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Member Announcements  
November 30, 2022

*"Inside Vermilion County"*

<https://www.vermilionadvantage.com/category/inside-vermilion-county-magazine/>

*Flyer Inserts*

If you would like to place a flyer insert into our January issue of *Inside Vermilion County*, please bring **550 copies** to Vermilion Advantage. Due to the holidays the **cutoff date will be December 22, 2022**



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*Vermilion Advantage Events*



Help us Celebrate the Holidays !!

Danville Country Club

Thursday, December 1

5:00PM-7:00PM

\$14 Fee includes a drink ticket and  
appetizers

RSVP to Nicole Van Hyfte @  
[nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com)

**BUSINESS  
& NETWORKING  
LUNCHEON**  
A Service of VermilionAdvantage

*Holiday Party*  
Wednesday, December 21, 2022  
11:30AM-1:00PM—David S. Palmer Arena

Free Event for Members  
Catering by JOCKO'S

the joy of  
h o l i d a y  
giving

Executive Director, Jonathan Gibson will be speaking on Habitat for Humanity ReStore and the impact of their recent fire.

Donations will be accepted to help restore  
The ReStore.

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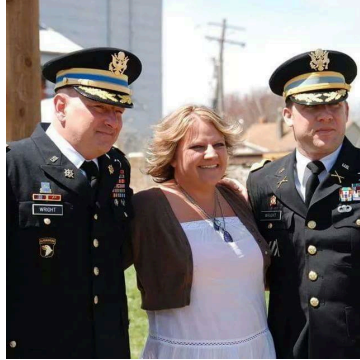
*I Am, You Are, We Are!*

Click [here](#) to nominate someone who inspires you.



*Tara Wright*





“Tara goes above and beyond to educate the community. I have seen her stretch herself to meet the needs of others around her and always advocates for others without hesitation,” a friend says about this week’s honoree, Tara Wright.

Tara is what she considers a “transplant” who moved to Vermilion County 16 years ago from the small Irish village of Ivesdale, Illinois. She grew up in a military family where she was the only granddaughter. Although she did not want to go into the military, she decided she wanted to help people somehow. She, along with her 4-month-old son, moved to Westville after accepting a job in a community she had never been.

Tara graduated with two bachelor’s degrees from Illinois State studying psychology and criminal justice and has worked many different avenues of the career from QIPD (Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional) licensing over several group homes, to mental health outreach, to LNHA (Licensed Nursing Home Administrator), to sexual assault therapy. She is now the Director of Violence Prevention Education as well as the Director of Outreach Engagement at the Survivor Resource Center.

“I’ve always stayed with mental health and helping people with trauma. All of us have trauma. The impact of a car crash, sexual assault, whatever it may be - we just want to be welcomed, and that’s what I get to do.”

Tara loves to spend time with her now 16-year-old son wearing her “mom hat” at football games and track meets in Westville. She is a graduate of Vermilion Advantage’s Leadership Tomorrow Class 32 and served as a mentor for Class 33. She loves the county spots, Forrest Glenn, being in the woods, and all the different parks that are at our fingertips. “There is always something to do here.”

She loves the volunteer opportunities whether they be through First Fridays, AMBUCS, or simply partnering with other like-minded nonprofits. “All providers have fundraisers and opportunities, and we are great about working together.”

“I love this county. I truly believe we’re fighting the good fight to lift the clouds. There’s so much love here and community. I simply love helping people - that is my self-care. And there are so many others here who share that mentality.”

Thank you, Tara, for always willing to help with a smile on your face and for the countless number of lives you have touched with your outreach.

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## Vermilion Advantage News

# NOW BOOKING EVENTS FOR **2023**

Vermilion Advantage is pleased to announce that we have the following openings for our members in 2023:



Locations: We need hosts for our popular Business After Hours events.



Caterers: We need businesses willing to cater our Business and Networking luncheons.

Exhibitors: Prestigious advertising space.



Locations: To host our event.

Caterers: To feed our event.

Speakers: To inform us about their business.

**Please contact Nicole Van Hyfte for more information or to sign-up for an event.**  
[nvanhyfte@vermillionadvantage.com](mailto:nvanhyfte@vermillionadvantage.com)



# NEW MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

## Small Business Insurance

Vermilion Advantage is excited to announce that members of Vermilion Advantage, **with 50 or less employees**, will be able to gain health insurance for their business through their V.A. membership at a discounted rate. This is all in thanks to our association with Health Alliance.

### CARE YOU CAN AFFORD

*The association between Health Alliance and Vermilion Advantage aims to save employers and their employees money, while giving them more options with their healthcare choices.*

### VALUABLE PERKS

*To help your employees be their best, all association health plans come packed with helpful extras at no additional cost:*

- Active&Fit Direct™ fitness program. - 24-hour Nurse Advice Line. - Disease management programs. - Fitness Allowance Program. - Treatment Cost Calculator to compare prices.
- Travel coverage through Assist America®.

**For more information Please Contact Nicole Van Hyfte at Vermilion Advantage.**

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## Vermilion Advantage News

### **BIGG Tip**

*He Created a Fortune....Accidentally*

He started a company that sold milkshake machines to restaurants. He struggled for seven years. Then he got an idea: He would sell more milkshake machines by licensing his best customer's restaurant concept. Ray Kroc built an empire with McDonald's. He saw an opportunity to expand his existing business. But he "accidentally" created a fortune in another one. Observe and adapt for BIGG success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#).

### **Community Tours**

*We can help with your Professional Recruitment and/or Short- or Long-Term Rental Needs* - Vermilion Advantage can

## Jobs

**Illinois Angel Investment Tax Credit** - see news release [here](#)

**Vermilion Advantage Job Board** - For current, local job opportunities posted directly by employers, please see the Vermilion County Jobs Board at [www.vermillionadvantage.com/job-board](http://www.vermillionadvantage.com/job-board) - Vermilion Advantage is Vermilion County, Illinois' electronic resource for career and occupational opportunities, employer profiles, career information, 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. If you need help to be set up as a user on our Vermilion County Jobs Board

help our members with professional recruitment by taking your new employees or employment candidates on a (free) Community Tour. We can also help your current or new employees with rental referrals - we keep a word-of-mouth list of available 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, we have some lovely extended-stay hotel suite options. And, if you have professional rental properties coming available, make sure Nicole has your property on her list! Questions? Call Nicole at 217-442-6201 or email her at [nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com).

### **APPI Energy**

#### *Data-Driven Procurement and Consulting*

For 23 years, APPI Energy has remained a trusted name as the preferred provider of energy consulting services for 158 trade associations and chambers of commerce including Vermilion Advantage. We provide our clients with recommendations designed to save time, reduce expenses, and create budget certainty during the energy procurement process. Find out more at [www.appienergy.com](http://www.appienergy.com).

## *Education Announcements*

**DACC Corporate Education 2022-2023 Training Opportunities** - see flyer [here](#)

page to post job openings, please contact Vermilion Advantage at 217-442-6201.

## *All A's/Achievements*

**Share Your Stories & "All A's"** - These Member Announcements & the Inside Vermilion County magazine are here to help you share your stories & your "Awards, Achievements, and Accolades" for your business or your employees. 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. Please tell us your story by email at [contact@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:contact@vermilionadvantage.com) or contact us at 217-442-6201.

**Leadership Tomorrow Class 33 Graduation** - see news release [here](#)

**The Bismarck Lions Club performed vision screenings at Bismarck-Henning Elementary School** - see news release [here](#)

The Haas Corporation builds the CNC machines used at Danville Area Community College for teaching manufacturing students and has provided more than \$56,000 in scholarship support since 2017. This year's "Big Check" donation from Haas will help pay for the tuition, fees, books, and tools for three students studying to be CNC technologists. The Haas Foundation funds the scholarships through the DACC Foundation under Tonya Hill. DACC Professors Todd Flessner and Doug Hunter and Dean Terri Cummings lead the DACC manufacturing programs.

## *Health Care Announcements*

**The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee is now accepting applications until December 9th for the MLK Scholarship** - see news release [here](#)

**Crosspoint Human Services Offers Mental Health & Psychiatric Services** - see news release [here](#)

**Rosecrance "On You Radar" Podcast** - See "Our Stressors and How They Affect Us" episode [here](#)

**Vermilion County Mental Health 708 Board is offering Mental Health First Aid Trainings**

Training schedule [here](#)

Adult Mental Health First Aid flyer [here](#)

Youth Mental Health First Aid flyer [here](#)

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## *Announcements & Community*

**Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisor**

Life can change quickly. Making sure your loved ones have protection starts with knowing the facts vs fiction about life insurance. [Life Insurance: Let's Separate the Facts From Fiction | Kiplinger](#)

**Downtown Danville Parking for the Holiday Season** - see news release [here](#)

**Land of Lincoln-Legal Aid Partners with East Central Illinois Community Action Agency** - see flyer [here](#)

**You can help break the cycle. You can give a child hope for a better future. You can be a CASA** - see training flyer [here](#)

**The Citizens Police Academy is a free opportunity to take a unique look at your Police Department** - see news release [here](#)

**Illinois Housing Development Association's Court-Based Rental Assistance Program (CBRAP) is a court-based rental assistance program for people who are facing eviction and are in court proceeding** - see program information [here](#)

**The Salvation Army is in need of Volunteer Bell Ringers** - see flyer [here](#)

**A successful Christmas Season is vital to The Salvation Army** - see flyer [here](#)

**The Salvation Army of Vermilion County Partners with Burlington & Delivering Good** - see news release [here](#)

**2022 Road Project Press release** - see news release [here](#)

**Danville Boat Club is taking reservations for your Holiday Parties & Gatherings** - see flyer [here](#)

**It's Time to Plan for your Christmas Party at the Danville Country Club** - see flyer [here](#)

**Red Mask Players 2022-2023 Sponsorship Opportunities** - see flyer [here](#)

**DLO Invites you to become a 2022-2023 Season Member** - see flyer [here](#)

**DLO would like your support** - see support opportunities [here](#); see ad flyer [here](#)

**DSO 2022-2023 Concert Season Program Ad Opportunity** - see flyer [here](#)

**DSO Beautiful Season of Music** - see flyer [here](#)

**ECICAA Announces the Start of the Energy Assistance Program**  
see news release [here](#)

**MidWest America Federal Credit Union Share Certificate Special**  
see flyer [here](#)

**Mimi's Kitchen & Catering Menu Options**

see buffet pricing [here](#)

see appetizer menu [here](#)

see entrée menu [here](#)

see dessert menu [here](#)

Healthy Eating Options menu [here](#).

Visit [www.mimiskitchen-catering.com](http://www.mimiskitchen-catering.com)

**Motley Food Menu Options**

see menu [here](#). Visit <https://www.facebook.com/MotleyFoodDanville/>.

## Upcoming Member Events

**City of Danville Holiday Activities and Calendar** - see activities [here](#); see calendar [here](#)

**November 27-December 3 Gateway Family Services & Hooves of Hope invite you to Christmas in the Barn brought to you by Robinson Chiropractic** - see schedule of events [here](#)

**December 1 DLO will be holding auditions for GHOST the Musical** - see flyer [here](#)

**December 2 Night of Lights Parade** - see flyer [here](#)

**December 2 Dueling Pianos Holiday Edition at Snappers** - see flyer [here](#)

**December 2 American Legion Fish Fry** - see flyer [here](#)

**December 3 V.F.W. Holiday Stop & Shop Event - see flyer [here](#)**

**December 3 Tilton Christmas Parade - see flyer [here](#)**

**December 3 Danville Winter Market - see flyer [here](#)**

**December 3 The Danville Art Club is having an open house from 9:00AM-3:00PM. Shop for one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts and enjoy light refreshments for your shopping pleasure!**

**December 4 Vermilion County Conservation District BHHA Open house - see flyer [here](#)**

**December 4 Danville Barbershop Chorus To Host Benefit Christmas Concert - see news release [here](#)**

**December 9 & 10 Glo Bingo - see flyer [here](#)**

**December 10 Danville Boat Club Presents Breakfast with Santa - see flyer [here](#)**

**December 11 The Vermilion County Museum Society will be hosting a Candlelight Walk through the Fithian Home - see news release [here](#)**

**December 11 Roxy's House at Blue Heron Ranch Present a Magical Country Christmas - see flyer [here](#), see sponsorship opportunities [here](#)**

**December 18 DSO Present The Nutcracker - see flyer [here](#)**

**The University of Illinois Extension Office in Vermilion County will offer Online Master Gardener Training Classes at end of January 2023 - see training information [here](#)**

**Danville Public Library - see upcoming events [here](#)**

**Oakwood Public Library - see upcoming events [here](#)**

**112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe:**

- Shoppe Hours: Monday-Thursday: 6:00AM-10:00PM; Friday & Saturday: 6:00AM-11:00pm & Sunday: 8:00AM-2:00PM

**Big Thorn Farm & Brewery:**

- Bar Hours: Friday 3:00-9:00PM, Saturday Noon-9:00PM, Sunday 10:00AM-4:00PM
- December 16-17: 3:00PM-9:00PM Join us for our annual Winter Solstice celebration, Winter Welcome! We'll be releasing farm-only draft and bottles of our hefty Winter warmer, named for the occasion. Hot soup, mulled cider, and a special surprise, THREE YEARS IN THE MAKING. A vertical tasting of three Winter Welcome vintages that we've been patiently aging in our cellar: 2019, 2021, and 2022. Taste them side-by-side and decide which is your favorite!

**Danville Boat Club:**

- Tuesdays: Members & Invited Guests Big Burger Tuesdays, Doors open at 5:00PM, Food orders begin at 5:30PM. Big burgers with fries \$10 several

burger, shrimp and chicken options. Burger with chips \$9. Hot bar \$10 Chicken Alfredo, Peas & Texas Toast

- Thursday Lunch: Hot bar \$10 Chicken Alfredo, Peas & Texas Toast, Big Burger with fries \$10 or Burger with Chips \$9
- December 10: Breakfast with Santa

***Danville Farmer's Market:*** (First Presbyterian Church 100 N. Franklin, Danville)

- December 3 - Special guest Danville Art League will be selling their pecans and chocolate covered nuts!
- February 4
- March 4
- April 1
- Hours are 10:00AM-2:00PM

***Danville V.F.W. Post #728:***

- Sundays: Bingo at 2:00PM.

***Downtown Danville First Friday Events:***

- December 2: Night of Lights Parade
- Learn more about First Fridays [here](#); See Sponsorship opportunities [here](#); see 2023 schedule [here](#)
- For questions or more information contact Ashton Greer at [agreer@cityofdanville.org](mailto:agreer@cityofdanville.org).

***Fischer Theatre:***

- December 3: Dr. Duke Tumatoe in concert
- December 4: Danville Barbershop Chorus - Bringing Home Christmas
- December 8: The Muppet Christmas Carol at 7:00PM
- December 9: Elf at 7:00PM
- December 10: Pitch Meeting Christmas Concert at 7:00PM
- December 11: White Christmas at 2:00PM
- December 15: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation at 7:00PM
- December 16&17: It's A Wonderful Life at 2:00PM & 7:00PM
- December 18: The Polar Express at 2:00PM
- Visit [atthefischer.com](http://atthefischer.com) for ticket information

***Gao Grotto:***

- Friday Night Cook: Cheeseburgers/hamburgers, chicken strips, pork fritters, and hot dogs. All meals come with 2 sides: fries, onion rings, coleslaw, and beans.
- Service Time is 5:30PM to 7:30PM
- Backstreet Boggie will be playing in the hall from 7:00PM-9:00PM

***Sleepy Creek Vineyards:***

- Mondays: Yoga & Wine with Linda every Monday; Doors open at 5:30PM Class begins at 6:00PM, Cost is \$10
- Tuesdays: Yoga & Wine with Mandy every Tuesday; Doors open at 5:30PM Class begins at 6:00PM, Cost is \$10.
- December 2: Not Petty & CA Jeff at 5:30PM
- December 4: Live Music Series with Doty, Dexter & Hays at 3:00PM
- December 9: Aces N Rhythms "Lets Unwind" 6:30PM

- Sundays: Winey Mary Bar Every Sunday Noon-6:00PM
- Sleepy Creek Hours: Sunday-Tuesday Noon-6:00PM; Wednesday-Thursday-Saturday Noon-7:00PM & Friday Noon-9:00PM. Please visit our Facebook page at Sleepy Creek Vineyards or online at [www.sleepycreekvineyards.com](http://www.sleepycreekvineyards.com) for updates

***Turtle Run:***

- Wednesdays: Queen of Hearts Drawing - see info [here](#) & see the winning pot each week on Facebook.
- December 2: Dueling Pianos Holiday Edition

***Westville American Legion Post 51:***

- Wednesdays: Queen of Hearts Drawing at 7:00PM. Tickets \$1.00.
- Thursdays: Tacos/Nachos with Bob Schifo from 5:30-7:30PM

***American Legion Post 210:***

- Friday Dinner served 5:00PM-7:00PM with options of beer battered fish, shrimp, and a variety of sandwiches