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L-R: Steven, Jodi, & Ashlee Davis

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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



businesses locate in Vermilion County and retaining those that have chosen Vermilion County as a place to do business. I had the honor and privilege of working with Vicki Haugen during my time here. I am so thankful that she gave me the opportunity to join Vermilion Advantage and was a wonderful teacher and mentor. I can still hear her voice guiding me as I serve in this position today.

staff members who work diligently each day on behalf of our businesses and communities. Dana, Jodie, Lisa, Mike and Sarah are the backbones of this organization, and I truly appreciate them. I'm thankful for the hardworking Executive Committee and board who care so much about this county. I'm thankful for all our members who make Vermilion Advantage possible. After working outside the area for several years, I am grateful to be back working in Vermilion County. It is truly the people of this county that make it so special.

Coming back to Vermilion Advantage as the interim CEO feels like a homecoming of sorts. I enjoyed my work as Director of Economic Development in the early 2000s. I learned so much about our community and gained a new perspective on all the factors involved in helping

During this time of year, I like to reflect on the past year and all the things I am thankful for. Always at the top of my list are my husband, daughters and sons-in-law, grandchildren and the rest of my family. I'm thankful I retired this spring, so that I could step in as the interim CEO. I am deeply grateful for the wonderful Vermilion Advantage

I wish each and every one of you a joyous and blessed holiday season!

Tracy Wahlfeldt
Interim CEO

Vermilion Advantage Launches New Ambassador Program

As the newly named *2025 Outstanding Chamber of the Year*, Vermilion Advantage is celebrating by opening new doors for members to get involved — starting with the launch of its Ambassador Program.

Advantage throughout Vermilion County.

The Ambassador Program is designed to create a welcoming presence for new members and strengthen engagement with existing ones. Ambassadors will serve as friendly faces at ribbon cuttings, networking events, and community gatherings, helping to build relationships and expand awareness about Vermilion

“This is an exciting opportunity for members who love connecting with people and want to play an active role in our organization's continued success,” said Dana Rowland, Director of the Chamber of Commerce. “Our staff already works hard to ensure every member feels valued and supported, but having an ambassador reach out adds a personal touch — another friendly voice helping to build community and connection.”

Ambassadors are volunteers from member businesses who commit to attending a few events each year and representing Vermilion Advantage with enthusiasm and professionalism. The program is open to members of all ages and career stages, from retirees to emerging leaders.

Applications are now open, with plans to officially kick off the program in January 2026. An information meeting will be held early in the year for those interested in learning more.

To apply or learn more, contact Dana Rowland, Chamber of Commerce Director at 217.442.6201 or drowland@vermilionadvantage.com



In the Middle Exhibit Honors the Life and Legacy of Sybil Stern Mervis

The Illinois State Museum's newest exhibit, *In the Middle: Growing Up in the Middle of America, in the Middle Class, in the Middle of the 20th Century*, celebrates the remarkable life and memories of Bloomington native and longtime Danville resident Sybil Stern Mervis. Based on Mervis's memoir *In the Middle*, the exhibit brings to life reflections on her childhood in Central Illinois during the Depression and World War II. Through photographs, artifacts, and more than 30 exhibit stations, visitors are invited to step into a time when daily life was quieter, simpler, and deeply connected to family and community.

The inspiration for Mervis's book came unexpectedly. "I was trying to write my autobiography for my grandchildren, because my childhood was so very different from theirs," she says. Her writing instructor at the Newberry Library suggested that she write short reminiscences, and over time, 45 heartfelt stories emerged, each one a window into mid-century American life.

When Illinois State Museum curator Erika Holst read the book, she recognized its historical and cultural significance. "For quite some time, we had been looking to produce an exposition on Jewish life in Illinois. What Sybil created in her book, with her words and pictures, has become the touchstone for this amazing exhibit," Holst says.

The exhibit showcases everything from schoolroom memories and household chores to family gatherings and



outdoor play, offering visitors a glimpse of a world that shaped a generation. "It is a pleasure to see it 'reincarnated' and to share the possibility of a simple life with others, who have no concept of it," Mervis says.

The opening ceremony drew admirers from across the state. In her remarks at the opening, Mervis expressed both gratitude and disbelief. "What Erika has done in bringing my book to life has been remarkable—not only for me but for anyone seeking a deep and emotional understanding of how middle-class people, Jewish people, and little girls and boys lived during the Depression and war years in a Midwest city."

Through her words and memories, Sybil Stern Mervis reminds visitors that the value of history lies not only in great events but also in the quiet moments that define a life well-lived.

In the Middle is on display at the Illinois State Museum's Lockport Gallery, 201 W. 10th St., Lockport, Illinois, through April 2026. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



History Curator Erika Holst and Sybil Mervis

Vermilion Advantage Named 2025 Outstanding Chamber of the Year

Vermilion Advantage has been recognized as the 2025 Outstanding Chamber of the Year by the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (IACCE), a statewide honor that celebrates excellence in leadership, innovation, and community impact.

Each year, IACCE presents this award to one chamber that demonstrates exceptional service to its members and community, strong organizational growth, and a commitment to advancing local business and economic development.

Vermilion Advantage was selected from chambers across Illinois for its creative programming, member engagement, and collaborative spirit.

Founded by Lou Mervis, Vermilion Advantage was built on the belief that a strong business community is the foundation of a strong county. That legacy continues today as the organization carries forward his vision of partnership, progress, and pride in Vermilion County.

“This recognition is truly a reflection of our members, our community partners, and the incredible teamwork within

Vermilion Advantage,” said Dana Rowland, Director of the Chamber of Commerce. “We’re proud of what this community continues to accomplish together; the partnerships, the progress, and the people who believe in making Vermilion County stronger every day.”

The award was announced during the IACCE Annual Conference, where chambers from across the state gathered to celebrate achievements and share best practices. The recognition highlights Vermilion Advantage's continued dedication to serving local businesses, fostering collaboration, and helping Vermilion County thrive.

As Vermilion Advantage looks to the future, its mission remains clear; to build on its strong foundation and ensure that every member, from entrepreneurs to major employers, benefits from being part of a thriving network that truly lives up to its name.



Front L-R: Sarah Haase, Lisa Thompson, Dana Rowland, Jodie Ingram, Tracy Wahlfeldt
Back L-R: Heather Tucker, Jeff Fauver, Seth Miller, Gary Tucker, Mike Levin



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Someone to Know: Steve Brandy



Radio listeners in Vermilion County have grown to respect the familiar voice of Steve Brandy, News Director and Sportscaster for CIMG Danville's WDAN, D102, and K-ROCK.

His days often begin around 9 a.m., but his work stretches far beyond typical hours. Between recording newscasts, updating the website, covering evening meetings, and reporting from community events, Brandy's commitment keeps him at the station late into the night.

Brandy's love for broadcasting began in 1982 when he joined the Danville High School Radio Staff as a sophomore. He quickly realized he had found his calling. "Applying myself to it gave my life a new purpose," he says. That early drive led him to a part-time position at WITY before his senior year, setting the course for a lifelong career in radio and storytelling.

After many years in Joliet, where he worked in radio and later as the Public Information Officer for the Will County Health Department, Brandy returned to his hometown in 2021. "To me, this is radio as it should be and what I should be doing," he says. Back at the same building where his journey began, he continues to report, connect, and serve the community that shaped him.

The relationships he builds through his work are what Brandy finds most rewarding. "It's a wonderful two-way street," he says. "They appreciate your work, and you appreciate their listening."

Brandy's respect for Vermilion County has deepened over time. He often reflects on the beauty of its farmland and the warmth of its people, describing downstate Illinois as "God's Country." Whether covering local

government, sports, or agriculture, he approaches every story with curiosity and care.

He lives by a personal philosophy that has carried him through every chapter: *Play the Game of Life with Purpose*. "It all goes back to keeping busy, having goals, and always having a plan for the future, short and long term." It's advice he's followed faithfully and continues to inspire everyone who tunes in to hear his voice each day.

Member of the Month - November 2025

Congratulations to Crosspoint Human Services our Member of the Month!

Crosspoint Human Services is a non-profit organization in Danville, IL, that provides a wide range of mental health and human services to children, adolescents, and adults. Their services include mental health and recovery programs, crisis and domestic violence hotlines, residential and transitional housing, services for developmental disabilities, and an early learning center for children. The organization is committed to provide hope and opportunity for individuals and families in the community to thrive.

For more information contact them at www.crosspointhumanservices.org/, (217) 442-3200 or find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/crosspointhumanservices

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

How to Qualify: Businesses and individuals are automatically entered in the drawing when they participate in any of the following:

- Attend networking events
- Attend board meetings (for current board members)
- Partner through initiatives such as catering an event, joining the Career Expo, posting on the Jobs Board, and more

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:

- A featured spotlight on our social media and website
- Recognition in our newsletter
- A creative consultation with Tyler Burress, of BRBH Media to highlight your
- A guest spot on WITY Radio to share more about your services.
- One event pass for a networking event!

Students Explore Local Career Opportunities During Tour of Industries

More than 100 Vermilion County high school sophomores and juniors took part in the 2025 Tour of Industries on Wednesday, November 5th and November 6th, an annual event designed to showcase local career pathways and help students connect what they're learning in school to real-world opportunities right here in their community.

Organized by Vermilion County Workforce Education Initiative (VCWE),

the Tour of Industries gave students an inside look at local employers and industries, highlighting the variety of career options available in manufacturing, healthcare, and entrepreneurship.

This year's tours include visits to leading employers and businesses such as Envirox, thyssenkrupp Dynamic Components, AutoZone Distribution Center, OSF HealthCare, Carle Health, VA Illiana Health Care

System, TREP School, Revel Bakery, Ashton Greer, Danville Fire Department, and Danville Police Department.

Students spent the morning touring three worksites within their chosen industry cluster. Each tour included interactive discussions, demonstrations, and opportunities to hear directly from professionals about their career paths and the skills needed to succeed.



“The Tour of Industries is one of the most impactful ways we can connect our students to future career opportunities,” said Jodie Ingram. “It helps them see that great careers exist right here at home, and it opens their eyes to the many directions their education can take them.”

The event is part of Vermilion Advantage's broader Workforce Education Program, which builds connections between local schools and employers to help students explore careers, develop professional skills, and prepare for the future workforce.



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A Holiday Visit to Cedar View: Where Local Flavor and Community Spirit Shine



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As the holidays draw near, Cedar View is quickly becoming one of the most welcoming places to shop, taste, and gather in Vermilion County. Nestled just four miles east of Georgetown at 20107 E 800 N Road, the specialty farm stand and grocery store offers the warmth of a small-town market with a thoughtful selection of locally sourced, Midwest-made products that make gift giving and holiday cooking a treat.

Jodi and Steven Davis opened Cedar View on August 10, 2025, after years of dreaming and planning. “Steven and I have been dreaming and brainstorming about this specialty grocery store/farm stand for several years,” says Jodi. “We both agreed that the community needed a place to shop for locally sourced goods and felt that consumers want to know where their food comes from.”

That shared vision led them to create a space filled with authentic, high-quality products that support Midwest farmers, artisans, and small businesses. Many of Cedar View's products come directly from multi-generational family farms, several of which are owned by women or veterans. Shelves are filled with items that have minimal, clean ingredients and reflect a true farm-to-table philosophy. Handmade goods from local artisans line the displays, and a new section of fresh produce brings even more color and variety to the store.

Customer favorites reflect freshness and flavor, a hallmark of Cedar View's offerings. Customers especially enjoy flavored butters in a variety of rich, robust blends, smooth and creamy cheese curds, and juicy, flavorful pork patties. Shoppers also appreciate the freezer section, stocked with meals

from The Homestead in Remington, Indiana. “The family that owns the business is a farm family that stands proud of their background, producing meals and products that are all natural,” says Jodi. Among the most popular are the breakfast burritos and chicken pot pie, which make easy weeknight dinners.

This December, Cedar View will be celebrating the season with special events designed to make shopping fun and festive. “We are planning a Ladies Shopping Night and a Guys Shopping Day/Evening,” Jodi adds. Both events will feature plenty of opportunities to shop local, sample favorite products, and find unique gifts for everyone on your list.

Visitors can also explore products from regional favorites, including Farm to Flour of Rossville, T Bee Honey of Hoopston, Shepherd Farm popcorn from Fithian, Ropp Cheese from Bloomington, Local Folks Foods of Indiana, and Longmeyer Farms' Beef

Tallow moisturizer, made by a Bismarck native.

After the holidays, Cedar View will keep the momentum going with new products, a loyalty program, and fresh items in January, a time when small businesses, especially, appreciate local support. Freezers and coolers will remain stocked with meats, cheeses, eggs, and easy freezer meals for busy winter nights.

For anyone looking to celebrate local flavor, support Midwest farmers, and discover gifts that tell a story, a visit to Cedar View this holiday season is time well spent.

Cedar View is open Tuesday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Shoppers can find them on Instagram at [@Cedar View](#) and on Facebook at facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577228561082



Jodi & Ashlee Davis

Vermilion County Celebrating 200 Years

Vermilion County is preparing for a milestone celebration 200 years in the making, and organizers are inviting residents to help bring the county's remarkable story to life. Todd Lee, Co-Chair of the Vermilion County 200th Anniversary Committee, said the yearlong celebration is both a tribute to the past and a call for the county to come together.

“The milestone allows us to celebrate the people and the events that have bonded us for 200 years,” Lee says. “Those include the earliest settlers who sought new and better opportunities for their families, working and growing crops in the rich soils which allowed them to plant the seeds for many generations of descendants who've called Vermilion County their home.”

Sue Richter, the longtime Vermilion County Museum Director and the 200th event's other co-chair, says, “In looking back on the past, residents have built a great foundation for the future. This future is already being implemented in many ways by younger citizens who are making strides in various fields to continue this legacy.”

Events and Celebrations

From the prehistoric forces that shaped its landscape to the waves of settlers, miners, and industrial workers who followed, Vermilion County's history is one of resilience, progress, and pride. Leaders like Abraham Lincoln, Dr. William Fithian, and "Uncle Joe" Cannon left their mark on both the county and the nation. At the same time, generations of local families built farms, businesses, churches, and schools that still define the area today.

The theme for the celebration, “200 Years of New Frontiers,” will unfold at dozens of events throughout 2025 and 2026. The committee plans to participate in parades, fairs, and the Festival of Trees, with rotating exhibits in schools and libraries. Local actors will portray historical figures, and special programs will take place at the Vermilion County Museum, Danville Area Community College, and Danville High School.

One of the key components of the 200th year celebration is sharing exciting events happening in communities across the county. The committee is keeping a master calendar on the Vermilion County Museum website.

Community members, schools, and businesses are encouraged to join the celebration by volunteering, hosting or attending an event or helping with displays. “The 200th milestone is an opportunity to highlight the achievements of those who have come before us and help us better understand the events and actions that define us today,” adds Lee.

To be a part of the 200th celebration, follow along on Facebook at “Vermilion County 200th Anniversary.” For a complete list of events and activities, visit

<https://vermilioncountymuseum.org/200th-anniversary-celebration/>.

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New Member Snapshot: ConnectAble, Inc

Neil and Amy Richmund & Dr. Treg Hopkins: Co-Founders, who are bringing innovation, heart, and decades of education and community leadership experience to Danville and beyond.

About: ConnectAble is a nonprofit organization built to make education and opportunity accessible to everyone. Through its innovative platform and hands-on support, ConnectAble helps adult education programs, nonprofits, community agencies, and member-based organizations streamline their work, strengthen communication, and expand their reach. ConnectAble is a movement to connect adult education programs, adult learners, and community partners, so that every organization has the tools to serve its people, helping individuals and the community grow and succeed.

The Beginning: ConnectAble began with a simple act of love and necessity. During the height of the pandemic, Amy Richmund, then an adult education administrator in Indianapolis, was managing a massive program with 70 teachers and over 2,000 students. The challenges were immense; the field lacked technology designed for its unique needs, and the pandemic only highlighted that.

Amy's husband, Neil, a tech-savvy web designer and problem-solver, saw what she was up against and built a simple, homegrown digital tool to make her work easier. What began as a personal solution for one administrator quickly caught the attention of other programs nationwide.

ConnectAble is now a growing nonprofit organization providing technology and other supportive services to adult education programs and community agencies across the US.

Services: ConnectAble technology replaces fragmented, time-consuming systems with a single, integrated, user-friendly platform that automates multilingual registration, integrates with state reporting, tracks attendance and goals, supports communication, and provides real-time analytics—all in one place. Every feature is shaped by the lived experiences of adult educators who understand the heart of the work.



Local Services: ConnectAble helps connect teachers with adult learners, adult education programs with clean data, employers with a trained workforce, and communities with opportunity.

We can serve Vermilion County by supporting adult education programs, such as the one at DACC Adult Education, as well as other nonprofits and community agencies that need to grow their organizations and serve their people in the most efficient way.

Other Services: We serve as keynote speakers and trainers addressing topics such as leadership, technology, harnessing the power of artificial intelligence, team building, and student engagement at both the state and national levels. We share practical tools and inspiration with educators, businesses, nonprofits, and community agencies.

What sets ConnectAble apart? ConnectAble was built by adult educators, for adult educators. As a nonprofit, our mission, not profit, drives every decision we make. Our focus is simple: help educators succeed so their students can, too.

Our platform has been customized to serve other member-based organizations, such as the YMCA of Morgan County in Indiana, empowering these and other agencies to move people from poverty to possibility.

At ConnectAble, we believe that when educators and learners succeed, whole communities thrive. This belief fuels everything we do. We are excited to grow even further into our new home of Danville, Illinois!

Interesting Story: A rural adult education program director in Indiana shared that, thanks to ConnectAble's multilingual registration system, she was able to welcome students speaking five new languages. For the first time, those learners could register independently, breaking down barriers and showing how technology can truly empower inclusivity and connection.

Even more inspiring, that success helped spark a new partnership between the program and a local employer who not only provided funding to keep classes running but also created a direct pathway from the classroom to the workforce.

Learn More:

Website - www.getconnectable.com

Phone - 317-699-1237

Email - hello@getconnectable.com

New Member Snapshot: Sparkle Clean Car Wash

Owner: Abdel Nachani

Company Information: Sparkle Clean Car Wash is proud to serve Danville and the surrounding community with a modern express tunnel and full interior cleaning services. Located at 815 E Main St, Danville, IL, Sparkle Clean offers a professional, efficient, and friendly car wash experience designed to keep your vehicle spotless year-round.

About the Name: The name "Sparkle Clean" represents our promise to make every vehicle shine, inside and out. We believe a clean car not only looks better but also makes you feel better every time you drive.

What You'll Find: Sparkle Clean features a 140-foot express tunnel, nine free vacuum stations, and a full-service interior cleaning bay. Customers can choose from several exterior wash options or enjoy

unlimited monthly memberships for the best value. Our most popular package, the Platinum Wash includes Carnauba Wax, Ceramic Protection, and Rain-X for a lasting shine and weather defense.



Community Commitment: As a local business, we're focused on contributing to Danville's growth and revitalization. We take pride in providing great service, creating local jobs, and delivering a car wash experience that makes people smile.

Background: Owner Abdel Nachani brings over 25 years of experience in the car wash industry, having managed and developed multiple successful wash sites before investing in Danville. His goal is to make Sparkle Clean a place the community can be proud of, offering quality, convenience, and care.

Special Offers: Sparkle Clean frequently runs community promotions such as Senior Tuesdays, First Responder Wednesdays, and Veteran Thursdays, plus seasonal deals and unlimited wash discounts.

Connect: Stop by 815 E Main St, Danville, IL, call 217-512-0498, email Abdel@sparklecleancarwashil.com, or visit www.SparkleCleanCarWashIL.com. Find them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1KtuAKBcgC/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

New Member Snapshot: Damiana Health PLLC & Third Place (A Wellness Space)

Owner and Developer: Sasha Powell, FNP-BC, CNGS, HIHC-CS, CFNIP, CWHS

About: Damiana Health is an independently owned and operated healthcare practice that began operations in 2025.

Specialty Services: I specialize in genomics, women's hormone health, and integrative practices, providing support for overall health.

Unique Approach: I am very casual. I share personal experiences and examples and try to make education the foundation of my practice. Every patient should learn to be their own

best provider; no one knows you better than you.

Supporting Community Health and Wellness: I am a low-cost, cash-pay clinic. I try to make sure that I am accessible to everyone in our community, offering services and an approach that are not available at most other practices.

Doing It All: I'm the owner, provider, nurse, scheduler, billing department manager, marketing executive, and social media guru.

Coming Soon: I plan to add a nurse soon who will also support phlebotomy services and help me expand my team.

Learn More: Visit damianahealth.com, email sasha@damianahealth.com, or find the company on Facebook by searching "Damiana Health PLLC."

Don't Miss It: Keep an eye out for additional services at "Third Place" over the next few months!



**DAMIANA
HEALTH**

New Member Snapshot: 360 Benefits Group

Co-Owners: Cory Matlock and Morgan McConnell



About: 360 Benefits Group, LLC is an independent insurance agency specializing in innovative group health solutions for employers of all sizes. Our mission is to help small and mid-sized businesses access the same high-quality benefits and cost-saving strategies traditionally available only to large employers. Through our partnerships with leading carriers, chambers of commerce, and association programs, we deliver competitive plan options and streamlined administration tailored to each group's needs. In addition to group health coverage, we also assist individuals with Medicare enrollment, Marketplace health plans, and ancillary benefits, including dental, vision, life, and disability insurance. At 360 Benefits Group, we take a comprehensive approach to helping businesses and individuals build smarter, more sustainable benefits strategies that attract and retain top talent while managing long-term costs.

Business Benefits: We help businesses make sense of their options by explaining what's changing, what it means for their budget, and which plans will actually work for their employees. We compare different carriers and funding approaches in plain language so employers can see

the real differences in cost and coverage. Our team also reviews renewals, answers questions throughout the year, and keeps clients updated when new programs or savings opportunities become available. The goal is simply to help each business feel confident they're making the right decision – not overwhelmed by the process.

The Team: Our leadership team brings decades of combined experience in health insurance, carrier operations, and benefits consulting. Having worked with both regional carriers (most recently as managers at Health Alliance) and national networks, we understand the challenges Illinois employers face and how to design sustainable benefits strategies.

Tailored Solutions: Every employer is different. We begin by understanding each client's workforce, claims trends,

and budget, and then make plan recommendations tailored to those needs. Whether through level-funded programs, self-funded arrangements, or association partnerships, our goal is to build a benefits strategy that performs long-term.

The Year Ahead: Our goal is to continue expanding access to innovative, community-driven health programs, especially through partnerships with chambers and associations across Illinois. We're also focused on helping employers transition smoothly from traditional insurance models to smarter, more transparent funding strategies that drive savings and improve employee satisfaction.

Commitment: One thing we consistently emphasize is our commitment to being a long-term partner, not just a broker. Benefits are becoming more complex every year, and employers deserve someone who will proactively bring solutions, monitor results, and stay engaged throughout the year rather than only at renewal. We're always happy to provide a no-pressure review and share what options may exist.

Learn More: Visit us at www.360benefitsgroup.org, call 855-564-6360, email info@360benefitsgroup.org, or connect with us on Facebook and LinkedIn.



New Member Snapshot: TASC- Connecting Justice and Health Across Illinois

Team: Michelle Penton, Dion McGill, Guy Schingoethe, and Alessandra Jaime Benavente

About: Since 1976, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) has led with the belief that every individual holds the potential for positive change. We advocate, support, and most importantly, empower people to break barriers, find recovery, and reshape their destinies.

Using Specialized Case Management™, we create a world where recovery, justice and empathy lead to thriving communities. Our foundation is anchored at the intersection of behavioral health and the criminal legal system—where the right intervention can change the course of a life.

Today, TASC operates at the forefront of transformative solutions. We help people navigate the path to recovery, and we assist partners in navigating the path to system reform. We know that justice and health require confronting the social drivers of health—poverty, trauma, education, and access to care—this is why we take a comprehensive, customized approach to case management and advocate for systemic change.

The organization has ~300 employees across Illinois and the U.S.

Location: TASC offers services across Illinois, with offices in Chicago, Rockford, Springfield, Edwardsville, Belleville, Marion, Rock Island, Peoria, Joliet, and Bridgeview.

How long have you been in Vermilion County? TASC's Adult Criminal Justice Services division has been operating within the region since the organization's inception, working with individuals involved with the justice system and connecting them with

treatment and resources in lieu of prison.

In July 2024, TASC launched deflection operations serving Vermilion County, among other neighboring counties, as part of the community-based deflection initiative, DART (Deflection Avenues Reconnection Team).

What is deflection? An approach that connects individuals to treatment and supportive services following an encounter with law enforcement. DART actively collaborates with Vermilion County law enforcement to engage individuals and link them to treatment and essential services.

In short, deflection aims to connect individuals with community services rather than making arrests, promoting recovery, reducing recidivism, and fostering safer communities.

What makes TASC unique? TASC operates at the critical intersection of public health and public safety. Unlike organizations that focus solely on treatment or solely on justice reform, TASC bridges both—connecting people to care instead of punishment and driving systemic change at scale.

What is the best part of serving people in Vermilion County? The most rewarding part of serving Vermilion County is relentlessly engaging clients and linking them to vital resources that will help improve their lives.

Local Success Story: Recently, TASC's deflection team began working with The Dwelling Place, thanks to the support of Danville Police Department Chief Christopher Yates. Through this collaboration, TASC is now able to use The Dwelling Place as a private and safe location to meet with individuals referred for deflection services. Many of these referrals come directly from law enforcement, and a significant number



involve individuals experiencing homelessness.

By meeting at The Dwelling Place, clients gain immediate access to the valuable resources the center provides. While our Deflection Specialists work to link individuals to treatment and other supportive services, clients benefit from amenities such as showers, laundry facilities, computer access for job applications, and daily lunches. This partnership allows TASC to meet people where they are, ensuring dignity, safety, and support as they take the first steps toward recovery and stability.

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You can reach the DART Deflection Team by emailing dartdeflection@tasc.org

Anything we haven't asked? We're hiring! Currently, we have an open position for a Deflection Specialist to serve as a member of our DART deflection team. Interested candidates can apply by visiting www.tasc.org/tascweb/work_at_tasc.aspx.

New Member Snapshot: C-N Custom Steel Work

Owner: Billy Noggle

Company Information: We are a residential and commercial door company that has been in Danville since 1984. On the residential side, we are the only CHI dealer/installer in Vermilion County for garage doors. A Liftmaster and Linear operator dealer/installer. For commercial work, we install a range of products, including overhead doors, rolling steel doors, high-speed roll-up doors, hollow metal entry doors, loading dock equipment, gate operators, mobile welding, custom handrails, and guardrails.

What Makes Your Company Unique:

The name is a little misleading, as we are a door company. As the years have passed and with my new ownership in 2021, we are expanding into more custom steel work. No matter if our work is residential or commercial, we can provide complete solutions direct from the manufacturer. No 3rd party middleman to deal with (ex., Menards, Lowe's, other door companies buying from those locations). We also back our work with a one-year labor warranty.

Founding: C-N was founded by Curt Wright in 1984, with a primary focus on hollow metal entry doors.

Growth: With new ownership in May of 2021, we have experienced steady and impressive growth, evolving from a small operation into a trusted regional business in commercial and residential doors. Our expansion and new location have been driven by a commitment to quality craftsmanship and customer satisfaction. Each completed project helps us strengthen our reputation for reliability, precision and pride in our work. As our business continues to grow, one of our main goals is to help more people understand everything we have to offer. Many customers know us for our commercial door work, but we also provide high-quality solutions for residential garage door issues. We're working to build stronger awareness through social media, local partnerships, and involvement in the community.



Community Support: Every year, we sponsor or donate to several different organizations, including multiple car shows with different beneficiaries (Mission K-9, etc.); Vermilion County

Sheriffs; Oakwood, Westville, Georgetown, Salt Fork School Sponsorships; Georgetown Fair; and the Georgetown Legion. We also provide support and services when needed for the Danville Fire Department, Public Works, and all Vermilion County schools.

Best Part of Doing Business in Vermilion County:

Having grown up in Vermilion County, specifically Georgetown, this area is home. My entire family and life have been in Vermilion County, IL, and Vermilion County, IN. There is a strong work ethic and community support in our area. Being a part of a community where neighbors help each other and word of mouth still matters has allowed us to build lasting relationships with customers, suppliers and other local businesses. It's rewarding to see our work directly contribute to the improvement of our hometown area.

Learn More: Call 217-443-4177 office or 217-304-7972 cell, visit cncustomsteel.com, email cncsw@sbcglobal.net, or find us on Facebook by searching "C N Custom Steel Work Danville, Illinois." You can also stop by our showroom at our new location, 3723 N Vermilion St., Danville, IL 61832.






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