarship with her help.) I did not call Mabelle. However, she called me the following week about this job. Talk

about fate! I was hired in April of 2021. It has been such a blessing.

**What do you love most about what you do?** What I love most is attending different events, stepping back, and watching the connections that are being made. I love putting the right people in the room to create change and progress.



# NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball Tournament Brings Exciting Basketball Action to Vermilion County



Hands down, one of Vermilion County's most thrilling events is the annual National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Men's Basketball Tournament. Every March, 16 teams from across the country travel to Danville to compete for the national championship. The tournament action stretches over five days.

Danville has played home to the tournament for 29 years. The late Dick Shockey, former business and finance administrator at Danville Area Community College (DACC), placed a bid to host the event after DACC played in and won the tournament, which was then in Wisconsin. "He felt it could be done in Danville for far less cost to DACC and done well," says Jeanie Cooke, Executive Director of the Danville Area Visitors Bureau, and member of the NJCAA Championship Leadership Team. "He was right, as he usually was."

This year's event was led by DACC's Brian Hengsen, the championship leadership team, and the steering committee. It takes about 450 volunteers to staff the tournament. "We have a solid core of volunteers each year. They do everything from working the game bench to taking tickets to working in the hospitality room to arranging halftime entertainment, whatever it takes," she says. "Many volunteers return, but each year there is turnover." Call the Danville Area Visitors Bureau to learn about volunteering.

As the local leader in charge of encouraging people to visit the area, Cooke understands the financial impact the event has on Vermilion County and the surrounding areas. "Past studies have confirmed impact numbers over nine million dollars," she says. "All hotels in the area are at capacity, and local restaurants and shops are experiencing increased volume."



The weekly attendance for the 2020 tournament, prior to Covid restrictions, was slightly over 14,000 fans. The event also draws many four-year college coaches scouting talented community college players.



"Danville is well known all over the country for its hospitality," says Cooke. "It is so well thought of that former coaches, participants, and fans return again and again, even if their teams aren't playing."

Cooke is most proud of the message conveyed about our area. "Because of the hospitality our Vermilion County

residents, businesses and volunteers show, visitors take back home glowing reports of our area," she says. "That is the best kind of advertising a town can have."

To learn more about the NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball tournament, follow the link at [danvillejaguars.com](http://danvillejaguars.com) or find them on Facebook @NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship.

*"Without the support of the administration and staff at DACC, we would not have or keep this tournament. From Dr. Nacco to Dana Wheeler to the janitorial staff to their volunteers and board of trustees, Danville Area Community College takes the word 'community' seriously. We are blessed." Jeanie Cooke*



# Hayley Siefert Serving Area Real Estate Clients through Keller Williams Realty

Hayley Siefert loves Vermilion County. The broker with Keller Williams Realty, The Real Estate Center of Illinois, says, "I feel like our community is one big family. When something happens to one of us, it happens to all of us. I feel like as a community, we are always there for each other, and I love that."

After opening their doors at 408 N. Vermilion in early January, the Keller Williams team already has five local agents.

Keller Williams Realty is a national company that focuses on education and technology. "The biggest difference is that KW is an agent-led company," says Siefert. "The owner of the company doesn't make the decisions for the office; the agents do. The culture is unlike any company I have ever worked for. Everyone is very eager to help each other. All of the agents are an open book when it comes to success."

In the five years she's been in real estate, Siefert says technology has been the most significant change. "I use a Matterport camera for each home, which has nine cameras in total to create a 3D tour," she says. "When I started in the business, I was just using a cell phone. You have to stay on top of the latest and greatest technology."

She says every transaction is unique. "I can truly say no selling experience is ever the same. I recently had a couple who moved back to the area after spending 30 years living in Japan. I love helping clients that move back to our area to invest in the community."

People may be surprised to learn how many hours she and other real estate agents put in for their clients. "I never



truly have a day off," she says. "I work 24/7 all hours of the day/night. I think most people think I just go and show homes, but there is so much more that goes into it."

She offers crucial advice for home buyers and sellers in the current market. "For sellers, I would say, call a realtor and see what your home is worth. If you are even considering selling, now is the time. Sellers are seeing multiple offer situations, which has led to over asking prices. For home buyers, I would always encourage you to have representation. The real estate transaction is complicated, and you need an advocate on your side to help you negotiate."

Siefert believes in giving back to the community. She is currently Vice President of the noon Rotary club and will assume the role of President in July. She is also a part of the Young Professionals Network through Vermilion Advantage and the Executive Women's Club. "We are fully invested in Danville, and Vermilion Advantage has many different avenues where we can give back," she says.

To learn more, contact Hayley Siefert at Keller Williams Realty, TREC at 217-918-0087 or haleys@kw.com.





Precious Time Pampering

# Precious Time Pampering Spa Opens in Danville



beard care, and post-op massages. Precious Time also offers spa parties. The full array of services is available at [precioustimepampering.com](http://precioustimepampering.com).

“Providing services to my clients is what I enjoy doing, and my goal is that every customer leaves feeling rejuvenated,” she says. “I take pride in maintaining a high level of professionalism.” Plans for the future include adding a Vohra Wound Certified Nurse, Spa Concierge and a Licensed massage therapist.

Ms. Forman recommends creating an empowering day and night routine that not only consists of skincare, but also includes things like affirmations, gratitude lists, and reading and listening to motivational speakers.

Her at-home skincare advice is to cleanse, moisturize and always use sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30. Individuals with melanated skin tones also need sunscreen, she adds. “People with more mature skin need a little extra attention,” she says. “Cleansing with an age smart or anti-aging cleanser helps with mature skin. Steps include cleansing with a cream cleanser and exfoliating weekly. Also, hydrating your skin with a facial moisturizer that focuses on specific aging concerns, eye cream and SPF.

People may be surprised to learn how she turned a part of her home into the perfect spa experience with state-of-the-art equipment. “I’ve been told the ambiance is everything and that Precious Time Pampering is a hidden gem in our area,” she says. “I’ve had people travel from near and far to treat themselves, as well as clients who are thankful they don’t have to travel to a resort or a different city because they have the opportunity to do so right here in Danville.”

Ready for a day to pamper yourself? Precious Forman, licensed esthetician and owner of Precious Time Pampering Spa, can help. “I deliver the ultimate spa experience to give you a small break of tranquility and relaxation from the hustle and bustle of day-to-day life,” she says. “My services are revitalizing to individuals and their skin.”

The spa is located at 206 Western Avenue, Danville, IL.

The spa menu of services includes customized facials, back treatments, detox sauna blankets, waxing, underarm treatments, butt lifts, non-invasive body contouring, laser lipo, pro power eye peels, resurfacing microdermabrasion facials, yoni steams, hydrotherapy bald scalp treatment,

Precious Time offers a calm vibe, guaranteed to provide a personal reset. Every color, piece of art, music, and aroma has been thoughtfully selected. “From your first step into the spa, you’ll be immersed in a climate of complete relaxation no matter your gender, age or nationality,” she adds. My goal is to expand my possibilities within the spa by hosting private Spa and Brunch events to offer a different experience in the area.

To learn more or book your appointment, visit [precioustimepampering.com](http://precioustimepampering.com).  
Facebook: Precious Time Pampering Instagram: [precioustime\\_pampering](https://www.instagram.com/precioustime_pampering)

# Gallipots of Salts and Sweets Offers Unique Eco-Friendly Products



The new Gallipots of Salts and Sweets online shop is founded on the idea “we need to do better and be more conscious of our impact on the environment,” according to the company’s website. The Gallipots team research products and ingredients with sustainability, eco-friendly, and ethical sourcing in mind. They create and source handcrafted gifts, décor, and holistic alternatives based on what they learn.

The product line includes personal care items, artwork, household items, and witchy supplies. “We would love to have a brick-and-mortar storefront one day, but we’re being patient about that (for now),” says Cassie Williams, co-owner. “I’m the dreamer of the business, and Brandon, my personal and business partner, is the logic.”

The Gallipots team strives to do everything consciously. This means

their products match their core values, all the way to the product labels they print on. Their vision is to be a multi-purpose shop akin to a general store. “People can visit our website for replacement toothbrush heads and also get a new crystal for your altar/sacred space,” says Williams.

The Gallipots team is looking forward to getting involved in the community. “We would love to help underprivileged individuals and the homeless, support or start a recycling program, and be part of a local metaphysical community,” says Williams.

They believe in what Vermilion County has to offer. “Growing up (and even into adulthood), we heard all the negative things,” she says. “But as adults now, we can see people trying to make a difference—businesses going above and beyond. Vermilion County is adapting and changing. And we want to be part of that change!”

With their membership in Vermilion Advantage, they look forward to meeting and working with new people and letting people know about their business.

To learn more about Gallipots of Salts and Sweets, visit their website at [gallipots.org](http://gallipots.org), email [saltsandsweets@gallipots.org](mailto:saltsandsweets@gallipots.org), or call 708-406-9078. You can also find them on Facebook @Gallipots of Salts & Sweets or Instagram @gallipotsofsaltsweets.



# Danville High School Class of 1982 Creating a Special October Weekend for Alums and the Community

Mark your calendar for the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. That's when the Danville High School (DHS) Class of 1982 is filling the weekend with fun activities and community events. "This will be a three-day reunion event," says Wesley Lewis, a class of '82 alum and current resident of Lansing, Michigan. "Even though this will be the 40th reunion for the DHS Class of 1982, we are inviting all DHS alumni classes to join us for the entire weekend. We have hotel rooms reserved for folks to stay during the reunion event, starting with arrivals on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>."

The reunion officially kicks off on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm CST with a tour of DHS. The next stop is the football field at about 5 pm for a tailgate before and during the annual homecoming football game. After the game, the class will offer a publicized list of optional events for all alums. There will also be a list of optional daytime and night-time activities for Friday and Saturday. The Class of 1982 will host a dinner party for its own alums at the Danville Country Club on the evening of Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.



**1981 Golf Team:** First row: Sam Wodetzki, John Shane, Tom Wodetzki, Eric Luke, Mike Kortkamp. Second row: Jeff Landskroner, Mark Jenkins, David Shank, Brad Hren, Troy Lemon, Ron Harner. Third row: Mike Lamkin, Mike Small, Chris Heeren, Mike Shirey, Brad Leighty, Brett Springer, Coach Birky.

## Viking Golf Team Wins State

The 1981 Golf Team, coached by Mr. Steve Birky, captured the state team title. The team also placed first in the prestigious Peoria Tournament and the Big 12 Conference.

Coach Birky was confident early in the season that the Vikings were one of the better teams in the state. He felt that the hard-working and competitive golfers could use their excellent teamwork to carry themselves far in the state tournament, and it did.

The six state tournament performers were down by ten strokes after the first 18 holes, but with determination and a competitive at-

titude came back in the rain, and won the 1981 State Tournament Golf Title.

With two state tournament performers returning and a strong supporting cast of underclassmen, the Viking golfers figure to be strong again next year. As Coach Birky says, "We may surprise a few people."

Mike Shirey captained the championship team this season and he, along with 3 other seniors, (Jeff Landskroner, Brett Springer, and Chris Heeren) were named co-Most Valuable Players. Springer was also cited as the High Scholastic Award winner.



**1981 Girls Tennis Team:** First row: Stacey Fogleman, Pam Woodson, Lori Bleveans, Kris Andrews, Cathie Hall. Second row: Lisa Bailey, Nikki Holden, Susan Mechalas, Kelly Dodd. Third row: Sandi Hible, Melissa Miller, Fiona Prentice, Pam Weyrich, Coach Kim Johnston.

## Girl's Tennis Future Brightened by Underclassmen

After sending a doubles team to the state tournament, but doing poorly in dual meet competition, the Girl's Tennis Team looks to the future: the underclassmen players.

Coach Kim Johnston feels that the team set reasonable goals for themselves and that they accomplished these goals. She considered the Vikings' first win in the season, after being so close to victory other times, as an important point of the year. The team went on to place third in Conference and fourth in District competition.

Coach Johnston would like to stress the importance of girls starting to play tennis at an earlier age. If they don't start early, they will not realize their full potential, and, according to Mrs. Johnston, will not be able to compete with the high caliber of players in the state.

Co-captains Fiona Prentice and Pam Woodson led the squad this year and Woodson was also named as the Most Valuable Player of the '81 season. Prentice was honored as the recipient of the team High Scholastic Award.

The climax of the three-day event will take place on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, with a community outreach program to be held in Lincoln Park from 10 am to 1 pm CST. The community event plans are still underway and include music, activities, food, prayer service, and much more.

The reunion planning committee currently includes Lewis, Kim Henry, Melissa Ronto, Robert Miller, Julie Sanders, Michele Burke-Noel, Molly Shafer, Pam Woodson, Bryan Mickelson, Bill Jones, Rich Darby, Ricky Hoskins, Holly Hart, Sonya Tyler, and Cathie Hall. They are steadily adding members and volunteers.

Lewis has a hard time naming his favorite part of the festivity planning so far. "Everything, including the support of Mayor Williams, the City of Danville, and Vermilion Advantage!" he says. "We will engage and partner with Mayor Williams in our reunion event as much as possible!"

He is also thrilled by the positive responses and support the committee has received from DHS and other alumni classes.

"Our primary goal is to give something back to the City of Danville in order to help the community," says Lewis. "Danville has treated all DHS alumni classes very well over the years."

To learn more, visit the DHS Class of 1982 Facebook page, with reposts to all other DHS alumni class pages.

# 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**






### March Employee of the Month

Hometown Stars McDonald's.....	Keyaira Weston
Classic Rock-n-Roll.....	Nico Martin
Oakwood.....	Shay Eichelberger
Georgetown.....	Samantha Haga
Hoopeston.....	Brennan Schmink
Neighborhood McDonald's.....	Rachel Waldron
Covington, IN.....	April Gebhart

### March Student/Athlete of the Month:

Danville High School Student of the Month.....	Clara Graham
Danville High School Athlete of the Month.....	O Shawn Jones Winslow
Schlarman Academy North Student of the Month.....	Emari Osaze
Schlarman Academy North Athlete of the Month.....	Ben Winn
Oakwood Student of the Month.....	Alaina Rothwell
Oakwood Athlete of the Month.....	Karsen Rupp
GRFHS Student of the Month.....	Izabella Wills
GRFHS Athlete of the Month.....	Cale Steinbaugh
Hoopeston Area High School Student of the Month.....	Mackenzi Tate
Hoopeston Area High School Athlete of the Month.....	Claire Dixon
Covington High School Student of the Month.....	Haley Harmeson
Covington High School Athlete of the Month.....	Briley Peyton

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**ADVANTAGE DIAMOND DIRECTOR:**

**(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  
McLane Midwest  
Mervis Industries  
REG Danville, LLC  
Republic (formerly Allied Waste)  
thyssenKrupp Presta  
Vermilion Development, Inc.  
Viscofan USA, Inc.  
Voyant Beauty  
Watchfire Signs

**ADVANTAGE MILLENNIUM MEMBER:**

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

AmerenIP  
Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center  
Catlin Bank  
Central States Distribution Service  
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  
Advanced Medical Transport East  
Anderson Electric, Inc.  
APPI Energy  
AT&T Illinois  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois  
Bose Corporation  
Brainerd Chemical Midwest, LLC  
Chittick Family Eye Care  
County Markets / Niemann Foods  
Depke Gases & Welding Supplies  
EnvirOx, LLC  
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

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  
Towns Machine Tool Co., Inc.  
Vermilion County Bobcats  
Village of Catlin

**ADVANTAGE ASSOCIATE MEMBER:**

**(Level \$500 - \$999)**

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

112 Wine & Coffee  
A&R Mechanical Contractors  
Allied Capital Title  
Arnold's Office Supply  
Arrow Ambulance  
Autumn Fields Adult Community of Hoopeston  
AWEBCO  
BEE PLUS, Inc.  
Belton Hearing Aid Service  
Big Thorn Farm & Brewery, LLC  
BIGG Success  
Bill Smith Auto Parts  
Bricks and Ivy Sports  
Built 2 Last Construction  
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  
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 IL Community Action Agency  
Education Personnel Federal Credit Union  
Edward Jones (Marcus Provost)  
Enel Green Power Salt Springs  
EPIC Insurance Midwest  
Farnsworth Group  
First Institute Training & Mgmt., Inc.  
FLP Wealth Advisors of Raymond James  
Full-Fill Industries, LLC  
Gailey Eye Clinic  
Gallipots of Salt & Sweets  
Gibson Teldata, Inc.  
Greene Galvanized Stairs

Group 2029 Inc. (d/b/a Burger King)  
Harrison Steel Castings Company  
Health Alliance Medical Plans  
Heartland Properties, Inc.  
Hickory Point Bank  
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites/Hampton Inn & Suites  
Hoopeston Coin Laundry  
Hussmann Rogers Law, LLC  
IBEW Local 538  
Illini Castings, LLC  
Illume Counseling and Wellness Center  
Insurance Providers Group  
International Greenhouse Co.- Danville  
JAC Property Management  
Jimmy Johns  
Jocko's Depot / Diveley Development Corp.  
Kick Me Shirts  
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  
Martin Hood, LLC  
Mattress Firm  
MH Equipment  
MI-BOX Moving & Mobile Storage  
Motley Food  
Newton's Cleaning & Restoration, LLC  
Painter's USA, Inc.  
Pepsi-Cola C-U Bottling Co.  
Portal Entertainment Group  
Randal Ashton, DDS  
Ray O'Herron Company  
RE/Max Ultimate  
Revive Salon & Spa  
Robinson Chiropractic, Ltd. – Danville, Hoopeston, & Westville locations  
R.S. Quick Properties  
Russell Leigh & Associates  
Salt Fork CUSD #512  
Second Church of Christ  
Sentry Roofing, Inc.  
Seven Point  
Shore Wealth Management  
Silgan Containers  
Slumberland Furniture  
Spherion  
Steel Grip, Inc.  
T.H. Snyder Co. - Architectural Woodwork Div.  
Terminix Services, Inc.  
The Andersons Rail Group  
Toni Stone State Farm Agency  
Townway Place, LLC  
Toyota of Danville  
Trillium Staffing  
Turtle Run Golf & Banquet Center  
Two Roads Wellness Clinic  
United Rentals  
Up & Down Golf Simulator  
Venture Mechanical Contractors, Inc.  
Vermilion Chevrolet  
Vermilion County Conservation District  
Vermilion County Title, Inc.  
Vermilion Regional Airport Authority  
Vermilion River Beer Company

Vermilion Valley Railroad  
 Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System  
 Village of Fithian  
 Village of Tilton  
 W & T Enterprises L.P.  
 WCIA Nexstar Broadcasting  
 Westville CUSD #2  
 Whipper Snappers Southern Grill  
 WITY Illiana Communications, LLC  
 Woodard's Computing Services

**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.  
 Gibson Health of Hoopeston  
 Glesco Electric, Inc.  
 Hayley Siefert, Broker - Keller Williams  
 Real Estate, TREC  
 Hoopeston Area CUSD #11  
 Illinois Small Business Development Center  
 Jameson Steel Fabrication  
 Jenna Wirth State Farm  
 KBA Limited  
 Lakeview College of Nursing  
 Liberty Village  
 Mason, MD John  
 McDowell Builders, Inc.  
 McLaughlin Asset Management  
 MidWest America Federal Credit Union  
 Myers Carpet Weavers  
 Napa Auto & Truck Parts Superstore  
 Newell Township Supervisor  
 NewWave Communications  
 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  
 Tridan International, Inc.  
 Vermilion County Health Department  
 Vermilion Healthcare Foundation, Inc.  
 Vermilion House  
 Vibrant Credit Union  
 Village of Belgium  
 Village of Bismarck  
 Village of Henning  
 Village of Potomac  
 WhiteSmith Marketing Group, Inc.

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

AMBUCS  
 American Legion Post #210  
 Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies  
 of the Valley of Danville  
 Arts In The Park, Inc.  
 Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness  
 Baby Blessings Ultrasound Studio  
 Bennett, Scott (Senator)  
 Better Business Bureau - Central Illinois  
 Boys & Girls Club of Danville  
 Brown, Amy S.  
 BURTco Photo  
 Butler, Rosemary (Tutor/Mentor)  
 Cannon Place Mercy Housing  
 CASA of Vermilion County  
 Center Street Productions  
 Central Christian Church  
 Child Care Resource Service  
 Christian Wellness Retreat Center  
 Cleaning by Jai  
 Community Development Institute/Head Start  
 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 Area Living - Shannon Schroeder  
 Danville Boat Club  
 Danville Christian Academy  
 Danville Country Club  
 Danville Downtown Event Center  
 Danville Family YMCA  
 Danville Farmer's Market  
 Danville High School Class of 1982  
 Danville Library Foundation  
 Danville Lions Club  
 Danville Noon Rotary  
 Danville Public Library  
 Danville Public School Foundation  
 Danville Sunrise Rotary  
 Danville Symphony Orchestra  
 Danville Tennis Center  
 Deer Creek Manor  
 DLO Musical Theatre (formerly Danville Light Opera)  
 Douglas Discovery Garden  
 Downtown Danville, Inc.  
 East Park Church of Christ  
 Eastern Illinois Foodbank  
 Edward J. Ryan, CPA  
 Erickson, Gary C.  
 First Church of the Nazarene  
 First Presbyterian Church of Hoopeston  
 Floral-n-Flair  
 FSO: LLC Barbershop & CMS Detailing  
 GAO Grotto / Denmark Park Corporation  
 Gateway Family Services of Illinois  
 Grace Lutheran Church  
 Habitat for Humanity of Danville, Inc.  
 Hoopeston Multi Agency Service Center

Icebox Club  
 Immanuel Lutheran Church  
 Immanuel Manor, Inc. - Senior Residences  
 Informed Decisions  
 It's In Your Head  
 Keep Vermilion Co. Beautiful, Inc.  
 Land of Lincoln Goodwill Industries, Inc.  
 Laura Lee Fellowship House Association  
 Law Office of Bethany D. Hager  
 Lovin' Cup Food Truck  
 Luella's Lodge, NFP  
 Midwest Print and Sign Specialists, LLC  
 Mimi's Kitchen & Catering, LLC  
 Moryok Leadership Coaching  
 New Directions Treatment Center  
 Oakwood Area Food Pantry, Inc.  
 Oakwood Public Library District  
 Prairielands Council - Boy Scouts of America  
 Precious Time Pampering  
 Premier Network Solutions  
 Project Success of Vermilion Co., Inc.  
 Red Mask Players, Inc.  
 River Bottom Farms Topsoil  
 Roland Lim Photography  
 Schlarman Academy  
 Spring Hill Cemetery  
 St. James United Methodist Church  
 STEP Recovery Center  
 Stephens-Felix, Stacy - Fountain Insurance  
 Survivor Resource Center  
 The Danville Art League  
 The Fischer Theatre  
 The Salvation Army  
 Trinity Lutheran School  
 United Way of Danville Area  
 University of IL Extension., Vermilion Co. Unit  
 URE Home Daycare  
 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  
 V.F.W. Jewell Whyte Post 728  
 Westville American Legion Post 51  
 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)  
 Swires, Bob  
 Teague, Tricia (The Trep School)  
 Ward, Jacqueline  
 Wood, Jim





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