



Decatur Main Street's Newsletter

What's New!

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October Edition



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Christmas Open House

It's never too early to start planning for Christmas! The 2025 Christmas Open House is on Friday, November 21, and Saturday, November 22!

The Christmas Open House is open to all Decatur businesses that want to spread the holiday cheer! Please turn in your forms by **Friday, October 31** to Decatur Main Street at 125 E Monroe Street.



To download the 2025 Christmas Open House Form, please click [here!](#)

Most Wonderful Time of the Year

The holiday season is almost here, and we're excited to help promote your upcoming events!

Our Most Wonderful Time of the Year flyer will highlight holiday and New Year's activities happening throughout November and December.

If your business or organization is hosting an event, activity, or special celebration, let us help spread the holiday cheer by including it in this community flyer!

Participation is free for non-profit organizations. Businesses may be included for just \$15. To participate, please click [here!](#)

If you have any questions, please email us at decatur.mainstreet@gmail.com or call us at 260- 724-2604.



Featured Members of the Month

Callithumpian

The Callithumpian parade began in the early 1900's, but the first official parade held in 1925. The Decatur Chamber of Commerce started sponsoring the parades in 1936 and the parade has grown tremendously since the 70's. The Callithumpian parade has become a fixture in downtown Decatur, an event the community looks forward to each October in celebration of Halloween. On the evening of the parade you can find most of Decatur's citizens camped along the parade route waiting for the floats, bands and of course, candy!

The committee may be the organizing body of the Callithumpian Festival, but the heart of Callithumpian is the business community, industries, service clubs, sororities, churches and individuals who, each year, generously support this festival with donations of both money and time to continue the tradition!



“ I can smell autumn dancing in the breeze. The sweet chill of pumpkin, and crisp sun burnt leaves.”

- Ann Drake

Lengerich Chiropractic

Established in 2010, Lengerich Chiropractic is a locally owned practice led by Dr. Adam Lengerich, DC. The office is dedicated to helping patients improve their health and well-being, specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions affecting the nervous system. Services include spinal adjustments, physiotherapy, nutritional support, and patient education. Conveniently located at 822 W. Monroe Street in Decatur, Lengerich Chiropractic welcomes questions about their services at (260) 724-9500.



Highlights of the Month

The Talk On The Street

The last quarter of the year is upon us, which is a very busy time for many of us in business and with family. It is also a very busy time for the downtown as we have a number of big events scheduled.

In October the downtown will host numerous events for Callithumpian Week including the annual parade that is scheduled for October 27.

November brings the kickoff for the holiday season with the Main Street sponsored Decatur Christmas Open House, November 21-22 and the Community Christmas Tree Lightning on Friday evening, November 21. A lot of activities will be held that weekend and we want you all to be a part of it. We hope that each business does a little something extra that will make the weekend memorable. Fill out your Open House form and be sure to add an event at your business that can be included on the schedule. Let's make this year the biggest and best open house to date.

Main Street will be adding \$20,000 in Christmas lights and displays to the Madison Street Plaza for the season that are provided with a special agreement with Artistic Holiday Designs, a holiday display provider out of Whitley, Indiana. We hope this display will continue to grow in the years to come.

We are also creating a printed Holiday Events Schedule for November and December that is entitled "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." This schedule will list all things fun in Decatur for November and December. If you have an event, be sure to also fill out that form to be included.

Other Happenings...

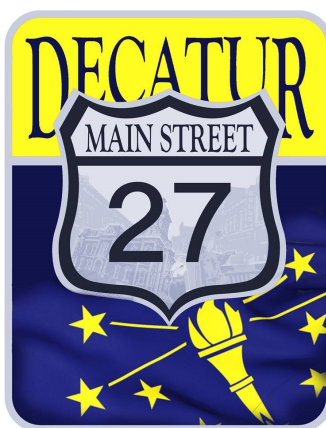
It is great that the Five Points Intersection Improvement has been completed. The city and state have done a wonderful job in creating a beautiful and efficient intersection. The brick crosswalks and multiple plantings enhance the area making it a welcoming entrance to the south side of downtown.

The DeCatur Alleyway next to Sherwin Williams will hopefully be completed before the end of the year. The benches, fixtures and planters have all been ordered. We wish to thank the Decatur Rotary Club for helping with this project as we work to complete it.

One more thing, you should have received an email from Decatur Chamber/Main Street about accounting classes that are being offered at the Decatur Merit Center by Ivy Tech. If you need additional training for your business be sure to check this out.

Max A. Miller

Decatur Main Street's President



Highlights of the Month

Chamber Luncheon-Adams Memorial Hospital Update

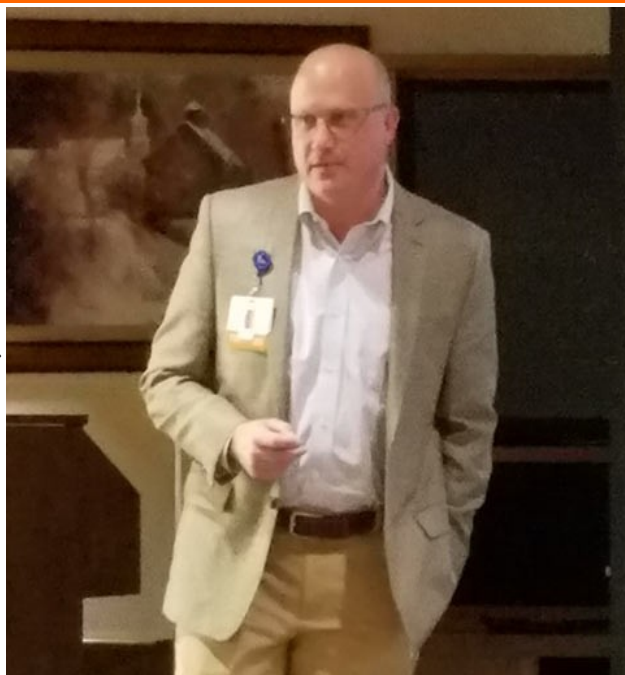
Join us on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 11:45 AM in the Woodcrest Dining Hall as Dr. Scott Smith provides an update on Adams Memorial Hospital. Dr. Smith will share recent developments at the hospital and outline plans for the upcoming year.

Cost: \$20 per person

Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, October 15, by 2:00 PM

To reserve your spot, please contact the Decatur Chamber of Commerce:

E mail: lmorris@decaturchamber.org
Phone: 724-2604



Zombie Pub Crawl

Mark Your Calendars... the Zombie Pub Crawl is Back from the Dead!

Get ready, Decatur—on **Friday, October 24, 2025**, the streets will be crawling with the undead! It's time for a night of thrills, chills, and unforgettable fun as we celebrate the spooky season in true zombie style.

Wristbands are just \$5!

Your wristband gets you access to crawl-exclusive drink and food specials at participating downtown pubs.

Come dressed to impress... the undead way!

Whether you go all-out gory, creepy-cute, or anything in between, costumes are highly encouraged.

Eat. Drink. Crawl. Repeat.

Make your way through downtown Decatur and enjoy a variety of pubs offering hauntingly good specials.

A Night to Remember

Round up your friends, embrace the spooky spirit, and kick off Halloween weekend with one of the most talked-about events of the year!

So grab your wristband, perfect your zombie shuffle, and join us for a night when the dead come alive in downtown Decatur.



Highlights of the Month

Ivy Tech's New Certification Course

Adams County, IN (September 29, 2025) – The MERIT Center and Ivy Tech Community College have partnered to offer a Professional Bookkeeping and Payroll Certificate in Adams County. This Certification Program includes the following classes, each lasting 6 weeks:

Course Description

ACCT 101 Financial Accounting - (January 26')

ACCT 102 Managerial Accounting - (March 26')

ACCT 106 Payroll Accounting - (May 26')

ACCT 205 Income Tax - (August 26')

OTEC 118 Microsoft Excel - (October 26')

ACCT 122 Accounting Systems Applications (Includes Quickbooks) - (January 27')

"An Ivy Tech credential is the best path to a high-demand job with great pay in Northeast Indiana. We're committed to making this education available throughout our service area and are grateful for community partners like the MERIT Center. This is the critical connection that allows us to provide convenient, accessible, and high quality courses in the Adams County community." – Ivy Tech

Chancellor, Kim Barnett-Johnson

The development of these courses are the direct result of feedback from Adams County Businesses that expressed a need for themselves or their employees to acquire or refresh certain skills. The first 6-week course begins in January 2026. The courses will be held once a week and be in-person at the MERIT Center, located at 1109 Dayton Street in Decatur.

To Register follow the link: [Apply at ivytech.edu/apply-now](https://ivytech.edu/apply-now)

Contact: Colton Bickel, Adams County Economic Development Corporation, (260) 724-2588, cbickel@adamscountyedc.com, and Kenan Habibic: KHabibic@ivytech.edu, (260) 482-4206



**MERIT
CENTER**

IVY TECH HAS MORE
CLASSES YOU NEED
CLOSE TO HOME



The MERIT Center

1109 Dayton Street, Decatur, IN 46733

Professional Bookkeeping & Payroll Certificate

Gives students the skillset to manage records and payroll for an organization. Graduates from this program are prepared to take the American Institute of Professional Bookkeeping exam, employment, and/or completing an Associate degree for a career in bookkeeping.

2026 Course Schedule

Course	Description	Course Starts
ACCT 101	Financial Accounting	January
ACCT 102	Managerial Accounting	March
ACCT 106	Payroll Accounting	May
ACCT 205	Income Tax	August
OTEC 118	Microsoft Excel	October
ACCT 122	Accounting Systems Applications (Includes Quickbooks)	January

Classes will meet Mondays
6:30PM - 9:20PM



Interested?
Let us know!

SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE!

Learn more about each course: link.ivytech.edu/BookkeepingCert

Apply at ivytech.edu/apply-now

Contact Kenan Habibic:
KHabibic@ivytech.edu, (260) 482-4206

Explore classes and connect with us:
ivytech.edu/fortwayne/countyresources



Highlights of the Month

Decatur Park and Recreation Fall Break Activities



Parks and Rec

Fall Break Activities



Sunday Oct 19th	Bellmont: Open Swim, 6:00-8:00pm. \$3.00 pp or pool coupon. Enter through door S6
Tuesday Oct 21st	Riverside: Painting with Ruth Green. 10:00am, \$15.00 pp. Must register on daparks.com
Wednesday Oct 22nd	Riverside: Bouncy house donated by Adams County Bounce Houses, Dodgeball, DJ/Dance Party. 1:00-3:00. Concessions sold. Free Event
Thursday Oct 23rd	Service Complex: Rock Climbing, Gymnastics room and open gym. 1:00-3:00. Free Event
Saturday Oct 25th	Riverside: Skate/Dodgeball Party. 6:00-9:00pm Dress in Halloween costume, City Fireworks. Concessions sold. Free Event

Call Riverside at 260-724-2520 with any questions

Experience Adams County - Coffee Experience Passport

Discover the best of Adams County's coffee scene with the **Coffee Experience Passport**, running **October 1 – December 23**. Pick up a passport at any participating shop, collect a sticker with each beverage purchase, and complete the passport to be entered into prize drawings.

Participating Shops

- **Decatur:** The Java Bean Café & Sorinna's Bakery
- **Monroe:** Oliver's at the Brickhouse & Shaka Shack Coffee & More
- **Berne:** The Filling Station Coffee Haus & AlpineRose Coffee Shoppe

Prizes & Giveaways

- First to finish wins an instant prize
- Extra entries for following, liking, and sharing on social media
- Complete passports submitted by **Dec. 23** enter the **grand prize drawing in January**

Support local businesses, enjoy great drinks, and join the fun—one cup at a time!



Highlights of the Month

Callithumpian Festival



The 2025 Callithumpian Festival is almost here! Get ready for a full month of fun and excitement in Decatur with contests, haunted wagon rides, and special events for all ages.

Parade Information

The Callithumpian Parade will be held on Monday, October 27, 2025, starting at 6:57 PM.

There's still time to sign up!

- Regular registration deadline: October 10 at 12:00 PM
- Late registration deadline: October 17 at 12:00 PM (includes \$15 late fee)

Parade Rules: [Download PDF](#)

Parade Entry Form: [Download PDF](#)

Safe & Friendly Trick-or-Treat Day

Be part of the fun by sponsoring a building at Safety Park.

This family-friendly event takes place on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 1:00–3:00 PM.

- Registration deadline: October 17, 2025

Safety Park Registration Form: [Download PDF](#)

Spootacler Night

Live Music with Whoa, Man & Dinner!

7:00 - 10:00 pm - Doors open at 6:00 pm. Friday, October 17, 2025. Will be held at the Mirage, 1640 Winchester Street, Decatur, IN. Halloween Costumes are suggested.

Tickets are \$25 per person (meal included), or a VIP table is \$250 - (includes drink ticket, hors d'oeuvres and table close to band. Dinner includes loaded nachos with bourbon chicken or sloppy joe meat. Full Cash Bar Available. To reserve a table, call the Mirage at 260-223-0245 or email: themiragebanq@gmail.com.

Tickets available at The Mirage and the Chamber Office (125 E Monroe Street).

Band sponsored by Custom Car Care, Krueckeberg Auction & Realty and Ruoff Mortgage.



Highlights of the Month

Decatur Highland Games



2025 Winners for the Men's Events

1. Neil Henning (Middle)
2. Isaac Birch (Right)
3. John Shifferly (Left)



2025 Winners for the Women's Events

1. Gabby Birch (Middle)
2. Kristy Rolston (Right)
3. Cheryl Lengerich (Left)



2025 Volunteers
for the Decatur
Highland Games

Decatur Main Street's Board of Directors

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Eric Schevenius

Wylie Sirk

Emily Sovine

Kathy Thorpe

Executive Director

Craig Coshow

Administrative Assistant

Michael Garza

Ex Officio

Mayor Dan Rickord

Board of Directors Meeting:

- When: Second Thursday at 8:30 am
- Where: Chamber of Commerce
125 E Monroe St
- Who: Board of Directors meetings are open to the public.
- Committees:
Economic Vitality
Promotional
Organizational
Design

Upcoming Events

Follow us on social media:

October 6

Adams County Mentor Mom - "Meet & Mingle Night" - at the Merit Center from 5 pm - 6:30 pm. For more information, click [here!](#)

October 11

Decatur Artisan Craft Market
At Riverside Center from 9 am - 2 pm
For more information, click [here!](#)

October 18

Pumpkin Decorating - At D-Town Energy starting at 10 am. For more information, click [here!](#)

October 19

Halloween and all thing HORROR Trivia Sunday - At Famous Monster Pizza starting at 5 pm. For more ticket information, click [here!](#)

October 24

Fall Sip and Paint - At D-Town starting at 6 pm. For more information, click [here!](#)

October 25

Karaoke - At D-Town Energy starting at 6 pm. For more information, click [here!](#)

October 27

Callithumpian Parade - At Downtown Decatur starts at 6:57 pm.

October 31st

Halloween Bash of the Year!! - At D-Town Energy starting at 5 pm. For more information, click [here!](#)

City Wide Trick or Treat - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Humans Among Us (Halloween Show) - at The Wet Spot starting at 10 pm. For more information, click [here!](#)

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