

Member Announcements

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Please review the following information at your leisure - and you can always view our most recent "News & Views" at <http://www.vermilionadvantage.com/vermilion-advantage-newsletter>



Vermilion Advantage News

BIGG Tip: *From Stutterer to Star Voice Actor* – As a child, he stuttered so badly he refused to speak. Then he wrote a poem for a class project. It was so good; his teacher thought he plagiarized it. She made him recite it from memory to the class. He did it! That day, James Earl Jones came out of his shell. He turned his biggest weakness into his greatest strength! That's BIGG success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#).

We can help with your Professional Recruitment and/or Short- or Long-Term Rental Needs – Vermilion Advantage can help with your professional recruitment needs by taking your new employees or employment candidates on a Community Tour. We can also help your current or new employees with rental referrals - we keep a word-of-mouth list of available for home and apartment rentals, also including some furnished short-term corporate rentals that the public may not be aware of through other channels. In addition, if you have professional rental properties come available, make sure Machelles has your property on her list! Call Machelles at 217-442-6201 or email her at mdykes@vermilionadvantage.com if you need assistance.

Students Seeking Non-Compensated Community Service Hours – Students are seeking opportunity locations to perform non-compensated community service hours as a part of some high school graduation requirements and

others for national honor society requirements. If you have such opportunities, if you could please let us know, we will forward a compilation of these opportunities to our local high schools. Call us at 217-442-6201 or email Vicki Haugen at vhaugen@vermilionadvantage.com.

We Need Your Help! We Need Career Coaches for the <http://www.CNVCIInspire.org> project. CNVC is a web-based career preparation and readiness platform. By integrating enhanced career development tools, social media elements and local workforce data into a seamless system, job creators, students, educators and parents can connect efficiently and effectively. Now we need your help! We would like for you to become online career coaches for the students to contact virtually. The time commitment is less than 1 hour per week if you are selected by a student. We need career professionals across all levels from entry to executives, from maintenance, clerical, accounting, management, to engineers. Make a lasting Impact! Click on the "Join Now" link at <http://www.cnvcinspire.org/employersvolunteers.html>, and it will take you directly to the registration site. Should you have any questions, contact Kim Kuchenbrod at kkuchenbrod@vermilionadvantage.com or call at 217-442-6201. Help develop Vermilion County's talent pipeline by helping local students in reaching their career potential! Participate in Career Network Vermilion County (CNVC) and help build our community's future

"All A's" - We would love to share any "Awards, Achievements, and Accolades" for your business or your employees! Attention: Vermilion Advantage Members! We would love to share any "Awards, Achievements, and Accolades" for your business or your employees! Please email your "All A's" information to Machelles Dykes at mdykes@vermilionadvantage.com, and share your good news! We look forward to sharing your good news with our members and the entire community!

Members - it's time to share your story! With publication of our Vermilion Advantage newspaper returning to monthly frequency, we want to help you share the stories of your businesses. Everyone has a story - successes, challenges, great employees, there are good stories about every one of your businesses that you can share with the community. If you are interested in telling your story, please contact us at 217-442-6201 or email contact@vermilionadvantage.com.



Education

DACC Announces WYSE High School Academic Challenge Winners – see news release [here](#)

Free Basic Computer Classes being offering at the Danville Public Library in March – see news release [here](#)

The Illinois Small Business Development Center at DACC Seeks Small Business Award Nominations – see new release [here](#); see nomination form [here](#)

DACC Announces Spring 2017 Classes at Hoopston Higher Learning Center – see news release [here](#)

The Illinois Small Business Development Center at DACC Announces Programs – see news release [here](#)

DACC Announces Upcoming Corporate Education Training – see news release [here](#)

DACC Announces Spring 2017 Community Education Classes – see news release [here](#)

U of I Extension Announces Free Wellness Programs on Aging, Finances, Gardening & Nutrition – see news release [here](#)

DACC Offers GED Classes at New Times & New Locations in February – see news release [here](#)

U of I Extension hosts a Free Master Gardener's Class on Shiitake Mushrooms at the Danville Public Library on February 21 – see news release [here](#)

DACC Foundation Scholarship Applications Available with Feb. 21 Deadline – see news release [here](#)

DACC's Volunteer Tutor Training "Help an Adult Learn to Read" is Scheduled in February & March – see news release [here](#)

Interviewing & Resume Workshops with Career Services at DACC January through May – see news release [here](#)



Health

Presence Faith In Action Seeking Volunteers and Offer Orientation on February 23 – Volunteer positions available are: volunteer driver, office volunteer, & to offer minor help around the house for seniors. Upcoming informative orientation will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 1PM. If you have questions or would like to sign up, call 217-443-5689 or email Ashton.greer@presencehealth.org.



Jobs

For current, local job opportunities posted directly by employers, please see the Vermilion County Jobs Board at www.vermilionadvantage.com/job-board (formerly 442jobs.com) – Vermilion Advantage is Vermilion County, Illinois' electronic resource for career and occupational opportunities, employer profiles and career information and K-16 education programs and partnerships in our area. Learn more about local training through Danville Area Community College and other local training resources. It's all here. Explore our site and see how Vermilion County is Getting Technical...with Endless Possibilities! If you are a user of the former 442jobs.com site, and have not yet been set up as a user on our new Vermilion County Jobs Board page to post job openings, please contact Machel Dykes at mdykes@vermilionadvantage.com



Events/Community

Red Mask Players, Inc. Accepting Scholarship Applications with March 17, 2017 Deadline – see news release [here](#)

Big Brothers Big Sisters Launches Shoe Collection Drive – BBBS will earn funds, to benefit the youth of Vermilion County, based on the total weight of worn, used or news shoes collected. Shoes can be brought to BBBS at 100

N. Franklin (inside the First Presbyterian Church) Danville. BBBS staff will also pick up donations if needed. For more information, Call 217-446-6601.

Central Community Action Agency Announces Energy Assistance Funds Available – see news release [here](#); see flyer [here](#)

East Central Illinois Community Action Agency to Begin Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Feb. 1 until April 13 – see news release [here](#); see flyer [here](#)

Danville Light Opera Musical Theatre Present “Violet” on February 17-19 at the Bremer Auditorium, DACC – see news release [here](#)

North Ridge Middle School Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auction on February 24 – see flyer [here](#)

Reach 1 Coach 1 & Next Level Present Basketball Shooting & Skills Clinic on March 4 & 5 – This camp is for Grades 3rd through High School with Jason Seely from Next Level, professional shooting instructor & skills coach, & Coach John Spezia. See news release [here](#); Registration form [here](#)

Community Action’s 52nd Annual Dinner Business Meeting on March 10 – see news release [here](#)

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners Partner with DACC For Spring Garden Day Event on March 11 – see news release [here](#)

JR. NBA Basketball Program Sign Up has Begun! - Jr. NBA is for boys & girls ages 6-14 years old at Schlarman Academy starting March 11-April 29. Kids can get trained by certified USA Basketball coaches & learn the right way to play this great game! – see information & registration pamphlet [here](#)

Danville Elks Lodge Upcoming Events – [Feb. 25](#): All You Can Eat pancake & sausage breakfast from 8-11AM. Cost is \$6. Also, variety of nuts for sale in 1 pound bags; 8-11AM.

Danville Knights of Columbus Upcoming Events – [Feb. 19](#): All You Can Eat Breakfast from 7:30-11:00AM featuring scrambled eggs, French toast, pancakes, waffles, potatoes, sausage gravy, biscuits, bacon, sausage, orange juice, coffee & milk. Cost is \$7.50 Adults or \$3.50 Children (12 & under). [Feb. 24](#): Lucas Barbecue & More featuring pulled pork or beef brisket & two sides from 5:30-7:00PM. Cost is \$7. [Feb. 24](#): T & D Karaoke in the Columbus Lounge from 8PM-Midnight. [Weekly Taco’s](#) - Every Wednesday from 5-7PM. Tacos are \$2 & salads \$3.50. See www.kofcdanville.com for more info. Everyone is welcome at these events!

Danville Public Library Upcoming Events – [Feb. 18](#) Lego Club meets 10:30-11:30AM. [Feb. 18](#): Kidz Movie Club movie at 1PM. [Feb. 18](#): Friendship Tea Party at 3:30PM. Party, fairy, or princess dress is optional. [Also, ongoing weekly programs](#) may be found on the Library’s website at www.danvillepubliclibrary.org

Gao Grotto Upcoming Events – [Feb. 17](#): Your choice of Hamburgers, Tenderloins or Chicken Strips for \$7 with two side choices of Coleslaw, Fries, Onion rings or Baked beans from 5:30-7:30PM. All are welcome to our public events!

Oakwood Public Library Upcoming Events – [Ongoing weekly programs](#) can be found on the Library’s website. Questions? Contact Joel D. Shoemaker, MLIS, Library Director, at the Library at 217-354-4777 or see www.oakwood.lib.il.us

Sleepy Creek Vineyards Upcoming Events – [Feb. 25](#): Murder Mystery Dinner presented by Seven Corpse

Murder Mystery Dinners, with food by Gregory Street Catering by Rosatis. Drinks are at 6:30PM with the Dinner & Drama at 7PM. Cost is \$42 (plus tax) per person which includes Dinner, Drama & Dessert (Drinks are separate). For tickets, Call Sleepy Creek at 217-733-0330 or email events@sleepycreekvineyards.com. Every Sunday: Enjoy our full Winey Mary bar Noon-6PM. Winey Mary is our tomato-jalapeno wine. By itself, it's like a Dirty Martini, or enjoy it mixed as a winey Bloody Mary. Winter/Early Spring hours: We will be open Sunday through Thursday from Noon-6PM, then Friday and Saturday from 10AM-6PM. For more info, see www.sleepycreekvineyards.com.

Westville American Legion Upcoming Events – Feb. 16: Bonus chicken enchiladas on the Taco Bar from 5:30-7:30PM. Feb. 24: Monthly Fish Fry from 5-7PM featuring Fish or Chicken, Fries, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Bread & butter, Dessert, Tea or Coffee. Cost is Adults \$8, Children \$4. Feb. 25: Westville Area Fire Department “Chili Cook-off” beginning with Entry 11AM-Noon, Judging at Noon, & Free lunch Noon-2PM. Entry fee is \$5 with a 1st place \$50 Cash prize. Feb. 25: Bowling Tournament at 5PM. Call Doug Oaks at 217-304-4735. Tacos every Thursday from 5:30-7:30PM.

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