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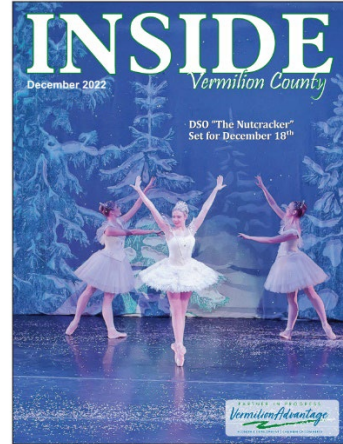
Member Announcements  
December 14, 2022

*"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



*Vermilion Advantage Events*

**BUSINESS & NETWORKING LUNCHEON**  
A Service of *Vermilion Advantage*

*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.

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

Habitat for Humanity  
ReStore

JOCKO'S

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## Vermilion Advantage Events

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HUMANE SOCIETY OF DANVILLE

1225 N. COLLETT ST

Join us for a Purrfect  
Business After Hours!

January 12 5:00PM-7:00PM

\$10 Meeting Fee—appetizers included

RSVP to Nicole Van Hyfte

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*I Am, You Are, We Are!*

*Kristi Hudson*

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



This week's IYW takes a dive into the Hoopeston Pool and the woman who spearheaded the campaign to keep it up and running: Kristi Hudson. Kristi was born and raised in Hoopeston where her and her husband have raised their two boys, Sam, and Sean. She received her bachelor's degree in Anatomy from the University of Illinois and came back to Hoopeston to be a massage therapist. After 20 years of that career, she decided to make a change, studied occupational therapy at Parkland Community College and began to work for Vermilion Association for Special Education (VASE) in Vermilion County schools. In 2021, Kristi was hired to manage the Hoopeston Pool and with the support of the group "Save the Hoopeston Pool", she was tasked with improving the image, attendance, and finances of the pool. "Once the city was convinced to keep the pool open, the group changed its name to 'Hoopeston Aquatics

Coalition' (HAC) to better express our purpose.” Kristi serves as president of the group. They are now raising money for pool improvements.

Kristi was able to rally local businesses such as AMBUCS, Hoopeton Rotary, The Pump, and other individuals, to help purchase an ADA approved staircase so that people of all abilities can easily enter the pool. They have revived private and group lessons, started water exercise classes, offered evening parties and special hours for teens, adults, women, and family hours. They have hosted community days offering a buy one, get one entry for people of different communities in Vermilion County. Last summer, they were able to reopen the concession stand after several years and have big plans for next summer. “I hope to get a volleyball league going, and we would love to find someone to resurrect the swim team!”

Last October, HAC introduced the inaugural “Boo at the Pool”. Along with the Hoopeton Women’s Club and members of the high school marching band, they transformed the pool into a maze and haunted scenes that over 800 people enjoyed.

Kristi has previously served on the board of Keep Vermilion County Beautiful and started a Hoopeton group called Trash Walkers who met weekly to pick up litter. She loves where she lives and says, “I love living in a town with access to grocery, seven restaurants, a pharmacy, banks, gasoline, swimming pool, mini golf, bowling alley, barber, chiropractor, doctors’ offices, all within ¼ miles from my house, and my backyard being in the country with corn or soybeans every summer” about Hoopeton. “I love living in a community where strangers collect clothes and goods for a family who lost their home to a fire or where someone passes on a couple of \$100 bills because they hear someone is having a rough holiday season or where people send boxes and boxes of food and supplies to a food cupboard or animal shelter.”

We thank you, Kristi, for all you do throughout Vermilion County and for all the love you pour into the Hoopeton community.

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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.**

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# 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**

*What's the Secret to Overcoming All Odds?*

A bright shining star. Your vision of BIGG success lights your way three ways. (1) Perspective - Little things roll off you when you see the BIGG picture. (2) Fixed point of reference - You can't control everything, but your response is clearer with a constant long-term goal. (3) Internal reserve - External forces create doubt. Your star provides comfort on your journey to BIGG success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#).

## 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

### **Community Tours**

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

**The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee is now**

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 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](#)

**Watchfire Signs sponsors Route 1 Robotics** in the community (First Lego League) and their elementary/middle school team just scored well enough to participate in state competition at the end of January. The team is coached by Watchfire employees Scott Ohlmiller (head coach) and Ashley Harrier (assistant coach).

## **Health Care Announcements**

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

*accepting applications until December 9th for the MLK Scholarship* - see news release [here](#)

*Spring 2023 Leadership Series* - see flyer [here](#)

*DACC Corporation to sponsor 1 seat for the Spring 2023 Leadership series* - see flyer [here](#)

*Rosecrance "On You Radar" Podcast* - See "Trauma and Crisis Close to Home" episode [here](#)

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## *Announcements & Community*

### *Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisor*

2023 is just around the corner. Start preparing your wellness goals now for a strong start to 2023. [Start Preparing Your Wellness Goals For 2023 \(artofhealthyliving.com\)](http://artofhealthyliving.com). Call 217-516-7778 or email [doug.ireland@prudential.com](mailto:doug.ireland@prudential.com) today.

*Healthy Prep Meal Service - A Gift for Tomorrow* - see flyer [here](#)

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

*City of Danville CDBG-CV Small Business Assistance Grant Program* - see news release [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](#)

*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](#)

**ECICAA Voices of Community Action December Newsletter** - see newsletter [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

**Free Holiday Light Display at Bunker Hill Historic Area at Kennekuk County Park**  
5:00PM-8:00PM Nightly through December 31

**December 14 The Rat Pack Christmas Party Benefit at VRBC** - see flyer [here](#)

**December 15 Tom Grassman at VRBC 5:30PM-7:30PM**

**December 16 Ugly Sweater Party at Turtle Run** - see flyer [here](#)

**December 17 Come See Santa and Super Penguin** - see flyer [here](#)

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

**December 18 Danville Country Club's Brunch with Santa** - see flyer [here](#)

**December 21 DCC Christmas Cocktail Party** - 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](#)**

**January 6 First Friday Event: Fire & Ice free family event at the David S. Palmer Arena - see news release [here](#); see flyer [here](#)**

**January 14 Bricks and Ivy Sports is hosting a Huge Fighting Illini Signing Event - see flyer [here](#)**

**February 11 Neuoff Media Home & Auto Show - If you would like your business to be a part of this event please click [here](#)**

**Danville 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.
- Thursday Lunch: Hot bar \$10 Ham and Beans, Corn Bread & Fruit. Big Burger with fries \$10 or Burger with Chips \$9. Several burger, shrimp, and chicken options

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

- February 4
- March 4
- April 1
- Hours are 10:00AM-2:00PM

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

- Sundays: Bingo at 2:00PM.

**Fischer Theatre:**

- December 15: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation at 7:00PM

- December 16&17: It's A Wonderful Life at 2:00PM & 7:00PM ( A portion of ticket sales will be contributed locally to The Salvation Army)
- December 18: The Polar Express at 2:00PM
- Visit [atthefischer.com](http://atthefischer.com) for ticket information

***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 16: Holly Jolly Ugly Sweater Party with DreamCatchers 6:30PM-8:30PM
- December 17: North Pole Naughtiness - Murder Mystery Dinner 6:00PM
- December 18: Zach Dable Trio Live 2:00PM-5:00PM
- 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 16: Ugly Sweater Party

***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