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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.

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.

From the CEO/President

A few weeks ago, during a long weekend, I was in Glen Rose, Texas for a rodeo event. After the event, there was a dinner with a band and a cash bar. My friends and I hung out for a while having a few beers and enjoying the music. A big guy in a dusty battered black cowboy hat was hanging out at the bar with his girlfriend telling stories. He seemed like a friendly enough guy, and I happened to strike up a conversation. I don't remember how the conversation turned that way, but we started talking about overseas adventures and I mentioned the time I was in Colombia with the Illinois Soybean Association. He talked about being in Colombia too although he was with the US Military. My comment to him was that he probably saw a lot crazier stuff in Colombia than I did. His response to me was that the crazy stuff he saw was in Afghanistan. Further conversation made me realize that I was talking with a true American Hero. The scruffy, jovial cowboy that I was conversing with had been a member of Seal Team Six. Not only that but he had been on that elite team of fighters and participated on the raid that killed Osama Bin Laden and had rescued Captain Phillips and his crew. I was star struck. It might have been one of the coolest conversations I'd ever had with an individual. I heard the

perspective of someone who has experienced things that very few of us on this planet ever will.

I've been blessed over the years to travel around this world and see and experience many things. I've had amazing opportunities to talk to some unique people that have had unbelievable life experiences that give them a different perspective than the rest of us. It reminds me, here in my small corner of the world, all the stuff I don't know. It is humbling. It can also be very beneficial to me in this job of economic development. Sometimes, a large part of the battle is figuring out what we don't know. Figuring out where we need help from the outside world, from people who have had other experiences.

Vermilion County, I routinely say, is the greatest place on earth, and I truly believe that. However, I do believe that we could greatly help ourselves by opening ourselves up to perspectives from outside this County. It is time to be humble and to recognize that we could use the help and perspective of the outside world. Other communities around the rust belt have dealt with the same challenges and troubles that we have had. It is past time to learn from others, both from their successes



and failures. It is time to embrace other communities like our neighbors, Champaign Urbana, and to figure out how to leverage their strengths for our own benefit. There is a world full of knowledge and a world full of assistance out there, we just must be humble enough to accept it. Just like the conversation with the badxxx Navy Seal turned cowboy, there are plenty of amazing people out there willing to open up and tell you about their experiences. Embracing those perspectives will enrich all our lives and greatly help change our dynamics here in the greatest place on earth.

Mike Marron
CEO/President
Vermilion Advantage



Check out the news, flyers, and events our members have to share for May on our website! Just scan the QR code!



If you'd like your flyer posted to our website, please email it to drowland@vermilionadvantage.com by the 25th of the month.

Danville AMBUCS Celebrates 100 Years of Service with Year-Long Events

It would be hard to name a local organization that has made a greater impact than the Danville Illinois AMBUCS chapter. The deeply respected local organization is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2025 by doing what it does best: bringing people together to support individuals with disabilities. Chartered on April 15, 1925, Danville's AMBUCS is the nation's third-oldest continuously operating chapter. "Our mission is to help people with disabilities become more mobile and independent," says Diane Carlton, the 2023–2025 Chapter President. "The AMBUCS motto that originated in 1922 is 'Shoulders Together,' which means together we can accomplish our mission."

To mark the centennial, AMBUCS is hosting community-centered events throughout the year. They sponsored a free showing of *Inside Out* at the Fischer Theatre in March with complimentary popcorn. On May 27, members will join the Danville Dans for opening night, providing game tickets, running the 50/50 raffle, and celebrating as one of their AMBUCS kids throws out the ceremonial first pitch.

A major celebration weekend is scheduled for June 20–21. It begins with "AMBUCS Friday Nights at Turtle Run," featuring live music and community fundraising. On Saturday, the spotlight turns to the Richard Woodard Challenger Baseball games, followed by an evening social at Big Thorn Farm & Brewery. Guests from national and regional chapters, including the National CEO and board members, are expected to attend.

On August 10, AMBUCS will host a free community picnic at Lincoln Park, offering food, fun, and live music from the band In Bloom. Then, on September 20, Challenger



Baseball teams from Danville, Champaign-Urbana, and Paris will meet for a friendly competition at Winter Park.

Over the past century, the chapter has contributed significantly to Vermilion County. Their impact includes constructing accessible playgrounds, hosting therapeutic camps since the 1960s, creating inclusive soccer and baseball leagues, and distributing over 250 Amtrykes, adaptive tricycles for people with mobility challenges. "AMBUCS is a crucial element in my life; it puts things into perspective," says Carlton, who joined in 2009 after seeing her siblings' involvement.

With 87 current members and a deep commitment to service, Danville AMBUCS remains an important part of the community. As Carlton explains, "We chose to provide friendly events for our community that we serve. We depend on the public to volunteer at some of our activities, along with the people who donate, sponsor, and support us financially."



For more information, visit www.danvilleambucs.com.

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Arts in the Park Returns for its 36th Year, Showcasing Regional Artists & Community Spirit

For more than three decades, *Arts in the Park* has brought color, creativity, and community to Danville's historic Lincoln Park—and 2025 is shaping up to be one of the most vibrant years yet. On Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, June 22, this free, family-friendly festival celebrates local and regional artists, musicians, and performers across a weekend packed with activity. Festival hours are Saturday, 10 am-7 pm, and Sunday, 11 am-5 pm.

"This is our 36th year to have Arts in the Park in our beautiful, historic Lincoln

Park," says Greg Hilleary, current treasurer and past president of Arts in the Park, Inc. "We have a variety of artists showing and selling their artwork—from jewelry, 2-D art, 3-D art, and much more."

Visitors can stroll Lincoln Park's main thoroughfare to explore artist booths and enjoy continuous live performances on the stage, including music, dance, and theater. This year's festivities include the return of the popular "Art on Wheels" antique car show on Saturday, hosted by the Illiana

Antique Auto Club. Families will love the children's art tent and the always-popular sidewalk chalk drawing contest.

The event remains a juried show, ensuring that all works are original and artist-created—no kits or mass-produced items allowed. "The entire event promotes local artists," says Hilleary. "Supporting the artists and performers is very important. We also believe that promoting art to the children is an extremely important part of what we do."

Foodies can look forward to a variety of food trucks offering something for every palate, and the Danville Art League will once again host a tent and art show to spotlight additional regional talent. Arts in the Park is made possible by the dedication of a 15-member volunteer board and generous support from community donors. With an annual cost of approximately \$25,000, every donation helps—and may be tax-deductible through Arts in the Park, Inc.'s 501(c)(3) status.

To learn more, get involved, or sign up to volunteer, visit the Arts in the Park Danville, Illinois Facebook page by searching AITPDanville. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1673, Danville, IL.




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Carle Health Mobile Market Brings Fresh, Affordable Food to Vermilion County



The Carle Health Mobile Market is hitting the road to bring fresh, affordable produce and pantry staples directly into neighborhoods and communities. Launched through the Vermilion County Community Health Collaborative and led by Carle Health, this inspiring initiative addresses food insecurity and improves community well-being, one step at a time.

The Carle Health Mobile Market operates out of a specially designed, 33-foot wheelchair-accessible vehicle thanks to grant funding from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. The mobile unit makes regular scheduled stops throughout the county to ensure families have consistent access to low-cost, nutritious food. The project is managed by Community Health Initiatives at Carle Health.

“Our mission is to be part of the community while offering low-cost food and household items in neighborhoods throughout the county,” says Berrie Rupert, Carle Health Mobile Market Coordinator. “As part of the grant requirements, the mobile market in Vermilion County must become sustainable, so our low-

cost model is our strategy to keep this service in Vermilion County long after the grant period ends.”

Shoppers can expect to find a rotating selection of fresh produce, such as apples, bananas, tomatoes, onions, broccoli, and sweet potatoes, along with canned goods, dried goods, and other essentials. Plans are underway to expand offerings to include cooking spices and other household staples based on community feedback gathered at each stop.

Grant funding enables the Carle Health Mobile Market to purchase food at wholesale prices, and those savings are passed directly to families, no matter the household income level. The market currently accepts debit and credit cards and has applied to accept SNAP/LINK benefits, which will further increase accessibility.

“Our market provides low-cost food options with the convenience of traveling to various locations throughout Vermilion County,” Rupert says. “Eating healthy can be expensive, and our goal is to help make that more affordable for all Vermilion County families while

promoting other healthy behaviors within the home.”

The success of the Carle Health Mobile Market depends on community involvement. Local businesses can help by spreading the word, donating shelf-stable items, or partnering on events. Volunteers are also welcome, and gardeners with extra seasonal produce are encouraged to donate. To volunteer, contact Abby Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator, Carle Health, at abby.brooks@carle.com, or complete a submittable form: www.volgistics.com/appform/1949232050.

To view the schedule or learn more about how to support the Carle Health Mobile Market, visit www.carle.org/services/mobile-market or contact Berrie Rupert at (217) 714-1926 or vermilionmobilemarket@carle.com. Individuals interested in volunteering to help should contact Volunteer Services at Carle Health: www.volgistics.com/appform/507971231.





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Ross Webb State Farm Creating a New Chapter in Danville's Insurance Service

When Ross Webb opened the doors to his State Farm agency in January of 2025, he wasn't just starting a business—he was continuing a legacy of trusted service in Vermilion County. Located at 711 Oak St in Danville, Webb's office now operates in the same space that longtime State Farm agent Toni Stone occupied for decades. With deep respect for the community and a strong commitment to personalized service, Ross and his team are building lasting relationships and providing the protection local families and businesses need.

Ross's journey into the insurance industry began with State Farm's Auto Underwriting division, where he developed an in-depth understanding of policy structures and customer needs. When the opportunity to relocate to Danville and open his own agency presented itself, he knew it was the perfect next step. "My team and I specialize in taking care of customers and finding solutions to their specific needs," he says.

At Ross Webb State Farm, insurance is more than just policies—it's about providing peace of mind. His team of Amanda Cord, Shannon Miller, Andy Van Hyfte, Cassidy Jo Kerst, Nick Hawkinson, and Dawn Eakle ensures each client receives personalized coverage tailored to their unique situation. Whether it's auto, home, life, or health insurance, Webb's agency focuses on listening first and then building the right policy for each individual or family.

Ross is determined to maintain the personal touch in an industry



Front, l-r: Cassidy Kerst, Amanda Cord, Dawn Eakle
Back, l-r: Andy Van Hyfte, Ross Webb, Shannon Miller

Photo by: Roland Lim Photography

increasingly shifting towards automation. While his agency offers modern conveniences, he emphasizes accessibility and genuine human connection. "We are bucking the trend of automated service and waiting on hold with someone thousands of miles away," he says. "You can still drop in, make a payment, and grab a cup of coffee."

For Ross and his team, the most rewarding part of the job is being there for clients in life's most difficult

moments. Whether guiding customers through a challenging claim or helping them understand their coverage options, their goal is to make a meaningful difference.

To learn more about Ross Webb State Farm, visit callrosswebb.com, call 217-443-1500, or email ross@callrosswebb.com. Follow them on Facebook to stay updated on their latest services and community involvement.

The Future Looks Bright for Downtown Danville

A vibrant hub for visitors, residents and local businesses has emerged, driven by Downtown Danville's remarkable renaissance over the past decade. Iconic landmarks like the Fischer Theatre and the Vermilion County War Museum celebrate the area's rich history, while the Wall Dog Murals and local art installations hint at Danville's thriving arts community. Signature events like First Fridays and the Summer Sounds concert series foster a dynamic atmosphere that brings people together. Diverse businesses, the public library, charming eateries, lively pubs and cozy coffee shops line the area's delightful several-block radius. The blend of history, culture, and community spirit makes downtown Danville uniquely welcoming.

And if the visionaries at Downtown Danville Inc. (DDI) get their way,

count on continued growth. The group, led by Executive Director Kim Kuchenbrod and a committed board of directors, envisions a downtown that blends historical charm with modern amenities, serving as a central location for entertainment, commerce, and community connection. Current projects, including infrastructure improvements and a comprehensive redevelopment plan, align with their vision.

One exciting project under development is the "Come Grow with Us" campaign, aimed at attracting unique small businesses such as florists and bakeries while redeveloping vacant lots and buildings. In collaboration with the city, DDI is also exploring infrastructure enhancements like expanded parking and a dedicated food truck park.

About DDI

DDI has been a cornerstone of community development in Danville, Illinois, for over four decades. Established in 1983, this nonprofit organization is dedicated to fostering a vibrant business, residential, and entertainment district. Its mission centers on preserving the historical charm of downtown while encouraging modern development and creating opportunities for businesses and residents. Over the years, DDI has worked closely with local businesses, property owners, and community leaders to revitalize the downtown area and maintain it as a hub for community engagement and economic growth.

Throughout its 42-year history, DDI has played a pivotal role in supporting small businesses and promoting the downtown region. The organization provides economic assistance to businesses in the district and advocates for their growth by raising public awareness and fostering a sense of community. The current emphasis is on transforming the area into a premier destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment that appeals to both residents and visitors.



Photo Caption:

First Row: Sarah Colby, Secretary; Kim Kuchenbrod, Executive Director, Rheanna Ollis, board member.

Back Row: Maxx Lesick, board member; Trina Billups, board member; Kendred Tillloston, President; Troy Wasson, Vice President; Andrew Dudich, Treasurer; Michael O'Brian, board member.

Missing Board Members: Tanner Tranchant, Liya Hussmann-Rogers, Rob Black, Shelly Cessna.

A key component of DDI's work involves organizing and supporting community events. Collaborating with the city, the organization hosts popular initiatives such as First Friday events and Shop Local campaigns and highlights individual business activities. Looking ahead, DDI plans to expand its programming with increased entertainment events led by business owners, partnerships with Downtown Food Market vendors, and new learning opportunities designed to support local entrepreneurs.

Funding for DDI primarily comes from the Special Service Area Number One (SSA #1) tax, which is contributed by property owners within the district. This funding supports various initiatives, including building improvement grants and community events. Additionally, DDI pursues external

grants and partnerships to further its mission. These initiatives have a far-reaching impact on downtown Danville and beyond. By creating welcoming gathering spaces and promoting arts and culinary experiences, DDI enhances the cultural appeal of the area while boosting local businesses. Increased foot traffic and visitor engagement drive economic growth, supporting the city's tourism sector and strengthening Vermilion County's broader economy. Each event and project reinforce a dynamic community atmosphere while encouraging long-term investment in the downtown area.

Collaboration remains at the heart of DDI's success. The organization engages with local businesses, residents, and the city government through social media updates and data-driven feedback tools. Recent

milestones include awarding five grants for building improvements, welcoming new Executive Director Kim Kuchenbrod, and implementing a strategic planning and branding initiative. These achievements reflect DDI's commitment to fostering a thriving downtown community.

Community involvement is essential in realizing these goals, and residents are encouraged to participate in events, volunteer, share feedback, and support local businesses.



To support DDI's initiatives or learn more about ongoing projects, contact Executive Director Kim Kuchenbrod at downtowndanvilleinc@gmail.com.

Member of the Month – April 2025

Congratulations to NuPush Wellness + Medical Aesthetics, our Member of the Month!

We're proud to shine a spotlight on NuPush Wellness + Medical Aesthetics, where individualized patient care is at the heart of everything they do. Their mission is simple but powerful: making your wellness their priority.

NuPush has built their services around four core principles that guide every step of the patient journey:

- Functional Medical Therapy
- Diet
- Exercise
- Education

Whether you're looking to feel better, look brighter, or simply invest in yourself, the team at NuPush is here to support and empower your wellness goals - inside and out.

Congratulations to NuPush for being a leader in health, beauty, and community care!

Learn more about their approach and services at www.nupushwlc.com or call 217-717-3304.



The Member of the Month Program is a fantastic opportunity to spotlight and celebrate the outstanding businesses and individuals that contribute to Vermilion County.

For more information about the Member of the Month Program, contact Dana at Vermilion Advantage at (217) 442-6201 or drowland@VermilionAdvantage.com.

Perks of Being Member of the Month:

- **Week 1:** Announcement of the winner and a social media spotlight featuring the official Member of the Month sign.
- **Week 2:** A dedicated feature in Member Announcements and on the Vermilion Advantage website.
- **Week 3:** A featured radio interview with WITY.
- **Week 4:** A creative consultation with Tyler Burress of BRBH Media, including video production, still photography, or creative content tailored to the business.
- An event pass for one of Vermilion Advantage's networking events-on us!

thyssenkrupp Dynamic Components Danville Recognized with Prestigious Global Awards

thyssenkrupp Dynamic Components in Danville, Illinois, earned international recognition with two top honors from the Automotive Technology segment of thyssenkrupp. The Danville facility was awarded 1st Place in the 2023/24 OPX Improvement Awards and was named Best Business Unit in the 2023/24 OSH (Occupational Safety & Health) Awards. These awards highlight exceptional operational excellence and workplace safety performance among nearly 100 operational units worldwide.

Located in Danville since 1996, thyssenkrupp Dynamic Components manufactures precision-assembled and ground camshafts used in a wide range of vehicles, including passenger cars, trucks, and motorcycles. The company's camshafts support both internal combustion engines and hybrid powertrains for leading automotive manufacturers such as Ford, GM, Hyundai, Stellantis, VW, and Harley-Davidson. The highly automated, climate-controlled facility employs approximately 325 skilled professionals from Vermilion County and the surrounding area.

Gary Tucker, CEO of thyssenkrupp Dynamic Components Danville, praised the dedication of the team and the culture they have cultivated over time.

“This improvement was attributed to our focus on training and qualification, empowerment and teamwork, and the continuous pursuit of operational excellence,” Tucker says about the OPX Improvement Award. A recently implemented operations training program played a key role in elevating the facility's performance.

The OSH Award recognized the entire business unit's outstanding commitment to workplace safety. Dynamic Components achieved the best results of all business units based on accident frequency rate, supported by the proactive identification and

documentation of over 2,000 near misses and unsafe conditions.

“What would surprise people most about our organization is how forward-thinking we are—especially for a company rooted in a traditionally conservative industry,” Tucker adds. “We embrace innovation not just in our processes and technology, but in how we lead, develop our people, and shape our culture.”

The Danville operation has recently diversified its customer base and focused on building a best-in-class workplace culture. The facility emphasizes continuous improvement, employee development, and community engagement.

The awards were presented during a global ceremony hosted in Essen, Germany, with participation from operational units across the Automotive Technology segment via webcast. The honors were accepted on behalf of the Danville team by the Business Unit COO.

thyssenkrupp Dynamic Components Danville is currently hiring. Interested candidates can apply at [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) (keyword: Dynamic Components). More information about the global company is available at www.thyssenkrupp.com.



Coffee Talk

May 13:
OSF Caravan
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June 10:
Danville Public Library
319 N Vermilion, Danville

Laura Lee Fellowship House Kicks Off Brick Wall Campaign and Events Supporting Local Youth



The Laura Lee Fellowship House (LLFH) Board of Directors is thrilled to announce an exciting new fundraising campaign dedicated to supporting youth programming and community engagement. This initiative will continue Laura Lee's 81-year legacy of uplifting Danville's underserved, multicultural families by providing essential educational, mentoring, and leadership development resources.

“This campaign is more than just a fundraiser—it is an investment in the future,” says Dwight Lucas, current Board Chair and a proud former participant in Laura Lee's after-school programs. “By contributing, donors will help shape the lives of young individuals, providing them with the support and opportunities they need to grow.”

Back Down Memory Lane: Community Kickoff Events

To celebrate this campaign, Laura Lee Fellowship House invites the community to two special kickoff events at 212 East Williams Street, Danville, IL:

May 16 – Meet & Greet | 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

A drop-in social gathering where alumni, business partners, and supporters can reconnect. Attendees will have the opportunity to sign a memory book and complete forms for the commemorative "Memory Bricks." This homecoming-style event will feature historic photos and shared stories, allowing participants to journey "Back Down Memory Lane."

May 17 – Annual Dinner | Doors Open at 5:00 PM | Dinner at 6:00 PM | Dinner Tickets \$35

An elegant evening featuring musical entertainment, a keynote address from Jozetta Robinson, Chief of Staff, Blacks in Government in Washington, DC, testimonials, a brief history overview, and special recognitions.

Brick Wall Dedication Opportunity

A major highlight of this campaign is the creation of a commemorative Brick Wall, designed in collaboration with Danville's Hall of Fame Plaques and Signs. Installed in the historic 1963 hallway, this installation will showcase personalized brick-sized plaques.

For a cost of \$100, donors can customize a brick with:

- A name
- A dedication in honor or memory of a loved one
- A poem or inspirational message
- Larger naming opportunities are available for key areas such as the kitchen and gym.

Why Support This Campaign?

Funds raised will directly benefit youth programming, ensuring students have access to mentorship, tutoring, cultural enrichment, and a safe space to learn and grow. Laura Lee Fellowship House continues to provide holistic programming in leadership, education, culture, and spiritual enrichment, shaping the next generation of community leaders.

LLFH board members include President Dwight Lucas, Vice-President Pastor Thomas Miller, Co-Secretaries Ms. Brittany Morris-Randle and Mrs. Phearn Butler, Treasurer Ms. Diana Williams, Assistant Treasurer Ms. Laura Brooks, along with Pastor Franklin Bourn, Ms. Jacqueline Rose, Mr. Alvarez Dixon, Mr. Frederick Whitman, Mr. G. Asim Osaze, Ms. Mary Catherine Roberson, Mr. Trent Sherfield, Mr. Harvey “Skip” Truex, Ms. Christine Fitzsimmons and Board Member Emeritus Dr. David L. Fields.

How to Contribute

For further details, contact:

Ivora Regina Lucas – (615) 420-0033 | Dalsgal26@gmail.com for Brick Memory Wall

Dwight Lucas, LLFH Board President – (217) 474-8071 | dalvin1149@gmail.com for information

Brenda Brown, LLFH Office Manager – (217) 474-4639 | becie@comcast.net for tickets

Join LLFH in building a lasting legacy-one brick at a time!

Profile: Roland Lim Photography

We recently caught up with Roland Lim, Owner and Principal Photographer, to learn more about his work. Roland has been in business since 2013.

Tell us about your career and the inspiration behind your work. My path to pursuing a career in photography had its roots as a teenager when my father introduced me to his 35mm film camera. After 35 years as a software product manager and owning my own technology consulting firm, my fascination with photography returned, and I decided to pursue it professionally. When I see well-executed photography by fashion, real estate, and commercial photographers, I'm enamored and driven by the magic of the lighting, composition, editing, and drama of capturing the moment.

Tell us about your specialties. I am diversified when it comes to photography because I like the challenges that each genre presents. My experience as a headshot and portrait photographer taught me the importance of lighting and skin retouching and listening to how clients want to be represented in pictures. Real estate photography presents its own challenges with integrating natural and artificial light and using techniques to capture the details of the brightest highlights and the darkest shadows. Fashion and lifestyle photography demands knowledge of lighting,



creativity, and composition, but most importantly, it conveys what clients want to communicate to customers about their brand. Wedding and engagement photography demands that I adapt to unexpected situations while capturing and delivering images of a couple's most important moments. I can go on and on about other genres, such as seniors, family, product, nature, and boudoir, but the bottom line is that my involvement with a diversity of photographic genres keeps me interested and energized for my next project.

What sets your photography business apart? My pictures are edgy, often leaning towards commercial, fashion, and lifestyle imagery. My clients upon

viewing my images either on my website or through social media, notice a unique difference that piques their interest. I meet with clients before their session to collaborate on what they'd like to achieve with their pictures and perform test shoots if needed to ensure my photography matches clients' vision. I also offer products such as high-end leather lay-flat albums, and prints on different substrates such as canvas, metal, or acrylic.

How has living and working in Vermilion County influenced your work? I've developed several local friendships with successful entrepreneurs and businesses that recognize my art, provide me with encouragement, and support my endeavors. Many times, they offer their priceless assets to use in my photography, which adds immensely to the production value of my images.

Are there any dream projects or locations you'd like to photograph? Every project is a dream project, regardless of scale, budget, and location. I uphold the highest standards to consistently deliver my best work to honor the trust my clients place in me.

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Someone to Know: Heather McArty, Executive Director, Women's Care Clinic

If you ask anyone who knows Heather McArty, they'll tell you she's a steady force of compassion and purpose in Vermilion County. As Executive Director of the Women's Care Clinic (WCC), Heather provides leadership that is both heartfelt and strategic, overseeing the clinic's operations, finances, staff, and community partnerships.

"My background consists of 30 years of experience in finance and 11 years in nonprofit management, with the past 21 years dedicated to serving Vermilion County," she says. That depth of experience informs her every decision, whether mentoring her team, meeting with community partners, or guiding long-term outreach plans.

Heather sees her role at the Women's Care Clinic as much more than administrative. "What I love most about my work is being part of life-changing moments," she says. "We offer hope, support, and truth to women and families during some of

their most vulnerable times, and see God work through every interaction."

Though the impact of WCC is often felt during those deeply personal, front-line connections, much of Heather's work happens behind the scenes. From budgeting and team leadership to building donor and church partnerships, she ensures that every part of the organization aligns with its mission and values.


Heather and her husband, Chip, live in Oakwood, have adult children, and enjoy life as grandparents. While she spends her days leading with intention, she's also a self-proclaimed thrill-seeker. "I've climbed Machu Picchu, gone whitewater rafting, cliff jumped, skydived, and I'm always ready for the next adventure," she laughs.

Heather invites local groups to connect with WCC. "We welcome church groups or small service organizations to host their meetings at



WCC," she says. "Our space seats up to 18, includes a full kitchen, and we'd be happy to offer a tour."

The longtime local leader believes deeply in the power of faith, relationship-building, and consistency. "The key to making a lasting impact in a community like ours is building genuine relationships, staying rooted in faith, and consistently showing up with compassion and integrity."



5:00-7:00PM

May 8, 2025
Golden Nugget Casino
 204 Eastgate Dr., Danville

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drowland@vermilionadvantage.com

Professional Development Group

11:30AM-1:00PM

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 Salt Grass, 204 Eastgate Dr., Danville

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