



## What's New!

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## Decatur Artisan Craft Market

The Decatur Artisan Craft Market 2025-2026 season is coming soon! The Market will be held at Riverside Center from 9 am—2 pm and it is held every 2nd Saturday of the months of October - April.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor or have questions, please email [Decaturartisanmarket@yahoo.com](mailto:Decaturartisanmarket@yahoo.com).



### DECATUR ARTISAN CRAFT MARKET

@ Riverside Center  
(231 E. Monroe Street, Decatur IN)

**9 am –2 pm**

October 11, 2025

November 8

December 13

February 14, 2026

March 14

April 11

## Motor Sports Festival

The Motor Sports Festival will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025 in Downtown Decatur. The festival will be from 4:00-9:00 pm; Registration 4:00-6:00 pm; Pre-Registration \$10/Day of \$12. Want to register your car for the festival, click [here](#).

The Bulldogs will be playing, food vendors will be available along with adult beverages.





## Featured Members of the Month

### The Literacy Alliance

Founded in 1972 as the Fort Wayne Literacy Council and later rebranded as The Literacy Alliance (TLA), this nonprofit is now led by CEO Melinda Haines, who took the helm in January 2020 after the retirement of long-time director Mike Landram. Headquartered at 1005 W Rudisill Blvd, Suite 307, Fort Wayne, IN 46807, TLA is a 501(c)(3) organization providing completely free adult literacy programs—from basic reading, writing & math (Project Build) to GED/HSE preparation (Project Graduate) and English language learning (Project Connect)—alongside K-3 tutoring through Project Reads. To learn more or get involved as a student, volunteer, or donor, you can reach them at (260) 426-7323 or via email at [info@literacyalliance.org](mailto:info@literacyalliance.org) [literacyalliance.org](http://literacyalliance.org).



**“ To see the  
summer sky is  
poetry, though  
never in a book it  
lie—true poems  
flee.”**

**- Emily Dickinson**

### Tri Tec Systems

Founded in 1988 by Gary Sheets, who continues to lead the company as President alongside Vice President Bob Mies and Manager Karen Sills, Tri Tec Systems LLC is a trusted provider of custom wire harness assemblies and electronic cabling solutions. Proudly based in Decatur, Indiana, the company specializes in manufacturing high-quality, made-to-spec wiring products for a variety of industries, combining decades of expertise with personalized customer service. Tri Tec Systems LLC is located at 125 W Grant St, Decatur, IN 46733, and can be reached by phone at (260) 724-9166 for inquiries or service requests.





## Highlights of the Month

### Kekionga Festival

Kekionga Festival is coming soon! The festival will be on August 22 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm at Riverside Center. The event will feature:

- Story time with Bob Sander
- "Abraham Lincoln": The retelling of the 16th President of the United States
- Birds of prey presentation by "Soarin' Hawk" Raptor Rehab
- Jim Barron Magic Show
- Mayor's Challenge



For more information, stay tune to the Decatur Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page.

### Germanfest

The Decatur Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 8th annual Germanfest in partnership with our main sponsor Oakwood Mutual Insurance. The festival will be held on Saturday, August 16th, from 5 - 10 pm on the Madison Street Plaza in Downtown Decatur.

The Germanfest Committee will open the festivities with Mayor Dan Rickord tapping the official wooden keg from Bavaria. Music will be provided all evening by The Franz Klaber Orchestra (The Klabberheads), an interactive 13-piece band from Hamilton, Ohio, will be entertaining the crowd all night.

This will be a family-friendly event, with Polka dancing and traditional German food including Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, and large variety of desserts like Strudel. A (Biergarten) beer garden serving the best beers in the entire world ... German beers, will also make you feel as if you've been transported straight to the heart of Bavaria.

Merchandise, including Alpine Hats, Hat pins, Beer mugs & Pitchers will be sold during the event. So, men put on your Lederhosen and ladies put on your Dirndls and get ready for a good time for the whole family at the Dekatur Germanfest ... Prost!



## Highlights of the Month

### Summer Concerts Series

The **Summer Concert Series** is finishing up this month! The concerts will be on **Madison Street Plaza**, bringing energy to your Thursday evenings all through the Summer.

Enjoy a great lineup of bands, food vendors, and adult beverages — all in the heart of downtown. **Bring your lawn chairs, gather your friends, and settle in for a fun summer evening!**

#### August Concert Schedule:

- **August 7** – *Crush (Bon Jovi Experience)* | **7:00 – 9:00 PM**
- **August 14** – *Strait Jack* | **7:00 – 9:30 PM**
- **August 21** – *Sunglasses At Night* | **6:00 – 9:00 PM**
- **August 28** – *The Bulldogs* | **6:00 – 9:00 PM**



#### Food and Beverages:

A variety of food vendors will be on-site, along with adult beverages available for guests 21 and over provide by Oasis Pub .

**Learn more:** <https://www.decaturchamber.org/events/summer-concert-series/22>

We'll see you there!

## Live Music with Adams Health Senior Living

Adams Health Senior Living invites the community to an evening of music, food, and fun featuring a live performance by **The Sweetwater All Stars!**

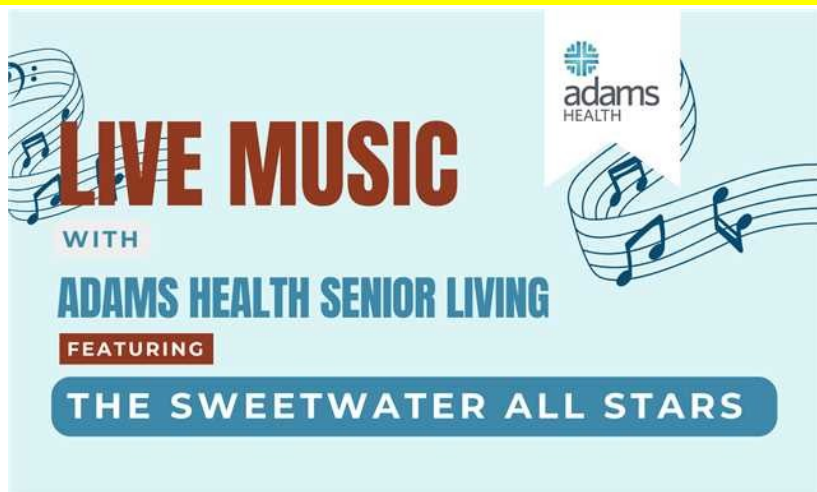
**Date:** Thursday, September 4, 2025

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**Location:** Madison Street Plaza, 128 Madison St., Decatur, IN 46733

Enjoy an evening of:

- Live music by *The Sweetwater All Stars*
- Food trucks offering a variety of delicious options
- Prize giveaways
- A cash bar with wine slushies, beer, and more



This free event is open to the public. Bring your family, friends, and lawn chairs and join us for a great night in downtown Decatur.

## Highlights of the Month

### Flight of the Fairies: Enchanted Evening

Join us for the rescheduled Flight of the Fairies: Enchanted Evening, a magical celebration filled with crafts, games, dancing, and whimsical fun for all ages. Guests are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite enchanted attire for a night of fairy-tale wonder.

Explore the Toadstool Treasures Market, featuring youth vendors, and enjoy an evening of creativity and imagination.

#### Event Details:

Date: Thursday, August 22, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Mirage Banquet Hall, 1640 Winchester Street, Decatur, IN

Tickets: \$8.00 per person | Free for children under age 2

Now in its fifth year, this event is a fundraiser benefiting the Decatur Arts Commission.

For more information, please contact: [flightofthefairies@outlook.com](mailto:flightofthefairies@outlook.com)



### The Hive Art Gallery

The Hive Art Gallery is more than just a gallery — it's a creative, modern venue perfect for intimate gatherings, pop-up shops, showers, meetings, and more.

Surrounded by local art and natural light, your event will feel one-of-a-kind in this vibrant downtown space. For more information contact Jamie Gephart at [jgephart@cityofdecatur.in.gov](mailto:jgephart@cityofdecatur.in.gov) or 260-724-7171



#### THE HIVE ART GALLERY

The Hive is open to collaborative opportunities. Reservations can be made for private events, artist shows, creative workshops, and more.

Contact  
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 LOCATED AT  
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 DECATUR, IN





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## **Executive Director**

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## **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**

### **August 3**

#### **Summer Slam Watch Party**

At D-Town Energy from 6 pm - 10 pm.

For more information, click [here](#).

### **August 4**

#### **Villa Lanes Cornhole Tournament**

At Villa Lanes and starts at 6:30 pm. For

more information, click [here](#).

### **August 7**

#### **Summer Concert Series: Crush (Bon Jovi Experience)**

Concert will be on Madison Street Plaza from 7 pm - 9 pm

### **August 8**

#### **Karaoke Night**

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

### **August 9**

#### **The Next Page Book Store & More 20th Anniversary**

Come celebrate the 20th anniversary of our favorite downtown bookstore. The event will be held at Next Page Store and it will be from 10 am—7 pm. For more information, click [here](#).

### **August 14**

#### **Summer Concert Series: Strait Jack**

Concert will be on Madison Street Plaza from 7 pm - 9:30 pm

### **August 15**

#### **Sip & Paint - Lily Canvas**

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

### **August 21**

#### **Summer Concert Series: Sunglasses At Night**

Concert will be on Madison Street Plaza from 7 pm - 9 pm

### **August 22**

#### **Flight of the Fairies: An Enchanted Evening**

At Mirage Event Center and starts at 5pm. For more information, click [here](#).

### **August 28**

#### **Summer Concert Series: The Bulldogs**

Concert will be on Madison Street Plaza from 7 pm - 9 pm

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