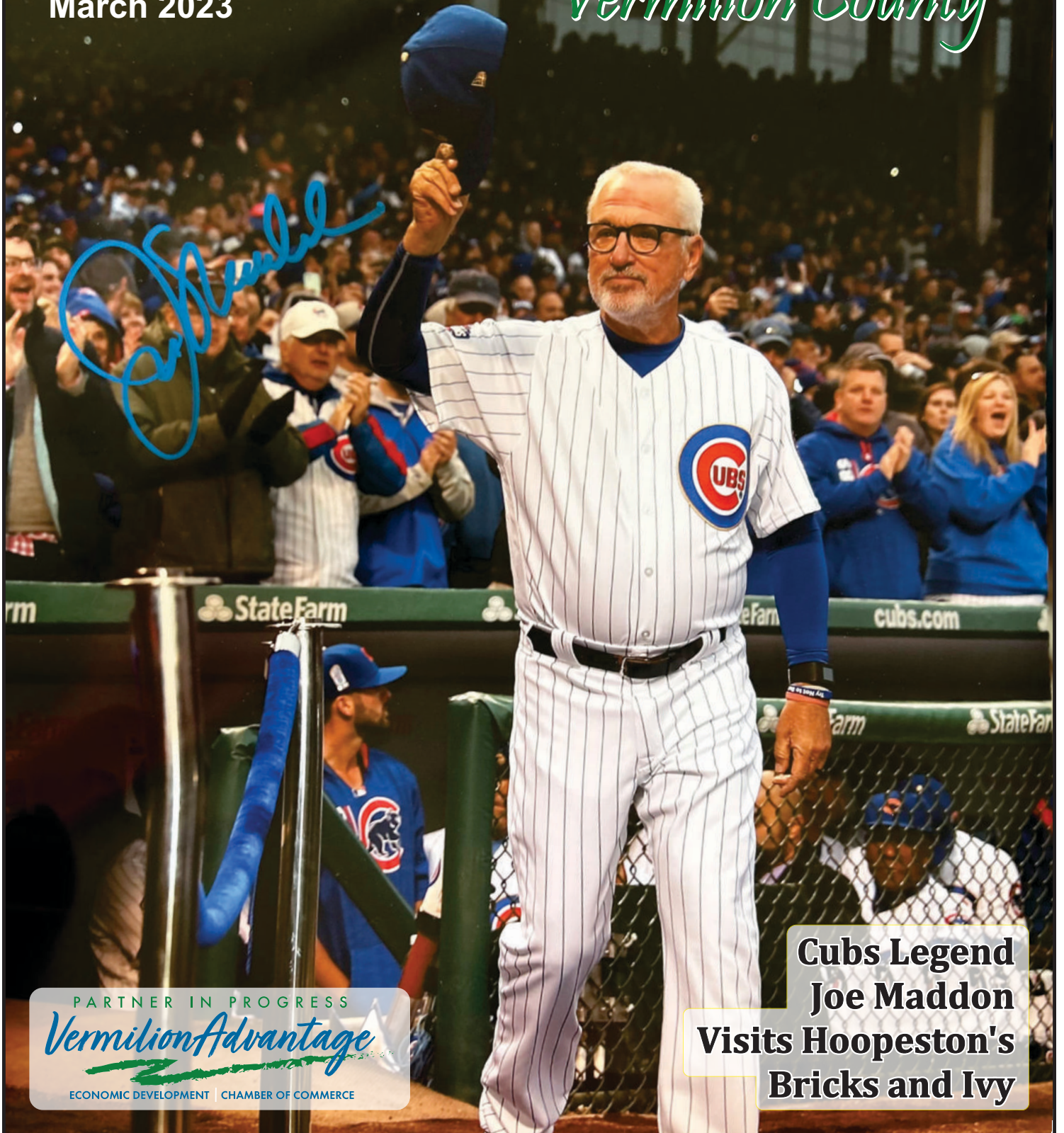


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Danville Area Community College Offers Graphic Design Program

Creative individuals now have a new career program option thanks to the team at Danville Area Community College (DACC). The Graphic Design program provides a unique pathway into a wide range of careers.

The Graphic Design program is housed in the Business Administrative Technology division, which offers both an AAS Degree and certificate options. Courses are offered in person and online to accommodate every student.

“Graphic design is a creative field with opportunities in many areas,” says Collin Wright, Graphic Design Instructor at DACC. “Graphic designers have a hand in almost everything you see, such as ads, logos, and even video games. Within the Business Administrative Technology program, students learn how to integrate graphic design with other aspects of business, leading to a more well-rounded understanding of business and marketing.”

Wright says graphic designers are, first and foremost, creative problem solvers. Many are artists, and some are tech wizards.



“A degree in Business Administrative Technology allows you to work just about anywhere,” he says. “Especially now with virtual options, you can assist companies from anywhere in the world! Graphic designers wear all kinds of hats. Job titles range from the standard 'Graphic Designer' all the way to 'Art Director.'”

Wright says students may need help understanding the full scope of what they'll gain in a graphic design course.

“You will design posters, but you will also design websites, t-shirts, logos, as well as learn the necessary ideas, theories, and software packages for good design,” he says.

Opportunities for graphic designers abound, especially if you are willing to work virtually. Pay ranges from \$19-\$24 per hour to start.

A DACC Graphic Design student was recently offered a scholarship for some of the design work he completed in class.

The DACC instructor is incredibly proud of his students who show up and create amazing designs. He says, “They are all given the same prompt and come up with unique solutions.”

To learn more about the Graphic Design program, visit dacc.edu or email Collin Wright at c.wright@dacc.edu.



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Meet Aaron Marcott, Danville's New Fire Chief

What are your duties/responsibilities?

The Fire Chief is the chief executive officer of the Fire Department and is responsible for directing the operations and managing the administrative business affairs of the City of Danville Fire Department. The position establishes current and long-range objectives, plans and policies/procedures subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council Members.

Major Responsibilities:

- Direct the daily operations of the Danville Fire Department and evaluate to ensure a high level of performance.
- Formulate business and administrative policies and procedures to project and recommend budget expenditures for the Danville Fire Department.
- Monitor deviations from the approved budget and initiate corrective actions to control costs.
- Develop and implement operational plans to ensure alternative courses of action which provide realistic operations for the Danville Fire Department consistent with budget considerations.
- Interact and coordinate with Danville Fire Department officers on the status of current programs and react to new developments within the officers' areas of operation.
- Assume responsibility for all purchases and approve invoices for payment.
- Coordinate development of personnel recruitment and promotional programs.
- Coordinate with sworn officers and develop the overall training programs.
- Attend meetings, conferences and seminars.
- Oversee the activities of the Danville Fire Department to ensure compliance with federal and state requirements.
- Maintain Communication with the



Mayor and City Council members to identify significant problems and developments to facilitate decision-making.

How long have you been the City of Danville Fire Chief? How long have you been a Danville Firefighter? I was installed as Fire Chief on November 30, 2022. I have been a member of the Danville Fire Department since November 18, 1998. (24 years)

What is a typical day like for you? I have been arriving to work around 6–6:30 am every business day. I usually try to write memos/letters, respond to emails, and review the calendar for the day's activities. 8:00 am, the work day begins. I hold a daily briefing with my Admin Assistant, Training Officer, Suppression Chief and Captain. (Department News and Review Plans for Day) 8:45 Review Budget 9:00 – 12:00 Work on Department Projects Since I am new to this position, I have

been drafting Rules and Regulations and reviewing the many plans we have to eventually update. The afternoons primarily include preparing reports, working on procedures, and learning the administration side of things such as budget software.

I have also been trying to meet with other department heads in the City to learn how our organizations work together and meet with other outside agencies that work closely with the fire department, such as Police, Communications and EMS. We have also been in the process of conducting a new hire list for the fire department and specking out two new fire apparatuses.

Business Day ends at 4:30 pm; I usually leave for home about 5:30–6 pm after clearing my inbox and cleaning up our office space.

1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, I attend a Police and Fire Board and/or City Council Meeting(s).

Tell us about the Fire Department.

Danville Fire Department has three staff positions (40 Hour). Fire Chief, Administrative Assistant and a Training Lieutenant (from the Ranks of Fire Suppression).

We are budgeted for 45 sworn Fire Suppression positions. Suppression works a 24-hour on-duty, 48-hour off-duty schedule. We are currently down five members from fire suppression.

Danville has three fire stations. Station #3 - Headquarters is located at 1111 N Griffin Street. Station #1 is at 301 W. Seminary Street. Station #2 is located at 2129 N. Vermilion Street.

How has overseeing the fire department changed over the last ten years?

Fire Departments are always evolving, new technologies affect how we handle emergencies, and there are always budget constraints vs. increasing costs to overcome while still trying the same or improving service delivery.

What one thing would you want to tell area residents related to the City Fire Department?

The number one asset they have from the Fire Department is its staff. These

people are some of the most experienced, best trained, best prepared and, more importantly, are willing to risk it all for them at any time.

Your Department is a "First Responder" for many situations in Danville. Please tell us a little about that.

The Danville Fire Department is an all-hazard response unit. We respond to Fires, Medical Emergencies, Natural/Man-Made Disasters, Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue Events, and just about any other thing you can think of. Most of our calls for service are Emergency Medical Calls accounting for approximately 65% of our responses.

What advice would you give local residents?

My best advice would be to follow the advice you were given as a child in school - keep a working smoke detector in your home, know two ways out, be vigilant in public spaces and aware of your surroundings, and remove yourself from potentially dangerous situations or areas.

What changes are on the horizon for the Danville Fire Department?

- Improved Community Relations/Increased Interactions
- Improved Training Delivery

- Bringing our Department to full staffing to ease the financial burden of overtime to the citizens and the physical/mental burden put on our firefighters.
- Fleet Improvements

How long have you lived in Vermilion County?

My family moved to Rossville from Watseka, Illinois, when I was in the sixth grade. I resided in Rossville until shortly after being hired by the Danville Fire Department in 1998, when we moved to Danville.

What do you feel are top priorities for the City related to the Fire Department?

- Health and Wellness of our Firefighters
- Improving our Service Delivery to the Citizens
- Reducing Overtime Expenses

What is one thing that might surprise people about you?

I really do not enjoy being in the public spotlight; I really enjoy hanging in the background.

Anything we haven't asked?

I want to thank the firefighters, the city leaders and the citizens for trusting me with such an awesome responsibility.

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That's What She Said Event Coming to Danville

Amanda Crose never imagined a trip to Evansville, Ind, for a women's leadership conference, would lead her to become the regional producing partner of the upcoming That's What She Said event at Danville's Fischer Theatre.

"I met Jenette Jurczyk, national director of the She Said Project, through the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana last fall," Crose said. "She was the keynote at the conference I attended with some other JLCU members.

"By the end of dinner that evening, we were making plans to bring That's What She Said to Danville. We're both ambitious and determined, so within a few weeks She Said Danville was born."

That's What She Said shows feature women talking about their

experiences, giving them a platform "to showcase women living boldly," according to the parent organization's website, shesaidproject.com

Crose, a certified life and leadership coach, now also owns She Said Danville which exists to produce That's What She Said locally.

The Danville event will feature eight local women sharing their stories on March 31 at The Fischer Theatre. It's being sponsored by Carle.

The lineup includes Tierra Brown, Hannah Landis, Ja'Naea Modest, Bonnie Newberry, Mary Catherine Roberson, Melissa Rome, Bricie Smith Troglia, Maria Sermersheim, and Crose as emcee.

"We have eight local women braving the stage to share their stories," Crose said. "These women are inspiring,

courageous, determined, wickedly smart, change-makers and so much more!"

Tickets for Danville's That's What She Said are available on the Fischer's website, atthefischer.com. Proceeds will benefit Crosspoint Human Service's Domestic Violence and Transitional Shelter programs.

The cost also includes entry to an after-party in the Fischer's Portia Club after the main event. It is sponsored by the U of I Community Credit Union.

The first That's What She Said was organized by three friends about 10 years ago in Champaign-Urbana. An additional event was added in Bloomington in 2019, and in 2022 events were added in St. Louis; Peoria; Allentown, Pa.; Faribault, Minn.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Charlotte, N.C.

The effort to provide a forum to help women share their stories and build community also has expanded to include a blog, podcast and virtual shows. A book, "That's What She Said,

TICKETS

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PRESENTED BY Carle

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7:30pm

FISCHER
Historic Fischer Theatre
158 N. Vermillion St

Proceeds will benefit:
Crosspoint Human Services

From the Stage to the Page, Volume 1," is available for pre-order on the group's website.

The She Said Project has also developed three-day intensive program called That's What Teens Say with the goal to empower teen girls and young women to share their stories and positively impact the world.

Cröse plans to produce That's What She Said in Danville each year. She's already putting together lists of charity partners, storytellers, and sponsors for future events. For information, contact Cröse at amanda@shesaidproject.com. Other information can be found at facebook.com/shesaidandville, and YouTube. The podcast can be heard at will.illinois.edu/shesaid



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Hayley Siefert Receives Keller Williams Top Award for Closed Transactions in 2022



We recently talked with Hayley Siefert, Broker with Keller Williams Realty, TREC, about a national award she recently received.

Tell us about your company. Keller Williams has over 185,000 agents in over 56 countries and is the largest real estate firm in the world. We have the triple crown - most agents, units, and volume. KW sells one in every five homes.

How long have you been a real estate agent? What has been the highlight so far? This is the start of my seventh year in real estate, and I

just completed my first year with KW. Last year was the highlight of my career. We had 306 transactions, with a volume of over 36 million dollars.

You just received an award. Tell us about it. The Siefert Team consists of my mom, Jennifer Orvis, and me as licensed agents. Mary Patt Thomas is our team admin. Jennifer and I closed 306 transactions in 2022, putting us #1 in the Mid-American Region and #1 in the entire company for closed transactions as a team.

How were you presented with the award? The award ceremony was held

in Anaheim, CA. I was invited to the award ceremony but had absolutely no idea why. I tried not to get too excited, but no one had ever been invited to this ceremony within The Real Estate Center of Illinois. Plus, most agents invited to this ceremony are from larger cities, where their average sales price is over \$1 million. I had my team leaders with me, Laurie Coward and Mike Elliot, and the operating principal, Scott Bechtel. Mark King, the President of Keller Williams, presented the award, and I was totally shocked and just overjoyed, because I knew how much blood, sweat, and tears went into last year.

What does the award mean to you personally? It was one of the best moments of my life. It makes every long/hard day worth it. To be recognized at that level coming from a small town, was just incredible. I have always tried to represent Danville to the best of my ability; this was the icing on the cake.

What local groups or organizations are you involved in currently? I am President of the Danville Rotary Club, Young Professionals Network, and the Executive Women's Club.

Why is it important to give back to the community? I have a two-year-old son. I want Danville, and Vermilion County, to be the absolute best place for my son and all our children to grow up. That's what it's all about.

What are you most proud of related to your work? I am proud of how many lives my mom and I get to touch. For many people, this is the biggest purchase of their life, and we want to help protect that. We really take pride in making sure that when our clients buy a home, it's the right fit for them. It's never about the sale; it's about the family you are going to put in that home and making sure it's best suited for them. With Keller Williams, I love that this is a large company, so in the KW culture, if we have families relocating, we can make sure that they are working with another agent that we know and trust.



L-R: Laurie Coward, Mike Elliot, Hayley Siefert, Scott Bechtel

Tell us about your family. Kyle Siefert and I have been married for almost three years, and we have a two-year-old son, Axel Siefert. We also have our two dogs, Shabba and Chief. Jennifer Orvis is married to Todd Orvis, a long-time teacher at DHS.

Anything we haven't asked? My mom had me when she was just 19 years old, and she put her life on hold for 18+ years to give me the best possible life I could imagine. She was a single mother, and I take great pride in what we have built. I truly believe it doesn't matter where you come from. It's about your work ethic. Everything

I have been able to accomplish is because of my mom, and I will never stop working to make her proud.

How can someone learn more about the Hayley Siefert/Keller Williams Realty, TREC? We have an amazing website that took a few months to build: siefertteam.com, facebook.com/hayleysiefert, hayleys@kw.com or call me anytime at 217-918-0087.



Hayley Siefert



Jennifer Orvis



Mary Patt Thomas

Cubs Legend Joe Maddon Visits Hoopeston's Bricks and Ivy



Parking was hard to come by in downtown Hoopeston on a recent Saturday. Bricks and Ivy Sports, a popular Hoopeston business, brought World Series champion Chicago Cubs baseball coach Joe Maddon to town for photos and autographs in their shop. The turnout was exceptional.

"We bring in people from all over the country for these signings," says Emily Brown, one of Bricks and Ivy Sports owners. "We have people that drive from South Carolina and Georgia - people come from hours and hours away. The Hoopeston restaurants and gas stations are crowded. Sarah at Hoopeston McDonald's always says, 'Let me know when you're having a signing so I can have extra people on shift.'"

"I feel like we're helping put Vermilion County on the map, at least for sports fans. It's our community, and we love it here."
Emily Brown



Bricks and Ivy Sports offers sports cards, memorabilia, gifts and apparel. In addition to Coach Maddon, the shop has hosted Jose Conseco from the Chicago White Sox, Ryne Sandberg from the Chicago Cubs, and Dennis Rodman from the Chicago Bulls.

Coach Maddon enjoyed the crowd and the community. "I'm from a small town in Pennsylvania, so I can relate to all this (happening in Hoopeston)," he said. "My best to everybody here."

Maddon visited Hoopeston while promoting his new book, *The Book of Joe: Trying Not to Suck at Baseball and Life*.

Sports fan Andy Ehrlich said the visit was priceless. "I've come to several things here at Bricks and Ivy, and this has been the longest wait," he said. "But so worth it. Joe is exactly who I thought he would be. You can tell he cares about the crowd."

Ehrlich is equally supportive of the Browns' store. "This is absolutely amazing," he said. "Here's a little gem off the beaten path in Hoopeston that gets all the sports people to visit Hoopeston. Look what it does for the downtown. This is great for Vermilion County!"

The family-owned-and-operated business is staffed by: son Nick, who works full-time, along with help from

son Ben, daughter Madie, son-in-law Matt, Bob and Emily.

Emily and her husband, Bob, have a clear vision for Bricks and Ivy and the family's other businesses - 112 Wine and Coffee Shop and the new Boxcar Books and Vinyl. "We just really want this community to grow," says Emily. "That is our number one goal. We want to bring things here that we enjoy as a family so that other families can enjoy them too. This is how we build our businesses. This our town, we love this community - we want everybody to!"

The longtime Cubs fan was thrilled with the February event. "We had Joe Maddon, the best manager of any kind of baseball team in the history of the world," she says with a smile. "He was so so good. And all the folks loved every moment of it. When we have VIPs come through, they take their picture first then they come back to get an autograph. Joe remembered people's names. He wanted to know about them. It was cool."

The community can expect more visits from successful athletes. The Browns' say they have a couple of offers out but haven't yet finalized the next visit.



For more information about Bricks and Ivy, visit:
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Beside Still Waters Offers Unique Yoga Experience

Amy Cunningham's story might sound familiar to many women. Experiencing stress in her career and the demands of raising a family, she began to suffer with chronic illness. Cunningham turned to exercise in an effort to stay healthy, but the pandemic changed everything for her.

"I had joined Planet Fitness just before COVID hit and was dedicated to getting into shape even though I HATE to work out," she said. "I was an athlete and loved sports and dance because it's fun, but aerobics and other exercises just seemed like work."

"After COVID shut everything down, I started learning yoga during private lessons with Alexis Bergan-Guzman and absolutely loved it! I never felt better, and she suggested I find a teacher training program."

Cunningham decided to follow her teacher's advice but was concerned about a potential conflict with her strong Christian faith. She discovered that Christian yoga teacher training was available and signed up.

She has since received her 200-hour certification as yoga instructor and will have her 500-hour Master's certification in July of this year.

She plans to pursue her 800/1000 certification at the only Internationally Certified Christian yoga therapy program in the world. Yoga therapy is the fastest growing area of holistic health and wellness and is great for treating chronic illness, mental health, and injury.

She is planning on completing that certification in 2024. She should also have her trauma sensitive certification by the end of this year.

She now owns Beside Still Waters Yoga, with classes at 11 a.m. Mondays at Second Church of Christ and at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at CrossRoads Christian Church. Her students range in age from 18 to 90. She also is available for private lessons, workshops, health coaching and wellness retreats. She is hosting a spring retreat in Winter Park, Colo. Information is available at besidestillwatersyoga.com.

"(I) found a new closeness with Christ in the process," she said. "Now so many Christians that always wanted to do yoga but felt self-conscious about it can take care of the holy temples that God gave us so we can live out His purpose in our lives!"

"I love seeing the transformation of these beautiful Christian women taking ownership of their own health and learning to get still before God every day in a whole new way!" Cunningham said she had more in mind than just physical health when she started teaching.

"I wanted to teach others how to get still before God so that they can hear His still, small voice and learn to find balance while centering on Him. I found that getting on my mat and focusing on Christ and meditating on scripture helped to quiet my high-speed ADHD mind so that I could hear from the Holy Spirit for the very first time."

Cunningham said the people of Vermilion County have supported her and go out of their way to help others.

"The demand for Christ-centered yoga is beyond anything that I could have imagined," she said. "Women are craving Christian options for their health."

Cunningham encourages anyone curious about the benefits of yoga to drop in one of her classes to give it a try. "Absolutely everyone is welcome and it's beginner friendly and restorative. You won't feel out of place because everyone is starting out and no one pays attention to what the other students are doing. It's just about progress, never perfection!"

For information about Beside Still Waters Yoga, email her at amy@cunninghaminc.net call or text her at 217-474-9184, visit her website at besidestillwatersyoga.com or see her Facebook and IG page @besidestillwatersyoga.



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Lima Bean Glassworks & Gifts: A Must-Visit Boutique in Downtown Danville

If you have yet to visit Lima Bean Glassworks & Gifts in downtown Danville, add the shop to your next outing.



The charming boutique offers gift and home décor with a creative mix of locally-sourced and internationally fair-traded artisan goods. They also provide a great selection of handmade jewelry, candles, tea towels, exquisite blown glass, upscale greeting cards and home décor.

The shop is located at 145 N. Vermilion St., Danville, IL and is owned by Susan and Steve Hayes.

The Hayes moved to Danville two years ago. "I grew up in Danville, and despite living in many places over the past several years, I regularly visited Danville," Susan says. "It's always been a special place to me. My family is here, and there's a lot of them."

The couple gives Danville's people, pace and green spaces especially high marks. "The community is full of loving, friendly, caring people, and we also appreciate the pace, the lack of traffic, Lake Vermilion, and our beautiful parks," says Susan. "Steve, who is British, says the Danville area has the friendliest people he's ever met, and he's lived all over the world. We also find the change of seasons refreshing. One huge thing we've

noticed is the people in this area are also very giving to a variety of causes."

Lima Bean Glassworks & Gifts brings a special touch to downtown. "We focus on small batch items, meaning merchandise not sold by Amazon or available through big box retailers," says Susan. "We try very hard to avoid mass-produced items imported from China. We have bright, colorful goods where there are not 20 of a kind. We don't buy from huge showrooms in the wholesale markets.

"Many folks point to our canine staff as a huge differentiator. Our shop is normally under the watchful eye of our big dog, Cooper, and 'the littles' Pearl and Daisy, long-haired miniature Dachshunds, who serve as our counter decor and doorbells." Susan adds that people visit the dogs, perhaps more than the humans in the store.

Whether you're looking for a \$10, \$20 or \$50 gift, Lima Bean has a broad selection you'll be proud to give. "You'll laugh out loud at our magnets, signs and tea towels. They're clever and tasteful and won't embarrass you in front of your grandma," she says."

Among the store's most popular items are blown glass, tea towels, fashion jewelry and beautiful greeting cards. They also sell a few Danville area items with a tagline that encapsulates the area for the couple - "Small Town, Big Heart."

Membership in Vermilion Advantage is important to the Hayes. "We feel Vermilion Advantage has a much better and broader lens on 'the big picture' than we as a small business have," says Susan. "Our focus is serving our customers to the best of our ability. The expertise and experience of the Vermilion Advantage staff enable them to strategically visualize, build and execute the plan needed to help Danville businesses and improve the Danville area. We believe the strength of our partnership gives our business its best opportunity to grow while making the community stronger."

To learn more about Lima Bean Glassworks & Gifts, stop by the shop, call 217-442-1785, or email limabeanglass@gmail.com. You can also find them on Facebook @ Lima Bean Glassworks & Gifts.



CRIS Healthy Aging Names Lisa Miller New Executive Director

Lisa Miller, a familiar face in the world of caring for seniors, has been selected as the new leader of CRIS Healthy Aging of Vermilion and Champaign Counties.

Miller brings a wealth of experience to her new position. "I came from a background of Healthcare Administration and am a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator in the state of Illinois," she says. "I began my career path at Liberty Village of Danville in June of 1999 as the marketing director, was promoted to village manager in 2003 and administrator in 2005. I was then promoted to regional director of operations in September 2018 and oversaw five retirement villages and the licensed administrators."

The mission of CRIS Healthy Aging is to provide services and activities to persons aged 60 and over that assist them in remaining healthy and active, thus avoiding early or unnecessary long-term care placement and maintaining their quality of life as they age in place.

As the Executive Director, Miller is responsible for overseeing the administration, programs and strategic plan of CRIS Healthy Aging and ensuring operations are effective and efficient. Other essential duties include fundraising, marketing, and community outreach.

She sees this new role in providing services to the senior population as the perfect fit for her. "I love working with the

senior population," she says. "It is natural for me because I grew up around seniors due to my grandparents helping my Dad raise me."

Miller is a native of Vermilion County and says it is her forever home. She's married to John Miller (retired Commander DPD) and has a 17-year-old son, Tyler, who attends Westville High School. Aside from spending time with her family and beloved dogs, she enjoys refinishing furniture and designing farmhouse décor.



CRIS Healthy Aging has two locations: 309 N. Franklin St., Danville, IL 61832 (217.443.2999) and 4116 Fieldstone Rd., Champaign, IL 61822 (217.355.1543). The organization's website is CRISHealthyAging.org. The organization can also be found on Facebook by searching "CRIS Healthy Aging Vermilion County" and "CRIS Healthy Aging of Champaign County."

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**Don and Deanna Witzel,
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announced Employees, Students
and Athletes of the Month**



February Employee of the Month:

Hometown Stars McDonald's.....	Sarah Dittmar
Classic Rock-n-Roll.....	Nico Martin
Oakwood.....	Mallorie Thomason
Georgetown.....	Christine Fernandez
Hoopeston.....	Krystal Hanners
Neighborhood McDonald's.....	Fernanda Gomez
Covington, IN.....	Brittany Spear

February Student/Athlete of the Month:

DHS Student of the Month.....	Audriana Alvarez
DHS Athlete of the Month.....	Jonathan Ireland
Schlarman Academy North Student of the Month.....	Lilli Perez
Schlarman Academy North Athlete of the Month.....	None
OHS Student of the Month.....	Cristian Esquinca
OHS Athlete of the Month.....	Addie Wright
GRFHS Student of the Month.....	Madison Digby
GRFHS Athlete of the Month.....	Bryleigh Collom
HAH School Student of the Month.....	Tobi West
HAH School Athlete of the Month.....	Preston VanDeVeer
Covington HS Student of the Month.....	Kavan Fye
Covington HS Athlete of the Month.....	Ty Smaltz

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