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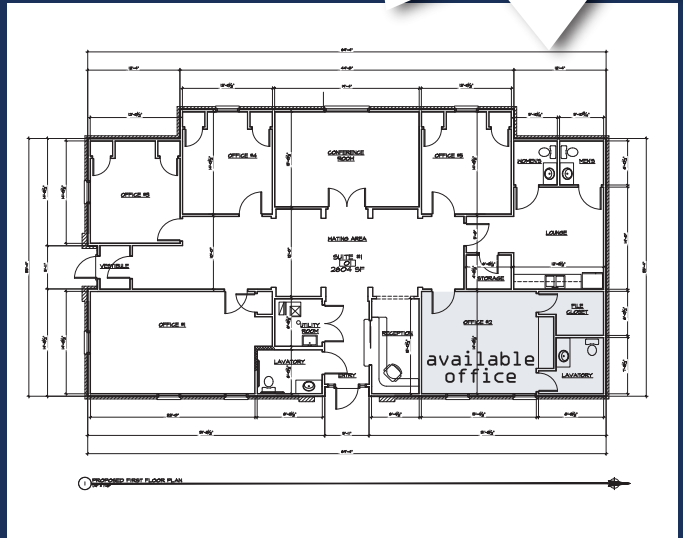
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CEO, Vermilion Advantage

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Meet the Executive Board for Vermilion Advantage

Matt Smiley, Credit Underwriting Manager, AVP, Old National Bank

First, tell us about your organization.

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Do you have any position openings?

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How long have you been involved with Vermilion Advantage?

I joined the Vermilion Advantage Board as a representative for the bank in 2019. I am most proud of being a part of the screening committee that interviewed many excellent candidates for the CEO position and narrowed down the field for the final selection committee.

Tell us about your connection to the area. I was born in Danville and have lived here my whole life, other than completing my undergrad at Eastern Illinois University. My wife and I chose to stay here to raise our two kids because Danville is still a great place to raise a family.

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

The top priority for the entire county should be supporting our existing businesses while also working to bring in new businesses. When they are thriving, so does our community.

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

Vermilion County and Danville have struggled in the past with businesses leaving the area. It is essential to look towards the future and all the progress that is being made. The new Carle and Christie Clinic facilities, FedEx, the casino, and the Turk Furniture building redevelopment, to name a few. Vermilion Advantage has been an excellent resource for these businesses, and I'm glad they have chosen to invest in our community.



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

One of the most important benefits of Vermilion Advantage is bringing our local businesses together, which they do in several ways, such as the Business Networking and Luncheons, Business after Hours, and Young Professionals Network. This allows our business leaders an opportunity to discuss different challenges they may be facing and brainstorm potential solutions. Vermilion Advantage also helps members apply for grants and other programs they might not be aware of otherwise.

What is one thing that might surprise people about you?

After graduating from college, I spent one summer helping a landscaping business maintain and build koi fishponds, one of which I still get to see regularly because it is at my in-laws!

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

Treat others as you would like to be treated. I think you get better results that way.

Season's Greetings from the VA Staff

We have so many faithful members and readers of our *Inside Vermilion County* magazine; we are so blessed as an organization. With all that we achieve through our office, we could not do it without the help of many. I hope everyone has a happy and blessed holiday season.

Going forward, try to be thankful for all we have, and not just worry about the things that we are still striving for. I know it's been a rough year on our pockets, but here's to a better and brighter new year ahead!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Jo Doggett
Data & Finance Director



I am so excited this holiday season to be spending time with my family! I am sure a trip to Denver, Colorado is in the works to celebrate Christmas with my 1-year old grandson! I can't wait to see him!

I am very blessed to not only have a great family, but also a great team here at Vermilion Advantage! Their passion for the community is second to none!

To Jo, Nicole, and Jodie I say "Merry Christmas"!

Tim Dudley
CEO

The most wonderful time of the year is here and I am so grateful to be part of such an amazing, supportive community. With all of the holiday craziness that is bestowed upon us, please take a moment to appreciate those who are around you, to remember the ones who have gone before you, and to spread goodwill to those who surround you.

Here's to hoping your stockings are stocked (with local goodies, of course) and your jingle bells rock! Wishing you all the joy, all the merry, and all the cookies this holiday season!

Sending lots of love,

Jodie Ingram
Office Manager



What a magical time to live in our community. There are holiday themed events every weekend, beautiful lights littering our neighborhoods, and that incredible feeling of love and warmth from Hoopston all the way down to Ridge Farm.

This holiday season, I am reminded of how lucky we are to have such incredible businesses both big and small who continue to support each other. From giving to our non-profits, to sponsoring events, to shopping in the downtown areas, to eating at local establishments, we really show up for each other.

I would like to encourage you to make LOCAL one of your family traditions this holiday season.

Enjoy this beautiful time of year.

Nicole Van Hyfte
Director of the Chamber of Commerce



Danville Area Community College Launches New Robotics Program

The best solutions most often come when great minds work together. That happened when a group of Danville Area Community College faculty members joined to launch a new Robotics program. The Robotics team included Dr. Ben Jun, Electronics; Doug Hunter, Manufacturing; Kathy Hunter, Applied Computer Science; and Jeff Wise, Networking.

The new Robotics Program originated from the team's many creative discussions, research and hard work. They had a vision for moving into the robotics generation to offer a more intense automation curriculum. The DACC Manufacturing faculty conducted "Listening and Learning" tours at many local industry partners' locations. "The visits allowed us to understand more about their processes," says Doug Hunter. "The best part was the discussion with the operators. Their team talked with the Applied Computer Science Instructor to bring in the coding side of things and the Networking Instructor for setting the lab up."

The team learned robotics training is a sought-after career skill that will continue to grow in the region's industrial settings. The degree was built around this knowledge.

"DACC is a small college affording instructors the time to build relationships with students. We care about every graduate and take a personal interest in their career after graduation. If there are jobs available, instructors take time to make sure students are applying." Doug Hunter

There are good reasons to consider the robotics program. "Would you like to get hands-on training using the most current industry equipment in our Robotics lab?" asks Dr. Ben Jun. "Students gain cutting-edge skills and participate in student-focused courses taught by dedicated instructors. They also obtain employment."

Individuals with a mechanical aptitude, an interest in computer applications and basic math and

analytical skills would be most successful in the robotics program.

"At DACC, we have a great relationship with area industry that allows a student to obtain an internship and job upon completion," says Kathy Hunter. "The competitive skills obtained will help set you apart from other applicants."

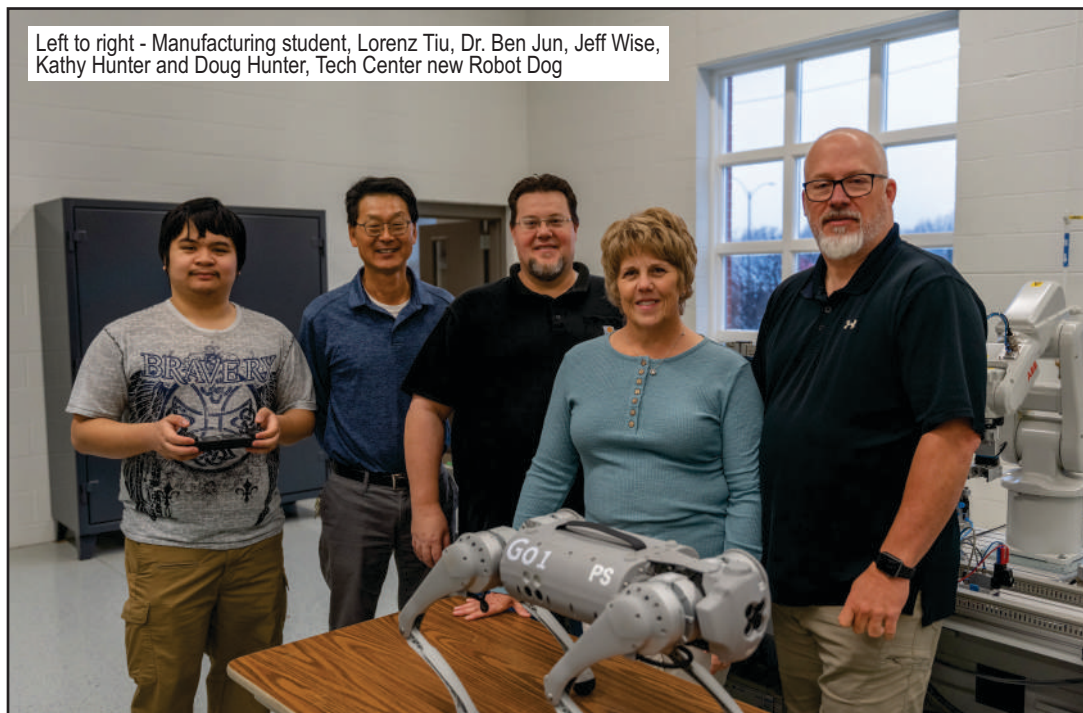
While in school, students can obtain scholarships to assist in covering the costs of tuition, books and fees.

"The new program's goal is to provide our local manufacturing partners with a pipeline of skilled workers," says Jeff Wise. "Industrial maintenance and control technicians are two examples of potential career pathways."

Early participants in the program came from applied computer science, electronics, and manufacturing. All the program's faculty say it is fun to see each student's strengths and how they help one another.

DACC leaders say they are proud of how the manufacturing and computer science/networking faculty team worked together to make this happen. The faculty pooled their talents and efforts to maximize connections in the content areas.

To learn more about the Robotics program, call Doug Hunter at 217-443-1501. Anyone interested is also encouraged to visit the DACC Tech Center.



Left to right - Manufacturing student, Lorenz Tiu, Dr. Ben Jun, Jeff Wise, Kathy Hunter and Doug Hunter, Tech Center new Robot Dog

Women's Care Clinic Celebrates 30 Years of Providing Service to Area Families

The Women's Care Clinic is celebrating 30 years of well-rounded, holistic care for women, men, and families through pregnancy and into their parenting journey.

Mariah Hanson was recently named the organization's Executive Director. "In the last 30 years, we have only grown clearer about our mission to love and serve Vermilion County," she says.

Women's Care Clinic is a nonprofit organization that serves local women, men, and families in Vermilion County and surrounding areas. The organization aims to serve anyone walking through pregnancy and/or parenting. They offer medical care for women, including free pregnancy testing, a limited ultrasound, and one-on-one consultations with a nurse. They also provide education and personal growth through groups (Bridges for women and TIES for men) and connections to local agencies to help women, men, and families create a support system. WCC also offers a variety of community classes, including Labor and Birth Class, Prenatal Yoga,

Breastfeeding, Finances, Fertility Awareness, Raising Highly Capable Kids, Healthy Boundaries, and more

WCC serves, on average, 500 clients annually and currently has 12 employees.

WCC has been serving the area for 30 years.

The organization started in a garage, moved to a house on Vermilion St, was located on Williams St near Jockos until 2019, and has been in its new building at 1509 N Bowman since December 2019. "What once started in a garage is now in a beautiful building with two exam rooms, a kitchen, four client counseling rooms, a market, a thriving staff, and a group of supporters committed to the success of our organization," says Hanson.

Throughout 2022 WCC has celebrated its 30th Anniversary at the organization's many events. "In April, we hosted a celebration where we highlighted staff, volunteers, stories, and impact from the last 30 years," says Hanson. "In





September, we hosted our annual Walk for Life with a twist to celebrate our 30th year as a ministry. Our final celebration will occur in December at the Women's Care Clinic building on Bowman Ave. We want to highlight the building we are in with an open house and light refreshments. We are inviting everyone in the community.”

Among the organization's many services, Hanson says people may be surprised to learn how they help women walking through the aftermath of an abortion, no matter their story. “Our advocate team helps by listening and connecting them with local counseling services,” she says.

The WCC staff loves seeing clients out in the community. “It's in those spaces where I get to hear the true impact of

our organization,” she says. “I ran into a previous client at a community event downtown. She shared that even five years out of the Bridges Program, she still implements things she learned with us in her relationships with her children and partner.”

Hanson believes Vermilion County is a goldmine. “The people that live and work here invest in the community and are some of the best people I know,” she says. “They invest so much into the community. I see this all around me in this community.”



To learn more about the Women's Care Clinic and Help Ministries, the umbrella organization, visit danvillewcc.org, find them on Facebook @helpministriesdanville, or stop in for a tour at 1509 N. Bowman Avenue in Danville.

“We LOVE our volunteers and are always looking to grow the team,” adds Hanson. “If you are interested, email Stacey Morgeson, WCC Volunteer Coordinator, at staceym@danvillewcc.org. We have many volunteer opportunities: Volunteer Nurse, Volunteer Advocate for women, Volunteer Mentor for men, Bridges Group leader, Volunteer Childcare Team, and Bridges Meal Team Volunteer. “



“We are most proud of our services that support the entire family unit and genuinely support women, men, and families through pregnancy and beyond into their parenting journey.

We estimate that in 30 years, we have served 10,500 individual clients and have had over 90,000 visits to our buildings.” *Mariah Hanson*

Danville Symphony Orchestra Features Exciting 2022-23 Season

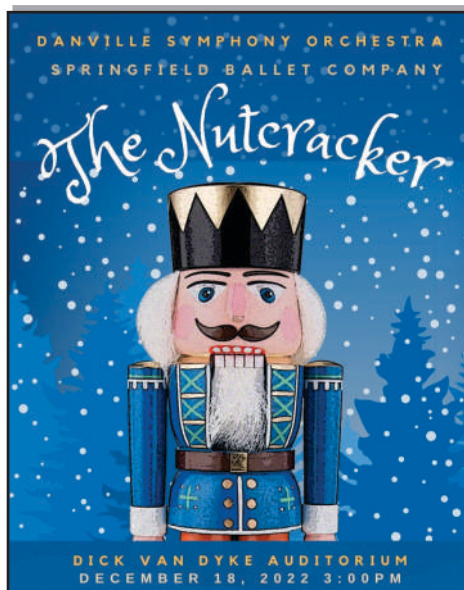


The Danville Symphony Orchestra (DSO) is off to an exciting start this season, with much more to come.

The 2022-2023 concert season kicked off on October 15th with a *Night in Paris*, featuring French-inspired works by prominent composers and a pre-concert *soirée* in the Fischer Theatre lobby, a unique experience for patrons. "We are excited about the orchestra's next performance, *The Nutcracker*, with the returning Springfield Ballet Company," says Dean Crandall, DSO President. The ballet is scheduled for Sunday, December 18th at 3 pm in the Dick Van Dyke Auditorium at Danville High School. Two additional concerts will follow in 2023. On March 11, DSO will host its first classical concert of the season with Mussorgsky's timeless celebration of art and music, *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and featuring award-winning violinist Luke Hsu performing Barber's virtuosic Violin Concerto at 7:30 pm at the Fischer Theatre. The orchestra will close its season with the return of lyric baritone Robert Sims, who will thrill listeners with the sounds of Broadway musicals. This show-stopping concert is scheduled for May 6th at 7:30 pm at the Fischer Theatre.

The Nutcracker

The DSO has performed *The Nutcracker* at least five times in the past 27 years, each time bringing in a ballet company with its own professional dancers, costumes, and stage sets. The orchestra first rehearses independently, with one dress rehearsal with the ballet. The orchestra has used various regional ballet companies in the past, including this year's returning professional Springfield Ballet Company, a favorite among our Danville community. Many student dancers from the Danville area also appear in this spectacular holiday tradition that reaches across generations.



"The Danville Symphony Orchestra plays many kinds of music! We do one classical concert a year. Our other concerts offer a variety of music styles, including pop,



jazz, rock, country and swing."

Dean Crandall, President, DSO



About the Danville Symphony Orchestra

The Danville Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1967 by music lovers who collaborated with then DACC president Mary Miller to organize an ensemble of strings and other instrumentalists with the dream of bringing orchestral music to the community. Many great artists have performed with the DSO over the years, including Yo-Yo Ma (cello), Rachel Barton Pine (violin), Roger Williams (piano), Benny Goodman (clarinet), BJ Thomas (rock vocals), Riders in the Sky (old time cowboy singers), The Chicago Brass, Ian Hobson (piano), the James Dapogny Jazz Band, and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band from New Orleans. The orchestra regularly performs musical standards with professional Broadway singers, patriotic pops, "golden oldies" from the 60s and 70s (music of the Beatles, ABBA, and the BeeGees, for example), music from the "Rat Pack" era, and favorite music scores from the movie industry. The orchestra has performed three fully

staged musicals with the local Danville Light Opera, *Beauty and the Beast* the most recent.

Maestro Swerling

This season, Maestro Jeremy Swerling conducts his final concert after 27 seasons with the DSO. "Jeremy Swerling has provided Danville with exceptional performances that are truly rare for a community of our size," says Crandall. "He brought world-class professional musicians to Danville audiences, and we couldn't be more grateful for his time bringing high art to our community." With Jeremy's support, the DSO Board is launching a search for its next orchestra conductor.

People may be surprised to learn the orchestra is comprised of professional musicians, many of whom have graduate degrees in music. "Some of our musicians are music professors or teachers who perform with the DSO and other area symphonies and ensembles," says Crandall. "A few of our musicians are also heroic healthcare workers when not performing music.

We strive for excellence and love to know we made a difference in the lives of the people who come to hear us, even if just for an evening."

Volunteer

The upcoming performance of *The Nutcracker* is an excellent time to volunteer. "We have opportunities leading up to every concert and, as a not-for-profit organization, are always pleased to welcome new donors," says Crandall. If you would like to be involved, please contact the DSO office, and leave your name, number, and interest.

Donate

Concertgoers may not realize ticket prices only provide a fraction of the cost of operating a professional orchestra. The DSO counts on the support of generous donors large and small—the individuals and organizations they refer to as "symphony angels." Please leave a message at the DSO office if you are interested in making a donation to show your support of the orchestra's

continued contribution to community excellence. Donating to Danville Symphony Orchestra is a wonderful way to create a lasting legacy for one's family into the future.

To learn more about the Danville Symphony Orchestra, call 217-443-5300 or visit danvillesymphony.org. Follow them on Facebook @Danville Symphony Orchestra of Danville, Illinois.

Did You Know . . .

One of the Orchestra's missions is community youth education and outreach? DSO partners with District 118 to offer private lessons and opportunities to rehearse and perform with the orchestra's professional musicians ("side-by-sides"). For decades, it has performed free Education Concerts for grades 4-6 from all the schools in the DSO geographic footprint, which includes all of Vermilion County, south to Paris, north to Milford, and western Indiana.



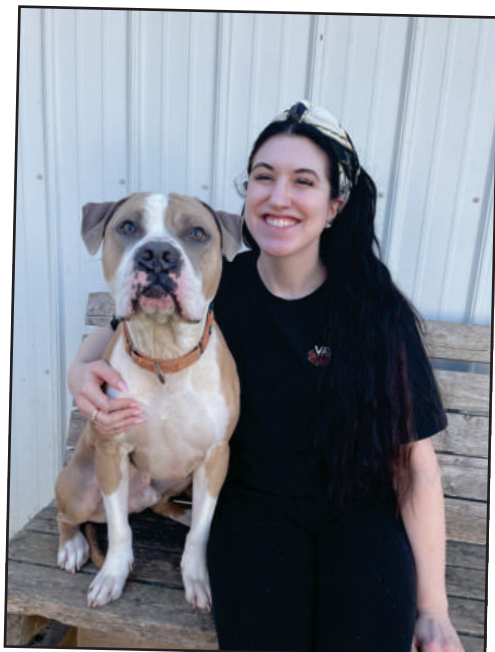


Humane Society In Need of Support to Continue Caring for Animals

The Humane Society has big plans to continue taking good care of Vermilion County's at-risk animals.

The Humane Society is a rescue shelter that takes in animals from other facilities or owner surrenders. "We are often confused with Vermilion County Animal Shelter, which is animal control and takes in stray animals," says Alyssa Julian, Director of the Humane Society. "We try to take the animals that might need something extra such as extensive medical care, extra socialization, more time to look for their forever home, etc. Most dogs come from our local animal control when they have waited a long time to be adopted."

The organization currently has 32 animals in its care. "This is a typical number, as we stay pretty full on a regular basis," says Julian. "As soon as a space opens, an animal normally needs it. The difference lately is the length of stays. We usually could move the animals quickly to adopters. It's been a struggle to find adopters for our shelter babies, and they are staying with us longer than ever."



The Humane Society has four employees. The organization also operates with many volunteers - in the shelter and thrift store and on the board of directors.

It takes a special person to work at the shelter. "We do not have weekends or holidays where we can just take the day off," she says. "Every day, living souls need us to be there. My staff cleans, feeds, and does the basics of care. They are also watching for stress and sadness and doing all they can to help the animal struggling. They are true advocates for the shelter animals, and I am grateful for their work."

How to Get Involved

There are several ways to volunteer. The thrift store volunteers sort donations, price items and organize. Proceeds from the store support the shelter's operations. Special events also require extra volunteer help. Cat volunteers clean and hang out with the resident cats. The organization also offers a volunteer fostering opportunity. Currently, they have a puppy with a broken leg, and a volunteer is fostering him through treatment.

The Humane Society is updating the dogs' living quarters which are outdated and improperly built. "We plan to have a beautiful new kennel space for the dogs staying with us for long periods," she says. "They will have separate outdoor areas to get fresh air or sunbathe without taking turns with the others. We will be fundraising A LOT this year. You can start donating towards the project now. More information and details will be posted on our Facebook, so follow us there!"

Julian says the job is not just about enjoying cats and dogs. "Many of the animals we get need healing, whether



they come from trauma or are brokenhearted from losing their owners. It brings me happiness when I can be a light during probably the darkest part of their life and help them find their perfect forever home."

To learn more about the Humane Society, visit danvillehumane.org, email humanesocietyofdanville@gmail.com, or call 217-446-4110. On Facebook, the shelter can be found @hdsdanvilleil and the thrift store @danvillehumanethriftshop.

"The easiest way to help support our shelter is with monetary donations. Ongoing vet care and regular bills to upkeep our building mean we always need help. Even just donating \$10 a month adds up.

The other way to help is to watch our Facebook page for supply needs like litter, paper towels, and other items that people can grab while out shopping or order online and have it sent to us." Alyssa Julian

Dave Cronk Set to Retire from Aqua Illinois



employees, customers or contractors, I think everyone knows I'm very approachable and will work with them."

In Dave's 33 years with the water company, he's seen many changes. "Locally, we constructed a new water treatment plant, raised the lake 25 years ago and installed new gates at the Lake Vermilion Dam," he notes.

He says that the greatest challenge the company contends with today is the EPA constantly adding more stringent regulations that require more safeguards and testing.

People who work with Dave are actually surprised that he is retiring. "I constantly have people tell me that I need to act older to retire," he says. "I run up and down the stairs and show a lot of energy in my job."

Among all the stories over the years, Cronk says one stands out. "When I'd been here for two weeks, I got a call that there was water in the plant. Figuring I was the new guy, I thought I was the one who had to go mop it up.

When I arrived, there was four feet of water in the plant. I didn't have a mop big enough for that! Needless to say, Danville was without water for five days."

Vermilion County holds a special place in the area native's heart. "I enjoy the lake the most, of course, but I also enjoy the people and the history of Danville and Vermilion County," he says. "What has surprised me most about the area is how it's beginning to rebound. From the Carle project to the casino to all the new businesses starting. I think the county is heading in the right direction."

In his free time Dave likes to golf, travel, enjoy sports, take in events around the area and spend time with his family and friends. "In retirement, I plan to do about the same but more!"

Dave has been married to his wife, Teresa, for 35 years. They have two sons - Logan (Hanna) and Mitch (Jonalis), and one grandson, Caden David.

Thanks for serving the community, Dave Cronk!



Dave Cronk started his career with what is now Aqua Illinois as a meter reader in 1990. He worked his way up from there to maintenance to operations, then lab technician then promoted to plant manager. He has served as plant manager for the Danville plant for the last 22 years.

In his role, he oversees the operations of the Danville water treatment plant along with three other community water systems (Philo, Indianola and Oak Run), Lake Vermilion, including the dam, and any new projects that might need his attention.

Dave says his favorite part of the job is interacting with people. "Whether it's

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Health Alliance Delivers Wide-Ranging Health Insurance Plans for Vermilion Advantage Members



For 41 years, Health Alliance has been improving the health of the communities they serve. New rules permit Vermilion Advantage (VA) members, as a Chamber of Commerce organization, to band together to purchase their healthcare coverage. This partnership means VA members are now subject to a large group rating through Association Health Plans (AHP). The AHP aims to save employers and employees money by bringing together small companies and organizations for educational purposes and securing the healthcare buying power of larger employers.

Health Alliance is one of the largest health insurance organizations in downstate Illinois. They have a staff of more than 700 employees currently serving over 245,000 members in six states. Health Alliance is part of a vertically integrated system owned by Carle Health.

The organization offers a wide range of products, including HMO, POS and

PPO plan designs, both fully insured and self-funded. They provide products for employers' groups, individuals and Medicare eligible.

The corporate office is located at 3310 Fields South Drive Champaign, Illinois.

Health Alliance has made essential changes in the last ten years to serve clients better. "Health Alliance and our parent company Carle Health have worked together, along with other providers in our communities, to improve efficiency and effectiveness of health care," says Josh Frerichs, Senior Account Executive, Health Alliance. "We have done this by developing more integration between the provider care delivery system and the insurance carrier components. This is a unique approach in our area and will help keep health care more affordable for employers and members. As a provider-owned, physician-led health plan, Health Alliance offers a unique perspective on providing health insurance that

focuses on quality care, wellness and superior customer service."

Frerichs says he is most proud of the dedicated employees who work hard every day to help impact the health and well-being of Health Alliance members.

Frerichs says becoming a member of Vermilion Advantage has strengthened Health Alliance's relationships within the communities they serve. "It has also allowed the opportunity to collaborate and offer value-added products, such as the new Association Health Plan, to businesses in the area," he adds.

To learn more about Health Alliance, visit healthalliance.org or call (800) 851-3379. The organization can also be found on Facebook and Instagram by searching Health Alliance.



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Doug Ireland's office is located in downtown Danville at 28 W. North Street, on the corner of North and Walnut. He has lived and worked in Danville most of his life and has been in the financial services industry for almost 20 years.

The financial services industry is constantly changing, especially with investments and insurance. "Technology has changed over the last ten years and continues to do so," says Ireland. "Clients now can log in to their accounts with

their phones, something we didn't have when I first got into the business."

Ireland says Prudential is a fantastic company and always looks out for clients first. "I have the flexibility to offer many services and products to my clients. I am proud to be a part of something amazing!"

Ireland is a member and past president/treasurer of the Danville Sunrise Rotary Club and has been involved with the club for over 11 years. He is also a member of the Danville AMBUCS. He has also been a part of the Heartwalk, Relay for Life, Kickapoo Rail Trail and has coached youth baseball, hockey and basketball.



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"The generosity of this community and the civic organizations is amazing," he says. "Vermilion County is beautiful and has so much to offer with our parks, outdoor recreation, local events and arts. There is always something to do here."

"Being able to educate my clients is always my favorite story. There is nothing better than helping a client reach their financial goals." Doug Ireland



5:00-7:00PM

December 1, 2022
Danville Country Club
2718 Denmark Rd, Danville

January 12, 2023
More details to come

Please RSVP to Nicole at
nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com



11:30AM-1:00PM

December 9, 2022
No Event

January 18, 2023
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December 21, 2022
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January 25, 2023
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ALL ACCOLADES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ACHIEVEMENTS

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






November Employee of the Month

Hometown Stars McDonald's.....	Teresa Taylor
Classic Rock-n-Roll.....	Natori Williams
Oakwood.....	Noah Gentzsch
Georgetown.....	Braeden Shafai
Hoopeston.....	Kaydence Bailey
Neighborhood McDonald's.....	Augustine Griffith
Covington, IN.....	Catherine Montgomery

November Student/Athlete of the Month:

DHS Student of the Month.....	Madelyn Rhodes
DHS Athlete of the Month.....	Anna Houpt
Schlarman Academy North Student of the Month.....	Ella Dixon
Schlarman Academy North Athlete of the Month.....	No athlete
OHS Student of the Month.....	Gabe Ludington
OHS Athlete of the Month.....	Grant Powell
GRFHS Student of the Month.....	Kevin Morgan
GRFHS Athlete of the Month.....	Kendall Roberts
HAH School Student of the Month.....	Waylon Lee
HAH School Athlete of the Month.....	Chase Williams
Covington HS Student of the Month.....	Conlan Moore
Covington HS Athlete of the Month.....	Duncan Keller

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