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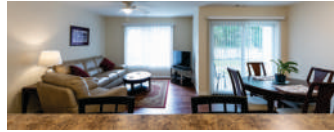
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We are into November, and with it comes cooler weather.

Cooler weather also means Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner.

Please remember to shop local this holiday season. Our businesses are still recovering from COVID-19, so let's band together and support our local retail and service businesses.

Have a great holiday shopping season!

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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*Inside Vermilion County* is a monthly publication created by Vermilion Advantage to showcase our members and share good news about Vermilion County. Each issue is mailed to all Vermilion Advantage members and over 1,000 copies are distributed throughout Vermilion County.

# Meet the Executive Board for Vermilion Advantage

## Mike Hulvey, President/CEO, Neuhoff Media

### First, tell us about your organization.

We are a family-owned and operated local media company established in 1955. We own 24 broadcast radio stations in Illinois and Indiana and operate a digital marketing business while providing over 20 digital platforms that inform and entertain our locally focused audiences.

### What new things are happening at Neuhoff Media?

2022 was a year of change in terms of leadership and opportunities. Beth Neuhoff, president and CEO since 2012, announced her retirement from the company. The Neuhoff family celebrated two third-generation family members stepping into the role of Trustees; Julian Hickman and Makena Neuhoff. In addition to their new role, Mike Hulvey assumed the role of President and CEO. This is the first time in 67 years that someone not named Neuhoff was running the family business day-to-day. A tremendous honor and personal responsibility.

### Do you have any position openings?

Neuhoff is always looking for individuals interested in learning more about sales and marketing. We are excited about the opportunities in local marketing in general, and specifically, we offer a wide range of tools deployed for the benefit of locally based-businesses. You can find out more by visiting our website at [neuhoffmedia.com](http://neuhoffmedia.com). In addition, we are also always keeping an eye out for local individuals with a talent for storytelling. We use audio, video, and digital platforms every day. We are always open to engaging with individuals with those skill sets.

### How long have you been involved with Vermilion Advantage?

I have been involved since the beginning - 2002. I was a part of the EDC Board that voted to approve the merger with the Chamber of Commerce. I began my service on the former Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors in the late 1990s. I was honored to be asked to join the EDC Board, as the organization was clearly the leader in community collaboration. The role of the EDC, then Vermilion Advantage, in our post-GM world has been tremendous. We would not be the community we are today



without the leadership of the Vermilion Advantage.

### Tell us about your connection to the area.

I was born in Bloomington, Illinois, at the same hospital my mother was born in and later worked as an RN. I also thought that was a cool connection. Our family moved to Vermilion County in 1976. My father (Ted Hulvey) was the Superintendent of Oakwood Unit 76; we are thankful for that opportunity. Being raised in Vermilion County made a tremendous difference for my two siblings and me.

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

It begins with growth for our community. That means continuing to look for those opportunities to maintain and attract employers who provide the jobs that drive our economic engine. We need to be aware of addressing issues of community concern such as crime, health-related matters and education. A part of growing is being strong from the inside out, so those areas remain critical.

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

Just look back to our roots as an organization. As GM was announcing the closing of the Central Foundry, other large employers were also considering moving jobs from Vermilion County. What were we going to do? The answer was embracing our vision and engaging our leadership! We all owe a debt of

gratitude to Lou Mervis and Vicki Haugen, among many others, who saw the path ahead and followed it. Today we have large employers in light manufacturing. We have international companies who comprise a large portion of our employment base. We have become a logistics hub for the Midwest while celebrating amazing technology developed right here in Vermilion County. As the world moved forward, so has the Vermilion Advantage.

### What do you see as one of the significant benefits of Vermilion Advantage and its work in our area?

They occupy a critical space in our community ecosystem. The Vermilion Advantage ties our opportunities as a community to the possibilities. It's the VA that works with employers, large and small. It's the VA that coordinates with our governmental bodies that drive funding for public/private partnerships. It's been Vermilion Advantage's role in the past to help drive workforce development, and the staff's quick-response nature allows us to compete for opportunities. Our membership in the Vermilion Advantage is a high ROI for what it does for the community. In our business, when the community wins, we win. That's why we've been a part of the Vermilion Advantage since day one.

### What is one thing that might surprise people about you?

I don't go to the movies. It's been a long time since I've sat down and watched a movie. I also have no desire to take a cruise. My wife wishes both things were different.

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

Anything is possible. I recently spoke to the district Rotary convention in Champaign and delivered a talk on that subject. We also followed that up with a classroom presentation at North Ridge in Danville with the same title. It's so true. As a dyslexic, I have faced hurdles that I now consider my "superpowers." Yes, I have a positive outlook on the world, which helps a ton, but understanding that there are solutions to every problem and many times following the problem will provide the path to the solution. If you embrace the possibilities, truly, "Anything Is Possible!"

# Hoopeston Multi-Agency Celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Beth Bray Knecht, Executive Director and Board President of the Hoopeston Multi-Agency (HMA), says her team is "thrilled and blessed to be celebrating 50 years of service!" HMA is the only social service organization in northern Vermilion County. They are also the only form of public transportation within the Hoopeston city limits.

"We have a lot of great success stories," says Knecht. "One of my favorites included helping a homeless client find a job, apartment, and independence. It is also a blessing to connect people to the resources they need."

HMA is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization serving northern Vermilion County. They began in the basement of a local church in 1972 before moving to the current location on the corner of Main Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Hoopeston.

The mission of the Hoopeston Multi-Agency is to provide information, referral, and assistance to those in need economically and socially in the Hoopeston area to promote individual self-sufficiency and societal stability, as well as to serve as a community center. The Hoopeston Multi-Agency Service Center is a community center that is open to assisting everyone in the community.

HMA provides programs and events for seniors, opportunities to volunteer, and transportation within Hoopeston City Limits. HMA also offers a thrift shop to assist those in need and to provide a fun and inexpensive place to treasure hunt. HMA offers information and referral services, an emergency food pantry, and emergency financial assistance. HMA has also partnered with various local agencies providing office space for meetings, trainings, or counseling sessions, allowing them to support those in need. "Adecco Employment has an office at HMA which helps connect our citizens with employment in our community," says Knecht. "HMA offers programs such as Euchre Club, Ladies Donuts, Senior

Dances, Depression Group, school supply drive, and even a karate school rents an area from us for their classes."

The organization services about 3,500 individuals each year.

"I believe most people are surprised by how large the building is once they are inside," she says. "The number of treasures in our thrift store is also unbelievable. I would say that many people are also amazed at the amount of assistance we can provide to those in need –whether it is connecting to an outside source or assisting a client with clothing, food, or paperwork. The dedication of the employees, volunteers, and board is a blessing to many!"

## Anniversary Celebration

HMA celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year of service in August. "We are so excited and thankful for all those who made it possible for us to succeed and help many individuals," says Knecht.



For anyone interested, on Wednesdays, they offer donuts and coffee for senior ladies starting at 8:30 and then Euchre at 12:30. They also host senior dances. The cost is \$8, with the meal beginning at 5:00 and the dance from 6:00-8:00. Upcoming Dance dates are November 5<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>. Other dance dates, typically on the second Saturday of the month, are available by following HMA on Facebook. Seniors may call the office to reserve a seat.

As a longtime community leader, Knecht knows Vermilion County is filled with kind and helpful citizens.

To learn more about the Hoopeston Multi-Agency, call 217-283-5544, visit [hoopestonmultiagency.org](http://hoopestonmultiagency.org), or email [bknecht@hoopestonmultiagency.org](mailto:bknecht@hoopestonmultiagency.org). You can also find them on Facebook @ Hoopeston Multi Agency-Thrift Shop and Hoopeston Multi-Agency Service Center.



# Julie's Specialty Shop Offers Many Promotional Products

If your business needs customized specialty items, a new local business can help.

Julie's Specialty Shop is an online business that offers a wide variety of promotional products. "Whatever your need, we will supply it, and we can personalize your items with your logo or picture," says Julie. "If you think of it, we can fill your needs."

Customizable items include pens, drinkware, pet supplies (collars, food dishes, etc.), drawstring bags, golf accessories, lanyards, political signs, banners, yard signs, awards, employee appreciation gifts, and much more.

The business is owned and operated by Mike and Julie Ritter.

Since the business is home-based, the two are available and willing to meet with customers at a location of the customer's choosing.

"So far, we've sold more t-shirts than anything, but we offer tens of thousands more products and can't wait to see how far we can go!" says Mike.

Customer service is number one with the Ritters. Julie has worked with the public since she was 16 years old. Mike, an Air Force veteran, held various jobs working with the public. Julie is a Vermilion County native; Mike moved here almost 25 years ago. Julie's community involvement includes several Danville Light Opera productions and the

production of *Barnum* at the Fischer Theatre in Danville.



The two believe Vermilion County has much to offer. "We have a very diverse population in our communities," they say. "And the area also offers a very large variety of employment opportunities. Vermilion Advantage membership allows us to meet other business owners and hopefully fulfill their promotional needs."

To learn more about Julie's Specialty Shop, visit [juliesspecialtyshop.com](http://juliesspecialtyshop.com), call 217-499-0009, or email [juliesspecialtyshop@gmail.com](mailto:juliesspecialtyshop@gmail.com).

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# First Institute Training and Management Changing Young Lives in Vermilion County

The best way to understand the work of First Institute Training and Management (FITM) is to hear the stories of lives that have been changed. Program Director Willie Christian says Dominique Jones has one of those stories.

Dominique Jones started with First Institute Training and Management in 2017, enrolling in FITM's Youth Program determined to get her High School Equivalency, but tragedies in her life began to occur. "Dominique suffered the loss of her fiancé in 2018 to a tragic car accident on Interstate 74," says Christian. "She became a mother, struggled to maintain employment and was forced to fight for her housing. Lastly, Dominique came to the worst challenge yet. Her brother was shot on her front porch and was pronounced dead at the hospital. Despite all the challenges, Dominique persevered and never stopped chasing her dreams. On May 19th, 2022, Dominique participated in Danville Area Community College's Graduation



Ceremony. She walked the stage with her daughter to receive her High School Equivalency. Dominique is now employed by Help at Home Care as a homecare aide. The sky is the limit for her, and we are so proud!"

FITM leverages its extensive expertise in Workforce Innovation and

Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs and local resources to ensure participants acquire needed training opportunities, job readiness and career development skills, leadership development, access to work-based learning and finding permanent employment in a specific and well-defined career pathway. FITM has a GED PREP Course for High school dropouts and a Medical Assistant course.

First Institute Training and Management, Inc. is part of the First Institute Companies, a network of for-profit companies guided by the same executive management team, collectively referred to as FI, and is recognized as a collaborator in workforce development in California and Illinois. For the past fifteen years, FITM has been at the forefront of program design, operation and facilitation of education, training-related programs and employment services, which have included a One-Stop Workforce Center, six WIOA Youth Contracts, an innovative welding training program supporting high-risk and justice-involved youth, and an array of other contracts benefitting adults, youth, and businesses.

First Institute Training and Management also offers a Medical Assistant Program to give students diverse skills needed for success in today's rapidly evolving healthcare field. Students receive training in medical and administrative skills, leadership development, and comprehensive guidance, to name a few. FITM elements include tutoring via My Skills Tutor/Plato or [typingweb.com/Mavis](https://typingweb.com/Mavis), alternative secondary school services, paid/unpaid work experiences, occupational skill training, supportive services, transportation, uniforms, GED mentoring and coaching. The program also offers adult mentoring with a





Individuals are eligible to participate in the Youth program if they are a resident of Vermilion County, age 16-24, and meet WIOA eligibility requirements. FITM is looking for young individuals serious about making a positive change in their income, education, and professional development.

FITM partners with Vermilion County Works, Department of Employment Security, Department of Human Services, Kenneth D. Bailey Academy, Local Chamber of Commerce, Local Churches and Businesses, YMCA, Goodwill, Danville Area Community College and Vermilion County Housing

To learn more about First Institute Training and Management, Inc., email Willie Christian, Program Director, at [wchristian@firstinstitute.com](mailto:wchristian@firstinstitute.com), Darrius Tyler, Assistant Director, at [dtyler@firstinstitute.com](mailto:dtyler@firstinstitute.com), or Lenora Rife, Medical Assistant Instructor, at [lrife@firstinstitute.com](mailto:lrife@firstinstitute.com). The office number is (217) 442-0296 #107. They can also be found at [fitmnow.com](http://fitmnow.com) or on Facebook @FirstInstituteTrainingManagement.


*"FITM's program design allows the program to be customized for the individual's goals. FITM will assess each participant's needs for education, training, employment and referrals and guide them in creating an Individual Service Strategy (ISS) and Career Roadmap. Our ultimate goal is for the person to obtain a credential, gain experience and become employed in a sustainable position within an in-demand and chosen career pathway."*

*Willie Christian, Program Director  
First Institute Training & Management, Inc.*



professional in healthcare and education, twelve months of follow-up services after the program's exit, financial literacy workshops, labor market opportunities, and entrepreneurial training workshops.

FITM is located at 407 N. Franklin St, Danville, IL 61832, at the American Job Center.




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**December 1, 2022**  
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**11:30AM-1:00PM**

**November 16, 2022**  
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DACC @ Bremer, Rooms 141/142  
Lee's Famous Recipe catering

**December 21, 2022**  
Holiday Party  
Palmer Arena

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# Gateway Family Services of Illinois Hosts "Christmas in the Barn"

A magical holiday event for an important cause is scheduled for November 27-December 3. "Christmas in the Barn," a Dickens-style Christmas event to raise funds for Gateway Family Services, is being hosted by Michael Remole MA, LCPC, NCC, NLC-C, EP, the CEO, Founder and Lead Therapist of Gateway, along with a team of volunteers.

Gateway Family Services of Illinois is a non-profit mental health agency that began in late 2018. They have a team of 11 professionals, including licensed mental health professionals, interns, equine professionals, and a wonderful herd of 20 equines.

Gateway provides trauma-focused, equine-assisted psychotherapy, more commonly understood as "horses helping humans heal." They offer EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing), Equine Connected-EMDR, as well as play, sand art and nature-based therapies. The agency works with individuals through a whole lifespan, ranging from their youngest client at two years old to their most mature at 88. Gateway provides services to approximately 100 families



a week. With the addition of new school programs, they anticipate that number will grow by over 200 per week.

The agency's goal is to help people of all ages heal from the trauma they have experienced, gain healthier coping strategies and improve relationships with themselves and others. They are a United Way partner agency.

## Christmas in the Barn

"Like everyone else, COVID-19 forced us to adjust our fundraising events in 2020," said Remole. "We had a volunteer team decorate the barn, and when we saw the beauty of the barn at Christmas time, we decided the public should enjoy the barn at Christmas as well!" The event has continued to grow.

This year's Christmas in the Barn aims to raise \$30,000.00 to cover the costs for feed, farrier, vet, and wellness for the 20 equines for the entire year. Funds will be raised through tree and wreath

sponsorships, ticket sales and general donations. Sponsorships are still available, ranging from \$100 to \$2,500 and can be purchased at [www.christmasinthebarn.org](http://www.christmasinthebarn.org).

"Our horses are an integral part of both programs, and this fundraiser will ensure we can continue to offer these critical services to those in Central Illinois," said Remole.

Hours for Christmas in the Barn have expanded this year. The event runs from November 27-December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Hours are:

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| Nov 28 & 29.....    | 5pm-8pm    |
| Nov 30 & Dec 1..... | 5pm-8pm    |
| Concerts.....       | 6pm-7:30pm |
| Dec 2.....          | 5pm-8pm    |
| Dec 3.....          | 4pm -8pm   |

Admission is \$2 per person or \$10 per family at the gate. Christmas in the Barn will be held at 7757 US Route 136, Potomac, IL 61865. Please watch signs for parking.



## More about Gateway Family Services of Illinois

Gateway Family Services is passionate about helping individuals heal from the trauma they have experienced. "Research shows how trauma can negatively impact the brain and cause someone to have a heightened stress response," says Remole. "The survival skills that once helped us become things that make regular, everyday life challenging. Horses are prey animals, and so they also have a very sensitive stress response system. When working with the horses, we help both horses and humans heal their brains. In the healing process, horses and humans can better access the higher-level thinking parts of our brains."

Gateway Family Services received an Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation grant, which opened the door for Gateway to go into the schools and provide mental

health services. The program is called Sur+Thrive—building healthier kids & families. This grant included a few rural schools and is being expanded to provide services at North Ridge Middle School and Mark Denman Elementary. This program has grown quickly and is now in 11 schools across Central Illinois. The partnerships focus on providing services for students, teachers and parents.

"Vermilion County is an incredible place to raise a family," says Remole. "As we have been able to partner with more and more schools, we have been amazed at the love of the teachers and administrators. We are blessed with an amazing team of educators and professionals passionate about helping our kids succeed!"

To learn more about Gateway Family Services of Illinois, visit [gatewayfamilyservices.org](http://gatewayfamilyservices.org) or follow them on Facebook.

Gateway Family Services is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help with various aspects of "Christmas in the Barn," including designers, greeters, parking attendants, and set-up and tear-down crews.

They also need volunteers year-round to help with barn chores. If someone is interested in volunteering, email [info@gatewayfamilyservices.org](mailto:info@gatewayfamilyservices.org).



### *Gateway Family Services of Illinois serves people of all ages. One of their high school clients shared this story.*

"I was feeling pretty broken and lost and alone. I had lots of friends and support from my family, but nothing helped. I pretended I was fine. I went to school and played sports. I laughed and smiled just so no one would know that I was like... really numb inside. I started cutting just so I could feel something, anything.

When I started at Gateway, I was worried about being judged or getting in trouble. I didn't want anyone to know what I was doing. I hadn't ever been to therapy before and didn't know what to expect. They introduced me to Willow.

She is really big; I was pretty scared of horses. They told me their goal was for me to ride her. I thought, 'No way, that will never happen!' I also didn't understand how riding a horse could help me with how I was feeling or stop me from hurting myself.

After spending time with Willow and getting to know her, I finally felt comfortable riding her. I learned that she was okay if I was nervous. Riding her was awesome. I felt so strong. I felt... better. I realized that I'm way stronger than I ever knew and that it's okay to talk about my feelings – that

letting them out wasn't as scary as I thought. I learned ways to help myself when I'm feeling nervous or mad, or sad, and I was able to stop hurting myself.

I'm taking early college classes, working, and now, when I smile and laugh, I mean it. I know I'll never go back to feeling so low ever again. I know I'll never want to hurt myself again. I can look back on my friendship with Willow and see how she helped carry me physically and emotionally through some of the toughest days of my life. For that, I am forever grateful."

# Bowers Tree Experts: Longtime Local Business



Need some help in your yard or on your property? John and Pat Bowers, owners and CEOs of Bowers Tree Experts, can help. The longtime, family-owned tree service has been operating in Danville for over 75 years. They specialize in the care of tree removal and trimming.

The company's services include hedge and evergreen trimming, trimming and thinning, dead limb removal, stump removal, tree removal, emergency storm service, evergreen and shrub removal, snow removal and firewood. The company is insured and accepts credit cards.

The Bowers say they often hear from customers who have storm damage or need to remove trees. "We also help customers with healthy tree trimming," they add.

Bowers Tree Experts is staffed by a great team of up to 12 hardworking men and women.

The Bowers team has a word of advice for anyone looking for help with trees. "Do your homework. Make sure they are insured and qualified to do the job at hand."

Vermilion County holds a special place in their hearts. "It's our home," they say. "The area is full of great friendly people."

To learn more about Bowers Tree Experts, call 217-443-6710 or 217-516-0444, or email [BJPBowers1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:BJPBowers1@sbcglobal.net). You can also follow them on Facebook @Bowers Tree Experts.



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# Danville Area Community College Offers Psychology & Sociology Programs & Services

We recently caught up with Lara Conklin, Executive Director of College Relations at Danville Area Community College. She shared information about the college's Psychology and Sociology programs.

**Tell us about the Psychology and Sociology programs DACC offers.** Dr. Wade, Associate Professor of Behavioral Sciences at DACC, teaches courses in Psychology and Sociology. Students who are interested in pursuing a career in this field can get an Associate of Arts degree in Psychology or Sociology, then transfer to complete a bachelor's degree. Many students then continue to complete a master's or doctorate.

**What are the career prospects with each degree?** There are jobs available at each degree level, but the rate of compensation, responsibility, and autonomy of work grow with each degree. At the Associate degree level, graduates can be employed as a para-professional in mental health or substance abuse fields. After earning a bachelor's degree in Psychology or Sociology, the graduate could work in Case Management, in depth, with adults or children. After grad school, they can become a therapist or social worker.

23% over a 5-year period. That growth has expanded tremendously after the pandemic. We need crisis workers, substance abuse counselors, parent educators, counselors for children with behavioral and mental health issues. Dr. Wade says there are more jobs currently than there are people to fill them, and the gap keeps widening.

**We know the college is making a difference in the community around mental health. Will you tell us a little about it?** Dr. Wade is using his Faculty Endowed Chair award to bring awareness to mental health issues in the community on a monthly basis. His traveling coffee cart is something he uses at campus events and fundraisers, as well as out in the community, to encourage conversation and make connections – thus, the name - Connection Café. As the recipient of the DACC Foundation's Dorothy Duley Faculty Endowed Chair, Dr. Wade received funds to help support this initiative.

In May 2022, Dr. Wade introduced free mental health panel presentations through DACC's Community Education division. He has made a commitment to present a panel each month through May 2023, and then to resume the



series from August 2023 through May 2024. The panels feature mental health and social service professionals who make themselves available for personal conversation over coffee from the Connection Café, and then move to the Bremer Auditorium stage for the formal seminar of the day.

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# Danville High School Class of 1982 Reunion a Giant Success

Danville hosted some special guests and events the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup>. Danville High School's class of 1982 reunion drew people from as far as Washington, Texas and Mississippi, along with many classmates who remained in Vermilion County. Not only did alums visit the community, but they also chose to give back during the three-day event.

The weekend started with touring Danville High School and attending the DHS football game on Friday night.

Saturday night featured a dinner party at the Danville Country Club, where about 70 class members and guests reconnected and reminisced. The evening featured introductions, recognition of deceased classmates, and memories of the graduates attending three junior high schools (East Park, Southview, and North Ridge) before DHS. "There were lots of pictures taken," says Wesley Lewis, one of the 1982 alums and a planning committee member. "Great fun and love and everyone had an awesome time! We also had fun at two after-parties!"

The class of 1982 wanted to give back to the community they say supported them in school. On Sunday, they hosted a meal and family event that drew close to 200 people. "Not only did we feed the community, but we also had a beautiful church service at the amphitheater," says



Lewis. "We had a strong slate of speakers that spoke after the service, including Mayor Williams and many of our sponsors. The City of Danville and the surrounding area supported us immensely when we attended DHS. Thus, we believe that it was our turn to reciprocate."



Reunion planning team members included Kim Henry, Holly Hart, Robert Miller, Sonya Tyler, Pam Woodson, Julie Sanders, Pam Bolden, Wesley Lewis and many others.

Lewis says the class of 1982 is likely the first DHS Alumni Class to facilitate and put on a community outreach



program (Community Day) in the City of Danville. Mayor Williams acknowledged this fact in his remarks at the event.

The DHS Class of 1982 recently became a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. "Even though we put on a truly awesome Community Day, our journey with regard to community outreach has just begun!" says Lewis.

Big thanks to the DHS Class of 1982



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### October Student/Athlete of the Month:

DHS Student of the Month.....Addison Ohlmiller  
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OHS Student of the Month.....Cherokee Hanner  
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GRFHS Student of the Month.....Jeremy Lappin  
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HAH School Student of the Month.....Meghan Simpson  
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