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While it is true that we face economic challenges here in Vermilion County, these challenges aren't exclusive to our area. Many communities throughout the rust belt have gone through significant disruptive changes over the last 50 plus years as the post WWII industrial economy has gone through seismic changes. Of those communities, there are many great success stories of places that have worked hard to reinvent themselves and create new opportunities rooted in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy.

Vermilion County has some specific traits. Our County is home to a very hard-working resilient group of people who never fail to rally around a worthwhile effort. We've taken our hits over the years and stayed standing and in the fight. Although sometimes we don't see it, or give ourselves credit for it, that successful but lengthy process of economic reinvention has been in process for several decades here. That means, the time is right for some great success, built on the hard work of many devoted individuals over the years and decades. It is time for Vermilion County.

Our task is to put ourselves in a position to win economically. We must put the building blocks in place to first and foremost support our current employers and then be in a position to attract new business. We must aggressively market ourselves and what our County has to offer. We must send the message that this is a great place to visit, to work, and to live. In doing so, we can bring people and resources into our community, help solve the workforce issue, and tell the entire world that Vermilion County is open for business and that we want you here.

Mike Marron  
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Vermilion Advantage, through membership value, provides strategic leadership on critical large and small business issues - leading economic and workforce development, anticipating and responding to members' needs, addressing quality of life issues and providing a network of information and business contacts. Vermilion Advantage works regionally to bring opportunities to Danville and Vermilion County.

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

# First Fridays Events Draw Visitors and Residents to Downtown Danville



We recently asked Rheanna Ollis, Community Relations Coordinator for the City of Danville to tell us more about what is happening with events in downtown Danville. The dynamo is a part of the team coordinating the eclectic mix of First Fridays events.

**Explain First Fridays.** The City of Danville's First Fridays events began in 2019 and have flourished in our community thanks to thanks to the creative vision of the Mayor, the tenacity of Ashton Greer, Community Relations Administrator, and the constant support of the community relations team. On the first Friday of the month, the City of Danville plans an entertaining event for the community that brings people together to the heart of the city – the Downtown Danville District. These events are free or low-cost so that everyone can attend. We created these events to bring hundreds to thousands of people together every month to experience Danville's charm, history, and culture. These events support local businesses, create positive experiences, and enhance the culture of our city. The Community Relations Team is driven to help create memories in the heart of Danville.

**About how many people attend?** In a recent study by Studio gwa, we can see that visits to Downtown Danville peak every first Friday. They actually nearly double! In a recent survey, the question was asked, "What is special about Downtown Danville?" The top answer: "Community events such as First Fridays that welcome and bring people together." First Fridays are making a HUGE impact!

**Any hints about what we'll see in 2024?** First Fridays are experiencing a change in 2024! We have three new events planned that we hope the community will love just as much as we do! *Spring Bingo* in April, *Downtown Carnival* in July, and *Taste and Style of Danville* in August. These events are either a twist on last year or brand-new ideas altogether. We do this to be inclusive and keep our community coming back!

**What were some of your favorite events?** I love *Fire and Ice*. It is family-friendly, there are so many activities, and we do not have to be outside all day setting up! As for 2024, *Sports and Brews*, I think, will be a huge hit. I have some tricks up my sleeve that will be a fun surprise for all our adrenaline seekers! I know that our community loves *Danville's Got Talent*. It is a fantastic event to showcase all our amazing talent here in Danville. Not to mention it takes place at the beautiful Fischer Theatre! The other big hit we hear about all year around is *The Artisan Table and Market*. It is a calm evening downtown, with food served to you as well as a handful of vendors. It is an excellent opportunity to have a nice dinner and shop without ever having to leave the downtown area!

**What do you love about First Fridays?** I am most proud that we can help build our community. These events unite a diverse group of people who come to have fun and help support the downtown businesses. My heart grows when I look at the First Friday events and see children and adults making memories that will last a lifetime.

**What might surprise people about First Fridays?** They are not paid for by taxpayer dollars—corporate sponsorships, vendor fees and event revenue pay for First Fridays. How willing our community is to help us in our mission always amazes me. We are truly grateful.

**How can businesses and individuals join the fun?** First Fridays' Sponsorships are available for 2024. For more information on sponsoring the whole event series or a specific activity at an event, contact Ashton Greer, Community Relations Administrator, at 217-431-2317. We also offer volunteer opportunities year-round! The opportunities available change from event to event, but they are always fun. Volunteers are necessary for these events and to help us unite the community.

**Anything you'd like to add?** First Fridays are open to everyone; the more, the merrier! Check out our social media - on Facebook and Instagram @FirstFridaysDanville. Or visit our website [firstfridaysdanville.com](http://firstfridaysdanville.com).

To get plugged in as a volunteer or if anyone has questions, they can contact Rheanna Ollis at 217-431-2879 or [Rollis@cityofdanville.org](mailto:Rollis@cityofdanville.org).

# Depke Weldstar: A Longtime Community Leader

Vermilion County is home to a strong base of longtime community businesses serving customers worldwide. Depke Weldstar is one of our area's best examples.

Depke Weldstar is a leading producer and distributor of industrial, medical and laboratory gases and welding machines and equipment. The company recently added hand-held laser welders to the mix. Depke Weldstar supplies manufacturing companies, fabricators, farmers, contractors, hospitals, clinics, and hobbyists. They also sell PPE/safety supplies and some industrial supplies.

The business has been located at 628 E. Williams St. Danville for over 80 years and has operated in Vermilion County for 95 years.

About six years ago, Depke Gases & Welding Supplies joined forces with Weldstar, based in Aurora, Illinois. "The owners had been friends of mine for over 20 years, and in this ever-



Conrad Powell, in the Urbana plant, filling medical oxygen tanks.

adapt and plow forward. "Vermilion County is my home, and I am blessed to be supported by the business community here."

The range of how Depke products touch the world is unique. If you have been amazed by the LED canopy on Fremont Street

competitive world, we decided to merge the companies," says Curt Towne, one of the Depke Weldstar's owners. "I now have three partners who are like brothers to me, and we own the company together. In our first six years, we have added three new locations, built a new high-end laboratory gas fill plant and added bulk gas tankers to our offering."

The team believes their differentiating factor is technical know-how and a genuine desire to do what's right for our customers. "We want to provide the best information and solutions," says Towne. "We strive to be easy to do business with."

The resilience of the Vermilion County business community continues to amaze the longtime business owner. Like many communities throughout the Midwest, he says the last 30 years have been tough on Danville, but the companies here continue to

in Las Vegas, it is welding wire from Depke holding the structure together. If you recycle steel in the area, Depke gases are used to cut it down for processing at the mills. If you have sipped a soda at the new casino or a Green River from Custard Cup, the fizz came from Depke CO2. Other surprising Depke product locations include oxygen in local hospitals, helium for balloons at local florists and grocery stores, and welding gases at military locations around the world.

Depke Weldstar has supported several organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club, OSF Hospital Foundation, United Way, Balloons Over Vermilion, and Vermilion Healthcare Foundation.

"I believe having a group of professionals working through Vermilion Advantage to bring new companies to Danville is critical to our growth as well as our community's," he adds. "Mike Marron will be a great salesman and cultivator for Vermilion County."

To learn more about Depke Weldstar, call 217-446-8814, email [info@depke.com](mailto:info@depke.com), or visit [Weldstar.com](http://Weldstar.com). They can also be found on Facebook @Weldstar & Depke Gases & Welding Supplies.



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# Downtown Danville Inc.: Helping Downtown Thrive



While most people are familiar with the exciting events and charming small businesses in downtown

Danville, many would be surprised by all the work happening behind the scenes. Downtown Danville, Inc. (DDI) is quietly working on a long-term strategy for this growing area. While the board is working on visibility and current concerns for downtown, they are acutely attuned to making plans for the long term.

“In addition to being a source of financial support through our grant program, Downtown Danville Inc. is well positioned to advocate for the small business owners in the downtown district,” says Annie Monyok, Executive Director of DDI. “Our role is to serve as a source that can advocate on behalf of the business community in downtown Danville.”

Monyok hopes to help Downtown Danville Inc. get to a place of financial security to be better positioned to fund larger grants for downtown businesses. She also hopes to strengthen the community partnerships Downtown Danville Inc. has established to support the continued development of the business community in the Special Services Area.

Her goals include working herself out of a job. “My major goal is to position DDI so we can afford a full-time

Executive Director,” she says. “The downtown community deserves full-time representation that can work alongside city officials and other stakeholders to bring thriving businesses to our community. It's essential that as the downtown community grows, DDI becomes a resource for business development. In addition to the wealth of information that DDI could provide business owners, we want to continue to grow and serve our membership through funding targeted grants, advocating for city ordinances that advance the business climate, and bringing events that draw locals and visitors to Downtown Danville.

Monyok, the founder of Monyok Leadership, a boutique coaching and consulting firm, came to her part-time role at DDI in an unusual way. “I had the opportunity to work with the DDI board when they were determining the organization's strategic direction,” she says. “As a part of that process, the Board of Directors decided to hire a part-time director. As a small business owner and believer in our community, I felt I could better support DDI from the inside, so I applied for the role. I believe in our mission to drive

sustainable growth in the heart of our city by championing downtown businesses, funding targeted grants, creating opportunities for collaboration, and implementing initiatives that enhance the appeal and economic prosperity of the vibrant Downtown Danville community.”

The community leader started her career in manufacturing, working for thyssenkrupp Dynamic Components. She left thyssenkrupp in 2021 when she took Monyok Leadership full-time. Since then, she and her team have been

working with small to medium-sized businesses on their organizations' strategy, sustainability, and development.

“I find it most rewarding to work alongside the business owners and our community partners at the City, Vermilion Advantage, the Visitor's Bureau, and the Small Business Development Center at DACC to bring well-deserved attention to the small businesses in our downtown,” she says.

For more information about DDI, visit [downtowndanville.org](http://downtowndanville.org).



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# Mike Hulvey Named Head of Radio Broadcast Industry's National Trade Association

fit for the role. "After discussions with family, friends, and trusted radio advisors, it became clear that my passion, experience, and leadership approach would align very well with the challenges ahead for the radio industry, so I engaged as one of many candidates," he says. "Once the selection was made, I instantly accepted the role."

The RAB currently has over 7000 members representing radio stations, networks, state associations, industry vendors, educational partners and individuals.

Hulvey's work with the Neuhoff family began when Geoff Neuhoff purchased the Danville radio stations in 1990. When Geoff passed away in 2012, his wife Beth stepped in and built upon the foundation started by Geoff and the team. "It's been a personal honor to continue that work with our award-winning team," says Hulvey.

Hulvey's Vermilion County roots run deep. His father, Ted Hulvey, served as Superintendent of Schools for Oakwood Unit 76. He married a Rossville native, Julie (Zorns) Ingram, in 1998. She retired from Dillman Eye Care after 33 years of caring for patients while working for the late Dr. David Dillman. The couple's blended family of two girls (Marissa and Macey) and two boys (Blake and Evan) were all born in Vermilion County.

"Several people have asked if we are moving to New York City or Dallas, where the RAB has offices," he says. "The answer is we will be where we need to be to advance the radio business, but we will live in the Midwest. We have lived in the same Danville house for over 20 years and

invested in a second home in Indianapolis during the pandemic. In short, we will use the best of both worlds in our new adventure.

Steve Wexler has accepted the role of interim CEO for Neuhoff Media. "Wex," as he is known to all outside his family, began work in January. He has a long history in the radio business, starting when he was 17 at legendary Milwaukee station WTMJ-AM. While Steve accepted this role on an interim basis, he is committed to working with our team while the Neuhoff family finalizes their long-term plans.

"Wex has run some of the country's best radio stations," says Hulvey. "He loves what we are doing in Vermilion County and has already approached his new role as a coach and advisor for our team. In the first week of the introduction, Wex had coaching notes for some of our on-air team and ideas to help open business for local client partners. I love that he is bringing his unique skills. That is a perfect situation."

*"We love the people, the history, the spirit and the idea that if you are from Vermilion County, you can do anything!" adds Hulvey. "There are no limits to what is possible. The opportunity to lead the RAB is another example of big things that can happen from small places. I love the message it sends to our young people who grow up here: it's okay to dream big dreams because those big dreams have come true from Vermilion County." Mike Hulvey*

# RAB<sup>®</sup>

In April, Mike Hulvey, President/CEO of Neuhoff Media, begins his next leadership journey as President/CEO of the National Trade Association for the Radio Broadcast Industry, RAB. This follows 34 years of working with the Neuhoff family in all capacities, from the most basic functions to President/CEO. "My 'on air' light illuminated for the first time at eight years old while attending a high school basketball game," he says. "I saw my first radio broadcast and instantly fell in love with the idea of being on the radio. It wasn't until I was 14 that I began contributing to actual radio stations, something I haven't stopped doing for over 45 years.

The new RAB role is one that the local leader believes chose him as much as he chose the role. Hulvey will succeed current president Erica Farber, a legend in the radio industry. Mike served as past chair of the RAB Board from 2020 to 2022 and, as part of those duties, laid out the timeline to hire the industry's next leader as Erica steps away. The board embarked on a rigorous process to find the right

# MPower Counseling Opens on Main Street in Danville

Mickensy Ellis-White, Counselor/Owner of MPower Counseling, is proud that her clients find her informal and down-to-earth. "I strive to be the type of counselor I would want to talk to," she says.



MPower Counseling offers mental health counseling and yoga.

The business is located at 1300 E Main St, Danville, IL 61832

As a counselor, Ellis-White specializes in trauma and addiction. She takes clients who are teenagers and adults.

Her primary goal is to promote overall mental wellness through in-person and online counseling sessions, encouraging mental health victims to reach out. "I utilize my comprehensive knowledge, attention to detail, compassion, and excellent interpersonal skills to help you deal with a wide variety of mental and behavioral disorders, ranging from anxiety, depression, obsession, and post-traumatic stress to substance abuse, gambling, internet addiction, and a lot more," she says. "In addition to that, I

also provide career counseling, parent counseling, and all kinds of family counseling."

Her dynamic range of services includes but is not limited to:

- SAP evaluations (substance abuse professional)
- Individual group and family counseling (all kinds)
- Working with veteran and military population
- Counseling with children
- Yoga services with counseling
- Online and in-person counseling

Ellis-White says she is most proud of the progress her clients make. She offers a word of advice to anyone considering counseling. "I think it is important that they are invested in making the changes they want to see in their lives and believe they deserve it," she says.

The Vermilion County native chose her field of work because she personally experienced the impact of counseling and yoga. "They have made a tremendous difference in my life," she adds.

People may be surprised to learn the local counselor is also a veteran. "I support local veteran services and organizations," she says. "I have a contract with the Wounded Warrior Project so that I can offer 12 free counseling sessions through their organization."

To learn more about MPower Counseling, call (765) 893-1790 or visit [mpowercounselingllc.com](http://mpowercounselingllc.com).



*"I support local veteran services and organizations. I have a contract with the Wounded Warrior Project so that I can offer 12 free counseling sessions through their organization."* Mickensy Ellis-White



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# Welcome Mike Marron, CEO/President of Vermilion Advantage

Mike Marron continues to lead the area, now in a new way. He recently accepted the CEO/President position of Vermilion Advantage. He left his position as the State Representative for the 104<sup>th</sup> Illinois House District.

We talked with him about where he's been, what he's up to now, and his plans for the future.

**Tell us about your background in economic development.** My background comes largely from the government sector. I have been on the Vermilion Advantage Executive Committee for the last nine years. In both my roles in government, as State Representative and previously as County Board Chairman, we played a role in economic development. I worked on policies and legislation to

keep and retain business, for example, the gaming bill that brought the casino to Danville. Also, as an elected official, you are always one of the faces of the community and play an important role in marketing your district for potential businesses.

**Why did you choose your new role?** I have been involved with Vermilion Advantage for several years and genuinely believe in the organization's mission. I can't think of a better role than leading this organization. It is a wonderful opportunity to continue my public service outside of government and work on changing our county's economic dynamic.

**What do you see as one of the organization's significant benefits to our county?** Vermilion Advantage is the one organization that really has the opportunity to positively change our county by strengthening our current businesses and bringing new companies and employers to our area.

**How long have you lived here?** I have lived in Vermilion County my entire 47-year life except when I went away to college from August of 1995 to December of 1999.

**Tell us about your ties to the area.** I am a fifth-generation farmer whose family originally settled in Vermilion County over 150 years ago. Our family has lived on the Marron Farm since the 1860s. My Mom's family, the Camps and Gilbreaths, came from the Westville area. One branch of her family, the Brooks family, was among the first settlers in our area.

**Why did you choose your career path?** Public service has always interested me, and I caught the political bug about 15 years ago. Public service is a noble endeavor when it is done for the right reasons. After over a decade of being involved politically, I wanted to move on to something else. Vermilion Advantage was a great opportunity for me to continue my public service in a more impactful way.



Brandy, Ainsley and Mike Marron



**How does this kind of public service work impact residents?** People love it when good economic development happens, and we bring good jobs and opportunities to our county.

**What would surprise people most?** I don't think people fully know about the extensive efforts it takes for economic development or successful policy implementation. Both, if successful, are long-term endeavors. The groundwork we lay today for business development is what will allow us to be successful years or even decades in the future. Policy implementation is very similar. Good, helpful, and meaningful legislation usually takes years from its concept stage to become a reality.

What would surprise the public the most about Vermilion Advantage is how much the people at Vermilion Advantage, whether the individual staff members or the members of the Board of Directors, are personally invested in the community's success. The people at Vermilion Advantage are there truly because they are invested in improving our community. That is what makes it such a strong organization and why our potential for success is so great.

**Tell us how you got interested in public service.** My Mom took me out of school in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We went to Springfield to watch the General Assembly. In the afternoon, we visited a farm where President Reagan was giving a speech. I don't remember exactly where it was or the date, but I will never forget the President pulling up in the limousine with American flags flying off

the back corners. I was hooked on politics after that. In 2009, I finally decided to get involved, and I ran for Township Supervisor and was elected.

**What are your plans for the new position?** In my current role, I hope to put Vermilion County in a prime position to land the "Big Fish" employer. We must strengthen our area for our existing manufacturing base and small businesses and make ourselves competitive to bring in more large-scale companies.

My goals for the next three years are for Vermilion Advantage to lead the way in making Vermilion County a place where people want to visit, work, and live.

**Are there any unique stories you can share about your experience in economic development?** The most memorable story was when I happened to be the legislator who took the yes vote for the Danville casino. While I wish I could claim credit for getting that done, most of the hard work had been done years before I got there. Things started with Bill Black and then continued with Chad Hays. Both men were tireless champions for the Danville casino and laid the groundwork for getting it done. I was lucky enough to be there when the vote was taken and had the honor of seeing the effort across the finish line. I was honored to play a small role.

**What is Vermilion County's greatest strength?** There are many wonderful things about Vermilion County, but the greatest must be the people. Vermilion

County is home to the strongest, toughest, most resilient, and giving people anywhere. Despite our challenges, the people never fail to get behind any effort and turn it into a success. That is one reason I'm so confident we will succeed in our mission.

**What do you like to do in your free time?** I ride horses and team rope. My favorite team roping partner is my daughter Ainsley; I am the header, and she is the heeler. We will work hard this year, hit some rodeos, and try to qualify for the IPRA Central Region Finals at Gordyville.

Our favorite family tradition is to travel. We are trying to make it to all 50 states. I only need Alaska. Brandy, my wife and Ainsley are missing a few more, but not many. We also try to hit all the big rodeos in the country while traveling. We've seen the NFR in Las Vegas, the Cheyenne Frontier Days, the Calgary Stampede, the Fort Worth and Denver stock shows, and Prescott, Arizona.

**What is the best wisdom that's been shared with you?** The best advice I've ever heard from a variety of people I respect is to take ownership of your situation. It all boils down to personal responsibility. "If you lose in life, it's your fault. If you win in life, it's your fault." We create our own circumstances, our own opportunities, and our own situation. You can accomplish anything if you own the situation and make it come out the way you want it.

**Who do you admire?** I have many people that I admire and look up to. One of my favorites is my all-time sports hero, five-time world champion saddle bronc rider Billy Etbauer. Billy competed professionally from the late 1980s to the mid-2000s. I admire him for the way he competed. Every time Billy rode, he was going to win first place, or he was going to get his head planted in the dirt. He had no safety valve; he went at it to win every time. His attitude sets a great example of being bold, taking big risks, and never letting the fear of failure govern you. I think that is an attitude for success in all areas of life.

# Hoopeston Economic Group: Up and Running

For people who love the Hoopeston area, Nicole Van Hyfte wants everyone to know they are invited to be a part of the Hoopeston Economic Group. "This is not an invite-only group," says the Chamber of Commerce Director for Vermilion County at Vermilion Advantage, "If you are a business owner or a community advocate and would like to be involved, please join us for our next meeting!"

The group aims to give organizational updates and move the Hoopeston community forward using collaborative initiatives. They meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 4 pm at the Hoopeston DACC location, 847 East Orange Street.

The original version of the group had been together for a long time and stopped meeting during the pandemic. "We are now just two meetings back into it, with the third meeting coming up on January 16<sup>th</sup>," says Van Hyfte. "There are currently 42 people on the

email list, but we have had an average of 10-15 attend meetings so far."

The advantages of being a member will differ for each business and partner. "The information you gain from each meeting is valuable," she says. "It's a wonderful sounding board for ideas, and if you decide to participate in projects, you can be a piece of a larger picture to continue the forward progression of Hoopeston."

Hoopeston, Illinois, has just under 5,000 residents and is the second-largest city in Vermilion County. The business owners and developers have revitalized the downtown area and created new initiatives throughout the community. The existing base of unique small businesses brings charm and a destination-like opportunity for shoppers.

The City of Hoopeston is currently working on several exciting new developments. One is demolishing

several dilapidated downtown businesses with plans to bring in new development, and another is a hotel development project between Route 9 and Elm Street.

Vermilion Advantage has been able to partner with Hoopeston on many levels, including helping secure funding, linking business partners with state and federal contacts and grant opportunities, and providing a strong chamber presence. "In 2023, the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce dissolved, and it was an easy transition for Vermilion Advantage to absorb it," says Van Hyfte. "Hoopeston was the last city in Vermilion County to have its own chamber, so now there is just one collective chamber for the entire county."

For more information about the Hoopeston Economic Group, contact Nicole Van Hyfte at [nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com) or 217-442-6201.



# Big Events Happening “In the City”

Peter Blackmon and his merry band of co-conspirators have a clear vision of the direction Danville is heading. As with the rest of this team, Blackmon's enthusiasm is matched only by the work he's putting in to make the vision a reality.

His official and unofficial roles in community leadership run the gamut. He's the Executive Director of the Danville Library Foundation and Co-Owner at Portal Entertainment Group and Vermilion River Beer Company. But the role he's talking most about right now is membership in an ad-hoc Events Committee that includes representatives from the City of Danville, the Convention and Visitors' Bureau, Downtown Danville, Vermilion Advantage, the Library and the Fischer, who serves to coordinate and communicate events throughout Danville. The group also acts as a sounding board for one another's ideas.

“I'm one player on a great team of talented people who share a passion for our community,” he says. “Not one of us can do it without such a team. We all have a choice. Love it or leave it. I don't mean to sound crass when I say this. It's just that I've chosen to help change the community for the better in any way I can. I do it for my daughter; I do it for everyone's sons and daughters. You cannot complain about where you live if you're not willing to be part of the change.”

The team created and helps promote a branding campaign that celebrates what the community offers when it comes events. “We want to change the tired mindset that there is 'little to do' here, as it's simply not true,” he says. “The campaigns act as an additional voice and marketing tool for those events. I should mention that the Danville Public Library has worked hard to establish itself as an anchor in the downtown, actively participating in downtown events.”

The campaigns he's referring to are based on the tagline “In the City.” The titles change based on the season and



have included” Summer in the City” and “Holidays in the City.”

Summer in the City runs from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. These events envelope everything from the Danville Dans Baseball to First Fridays to shows at the Fischer to the AMBUCs Friday Nights and Temple Plaza Concerts. Holidays in the City runs from November 1 through January 31 of the following year and mirrors the same concept, beginning with the Festival of Trees.

Blackmon's companies – Vermilion River Beer Company and Portal Entertainment – which he co-owns with a team of partners – take an active role in events far and wide. “As our establishment has evolved, we want to create events that, of course, promote us but also aspire to radiate a sense of inclusion with our neighbors,” he says. “Historically, certain nights have always been natural cross-promotion events for the bars in the area, with customers hopping from place to place. We want to develop that climate with any business that wants to jump in the pool.”

For example, VRBC's St. Patrick's Day Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, March 17. While the downtown business will have food, music and merriment all day, Blackmon hopes that his downtown neighbors get in the

spirit and give a reason for customers to enjoy the downtown as a whole.

March 23 & 24 are the dates for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Feast of St. Joseph, Festa Italiana, at the Masonic Temple. The ticketed event celebrates Italian food, music and drink. The event's charm lies in the fact that everyone who purchases a ticket for Saturday's festivities is also buying a ticket for someone less fortunate the next day as the event opens its doors to feed the same meal to those less fortunate for free.

In April and May, Portal Entertainment will take the lead on two events that are fundraisers for First Gig Rock N Roll Camp for Kids. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fairway to Heaven Golf Outing at Wolf Creek is set for April, and the inaugural Rolling Stones tribute show at VRBC, playing host to area artists covering the music of the Rolling Stones, is slated for May. Portal will also bring this Summer's Free Concert series to life.

Blackmon speaks for the entire creative and dedicated team when he says, “We aspire to be partners in the community, lending our efforts to everything cool happening in Danville, citywide.”

For more information about how to get involved as a sponsor, partner, or volunteer, contact Peter Blackmon at 217-260-4548, [peter@danvillelibraryfoundaton.org](mailto:peter@danvillelibraryfoundaton.org), or [peter@portalbooking.com](mailto:peter@portalbooking.com).



# Just Breathe Alternative Medical Solutions Helping Area Residents

Laura Melecosky-Zachman understands at a personal level what it means to have chronic health issues that aren't easily diagnosed and treated. After five years, which included suffering a stroke, being bed-bound for six months, and seeing 23 doctors, she was diagnosed with Chronic Lyme Disease.

The entrepreneur and former respiratory therapist founded Just Breathe Alternative Medical Solutions LLC, "to offer people an option of alternative treatments to find relief for whatever they may have going on," she says. "All the treatments I offer, I have used or continue to use to help me function daily. I saw firsthand what they did for me, so what better way than to share my knowledge and help others."

Laura is certified in respiratory therapy and has over 20 years of experience in the field. She obtained certification in energy medicine, nutrition, herbalism, integrative health, global healing, and The Trep School Entrepreneurship programs.

Just Breathe uses alternative treatments via energy and detox to help put the body back in alignment.

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PEMF- Pulsed Electromagnetic Frequency, which has over 200 ailment programs, is one course of treatment. "Think of it as you're a dead cell phone battery, and the force field is recharging your cells to help promote natural healing in the body," she says. "It puts in good energy to help the blood cells get oxygen to promote healing."

Ionic Detoxing Foot Bath is another popular option. Patients place their

feet in a water bath with an ionizer. Water color changes help pinpoint specific issues. Reflexology is the last part of the session, which helps open pathways where toxins may still be built up.

Red light therapy, circulation boots, infrared sauna, chromotherapy, sound therapy and aromatherapy are also available. "If we can't provide something for your needs, we have referrals to get the answers you deserve!" she adds.

People who may benefit from Just Breathe's services include individuals with chronic health conditions, acute conditions, post-operative-to-cut healing time, pre/post workout preparation/recovery, workout injuries, sports injuries, pre-sports preparation, and sports post-recovery.

"We're for anyone who can't get answers to their health problems, aches, pains and who want to be healthy and more aligned," she says. "I want our community to have an affordable alternative option. I see that people in our community are taking more steps to become more focused on health and well-being. I want you to get to a healthier, happier you!"

Laura says she gets emotional when people say, "Is it supposed to work that quick?" "Just Breathe Alternative Medical Solutions is the best

decision I ever made." "I have no pain." "I haven't been able to feel like this in years."

She remembers the feeling. "I, too, was at the point of feeling lost, unhelpful, ready to give up, and feeling lost," she says. "I want to help people become the best and most healthy version of who they want to be!"

While Laura takes care of clients, her husband, Chad Zachman, is happy to be "voluntold" to help with events and internal system needs. They are parents to triplet daughters and another daughter who joined their wonderful, blended family.

To learn more about Just Breathe Alternative Medical Solutions LLC, find them on Facebook @Just Breathe Alternative Medical Solutions. More information is also available at [justbreathemedicine@yahoo.com](mailto:justbreathemedicine@yahoo.com) or by calling or texting 217-304-0617.



# ALL **A**'s ACCOLADES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ACHIEVEMENTS

DANVILLE NOON ROTARY CLUB  
NAMES THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN  
2023 VOCATIONAL SERVICE PERSON  
OF THE YEAR

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Danville Noon Rotary, a leading organization dedicated to community service and professional development, is thrilled to announce Thomas J. "Tom" Chamberlain as the Rotary Vocational Service Person of the Year. This prestigious award recognizes Tom Chamberlain's exceptional contributions, outstanding achievements, professional growth and commitment to making a positive impact in the community.

Tom has demonstrated unwavering passion, expertise, and dedication in his chosen vocational field, as he is Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer for Iroquois Federal Savings & Loan Association. He also serves as Chair of the Illinois Banker Association Board of Directors and Vice-Chair of the American Bankers Association Commercial Real Estate Committee. His relentless pursuit of excellence and commitment to enhancing the lives of others has

made a significant difference in our community. Tom has served as Rotarian for over 35 years.

Danville Noon Rotary presented this outstanding award to Tom Chamberlain on Monday, December 11, 2023 at the Fischer Theater at noon.

The Danville Noon Rotary is held every Monday at noon at the Fischer Theater.



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# ALL A's ACCOLADES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ACHIEVEMENTS

Don and Deanna Witzel,  
Owner/Operators of the  
Witzel Family McDonald's  
announce Employees,  
Students & Athletes  
of the Month



## DACC Gets \$90K Grant for Electric Vehicle Repair Class

Danville Area Community College learned on Dec. 22 that it received a \$90,000 grant through the State's FY2024 Rev Up EV Community College Initiative. DACC will use the funds to purchase an electric automobile to train students in the College's Automotive Technologies program.

### December Employee of the Month:

Hometown Stars McDonald's.....Jackie Ayoub  
Classic Rock-n-Roll.....Jamari Wilson  
Oakwood.....Kaitlyn Martin  
Georgetown.....Crystal Delp  
Hoopeston.....Elizabeth Browning  
Neighborhood McDonald's.....Marcus Hutton  
Covington, IN.....Kiersten Anderson

### December Student/Athlete of the Month:

DHS Student of the Month.....Cameron Feuerborn  
DHS Athlete of the Month.....Jade Bell  
Schlarman Academy North Student of the Month.....Lauren McMahon  
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OHS Athlete of the Month.....Jaydah Arrowsmith  
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