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We are so excited to announce that Vermilion Advantage has merged with the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce. We have found the citizens and businesses of Hoopeston to be nothing short of AMAZING!! We are looking forward to the continued partnerships. Congratulations to Valarie Hinkle on her retirement. We are thankful for the constant support she gave to Vermilion Advantage!



See you all soon!

Tim Dudley  
CEO, Vermilion Advantage

## ON THE COVER OFS LEADERSHIP TEAM

(From left to Right)

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Nursing Officer

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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.

# Carol Timms Joins Health Alliance as Community Liaison

Carol Timms is quick to explain why she chose her new position with Health Alliance. "I love to interact with community members to help them understand their coverage options, member benefits and services available from Health Alliance and service organizations throughout the community," she says. In her role, Timms covers 20 counties in Illinois and Indiana. Before her current position, she worked in the insurance industry and as an educational consultant.

As the community liaison, Timms hopes to help people understand health insurance, how to find the right plan and use all their benefits. "I want them to be confident and comfortable with their choices and fully utilize their benefits to improve and maintain their health," she says.

Timms is a member of the Champaign Rotary Club and will serve as President beginning July 1.

## About Health Alliance

For over 40 years, Health Alliance has created comprehensive insurance plans for individuals, families, employers and employees. The company also offers Medicare plans for eligible individuals. As part of Carle Health, Health Alliance brings together resources, technologies and knowledge from across the organization. "We also share efficiencies that better serve our patients and health plan members," says Health Alliance Community Liaison Carol Timms. "Our interconnectivity helps us focus on improving health at the community level. We go beyond providing care when it's needed; we help people stay healthy, avoiding future hospital stays.

Health Alliance is a four-time certified Great Place to Work® healthcare organization employing over 650 Illinois and Washington residents.

"Health Alliance's culture puts members first," says Timms. "I have seen that at every level, including the focus on customer service, improving the overall health of our members, and commitment to our communities."

## Fast Facts

- 85% of members stay with the company year after year.
- 96% of issues are resolved by Customer Service representatives on the first call.
- 84% of employer groups stay with Health Alliance from year to year.

## About Vermilion County

"Vermilion County is tenacious in leveraging resources and talents to improve the quality of life for all residents," she says. "Vermilion Advantage has been a major driver for these efforts. The Vermilion Advantage team has proven its value to the community and established itself as a trusted partner. Membership allows me to engage with organizations and individuals as part of that partnership."

To learn more about Health Alliance, visit [HealthAlliance.org](http://HealthAlliance.org) or connect with them on Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn. For general questions, call (800) 851-3379. For Medicare plan discovery, call (877) 634-3390 (TTY 711) or email [Outreach@HealthAlliance.org](mailto:Outreach@HealthAlliance.org). Timms can be reached at [Carol.Timms@HealthAlliance.org](mailto:Carol.Timms@HealthAlliance.org).



*"Health Alliance supports and hosts many community events. Find us at [HealthAlliance.org/Events](http://HealthAlliance.org/Events). In the 'All Content' field, select 'Community' for community-based efforts or 'Learning' if you are looking for one of the Prepare for Medicare events where we offer 'Medicare and Mimosas or Mocktails' and more!"* Carol Timms





l-r: Erin Gregory, Ashton Greer, Nicole Van Hyfte and Jodie Ingram

## New Faces Taking the Lead on Popular “I am, You are, We are.”

Jodie Ingram, Office Manager for Vermilion Advantage and Erin Gregory, Community Relations Professional Intern for the City of Danville, are the new faces heading up the area's “I am, You are, We are.” stories.

The “I am, You are, We are.” series of weekly stories spotlights outstanding area citizens. The project is a joint venture between the City of Danville and Vermilion Advantage.

The program started in October 2022. Alternate weeks feature stories about someone from Danville and Vermilion County.

The project was the brainchild of Nicole Van Hyfte, Director of the Chamber of Commerce for Vermilion Advantage and Ashton Greer, Community Relations Administrator for the City of Danville. When the two community advocates discovered a shared vision to communicate positive stories about the area's outstanding residents, the “I am, You are, We are.” series was born.

“The people in our county are the heartbeat of our community,” says Van Hyfte. “Celebrating stories today of the unsung heroes in our community creates a brighter tomorrow.”

Greer adds that “hearing about the goodness in others brings out our own goodness and reminds us that we have a choice

every day to be a positive or negative force.”

Ingram is excited about her new role. “I love meeting people and hearing their stories in general, so the fact that this is now part of my job just takes the cake!” she says. “This is a nice reminder that there is so much good in our community. So many wonderful citizens make up Vermilion County, and we can't wait to hear and share your stories!”

To date, over 70 individuals have been featured.

Over and over, community members mention the inspirational aspect of reading about good neighbors. “Seeing the stories on Facebook, the news, and the city website uplifts others and gives them a person to look up to who maybe has had similar lives or situations happen to them,” says Gregory. “The stories are important to Vermilion County because the world has so many negative things happening. It is comforting to see others being praised and thanked for what they have done for their community.”

Watch for the feature stories to appear on Tuesdays through Facebook, Instagram, The Commercial News, the City of Danville website [cityofdanville.org](http://cityofdanville.org), and other media sources. Readers are encouraged to share the posts on their social media to broaden the reach of the area's positive stories. Visit the Facebook page at [facebook.com/iamyourewearevc](https://facebook.com/iamyourewearevc).

To nominate someone who shares positivity in Vermilion County, complete the Google form at [forms.gle/deCPiQ1cxn1pDLhZ9](https://forms.gle/deCPiQ1cxn1pDLhZ9).

# Two Roads Wellness Clinic Offering New Services



Two Roads Wellness Clinic offers new services to serve the Vermilion County area better. The group now

includes a convenient care walk-in clinic, infrared sauna, health coaching and physical therapy.

“Many of these services are offered at other locations, and we want to provide the Vermilion County area with these same great offerings,” says Jessica Nemezc, LCPC, Chief Executive Officer. “We strive for a multi-faceted approach to living your best life. With many service options in one location, individuals can personalize their plan for a healthy lifestyle in a convenient and meaningful way.”

Two Roads Wellness Clinic is an integrative health clinic that treats the whole person (mind/body) and gets to the root cause of a client’s issue or struggle. They offer mental health and medication management, primary care, massage therapy, life/health coaching, and nutrition support services.

In Danville, they are located at 3545 N. Vermilion Street.

## Nemezc describes the new services.

*IV and Injection Therapy* - Immune support or weight loss options. Began on May 1.

*Infrared sauna* - Provides detoxification, improved circulation, and metabolism boost. Began on May 1.

*Health coaching*- A resource for finding success through accountability and strategizing with a partner. Many people know what we *should* be doing, but we struggle with *how* and finding consistency. A health coach helps you commit to healthy choices in a sustainable and enjoyable way. Begins June 5.

*Physical Therapy*: Movement experts help clients experience life. All ages can benefit from PT. Physical therapy may be a great option if you have nagging pain, stiffness, limited mobility or are considering surgery, steroid injections, or medication. Begins late summer/fall 2023.

Nemezc is proud of the Two Roads team of caring therapists. As an organization, they offer treatment and

specialties in PTSD, trauma, ADD/ADHD, depression, anxiety, divorce, and parenting issues. Therapeutic techniques include, but are not limited to, cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), EMDR (eye movement desensitization and reprocessing for trauma-related issues), person-centered therapy, play therapy/Theraplay, shame resilience therapy, Christian counseling by request, and more.

One of the unique services Two Roads offers is genetic testing to provide personalized recommendations about any health-related issue (weight loss, chronic pain). They can administer over 200+ DNA wellness reports. “This information, in combination with understanding your symptoms, can allow our nurse practitioners to provide a customized plan that is more likely to bring you your desired results because it is working with your genetic makeup,” adds Nemezc.

Two Roads Wellness Clinic opened in 2015 with a single location in Danville. Today, in addition to Danville, they have two locations in Champaign and one in Mahomet. They employ 60 staff members.

To learn more or schedule service with Two Roads Wellness Clinic, call (217) 651-6801, email [danville@tworoadswellnessclinic.com](mailto:danville@tworoadswellnessclinic.com), or visit [tworoadswellnessclinic.com](http://tworoadswellnessclinic.com). They can also be found on Facebook @Two Roads Wellness Clinic and Instagram @two.roads.wellness



*“Everything we do is to benefit the people we serve. Longer appointment times, various options with services. We also strive to care for our staff in a similar way- offering flexibility and a friendly work/life balance approach to work.”*

# Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce and Vermilion Advantage Join Forces as Hoopeston Chamber President Retires

Big changes are happening in the Hoopeston business community. Valarie Hinkle, Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce's President and a longtime community cheerleader, retired on May 17<sup>th</sup>. As Hinkle made plans to retire, a new partnership to continue Hoopeston's growth was born. The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce became a part of Vermilion Advantage, Vermilion County's economic development and chamber organization.

"Joining forces with Vermilion Advantage will be a great boost for our businesses," says Hinkle. "Vermilion Advantage has so much to offer Hoopeston and Vermilion County as new businesses continue to open."



Last Hurrah for The Hoopeston Chamber - May 16, 2023  
l-r: Abby Eberly, Diane Theesfeld, Beth Knecht, Katina Oppenorth, Valarie Hinkle, Chelse Rutledge, Vanessa From, Nicole Van Hyfte

Nicole Van Hyfte, Vermilion Advantage's Chamber Director and a Hoopeston resident, couldn't be more excited about the possibilities. "Valarie Hinkle and the Hoopeston Chamber have been incredible to work with, and the transition to Vermilion Advantage has gone very smooth," she says. Hoopeston was the only town in Vermilion County



Learn & Lead Academy – Business of the Year  
l-r: Katina Oppenorth, Diane Theesfeld, Valarie Hinkle, April Jones (owner/operator of Learn & Lead), Nicole Van Hyfte, Vanessa From, Chelsea Rutledge, Abby Eberly

with its own chamber. I live in Hoopeston, so it felt very natural. We are excited to serve Hoopeston businesses the same as we serve the rest of the county. We welcome those who have signed up with us and encourage those who have not to check us out at [vermilionadvantage.com](http://vermilionadvantage.com)."

## Retiring Community Leader

Hinkle has been involved with the Hoopeston Chamber for 13 years, most recently as President. "I joined the Chamber to do what I could to make a difference in the Hoopeston community," she says. "I wanted to work with city leaders to bring positive change. I loved all the wonderful people and new businesses I had the pleasure and privilege to meet and work with."

People may be surprised by the many businesses located in Hoopeston. Hinkle says what immediately comes to mind are the manufacturers - Silgan, Teasdale Foods and the area's newest, The Linzer Corporation, which was just awarded New Business Of The Year, along with the many new businesses that have opened in the last few years.

"We are also excited to have Tractor Supply opening soon," she adds.

Her final work as President involved the recent 2022 award presentations.

## Believing in the Community

Hinkle demonstrated her commitment to growth by first starting her own business in downtown Hoopeston to encourage more development.

"I'm seeing great people who love our community coming together," she says. "One example is the group that came together to keep our local swimming pool open, making it better every year for all ages to enjoy."

Hinkle's retirement plans will include more time with her husband, two daughters, stepdaughter, stepson, nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many special friends. She can also be found singing in the praise and worship group at New Beginnings in downtown Hoopeston. When she isn't in Hoopeston, she'll be boating, fishing and relaxing at the family's retirement home in Tiptonville, Tennessee.

*“Valarie Hinkle and the Hoopeston Chamber have been incredible to work with. We are excited to serve Hoopeston businesses the same as we serve the rest of the county. We welcome those who have signed up with us and encourage those who have not to check us out at [vermilionadvantage.com](http://vermilionadvantage.com).”* Nicole Van Hyfte

*“Nothing is more rewarding than being a part of making a difference for good.”*  
Valarie Hinkle



Mayra Paredes, Project Success - Some One You Should Know  
l-r: Abby Eberly, Chelsea Rutledge, Nicole Van Hyfte, Mayra, Valarie Hinkle, Katina Opgenorth, Vanessa From



Hoopeston Aquatic Coalition - The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce 2022 Community Service Award  
l-r: Nicole Van Hyfte, Katina Opgenorth, Kristy Kelnhofer, Kristi Hudson, Kim Burch, Valarie Hinkle, Margo Watson, Jeanette Andre', Vanessa From, Chelsea Rutledge



Project Success - Service Of The Year Award  
l-r: Chelsea Rutledge, Nicole Van Hyfte, Rachel Whiteman, Sadie Hofer, Valarie Hinkle, Abby Eberly, Kimberly David, Vanessa From, Katina Opgenorth



Linzer Corporation - New Business Of The Year

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# OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center continuing to change with the community

In the past 10 years, OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center has changed names, changed owners, changed leadership and found its home. “The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis have welcomed OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center into their rich history of Catholic health care and helped us to thrive in terms of providing quality health care to the patients of Vermilion County,” says Ned Hill, president, OSF Sacred Heart. “I have such great anticipation of how OSF Sacred Heart will continue to grow, enrich the lives of those we serve and become an exceptional place of employment for those seeking health care roles.”

## The benefits of a health care system

OSF HealthCare is an integrated health system owned and operated by The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, headquartered in Peoria, Illinois. OSF HealthCare employs nearly 24,000 Mission Partners in 150 locations, including 15 hospitals – ten acute care, five critical access – with 2,084 licensed beds, and two colleges of nursing throughout Illinois and Michigan. The OSF HealthCare physician network employs more than 1,500 primary care, specialist and advanced practice providers.

According to Hill, health systems across the country experienced one of the worst financial years in modern history in 2022. Costs escalated much faster than revenues, resulting in negative operating margins throughout the industry. Hospitals and health systems are now actively making the necessary adjustments, such as diversifying healthcare offerings or streamlining the services provided, to continue providing care in the communities they serve.

OSF HealthCare, through OSF Home Care Services, operates an extensive network of home health and hospice services. It also owns Pointcore, Inc., comprised of health care-related businesses; OSF HealthCare Foundation, the philanthropic arm for the organization; and OSF Ventures, which provides investment capital for promising health care innovation startups.



*Established in 1882, this hospital has been a faith-based healthcare provider. In February 2018, the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis renamed the hospital to OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center to honor the legacy of the original founding Sisters of St. Elizabeth Hospital.*

## OSF HealthCare serves more than 45,000 patients annually in Vermilion County

OSF Sacred Heart is a 174-bed comprehensive health care facility serving Vermilion County. It was established in 1882 in a 14-room former hotel by the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart. When the hospital became part of OSF HealthCare in February 2018, The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis renamed it OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center to honor the legacy of the original founding Sisters of St. Elizabeth Hospital.

## More about OSF HealthCare in Danville

OSF Sacred Heart has a full team of outpatient and medical office care doctors. “A couple of notable mentions include the growing pediatrics office and cancer center, as well as services offered by OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute in Danville,” says Mark Dobbertien, MD, vice president, chief medical officer, OSF Sacred Heart.

OSF Bobette Steely Hegeler Cancer Care Center is the only full-service cancer center in Vermilion County, offering cancer treatment with medical oncology and radiation oncology in one convenient location. The cancer center recently installed a new linear accelerator to improve the precision of cancer treatments.

In addition to full-service cancer care, OSF HealthCare offers Vermilion County options for cardiovascular care, primary care, urgent care, and more.

OSF HealthCare offers care at the local level that is designed to be supplemented by higher levels of care needed at other

locations. For example, OSF Sacred Heart can help coordinate care through the OSF HealthCare system with additional OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois pediatric specialists in Urbana or Peoria who may not be available in Vermilion County. The patient then has their care transferred back to their local pediatrics office for follow-ups.

### Technology is advancing medical care

"When I entered health care, some 20-plus years ago, charting was done on paper, records were all paper, lab printouts were hole punched and put in the chart," says Julie Welch, vice president, chief nursing officer, OSF Sacred Heart. "Entire rooms housed old records for patients. Now, our entire record can be viewed and shared via our computerized medical record systems. We also do a lot of health care online now – with telehealth visits for behavioral health or virtual urgent care. This allows our patients to choose the way they want to receive care. Technology has enabled health care to reach unimaginable levels that only have proven to benefit patient outcomes and overall care."

Jennifer Compton, vice president of Ancillary and Support Services at OSF Sacred Heart, says people may be surprised to learn about the hospital's faith background. "Since the hospital's inception, it has always been a faith-based organization," she says. "St. Elizabeth's Medical Center joined Lakeview Hospital to form United Samaritans Medical Center. Through other ventures, the name may have

changed; however, the faith that formed the organization has remained at the center of the type of care that is delivered. With God, all things are possible."

### Health care in Vermilion County

"When our friends and neighbors are feeling their very worst, they come to see us," says Hill. "It is a great honor and responsibility to help in this time of need! It makes us feel great when we receive cards or letters from recent guests sharing their experiences!"

OSF Sacred Heart employs more than 500 people, OSF Medical Group more than 100 and OSF OnCall Urgent Care locations provide employment to more than 20. OSF HealthCare always looks for great people to become Mission Partners (employees) in clinical and non-clinical roles. Information can be found at [osfcareers.org](http://osfcareers.org).

To learn more, visit [osfhealthcare.org](http://osfhealthcare.org). Or find them on Facebook @[osfsacredheart](https://www.facebook.com/osfsacredheart) or Instagram @[osfhealth](https://www.instagram.com/osfhealth).

*"I feel very fortunate to work for an organization that truly lives the mission it preaches. Many organizations across the country have a passionate mission statement on the wall, but their actions don't always live up to the statement. OSF provides caring, compassionate care to everyone." Ned Hill*



**OSF OnCall Urgent Care facilities offer in-person urgent care in Danville with two locations, at 3653 N Vermilion St and at 1 N Logan Ave (shown here) every day, including holidays 8 a.m.-8 p.m. You can also start a virtual visit at any time online at [osfoncall.org](http://osfoncall.org) and if you need to be seen in person, the virtual visit fee will be waived.**

# Arts in the Park is Set for June 24 & 25 in Danville's Historic Lincoln Park



Photo by Deb Edwards



Photo by Deb Edwards

Mark your calendar for one of Danville's favorite annual events. Arts in the Park is scheduled for June 24 and 25 in Lincoln Park.

The popular event was established in 1989.

This year's event includes:

- \*Artist Booths
- \*Performing Arts on Stage
- \*Danville Art League Art Show
- \*Art on Wheels Car Show
- \*Children's Art Experience Tent
- \*Sidewalk Chalk Contest
- \*Community Paint Party
- \*Food Vendors (and much more)

One of the event's highlights is the juried art show, meaning that before artists can have a booth at Arts in the Park, they complete an application and provide photos for approval. Artists will be judged in one of four categories: 2-D Art, 3-D Art, Fine Arts & Crafts, and Jewelry.

Returning artists include Cottontail Tie Dye, Cowdog Strong, Rick Decorie Photography, Buckeye Bead Company, Country Classic Oils, Suzanne Fideli-Krongold, Glass Again, Earth Drops, EB Bead and Metal Works, Dan Moore, Silver Feather Stained Glass Studio,

Cindi Norton Art, Lilipots, Sussen Wood Crafts, and Classy Glass, Decatur, IL." There will also be new artists this year.

Stage performances will include local dance groups and theatre groups, in addition to many varieties of music from barbershop to gospel to big band.

Performing Artists on the Main Stage: Laurel School of Dance, Danville Barbershop Chorus, Red Mask Players Children's Performers, Wabash Valley Area Band, Premiere Dance Academy,

Danville Gospel Choir, Broadway Bound, Doc Ashton & the Root Canals, Jodi's Dance Academy, Sweet Adeline's, DLO Musical Theatre, Landon Frazier and more.

"The Car Show and the Children's Area are annual favorites, says Shannon Schroeder, Arts in the Park Board President. "And the Community Paint Party is a new Sunday event we added this year. We can provide the area with this festival each year through the generosity of our sponsors and volunteers. And we would still love more of both!"

To learn more about sponsorships, volunteering or the event schedule, visit [danvilleilaitp.org](http://danvilleilaitp.org), find the event on Facebook @AITP Danville or contact an Arts in the Park Board Member.



Photo by Deb Edwards

To sponsor, volunteer or learn more, visit [Danvilleilaitp.org](http://Danvilleilaitp.org)

# Summer in the City: A New Branding and Backyard Tourism Campaign in Danville and Vermilion County

Things are heating up in Danville and Vermilion County this summer. Summer in the City, a new branding campaign, highlights all the community has to offer to draw residents and out-of-town visitors to the area's summer events and venues.



What was once a concert series at Temple Plaza in Danville, known as Summer Sounds, has evolved into a branding campaign and "Backyard Tourism" movement known as Summer in the City - Danville. "Summer in the City proposes to promote EVERYTHING there is to do between Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day Weekend in Vermilion County, with the concerts as just one piece of a bigger picture," says Peter Blackmon, one of the principals at Portal Entertainment Group, owner of Vermilion River Beer Company (VRBC) and the unofficial chair of Summer in the City.

Summer in the City is a joint project including Blackmon, Portal Entertainment Group, First Fridays in Danville, Danville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Fischer Theatre, Danville Public Library and Vermilion Advantage.

The campaign is designed to be a part of something more significant in the community. "There are so many wonderful community events happening during the summer," he says. "The Fischer Theatre is coming alive more and more with each season. The Danville Public Library is constantly changing and growing in the big and small events they offer. The Danville Dans are a staple of our City. First Fridays have exploded. The AMBUCS celebrate their successful concert series at Turtle Run. There is Arts in the Park and Balloons Over Vermilion. And that is just the tip of the iceberg."

To that end, organizers are taking 10% of all sponsor revenues and dedicating them to advertising all events, not just the concerts at Temple Plaza. "What we're taking on is two-fold, a focused concert series and a city-wide branding campaign. It's nuts if you really think about it," says Blackmon, with his trademark humor.

Downtown Danville, Inc. launched Summer Sounds in 1997. Over the years, Blackmon has been involved in keeping the series going. "In recent years, I brought my partners at Portal Entertainment Group (Guido Esteves, Tom Grassman and Jeff Markland) to the table. And they bring a lot," says Blackmon. Portal Entertainment started in 2017 and works mainly in Vermilion and Champaign counties. The four industry friends

work together to fulfill various entertainment needs for venues, events, festivals, etc. They also assumed the First Gig Rock N Roll Camp for Kids, which Blackmon started while at the David S. Palmer Arena in 2012.

Every Friday of the series, Summer in the City will partner with a different charity to help run the bar for tips. The event has sponsorship opportunities to fit different budgets.

"We want small businesses represented as well as our larger employers," says Blackmon. A minimal number of vendor opportunities are also available.

To learn more about Summer in the City, or to volunteer or sponsor, contact Peter Blackmon at 217-260-4548

## Summer Concert Series at Temple Plaza in downtown Danville

- May 26: VRBC Concert Series: Candy Foster
- June 2: First Fridays: Sports and Brews
- June 9: VRBC Concert Series: Milligan
- June 16: VRBC Concert Series: The Hangovers
- June 23: VRBC Concert Series: The Big Lagniappe
- June 30: VRBC Concert Series: Trasch
- July 7: First Fridays: Mid-Summer Luau
- July 14: VRBC Concert Series: Sammy & The Coaltraine
- July 21: VRBC Concert Series: Red Pop Fury
- July 28: VRBC Concert Series: First Gig Rock N Roll Camp Instructor Jam
- August 4: First Fridays: Back to School Bash
- August 11: VRBC Concert Series: 90s Daughter
- August 18: VRBC Concert Series: Big Guns
- August 25: VRBC Concert Series: Memphis Jones
- September 1: First Fridays: Artisan Table & Market



*"Summer in the City isn't one person or business driving the train. It's a group of people and organizations attempting to show unity and a sense of pride in our community's many wonderful activities. We are encouraging ALL organizations and events to claim a piece of that under the Summer in the City - Danville flag."*  
Peter Blackmon

# Jessica Marcinko Named Innovation Specialist at VA Illiana Health Care System



Illinois and west-central Indiana. Locations include the Danville VA Medical Center and five outpatient clinics in Bloomington, Decatur, Mattoon, Peoria, and Springfield, Illinois. In 2022, VA Illiana served over 29,000 veterans. The VA Illiana is one of the leading healthcare systems serving Veterans in the VA Great Lakes Network. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is the largest integrated healthcare system in the United States. VHA provides our nation's heroes with physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual care.

Illiana's mission is centered on the Veterans and their families," she says. "Everything I do as an Innovation Specialist is to improve the Veteran and staff experience."

People may be surprised to learn about The Greenhouse Project, where the VA collaborates with the private sector, nonprofit, and academic organizations who want staff and Veteran feedback on their early-stage innovations. Additionally, as an innovative organization, the team celebrates success and finds opportunity in failure. "This means we don't give up, but rather we go back to the drawing board and try again," she says. "In my role, I hope to create a safe space for staff to innovate and try new things, ultimately improving care for the Veterans."

Like many others, Marcinko appreciates what the area has to offer. "Vermilion County has great outdoor areas like the parks and hiking trails," she says. "I am impressed by the improvements already made to downtown Danville and am excited for more to come!"

To learn more about the VA Illiana Health Care System, visit [va.gov/illiana-health-care/](https://va.gov/illiana-health-care/).

The Veterans Administration Illiana Health Care System chose Jessica Marcinko to fill its new Innovation Specialist Position. She's worked at VA Illiana at the Danville Medical Center for 15 years.

The Innovation Specialist position resulted from the facility joining the Innovator's Network (iNET) in fiscal year 23. In her new role, Marcinko is responsible for implementing facility-wide innovation programs, moving the VA towards becoming a more creative and innovative organization. "What that looks like in the day-to-day is that I provide tools and resources for staff to solve problems in a creative way," she says.

Marcinko was born in Danville and raised in Covington, IN. She was a military spouse, and "coming home to serve Veterans is a dream come true," she says. "I love coming to work at the VA and hope more people will join our team of dedicated staff."

"When I took the Innovation Specialist job, I was halfway through my career at VA Illiana and decided I wanted to spend the rest of my time empowering front-line staff to solve the challenges they face in their day-to-day work. Creating a safe space for staff to spread their wings relieves employee burnout and improves retention."

The people are what make the VA special, according to Marcinko. "VA



*"There is nothing more rewarding than serving America's Veterans and their families."* Jessica Marcinko



The VA Illiana Health Care System provides services at six locations serving a 34-county area of central



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**11:30AM-1:00PM**

**June 14, 2023**  
**Annual Cookout**  
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322 E Liberty Lane, Danville

**July 2023**  
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### **May Student/Athlete of the Month:**

DHS Student of the Month.....	Mirabella Biage
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