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NEW AUTO GLASS FIRM IN DECATUR OFFERS SEVERAL AUTO-RELATED SERVICES

Decatur, Ind.—A new automotive service company has opened for business in Decatur to offer auto glass repair and replacement, window tinting, as well as auto detailing and accessories. Above the Rest, LLC was founded by Harlan entrepreneurs Michelle and Brent Martin and is located at the corner of 265 North Second Street and Jackson Street in downtown Decatur. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Above the Rest owner Michelle Martin brings 10 years of management experience to the new company and will be managing the business side of the operation. She has been around automobiles her entire life, having come from a racing family. The Angola native moved to Allen County three years ago when she married her husband Brent Martin, who will serve as shop manager for Above the Rest. A native of New Haven, Brent also has been around cars most of his life. He has 20 years of experience in the open-wheel modified racing circuit, having raced at the Baer Field, Angola and Winchester tracks in Indiana, as well as at tracks around the country. Brent has worked in the automotive industry for 15 years, serving as an independent contract laborer for multiple companies.

The couple said they “decided to take a leap of faith” in starting their company after various friends in the community had asked them for help with their vehicles.

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Quality work will be emphasized at Above the Rest, according to the Martins. “We’ve seen what NOT to do in running a business and thought we might as well give it a chance,” Brent said. The two feel they complement each other, with Brent being a mechanic and Michelle having experience in business management.

Above the Rest will be a one-stop operation for a lot of automotive services. In addition to repairing, replacing and tinting windows and detailing vehicles, the business will replace old power door locks and sell and install automotive accessories such as audio systems, running boards, rims, lift kits and bug shields. “We have a full catalog of accessories available to our customers,” Brent said. “Basically, we’ll do anything but install remote starts,” he added. The couple indicated that they are working with local automotive insurance companies who will refer their customers to Above the Rest for insurance-supported services such as replacement of broken windshields.

To get their business off the ground, the Martins worked with the Northeast ISBDC, whose business advisor provided start-up advice and walked them through the various steps for launching a business. They also received a lot of help and support from their extensive racing family. “We’d like to thank all those who are standing behind us and the new business,” Michelle said.

For more information on Above the Rest, visit www.abovetherestautoglass.com or call the shop or mobile numbers at 260-223-0110 and 260-704-0787, respectively. To learn more about the services of the Northeast ISBDC, visit www.isbdc.org or call 260-481-0500.