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Linda Darby-Dowers Chairperson, Vermilion Advantage. CEO - Greenwood Inc.

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Our company has evolved over the years into a family of many brands operating under the corporate name of Greenwood Inc. Our operations primarily serve the funeral industry. We own and operate seven funeral homes in Vermilion and Champaign counties, one in Fountain County, IN and one in Surprise County, AZ. We also own and operate Sunset Memorial Park and its pet care division, Cherished Companions. We operate several manufacturing facilities in Danville.

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What new things are happening with the company?

The next generation of Darbys is managing operations in preparation for ownership. It is fun to see this happening and exciting to see the business jump to the next level.

Do you have any position openings?

We often have manufacturing positions as we continue to expand. Also, greeters are often needed in our funeral home division. Anyone interested can contact Tameka Johnson, our HR manager, at 217-442-9224.



How long have you been involved with Vermilion Advantage?

About ten years. I joined the board in 2012-13 and then the Executive Board in 2018.

What do you hope you bring to the board?

My love for Vermilion County and my passion for making it a better place to live.

What has been the highlight so far?

I am grateful to have been on the committee for hiring the new CEO of Vermilion Advantage, Tim Dudley. I think he was the right choice.

Where are you from?

I have lived in Vermilion County for most of my life except for my college years and about six years in Arizona.

What do you see as the top priorities for the city and county?

Filling jobs with qualified candidates, serving the underserved population,

and supporting local businesses and agencies by working together.

How do you envision Vermilion Advantage playing its part in the community's future?

I see Vermilion Advantage helping with the Step Up initiatives which address our mental health, drug addiction and family/parenting issues. I also see Vermilion Advantage working closely with Danville Area Community College and local manufacturers and service providers to strengthen the workforce. I see us working to keep the younger population engaged and active in

making our county everything it deserves to be.

What's the best advice you've ever received?

The best advice came from my father. "You have to do the things you fear the most in order to get over the fear." He was so right about that! It causes you to grow in ways you would never imagine.

What might surprise people about you?

Maybe that "my kids" have paws! I don't go many places without our dogs Aunt Bea and Miss Maizey.

What one word can solve almost anything?

LOVE! It's not that hard; we sometimes forget to do it.





Danville Country Club Offers Membership Specials



There has never been a better time to join the Danville Country Club. DCC is offering unique membership specials and finalizing much needed capital projects. "Danville Country Club has made several changes to the golf course and additions to the clubhouse and pool over the last 94 years," says R. Brock Burton, General Manager. "We are currently in the process of renovating the inside of the clubhouse and finalizing budget plans that includes capital projects such as a new roof on the clubhouse, resurfacing the parking lots, adding a pitched roof and other renovations on the pool house, and possibly some cart path improvements." Other capital projects to the golf course, pool, and clubhouse are also under consideration.

Danville Country Club offers an 18-hole championship golf course, full-sized driving range, Olympic-sized swimming pool and diving well, clay tennis courts, and a fully operational clubhouse to host weddings, receptions,

business meetings etc. Members also enjoy fully functional locker rooms and offers bag storage to all full members in the golf shop.

DCC's full dining and complete banquet menus are perfect for everyday dining or special events. The clubhouse's unique floor plan allows for dining, parties, and business events in six areas. "Chef Robert Eaton and his staff prepare the best food around and offer a full menu daily for lunch, dinner, and Brunch on Sundays!" says Burton. "Enjoy a cocktail in our new cocktail lounge, dinner in our rustic dining room, or sit outside under our new covered patio that overlooks the golf course."

Danville Country Club was established in 1904 at a different location, and when they moved to 2718 Denmark Rd. it became Incorporated as Danville Yacht Club on October 27th, 1926. The name was then changed to Danville Country Club in 1928.

Events are a big part of the DCC fun. "There is always something going on for our members, their families, and their guests to enjoy," says Burton. "Last fall, we hosted "Puttin' A Little "Country" in Country Club" that featured the Feudin' Hillbillies and traditional country-style food. We also hosted the annual Christmas ball, "The President's Candlelight Dinner", which is a black-tie affair. This year, smaller events will include bingo; beer, wine, and bourbon tasting; casino night, dinner specials, trivia nights, and a mini putt putt event!" The club also hosts golf outings for organizations and companies and private member events. DCC can accommodate many events and is open to the public regarding event hosting.



DCC recently hired new managers and staff to replace a management company whose contract ended after the 2019 season. Burton became General Manager last July. The club is proud to have long-time and newer staff who offer excellent service to members.

"One of the biggest advantages to being a member is being able to utilize a facility that offers all family amenities at your leisure," says Burton. "Your family can enjoy a full day of activities without having to leave the facility. The golf course layout could be the best of any club in central Illinois.



It is a very fair yet challenging layout that makes for an enjoyable round for any golfer. We also have the only remaining pool in the Danville area accessible by members of a facility and their guests. Our fees are extremely reasonable for all the amenities we offer."

Burton says there are many great reasons to consider joining. "We are a fun, laid-back facility with a lot to offer all members," he says. "With several golf and social events, DCC is a place that encourages people to come out and enjoy our unique atmosphere."



To learn more or become a member, visit golfdanvillecc.com, send an email to Info@golfdanvillecc.com or call 217-442-5213. You can also follow them on Facebook @Danville Country Club or Instagram @danvillecountryclubil.

Danville Country Club is offering membership specials for individuals, families, non-resident individuals and families (outside 50 miles), and a new corporate membership package!



Mary Lewis Set to Retire



We recently caught up with Mary Lewis, the owner and chef at Danville's Downtown Event Center/California Catering and Restaurant. Lewis is retiring after a storied career as a chef, educator and restaurant owner.

How did you begin your career? I started catering from my apartment in Los Angeles as a side job. When I turned 50, I decided to take early retirement from the Los Angeles Unified School District as a Food Service Manager to follow my passion and do what I love - cooking. During the time I worked for LAUSD, I attended a California university to earn certifications to teach my craft to others.

Tell us a little about your first retirement. While enjoying my retirement, I decided to do what retired people do. First, I took golf lessons. I found out old, retired men were playing golf! LOL. I didn't last long out there (and I sucked at it). I

went to college to see if I could finish my degree. It was hard, but I did it.

One of our favorite stories about you involves Magic Johnson and his wife, Cookie. Will you tell us how you connected with the Johnsons? While visiting a friend, she told me Magic Johnson's chef was quitting, and they needed a replacement. I told her, "Not interested; I am retired." She kept nagging, so I got the information and called. Cookie answered the phone and made an appointment for me to interview. All the candidates were young. Short story, she selected me. I worked with the family for two years until Magic needed a more nutritional chef that could work with his illness.

The magic in your story was only beginning. What came next? Next, I was hired as a contract pastry chef for Dream Works, the California-based animation movie and TV company. Shortly after, I was hired by El Camino College. That's when my life got interesting. I held several jobs, including Food Service Manager and Instructor for Welfare to Work, where I wrote my own textbook. I became a Culinary Instructor for a male prison in Long Beach and led first-year classes for a university's culinary department.

When did you open your first restaurant? After these experiences, I decided to open my own place to see if my food was good enough to sell to the public. I had a restaurant built in my home's backyard. It was successful with word-of-mouth advertising.

What brought you back to Danville? My father was old, and he wanted me to come back home to Danville. I came back and bought a building in downtown Danville and remodeled it. My Dad died before it was complete.

When did you start the business? I opened in 2004 as a restaurant and catering service.

What do you love about Danville now? Danville is a perfect place for older people and is affordable.

What's been the best part about your business? I love what I do, so I do what I love. I love to mingle with my customers and see how they enjoy their meals. I don't make much money, but the smiles and compliments make up for it.

We understand you're retiring for good with plans to sell the building. Yes, this year I will be 76 and it's time to spend more time with my cat Blue and enjoy my home and close friends. To find out more about the building, contact Hayley Siefert at Keller Williams Real Estate at 217-918 0087.

Congratulations on your retirement, Mary!



BH Bismarck-Henning School District

Scott Watson, Superintendent at Bismarck-Henning School District, can be counted on to celebrate more than just his school district. "I think we do a great job of making people feel welcome when they enter our doors, as do all the districts in our county," he says. "I never try to pit one district against another. We all do a great job in Vermilion County."

Watson has been leading the district since 2010. He says the most rewarding part of being a superintendent is watching students grow into productive young adults. Prior to his current role, he's served as high school and junior high principal, dean of students, health and physical education teacher, and coached many sports in several districts.

Bismarck-Henning has approximately 120 staff members with 900 students.

Exciting facility additions and upgrades recently occurred in the district. "We are currently installing a \$3 million sports complex at the JH/HS including a new all-weather track with

soccer field plus an all turf softball field," he says. "Initially, we were looking at building a softball field. After discussing the topic, the board made the decision to go all-in on a full sports complex. This ensures our athletes do not have to travel for home events, and everything is on-site other than golf. We view it as an investment the community can also utilize." The district also just finished a \$1.5 million window/door project.

Bismarck-Henning teachers and staff are also always in the process of revamping the curriculum to serve students better. "We are constantly working on our RTI programs, so students who are struggling receive the help they need," he says. "We are working towards developing a more comprehensive mentoring program for our new teachers. Education is more difficult these days, and we need to do a better job of supporting our staff."

Even though the district continues to evolve, some things remain constant. "It's still the same great district," he says. "Other than changing with the



times and the state, we're still the same."

Watson is also a Vermilion County fan. "I believe the county has so much to offer between educational and employment opportunities," he adds. "I'm not sure everyone realizes the workforce opportunities Vermilion County has."

Bismarck-Henning has several position openings. To learn more about joining the Bismarck-Henning team, visit bismarck.k12.il.us/page/employment-opportunities.



Passing the Torch: Machelles Dykes Reflects on 22 Years with Vermilion Advantage

Machelle Dykes is wondering where the last two decades have gone. The longtime Vermilion Advantage team member announced she'll retire in March after a storied 22-year career with the organization. She started in 2000 at what was then the Danville Area Economic Development Corporation under Vicki Haugen's leadership. And she's stayed as the organization merged with the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce and became Vermilion Advantage. She's held a variety of roles, her most recent as Chamber Operations/Membership Director.

She and Vermilion Advantage CEO Tim Dudley have been working for the last six months on transitioning her duties to the rest of the team.

About Machelles

Machelle's Vermilion County roots run deep. She grew up in Catlin with her parents, Ronald and Lois Warner, also products of Vermilion County, and her sister, Susan. She and her husband Lee first met in Catlin schools and married in 1980. They lived in Florida the first ten years, but returned to raise their children, Colby and Kaleigh, here. "We loved much about our time in Florida but longed for home and family, especially after the birth of our children," she says. "We never



I feel the future is secure and bright for all of us. I can confidently pass the torch at Vermilion Advantage.

industrial areas if you haven't lately! We now have diversity in employment, where we are no longer captive to one or two major employers for us to feel secure. I would also invite you to explore our county conservation website, vccd.org. Between our county park system and Kickapoo State Park, we have more park acres per capita than any other of the 102 counties in Illinois. We also have a very active arts community for a city our size."

A Front Row Seat to History

Machelle's long tenure at what is now Vermilion Advantage gave her a unique vantage point to watch some of the area's most meaningful events

regretted coming back. I feel you often can't appreciate the quiet here until you leave and live in the fast pace of a more urban area." Machelle believes deeply in all Vermilion County has to offer. "There are so many opportunities here," she says. "Our area did not 'die' when some of our industry left. Drive past our



Passing the Torch: Machelle Dykes (continued)

unfold. Here are some of her favorite memories:

Vicki Haugen and Lou Mervis

Vermilion County's betterment was Vicki Haugen's laser-focused goal, and I loved being on that bandwagon. I especially enjoyed watching her work tirelessly with Lou Mervis; they shared a love for Vermilion County. Lou was one of the most kind, generous, smart men I ever knew. Like Vicki, he had an unwavering belief in and dedication to Vermilion County's economic development stretching over many decades. He and Vicki helped usher in an era of growth that continues today.

Lou was instrumental in purchasing property and developing our industrial corridors, Eastgate and

Southgate. Seeing the emotion Lou and the Mervis family felt when the announcement that Eastgate and Southgate were rechristened as Mervis Innovation Park, and Lynch Spur would bear the honorary name Mervis Parkway, is a moving memory for me. I remember Vicki saying to him, 'Thank you for believing in Danville and Vermilion County. For not only continuing to expand your businesses here but stepping in as a developer when no one else could or would bet on the future.' Lou and Vicki are gone now. I can't imagine what our community would look like without them having been here.

Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE)

When I first started working here, I fondly remember working with the

SCORE chapter (Service Corps of Retired Executives) before they dissolved locally, a national non-profit organization that mentors and counsels business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs. I especially remember working with Harry Peterson. It was a short but memorable venture for me.

Leadership Tomorrow

I was lucky enough to be in Class 16 in 2001. I took over coordination of the program in 2008 and continued through Class 29 in 2017. I assisted with subsequent classes through Class 32. In these roles, I enjoyed working with some of the best and brightest - over 200 class members - something I'll treasure forever.

One of those was Nicole Van Hyfte, who will take over my duties at



Machelle Dykes (continued)



Vermilion Advantage. I awarded her a Leadership Tomorrow scholarship in 2017 because I was so impressed with her blog about Vermilion County. After having Nicole in the class, I told Vicki we were going to hire that girl someday, and she was going to be 'me.' And she will indeed take over Chamber duties upon my exit. It has been a pleasure assisting in getting her acclimated this past year.

Professional Recruiting

We began doing tours several years ago when our business partners told us they were having trouble recruiting employees to the area. We have conducted tours with physician candidates, plant manager candidates, administrative candidates, maintenance managers – any position that any business member is trying to recruit. I can't begin to tell you how many times the candidates said that the tour changed their perception and they hoped to be hired for the position. It is even more special when a new hire tells me they'd like to be connected with a realtor to buy instead of renting because they feel so confident in the area. I have done over 150 tours and assisted many other people by telephone or email. I still laugh about the tour with a couple

who brought their 150 lb. dog. We were looking at homes, and it was sweltering out, so the dog and I stayed in my SUV with the air blasting. There was a lot of slobber!

Workforce Development

Vermilion Advantage has been very involved in workforce development over the years. Vicki was a visionary, preaching the strong connection between economic growth and having a prepared workforce. I worked at Danville Area Community College for Debra Mills in the workforce programs in the 1990s and watched



as she and Vicki birthed the Workforce Cluster system. Vicki and Deb were my chief career mentors and two of the strongest women you'd ever meet.

Some of my favorite workforce memories at Vermilion Advantage were our former elementary school programs, including Mrs. Mary's Math & Science Adventure, Character Counts, the Mobile Career Lab, and the Society of Automotive Engineers' World in Motion program. We also had secondary and postsecondary programs like Engineers for Tomorrow, but I especially loved the introduction of STEM careers to elementary students. Our career posters and the Finish First initiative, encouraging people to graduate from high school, were also favorites.

Employment Opportunities

442jobs started as a phone number where we told callers about job opportunities in Vermilion County manufacturing. It eventually became the current web-based resource, vermilionadvantage.com/job-board, which lists local employment opportunities.

Celebrating Vermilion County

Another fond memory is the image campaign, "The Corner of Progress and History," we did with the help of Terri White and Lisa Odendaal at WhiteSmith Marketing. We focused on our three pillars of strength: 1) natural resources and recreational facilities; 2) the strong tradition of producing successful people who go on to make dramatic impacts on business, politics, athletics and the arts 3) the diversity of business created and sustained in this area from salt to coal, aerosols to automated equipment. The campaign was uplifting for us as a staff and for Vermilion County. We have so much to celebrate! I've also enjoyed working with them on our monthly magazine, *Inside Vermilion County*.

Machelle Dykes (continued)

Chamber Dollars Program

This outstanding program offered gift certificates purchased at Vermilion Advantage and used at local merchants. It kept dollars local.

Young Professionals Network (YPN)

YPN started as a way for young professionals to meet, network and socialize with others living and working in Vermilion County. The goal is to help recruit and retain young professionals in the area. We had a lot of fun, and I appreciated my family's support in attending the events with me. We enjoyed canoeing, mud volleyball, paintball, ballroom dance, putt-putt and laser tag, Cards Cubs games, Bowl for Kids' Sake, Toys for Tots, Relay for Life, professional development courses, and more. I'm so excited to see this group back together under Nicole!

A Few Other Programs

I also enjoyed our Consumer Products Awareness program, which highlighted goods manufactured locally and could be purchased locally. These items were marked by our staff in both County Markets in Danville and the Catlin IGA. Car Smart is where we added red, white and blue clings on windshields across local, new car dealer lots indicating those vehicles that contained components produced in Vermilion County. Healthy Lifestyles encouraged friendly health competitions between local industries. *Welcome Here, Welcome Home* articles featured newcomers, college graduates from Vermilion County who came home to work and former residents who moved back to the community. The "Think Vermilion County First" holiday shopping campaign was also a favorite.



Halloween 2005

People Who Matter

I thank our board and our members for their support over the years and our current staff – Tim Dudley, Nicole Van Hyfte, Rachel Haun and Jo Doggett for their hard work.

Some mentors and peers at Vermilion Advantage who left a big impression on me professionally were Vicki Haugen, Jeff Fauver, Patricia Skinner, Ed Adrain, Jeanne Mulvaney, Terri White, Lisa Odendaal, Tracy Wahlfeldt, Todd Lee, Kim Kuchenbrod, Tinisha Shade-Spain, and more; and at DACC, Debra Mills, Melissa Gouty, Marilyn Satterwhite, Donna Martin Richard Trower and others. In turn, I hope we have been mentors to some of the young people who worked at



Staff Photo - 2004

Vermilion Advantage and have gone on to great careers elsewhere, including Logan Cronk and Paula Santiago.

What's Next For Machelle

For me personally, our two children are grown, giving us three grandsons between them, Seth, Barret and Warner. Colby and his family live locally, but Kaleigh and her

husband and two sons are almost four hours away. I'm looking forward to more freedom to run back and forth and see them. I'm also looking forward to being of more assistance to my parents. After losing Vicki (Haugen) in 2020 and my mother-in-law in 2021, both to cancer, I feel it's important to spend more time with my family while I can. You may see me doing something part-time at some point, but for now, in addition to time with my family, I'm looking forward to taking care of my own 5-acre yard and flower gardening as spring approaches, and also helping my parents with their large yard. I will be helping my husband with our business, River Bottom Farms Topsoil, a 40-acre property a few miles from our home – I do the paperwork. My husband and I also flip a house on occasion, doing the work ourselves – I love the hands-on labor, including demolition! And we rescue dogs and have three that we are currently loving.

Come wish Machelle the best at our March events before she retires the end of the month: Business After Hours on March 10, Business & Networking Luncheon on March 23, or stop by the office!

Luella's Lodge: Beautiful Grief Retreat Center in Oakwood



Luella's Lodge
A PLACE TO HEAL TOGETHER AFTER LOSS

Carrie Hay found a way to bring beauty from loss. Hay, along with husband Ben, co-founded Luella's Lodge, a remarkable grief retreat center in Oakwood.

"We lost our 17-month-old daughter, Luella, unexpectedly in September 2018," she says. "We found a lack of resources for bereaved parents and attended a bereaved parent retreat in northern Wisconsin. We wanted to bring a similar grief retreat center to Oakwood to serve those in the surrounding areas."

Luella's Lodge offers a gorgeous log cabin situated on ten private acres with a small private lake and hiking trails through the woods. The cabin was custom-built using an on-site mill. The location opened in October of 2021.

They provide support services for families grieving the death of a child.

This includes in-person and virtual support groups, retreat weekends,

and memorial activities. "We serve parents who have suffered pregnancy loss, infant loss and child loss, whether their loss was two weeks ago or 20 years ago," says Hay. They also rent the lodge for private use.

The goal for the lodge is simple - to provide a place where families can grieve, connect and heal after losing a child.

An Open House is scheduled for Saturday, May 21. The event will include live music, food, lodge and property tours, hiking and kayaking. "This is a chance for the community to come out and enjoy what Luella's Lodge has to offer," says Hay. "We also have several retreat weekends scheduled throughout 2022 for bereaved moms, bereaved dads and bereaved couples."

To learn more, visit luellaslodge.org, follow them on Facebook and Instagram @luellaslodge, or subscribe to their newsletter via the website.

"We love all the people and parents that Luella's Lodge has brought into our lives, people we would never have had the pleasure to meet otherwise."



Longtime CRIS Leader Accepts New Position at the Illinois Department of Aging



Amy Brown may be leaving her roles as CEO of CRIS Healthy Aging and CRIS Rural Mass Transit District, but she will continue her support for seniors, this time at the state level. The longtime leader accepted a position as Division Manager of Advocacy and Prevention at the Illinois Department of Aging. In this position, she will work strategically to develop a framework to protect seniors from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. “The ‘Advocacy’ part of my title means I’ll be focusing on programs that provide seniors with benefits and assistance,” she says. “I’m most looking forward to finding ways to advance advocacy policy and services for older adults. I want to do my part to make Illinois the best state for aging in the nation.”

For the last 21 years in her leadership roles at both CRIS organizations, her responsibilities were similar: overseeing all aspects of the agencies, including staffing, funding streams, agency priorities, relationships with other organizations (especially organizations focusing on research), and staying abreast of policy. “It’s never the same day twice, and I love it,” she says. “The most important part of my job is equipping our caseworkers with what they need to fulfill CRIS’s mission.”

To acknowledge her longtime leadership, the CRIS board voted unanimously to rename the building the CRIS Healthy Aging Amy Brown Center.

Brown began her work in social service at Project Success in 1994. There, she set up a social work system to support Vermilion County public school students’ families so the students could come to school ready to learn. “I’m also proud to share that for the ten years before I worked at Project Success, I put myself through college by cleaning houses while raising my children,” she adds. Brown also recently “retired” from her 15-year mediation practice.

It comes as no surprise what Brown loves most about the work. “Bottom line: I love working with seniors,” she says. “I had a meaningful relationship with my grandparents, and those familial connections inspired me to pour my energy into helping older adults.”

The longtime professional offers a word of advice for someone considering a career in social service – focus. “Agency and its clients must come first,” she says. “The most successful caseworkers at CRIS pay attention to details. They think outside the box but are always cognizant of federal, state, and local laws and guidelines. I can usually tell right away who is cut out for social work. They’re the ones with empathy, a cool head, and impeccable work ethic. Building a career in social work requires all three. It takes passion and thoughtfulness. But it’s worth it. I can think of nothing more satisfying.”

Amy is married to Kent Brown, the Associate Director of Athletics, Media Relations, at the University of Illinois. They have six children and four grandchildren between the two of them, with one more grandchild on the way this summer. In her free time, she is an artist and furniture transformation specialist who loves to breathe new life into old furniture and pull a room together with the perfect colors and subject in a canvas painting. One of her goals is to add pictures of all her projects to her website <https://thisbrushinmyhand.com>.

“Years ago, I received some grant money to execute an idea I had to build a breakfast bar. The concept was that seniors could come in and eat breakfast at a counter to make it easier to eat alone. As far as I could find, no one in the country was doing a breakfast program with a bar. We figured when it opened, we might get five seniors to come in and eat, so I bought eight nice glass plates and good flatware. Imagine my surprise when we had over 30 seniors on the first day and over 50 on the second! My staff and I had to run out to buy some Corelle plates to accommodate the demand. Those first few days with the breakfast bar were a whirlwind! We still have a bar, and it’s still a popular place to eat in the morning all these years later.”

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and Athletes of the Month**






February Employee of the Month

Hometown Stars McDonald's.....	Precious Binion
Classic Rock-n-Roll.....	Andres Harvey
Oakwood.....	Madison Stuebe
Georgetown.....	Allen Bechtel
Hoopeston.....	Kevin Rodriguez
Neighborhood McDonald's.....	Moshanique Holiday
Covington, IN.....	Chealsie Beedle

February Student/Athlete of the Month:

Danville High School Student of the Month.....	Ciera Beith
Danville High School Athlete of the Month.....	Jonathan Ireland
Schlarman Academy North Student of the Month.....	Katie Smith
Schlarman Academy North Athlete of the Month.....	Aidan Gallagher
Oakwood Student of the Month.....	Ali Reed
Oakwood Athlete of the Month.....	Joe Lashuay
GRFHS Student of the Month.....	Kevin Morgan
GRFHS Athlete of the Month.....	Sydney Spesard
Hoopeston Area High School Student of the Month.....	Skyler Morgan
Hoopeston Area High School Athlete of the Month.....	Ben Brown
Covington High School Student of the Month.....	Bernadette Goepfner
Covington High School Athlete of the Month.....	Emmett Reynolds

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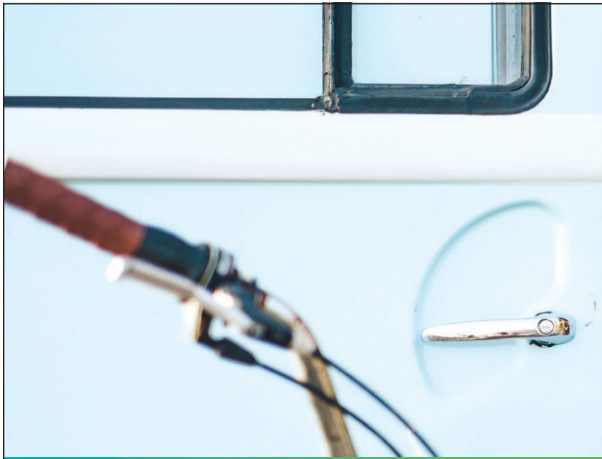
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