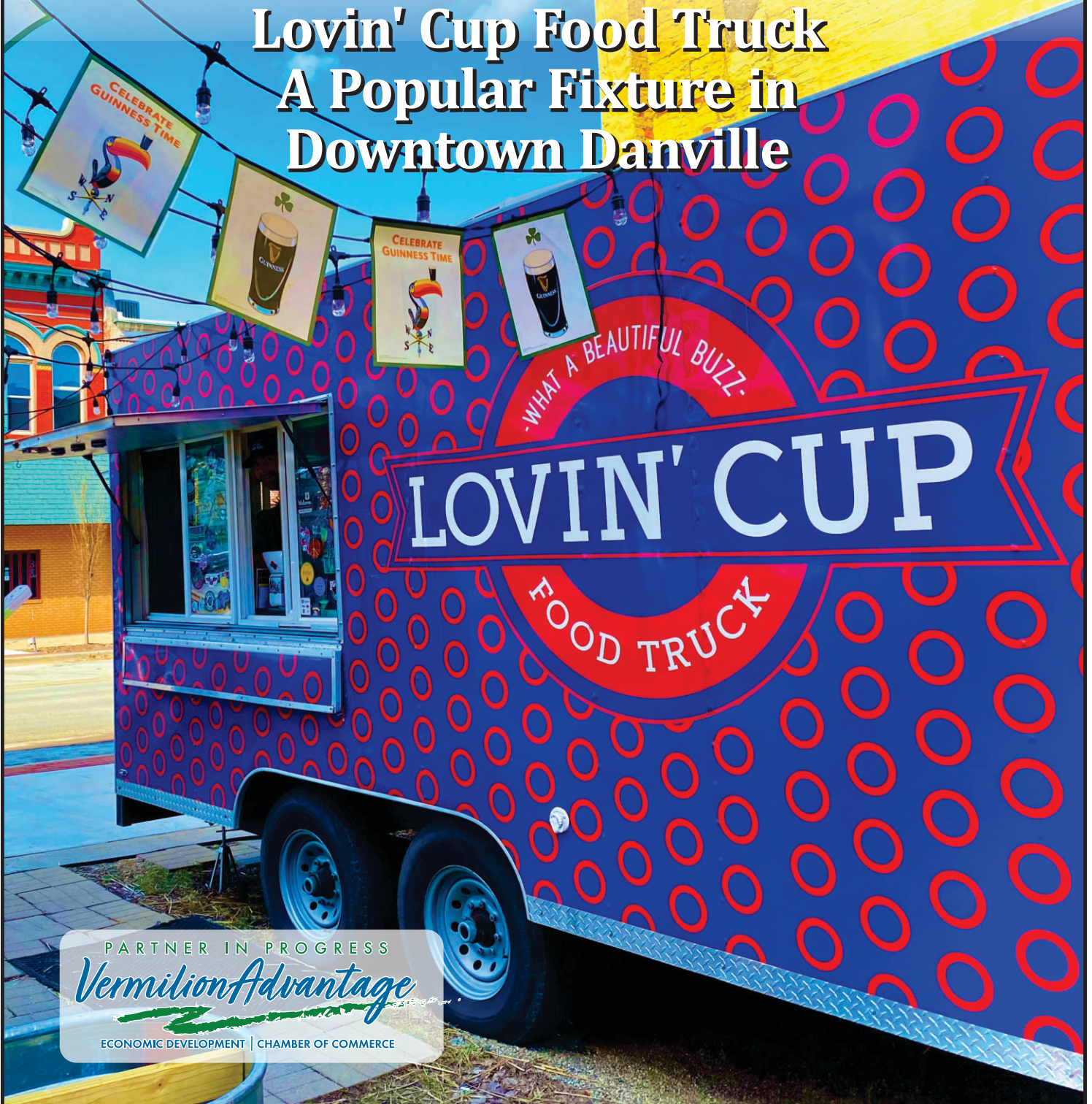


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With the newly announced casino and FedEx projects in Danville, it is definitely an exciting time in Vermilion County!

There are many other projects on the horizon, and all of this is due to everyone working together to make our community and county better.

We are better together. If you have any ideas or want to start a business, please don't hesitate to reach out to Vermilion Advantage.

Let's keep working together!!



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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Carle Continues to Adapt to Meet Community Needs



New heroes emerged every day during the pandemic. Perhaps none are more important than healthcare workers and frontline staff across all organizations. Heather Tucker MSN, RN-BC, NEA-BC, Director for Ambulatory Services in Carle's East Region (Vermilion/Iroquois County) and the Hospital Administrator for Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center

in Hoopeston, is celebrating the remarkable Carle team.

"I always think our staff members are extraordinary, but the staff who have been working the frontline testing locations and vaccination clinics are the best of the best," she says. "They have been outside for two-plus years in all weather – freezing temps, humidity that makes you melt, rainstorms...you name it, and they have worked it. They didn't sign up for that type of work when they started working in healthcare, but they haven't complained about it for one minute."

And she gives high marks to the rest of the staff as well.

"Our teams have always been tremendous, providing fantastic support to patients, families, and communities," says Tucker. "The current situation has done nothing but highlight the amazing work done over the last two years and inspire everyone to continue in the same fashion. Our teams throughout the Vermilion and Iroquois County areas have been assets to ensuring care continues, uninterrupted, for patients."

Tucker says the most challenging trial with the COVID-19 pandemic has been understanding the rapidly changing disease process, as more variants and various presentations of the illness occur. The Carle team learned to adapt to the many regulatory changes and updated care approaches based on evidence-based medicine and new medication availability. They

quickly implemented COVID-19 drive-thru testing centers, hubs for vaccination support, increased capacity for virtual care, and much, much more. She says they continue to be at the forefront of planning for predicted demands in COVID-19 testing and increased hospitalization rates.

An unexpected positive outcome of the pandemic has been virtual meetings, adding the ability to take a meeting anywhere with anyone. "I can connect with colleagues at all our hospitals and clinics, face to face, within minutes which helps improve our patient flow, idea sharing and processes throughout the organization," she says.

While there have been many changes in protocols, one thing has remained the same. "Treating patients at Carle has not changed," she says. "Carle Health continues to be the trusted partner for healthcare decisions with the expectation of delivering world-class care and service to our communities. COVID 19 has allowed Carle Health to by and large provide even more accessible care to patients than has ever been provided in the past."

Tucker, who joined the Carle Health system in 2009 as a direct care nurse, can't say enough about the organization's staff from top to bottom. "I love the teams I work with; they are my work family," she says. "I love still having unique opportunities to interact with patients and families. I love the multiple opportunities that I am still able to utilize my nursing education in my everyday work role."

The Vermilion County native is also happy to serve local residents. "Vermilion County is my home; I was raised here," she says. "I am a Carle baby. My parents and siblings all reside here. I am happy to contribute to local business and community in all opportunities that I have."

To learn more about Carle and their work in the communities they serve, visit carle.org or search "Carle" on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.



Meet the Executive Board for Vermilion Advantage



Jon Stalcup, Director, Vermilion Advantage Plant Leader - Fiberteq, LLC



First, tell us about your company. Fiberteq is a 50/50 joint venture between Owens Corning and IKO Industries. Fiberteq has roughly 90 employees. The plant began production of nonwoven fiberglass mat in 2002. The mat produced is used as the substrate to make asphalt roofing shingles. Our product is sold exclusively to our customer-owners. 95% of the product sold is consumed in the manufacturing of residential shingles, with the balance serving commercial roofing products. Fiberteq supports approximately 20 different roofing plants in the US and Canada.

What new things are happening at your company?

We have some capital projects underway to refresh parts of the machine near the end of life. In general, our business is very stable from a demand perspective. Historically our demand increases incrementally year over year due to the cost-benefit we provide our owners. Fiberteq is the highest producing mat line of this size in the world. We are the gold standard for efficiency and process velocity.

Do you have position openings? I am thankful to say all hourly positions are currently full. We are still taking applications and reviewing candidates for Production, Warehouse and Maintenance to build a pool to be drawn from when we have a need. However, there are two salary engineering positions open: Process/Chemical Engineer and Project/Mechanical Engineer. Positions are posted on the Vermilion Advantage Job Board and Indeed.

How long have you been involved with Vermilion Advantage? Since I started as Plant Leader at Fiberteq in

community she loved. The void she left is indescribable. It was a very sad time, but I witnessed efforts by the others on the board that truly inspired me. They redefined what it meant to be a citizen and give of oneself. We are blessed to live and work in an area with so many caring people that quietly give of themselves and their resources for the good of the community. It was a humbling experience and forever changed my perspective. Vermilion Advantage is still moving the community forward, honoring the mission of the many that built the organization over the years. Tim Dudley has done an outstanding job following behind a community legend. He and the talented staff are still out there doing whatever it takes to support the community's needs.

Tell us about your connection

to the area. I work in Vermilion County and live in Covington, IN. My parents moved to Covington, IN, over 40 years ago. I graduated from Covington High School, where I met my wife, Gina, of 30 years. We have lived around Covington all but our first few years out of college. We have raised our four children there as well. We have spent a large part of our free time in Danville and the surrounding area. I remember many trips up and down Main Street, to the skating rink, and to the Village Mall in my younger years before the world became digital.

What do you feel are the top priorities for the city/county?

Develop a strategy at the State level focused on the attraction and retention of manufacturing businesses. There is only so much that can be done at the city and county levels. The cost to do business in the State of Illinois is

2015. I was an officer for three years and have been on the Executive Committee for three years. As a board member, I try to represent the interest of manufacturers in the county. I believe a data-driven approach is needed to help solve the challenges area manufacturers are facing. Most businesses need to quantify the financial return of operating in Vermilion County vs. other communities. If the analytics aren't positive, the community's financial health is at risk. I hope to help the organization methodically work to eliminate the negatives.

What project stands out from your work with Vermilion Advantage? I am proud to have been a small part of the group that helped the organization carry on following the passing of Vicki Haugen. She was a dynamo and devoted her life to advocating for the

Jon Stalcup, Director, Vermilion Advantage Plant Leader - Fiberteq, LLC (continued)

higher compared to many others. If that doesn't change, there is only so much that can be done. The problems are solvable, but politics will have to be set aside to reach a compromise necessary to achieve meaningful change.

How has the area changed over the last 20 years, and how do you see Vermilion Advantage's role?

Vermilion Advantage changed its focus to attract multiple smaller businesses to compensate for the loss of larger businesses. Fiberteq and Alcoa are good examples of the strategy to leverage local resources to broker deals that wouldn't have happened otherwise. That was insightful by the organization's leadership and led to many others expanding or locating

here. The organization will continue to leverage all available resources and improve our competitiveness as deals come about. The organization has a legacy of eliminating the reasons why it can't happen here.


What do you see as one of the major benefits of Vermilion Advantage and their work in our area?

Beyond the economic development piece that most understand, best practice sharing between members is a huge benefit. Every member can learn something from others to improve their business performance without enduring the associated loss. Fiberteq makes better decisions year after year because of the lessons learned from other Vermilion Advantage members. The networking is priceless.

What might surprise people about you? Not a surprising thing as much as something I value, I also serve on the Danville Boys and Girls Club board. I also participate in the Step Up group. I would challenge anyone to get involved in giving back to a community organization you feel passionate about. We are blessed to live in this area and this country because of the many who gave of themselves before us.

What's the best advice you've ever been given?

Matthew 22:37-39 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'





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June 22, 2022
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11:30AM-1:00PM

May 18, 2022
Sleep Inn & Suites
361 Lynch Dr, Danville
Food by Jimmy Johns

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Food by the Legion

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May 25, 2022
Palmer Arena, Room 127
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Monthly Speaker:
Jim Knoblauch, Vermilion Voles
Vintage Base Ball Team

June 22, 2022
At Servpro
817 Texas Ave, Danville

Monthly Speaker:
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Vermilion Voles Vintage Base Ball Club Playing Ball at Kennekuk This Summer and Fall

One of Vermilion County's unique treasures can be enjoyed on several Saturdays at Kennekuk County Park from June through October. A Vermilion Voles Vintage Base Ball Club game is an event not to be missed. The club, which has been in existence since 2003, plays a style of ball based on some of the rules and customs of 1858. In this pre-Civil War era, the sport of base ball (two words back then) began to evolve across the country.

Though some rules and customs have never changed from the early days of ball (90-feet between bases, three strikes make an out, three outs to a half-inning), many of the traditions of 1858 ball are different, such as underhand pitching, bound outs, and fair/foul balls.

Several current-day clubs honor the invention and evolution of playing ball throughout the United States. The Vermilion Voles club is a member of the national Vintage Base Ball Association, covering 110 clubs across the country.

The Voles play home matches at Kennekuk County Park. Over the years, the club has hosted visitors from Chicago,

Indianapolis, St. Louis, and regional teams from Decatur, Springfield, and Bloomington-Normal. "The goal of our club is to provide an entertaining historic perspective of the evolution of baseball," says co-captain Jim "Weed Eater" Knoblauch. "In the 19th Century, townspeople would gather in an open field, plot out a playing area, and start a game. There's more organizing involved today, but that's the scene we're trying to set; players and spectators gathering in a beautiful spot to enjoy the day with some spirited play."

Special Events in 2022

In 2022 the Vermilion Voles will host a unique 1886 showcase on June 18, featuring some of the early advances in ball playing rules, such as overhand pitching, base stealing, no bound outs, and the introduction of gloves. This event is being called the Central Inter-State Invitational. Games will begin at the Kennekuk County Park ballfields at noon. The ballfields are located across the main park road from the Ironwood Springs Lake Mingo boat access parking area. The Central Inter-State League was an organization of various base ball clubs that played games in Illinois and Indiana in the 1880s. Along with the Voles, the Central



Front Row (L-R); Shawn "Ripper" Rife, Brent "Ace" Lemke, Mike "Shoes" Weaver, Jim "Weed Eater" Knoblauch, Bert "Pepper" Rawlings, Greg "Legs" Green.
Back Row (L-R); Barry "Deuce" Brock, Eric "Zip" Waterstradt, Shaun "Whiskers" Cook, Marty "Bullet" Shankland, Randy "Cosmo" Holman, Dave "Goose" Berry, Mark "Super" Janesky.

Photo by Joyce Seay-Knoblauch

Inter-State Invitational will feature clubs from Belleville, IL, DuPage County, IL, Noblesville, IN, and Valparaiso, IN.

"Our club decided to host this event because the advanced rules would be a challenge for our players and would present spectators with another chapter in baseball's evolution," Knoblauch says. "It was even more appropriate to establish this event given that Danville had a team in the Central Inter-State League in the late 1880s."

In 1888, Danville hosted a club in the Central Inter-State League called the Danville Browns. According to statscrew.com, the 1888 Browns included some players with colorful names: Llewlyn Legg, Jacob Lookabaugh, and W.H. Brimblecomb, to name a few. The 1889 Browns included an African American player, Richard A. Kelly, who - according to *Baseball Research Journal* - went on to play in the New York-Pennsylvania League for a club based in Jamestown, New York. Kelly's participation with the Danville Browns occurred 58 years before Jackie Robinson broke Major League Baseball's color line.

On August 13, the Voles will host the 15th playing of the Uncle Joe Cannon Vintage Base Ball Jamboree. This four-team event will have the Voles hosting the Deep River Grinders of Hobart, IN, the Lemont (IL) Quarrymen, and the Springfield Long Nine. Matches will start at noon. The Voles are sponsored by DynaChem, Inc. and Toyota of Danville. "The Voles welcome any and all participation from

the community," Knoblauch says. "Our club is open to anyone who would like to play, men and women. We do ask that players be at least 13 years old. Over the years, we've had some fun father-son combinations be a part of our club. And, if your playing days over, our club would welcome folks interested in umpiring, scorekeeping, and serving as sideline historical interpreters."

For more information, visit vermilionvoles.org or follow them on Facebook @vermilionvoles.

2022 Vermilion Voles Vintage Base Ball Club Home Matches

June 18	Central Inter-State Invitational	12:00 PM
July 9	McLean County Prairie Chickens	1:00 PM
July 30	Belleville Stags & St. Louis Brown - Stockings	1:00 PM
Aug 13	Uncle Joe Cannon Vintage Base Ball - Jamboree	12:00 PM
Sept 24	Creston Regulators	1:00 PM
Oct 15	St. Louis Explorers	1:00 PM

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Balloons Over Vermilion & Festival of Trees Host Community Impact Awards

A magical morning occurred on March 8th at the Fischer Theatre in downtown Danville. Santa and Mrs. Claus joined Balloons Over Vermilion NFP (BOV) Board members Pat O'Shaughnessy and Jim Anderson in presenting Impact Awards totaling \$150,000 to seventeen Vermilion County organizations. All the recipients work each day to improve the lives of area youth and young families. Volunteers, sponsors and representatives from recipient organizations joined in the festivities.

"We've been very fortunate to present these awards beginning after the 2017 BOV event," says Jim Anderson, Vice-Chair, BOV. "Including our recent awards, we've donated approximately \$225,000 to groups across the county. We awarded over nine out of every ten dollars raised in our two events this year. We hope to be a significant and consistent source of charitable funding each year, as that's been our goal from the very beginning."

The BOV organization came together approximately seven years ago. The group of local volunteers focused on bringing hot air balloon events back to Vermilion County after a fifteen-year absence. In 2020, BOV and OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center's Foundation discussed transferring stewardship of the annual Festival of Trees (FOT) fundraising event to BOV. OSF was looking to partner with a group familiar with presenting the FOT event, able to engage a large number of volunteers and sponsors, and whose mission was consistent with that of the hospital.

Both BOV and FOT share a simple mission - **It's all about the kids!** "We've learned that kids aren't defined by their age," says Anderson. "The childlike spirit in all of us is on full display at both events. That spirit was evident each year in the eyes of our angel sponsor, Julius W. Hegeler II."

The BOV leadership team includes Pat O'Shaughnessy, Board Chair; Jim Anderson, Board Vice-Chair; Pat Owens, Treasurer; Dean Carlton, Secretary; and Board members Larry Owen, Jaclyn Vinson, Doug Ahrens, Ray Garcia, and Joe Vincent.

About the Awards

Throughout the year, award requests come from multiple sources across the county. After closing the books on both events, the board meets to make the final determinations. In 2021 enough funds were raised to provide awards to all organizations seeking support.

"For me, the most rewarding part of giving out the Impact Awards is each recipient's reaction to receiving the first phone call," says Anderson. "Their excitement and enthusiasm are only matched by their sincere gratitude in telling how the awards will impact their programs and those they serve."



2022 Recipients

- Mustard Seed Christian Day Care - \$10,000
- Rossville-Alvin Elementary School - \$2,500
- Danville Area Community College Athletic Department - \$5,000
- Danville Symphony Orchestra - \$3,000
- Fischer Theatre - \$14,000
- Danville Area Soccer Association - \$10,000
- Winterview Youth League - \$2,500
- Danville AMBUCs - \$5,000
- Gateway Services of Illinois - \$7,500
- The Dwelling Place - \$7,500
- Fair Hope Children's Ministry - \$2,500
- Feed the Children Backpack Program - \$5,000
- Vermilion County Child Advocacy Center - \$2,500
- Vermilion County Museum - \$3,000
- Trinity Lutheran School - \$5,000
- OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center for the benefit of the Bobette Steely Hegeler Cancer Care Center - \$65,000

While the BOV team can't know how many lives are impacted by the awards, one thing is certain. Everyone in Vermilion County wins through the two high-quality, affordable family-centered events.

The Events

The 2022 Balloons Over Vermilion event will feature new special shaped balloons, some new food/drink vendors, a special visit from a B25 World War II Flying Fortress airplane offering tours and flights, new carnival rides, and new attractions in the Kids Zone. Returning favorites offered on



both days of the event include the amazing stilt walkers, nightly balloon glows, fantastic carnival rides, and live musical entertainment.

A few surprises are in store for this year's Festival of Trees. "We will announce what those are as we get nearer to the event," says Anderson. "What we can say is that we will once again have almost 150 beautifully decorated trees and wreaths, along with fun activities for the entire family. As 2022 will be the Silver Anniversary for the Festival, we want everyone to join in the celebration of this wonderful community event."

Many of the volunteers for BOV are also volunteers for FOT. The transition of

stewardship from OSF to BOV for the FOT event went very smoothly, and Anderson says they are very grateful to the OSF Healthcare Foundation staff for their support and guidance.

If you're not already part of the BOV/FOT family, consider supporting these two marquee events through either volunteering or sponsorship. Anderson says to remember what Mr. Rogers said, "Anyone who does something for a child is a hero to me."

To learn more or to volunteer, visit balloonsoververmilion.com and festivaloftreesdanville.com.

Volunteer tabs for 2022 events will be live soon.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



2022 Balloons Over Vermilion
Friday, July 8th & Saturday, July 9th
at the Vermilion Regional Airport

2022 Festival of Trees
Saturday, November 12th to
Wednesday, November 16th
at the David S. Palmer Arena



Lovin' Cup Food Truck - A Popular Fixture in Downtown Danville



Alicia and Sean Rew are serving up more than just food in downtown Danville. The husband-and-wife team that owns and operates Lovin' Cup Food Truck says, "We keep a personal touch with everything we do, and our customers become more like family."

Lovin' Cup Food Truck is always parked at 103 N Vermilion, alongside Vermilion River Beer Company (VRBC).

Hours of Operation are Tuesdays 11-2; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11-1 & 5-8. Every Third Sunday Brunch starts at 10 am.

Lovin' Cup Food Truck specializes in unique grilled cheeses, fusion tacos and artisan flatbreads. They offer a brunch menu once a month on the third Sunday. Brunch diners can also enjoy a jazz band playing outside during warm months and inside VRBC when the weather is cold. Popular menu items include Italian beef grilled cheese, jalapeno popper grilled cheese, beef bulgogi tacos and buffalo chicken flatbread.

One of the things that makes the operation unique is the Rews love for the work and each other. "We have a passion for what we do and a deep love and respect for one another that keeps us growing!" says Alicia. "We are fairly stationary at our home base location downtown. We do not move the truck any longer. We are working on making

sure everyone knows exactly where and when they can find us, and moving seems to disrupt the daily flow of people we see. You will see us open right where we are a little more."

The Rews also love downtown Danville's many special events. "The Third Sunday Jazz Brunch with VRBC continues to be one of our most successful days, and everything gets a little special touch!" they say. "We change our menu each month, and with the jazz band playing, we can provide an experience you can't get anywhere else.

"We are also very excited about the First Fridays in downtown Danville. The city has a great team that works hard to provide a unique, fun night downtown for our community. We are always so excited to join in on the fun with unique and fresh menu items that stick with the night's theme!"

"We are always and forever tasting, creating and changing what we are making for you. Everything we do is made to order, and we are happy to make things different or unique. We don't mind questions and special requests. Our intent is all for your delight. We work hard to bring you unique, fresh food each week."

Alicia and Sean Rew

In the summer months, Summer Sounds, hosted every Friday, includes local and national live music performances directly across from where the truck is parked. The Lovin' Cup lot is full of tables and seating for eating, drinking and enjoying the festivities.

Lovin' Cup also does special, private events with their friends at Vermilion River Beer Company. Indoor seating at VRBC is always available and encouraged for all Lovin' Cup customers.

"What we love most about our business being located here is that we get to be a part of a growing downtown," says Alicia. "We feel loved and supported by the downtown community. We see our downtown as such a gem, and it seems only to be getting better!!"

The Rews believe Vermilion County is working hard to bring in new and progressive thinkers, and they hope more small business comes from it. "We have been most surprised about the many people who really want to support small business and see it thrive here," they say. "We meet people from all over the county, and so many want to see small businesses grow."

To learn more or send a message, find Lovin' Cup Food Truck on Facebook and Instagram @Lovincupfoodtruck. Alicia Rew's email is aliciarew@outlook.com, and her phone number is 217-519-5334. Lovin' Cup accepts call-ahead orders and orders via Facebook and Instagram. They accept cash and most major credit cards/debit cards.



Flex-N-Gate Named Forbes Best Large Employer in 2022



Flex-N-Gate earned a spot on one of the most prestigious lists in American business. The company was named as one of Forbes Best Large Employers in 2022.

"We're extremely flattered to be recognized by Forbes as one of America's Top Large Employers, but a lot of the credit goes to our employees and associates around the world who help make Flex-N-Gate a fantastic place to work and build a career," said Shad Khan, CEO of Flex-N-Gate. "Simply put, if you are as committed to your culture and workplace as you are to your customers, everyone is served, and success is shared. That's something we strive for at all of our Flex-N-Gate plants and operations not only here in the United States, but also around the world."

Flex-N-Gate is a manufacturer and supplier of large, stamped metal and welded components, assemblies, and plastic parts for the automotive industry with 69 manufacturing facilities in the United States, China, Argentina, Spain, France, Germany, Mexico, and Canada. There are over 26,000 employees worldwide and more than 250 workers in Danville, Illinois. The company has been in Danville since December 2004.

People may be surprised to learn how many vehicle parts are made in Vermilion County by Flex-N-Gate Plastics. Vehicles like Ford's F-150, Explorer, and Bronco, as well as Toyota, Nissan, GM, and Dodge cars and trucks include parts made locally.

About the Award

Forbes established the list of best large employers through a partnership with Statista, a market research company that surveyed 60,000 Americans working for businesses with at least 1,000 employees. All were conducted anonymously, allowing participants to share their opinions openly. On a scale of zero to ten, the respondents were asked to rate how likely they would be to recommend their employer. They were also asked to rate their companies on factors such as working conditions, development opportunities and compensation.

"This is important to our company because we place a lot of emphasis on our employee referrals by investing money in our employees and the referred employee," says Katherine Scott, Flex-N-Gate's HR Manager. "Additionally, the peer evaluation shows us that our reputation with other businesses is the same as those working for the company."

The designation has been added to the company's webpage, social media sites, and job postings. To celebrate, Flex-N-Gate is planning a Family Picnic this summer.

To learn more, visit flex-n-gate.com. Or follow them on Facebook @flex-n-gate, LinkedIn @flex-n-gate or Instagram @flexngate_corporate.

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Are you interested in joining the Flex-N-Gate team?

Flex-N-Gate is currently looking for skilled trades like maintenance and automation, and reliable operators.

OSF Care-A-Van: Jake Ozier, Manager Community Resource Center at OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center

Tell us about the OSF Care-A-Van. The OSF Care-A-Van is a Mobile Health Unit purchased to exclusively serve Vermilion County through amazing support from the Julius W. Hegeler Foundation. The purpose is to take healthcare on the road to places and individuals who may struggle with accessing healthcare. Currently, it is located on the hospital premises while we continue to search for an internal structure that can house the 40-foot-long, 13'6-foot-high and 12-foot-wide bus. OSF Sacred Heart took possession on January 14, 2022.

Why did OSF decide to offer this service? In looking at how OSF could aid in serving the community, the Care-A-Van presented a fantastic opportunity to get out into the community to address those disparities and bring healthcare to those in need.

Tell us about the services. Services will include both medical and dental screenings. The plan is for the Care-A-Van to serve anywhere within Vermilion County. The demographics for its service are not limited to any one age group or socioeconomic group. We plan to utilize tools and data provided by our Community Health Needs Assessment to assist in nailing down the most appropriate areas for partnerships and utilization.

How many employees do you have? We have hired one full-time mission partner, Mia Harrier, to serve as the Community Health Specialist. She will be the driver, educator, bus caretaker and all other duties as assigned. We are confident she will make the program a success. Depending on the event, we then utilize our Medical Group and hospital volunteers.

Where did the idea originate? Two other OSF entities, in Ottawa and Peoria, have a Care-A-Van. Vermilion County presents very similar challenges as Ottawa in that we are rural and have a large population who live below the poverty level and have challenges in accessing healthcare. Peoria also services a large population that is quite impoverished and faces challenges in



gaining access to healthcare. Something that brought this idea to Danville is being able to further strengthen OSF's mission to serve people with the greatest care and love. OSF is still fairly new to Vermilion County, and being able to go to those in need and serve them as Jesus did seemed like the perfect partnership.

What are the goals for the Care-A-Van? Plans over the next year will be to establish partnerships to build the Care-A-Van calendar of events. We will reach out to community partners and become more involved in community events and programs where the Care-A-Van can be present. In the next five years, we plan to have the OSF Care-A-Van solidly established within Vermilion County and to be a trusted, respected and welcomed place for healthcare away from the bricks and mortar of a hospital. My dream would be for the demand to necessitate the purchase of a second Care-A-Van or an alternate model to meet the needs of those we serve.

What will this service mean for the community and OSF Sacred Heart? The service will bring another layer of commitment in showing OSF is here for Vermilion County and those who reside

here. The service means recognizing where health care is going in the future...continuing to offer options for those who prefer not to seek care inside the hospital walls. The service means OSF Sacred Heart is continuing to grow, is excited about meeting the community's needs, and is willing to look outside of traditional healthcare methods. And it means WE ARE HERE TO STAY!!

What would surprise people most about your Care-A-Van? That you must have a Non-CDL, Class C Driver's License due to the weight of the bus. This was a shocker to us all!

What do you see as Vermilion County's greatest strengths? Vermilion County's strengths are in its people and their love for their communities and one another. Although Vermilion County is not without its challenges (as all communities are), its residents continue to strive for continued development to further attract others to the area.

Anything we haven't asked? OSF is so excited to offer the Care-A-Van to the residents of Vermilion County. Please be on the lookout for our LARGE BUS on the roads of Vermilion County!!!

Local Entrepreneur Ms. Tamara L. Red Owns and Operates URE Home Daycare and Robust Gaming Lounge

If parents or guardians are looking for a home daycare where children can learn Spanish, sign language, the three R's (reading, writing, and arithmetic), arts and crafts, URE Home Daycare may be the place for your family.

"I believe, being in service for nine years as an African American businesswoman, URE serves quality care versus quantity care," says Tamara L. Red, owner. "URE has a recurring parent ratio that keeps coming back with their children. As well as loving the children, I appreciate that two of my past daycare children still call me to come over and hang out with my son and me. I love to see the daycare children grow, prosper and never forget where they learned their early education, socialization, manners, and further growth."

"As a businesswoman in Vermilion County, I see the area's greatest strengths in the growth of diverse entrepreneurs and how we are becoming a thriving community again."

Tamara L. Red

URE Home Daycare is located at 221 N Bowman Ave in Danville, Illinois.

Ms. Red also owns and operates Robust Gaming Lounge, a new adventure for Danville and Vermilion County. Robust Gaming Lounge came into view due to attending Trep on Prep with Tricia Teague. It offers virtual online gaming and arcade for children, from eight years old, to adults. Robust is in its beginning phase at 2 East Main Street, Suite 126, in Danville.

URE Home Daycare has been licensed for Danville and the surrounding areas since September 2013 and has been physically in operation with seven children since March 2014. URE is a comfortable, secure home environment

that provides daycare for children from six weeks to five years of age and summer programs for children aged three to twelve.

URE focuses on children's educational growth, encourages essential socialization skills, allows them to explore their independence, and teaches Illinois Educational Standards. URE is looking into implementing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and outdoor learning in the 2022 - 2023 school year.

"I think people would be surprised to learn how parents see growth and quick learning in their children after just 30 days," says Ms. Red.

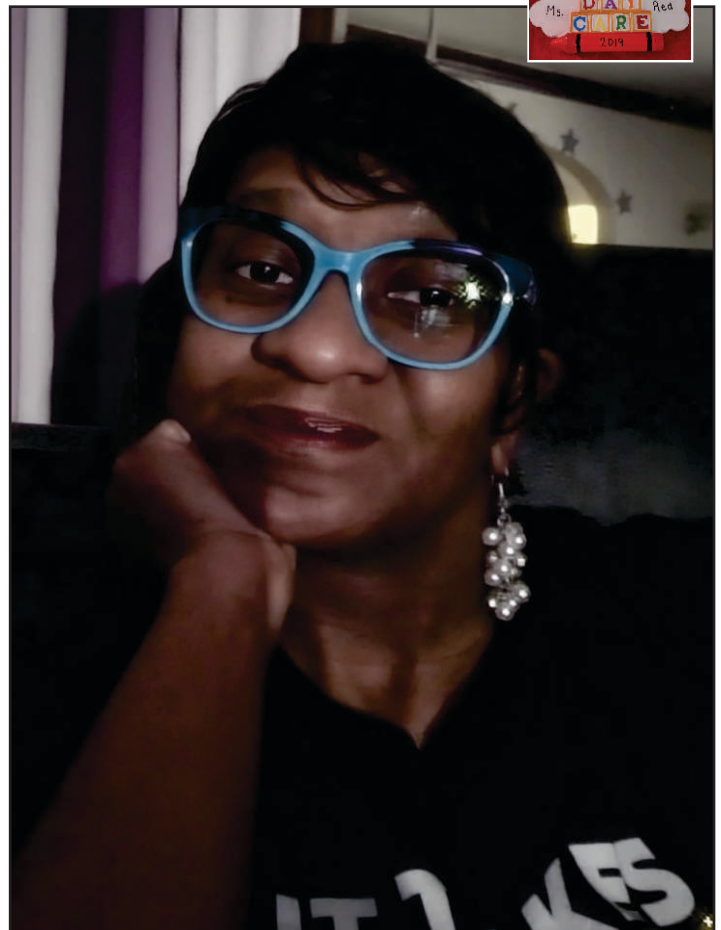
URE is looking to expand soon. They are looking for qualified candidates for teacher and teacher assistant positions.

URE accepts both childcare assistance and private pay. The URE staff will complete a parent pre-interview via Zoom before meeting in person to start the process. URE has a \$30 application fee and a 30-Day enrollment fee of \$275. URE serves nutritional USDA-approved meals and snacks under Day Care Adult Resource unless the child has a special diet provided by the parent. URE requires children to have up-to-date physical and immunization shots. Covid policies are in

place. Costs vary by age group and can be found on the Frequently Asked Questions area of the URE website.

Ms. Red of URE earned a master's degree and continued her early learning education, becoming certified in two early childhood areas. She is a CASA Advocate in the Vermilion County area.

If a parent or guardian is interested in enrolling their child at URE Home Daycare, visit uredaycare.com, call 800-518-9795 ext. # 7 to set up an interview, call CCRS at 217-333-3252 for the Provider's list of Vermilion County, or contact URE Administration at urehomedaycare@gmail.com. You can also find them on Google Business and Facebook @uredaycare2013.



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



April Employee of the Month

Hometown Stars McDonald's.....	Victoria Gabriiel
Classic Rock-n-Roll.....	Nicole Grimes
Oakwood.....	Hayden Thomason
Georgetown.....	Rylie Terrell
Hoopeston.....	Vanessa Reyes
Neighborhood McDonald's.....	Rosa Angel
Covington, IN.....	Lacey Crone

April Student/Athlete of the Month:

Danville High School Student of the Month.....	Ezra Carter
Danville High School Athlete of the Month.....	Kedzie Griffin
Schlarman Academy North Student of the Month.....	Sydney Smith
Schlarman Academy North Athlete of the Month.....	Ethan Vasquez
Oakwood Student of the Month.....	Carlie Reitz
Oakwood Athlete of the Month.....	Griffin Trees
GRFHS Student of the Month.....	Max Kelly
GRFHS Athlete of the Month.....	Haley Carlton
Hoopeston Area High School Student of the Month.....	Trevor Swartz
Hoopeston Area High School Athlete of the Month.....	Nick Hofer
Covington High School Student of the Month.....	Tyleigh Cates
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