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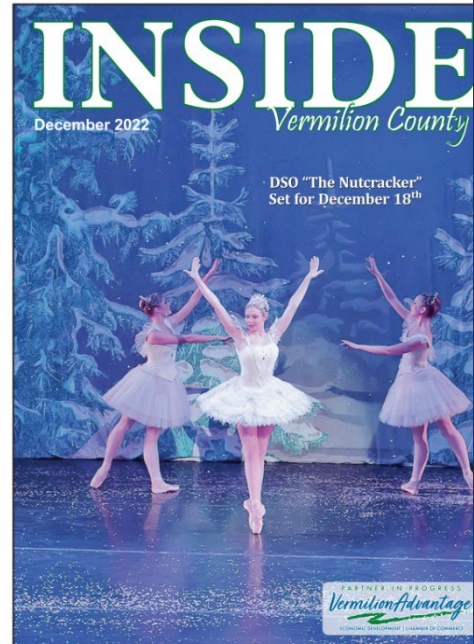
Member Announcements
January 4, 2023

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Flyer Inserts

If you would like to place a flyer insert into our February issue of *Inside Vermilion County*, please bring **550 copies** to Vermilion Advantage. **The cutoff date will be January 25.** Thank you!



Vermilion Advantage Events

Business
after
HOURS

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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

nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com





BUSINESS & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

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Join us

Wednesday, January 25

David S. Palmer Arena

11:30AM-1:00PM

Speaker: Ashton Greer with the City of
Danville

Lunch: Healthy Prep Meal Service

\$15 Meeting Fee—Lunch Included

Please RSVP to Nicole Van Hyfte

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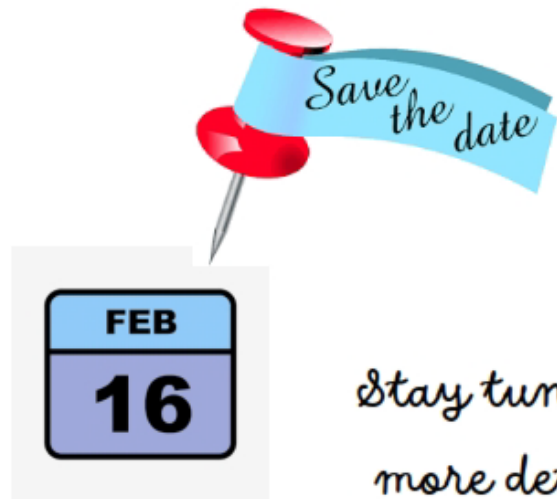


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VERMILION COUNTY

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

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*Stay tuned for
more details!*

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@vermilionadvantage.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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I Am, You Are, We Are!

Terry Lake

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



Terry Lake is a West Downtown Danville resident that has dug his heels in and worked tirelessly for many years. What is the consensus? “He’s a heck of a good guy.”

Terry has been involved in making Danville a better place in a multitude of ways. From planting trees in his neighborhood for future generations to pandemic LGBTQIA+ support groups; this human has gone above and beyond for his community.

As a resident of the West Downtown neighborhood, he was instrumental in the founding of their neighborhood association. The aesthetics and development of this gorgeous neighborhood has come a long way and a few residents care for many lots. Terry and his partner of 26 years care for a whopping 14 lots in the neighborhood, and they are not the only ones with an impressive number like this. Their labor of love involving mowing properties and donating saplings to the neighborhood has not gone unnoticed. Their neighborhood is a true reflection of that good that happens when people do their part. “Neighbors are a big part of the reason why you stay. It’s the people,” he says, as he smiles and looks on to his elder neighbors’ house.

Terry has been a part of the Vermilion County AIDS task force for 15 years and has been instrumental in reducing the number of AIDS cases in Vermilion

County through prevention and education. He was involved in the New Jersey Coalition that advocated for the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community, which included laws for basic human rights. While providing support for this, he was also simultaneously a sexton at the Episcopalian Church of the Holy Trinity. He adds even more dimension to his character demonstrating support for black rights by attending NAACP meetings and local marches. He sees the issues and hardships that affect various communities, but he embraces the negativity right alongside the joy. “If we are just acknowledging joy, how phony are we? There is suffering just outside that door. I have shielded myself from some of it, but that does not mean you take your privilege for granted. We give to every community.”

To top it off, Terry stepped in and helped to recreate the Humane Society when it needed support and restructuring. He was dedicating his time for a year and a half, 7 days a week to the organization during the transition. He has also devoted time and effort for nearly 4 years beautifying and cleaning the Fischer, as well as taking on ushering and volunteering in the theatre café.

Terry has taken on multiple positions with the Democratic Party, including Vice Chair and Secretary of the party. He has provided an alliance and trust with many communities and it all comes down to doing the right thing. “I feel like I always advocate for what’s right, even if it means supporting people I don’t get along with! I’ll support what they’re doing if it’s right.”

We could all learn a thing or two from this beautiful human! It is uncommon to have this large of a heart, and it is even more uncommon to see someone who also has the fire to put it into action.

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BIGG Tip

A Sure Way to Sabotage Your Progress

Compare yourself to others. For example - if you start walking today, don't compare how far or how fast you can go to someone who's been walking for a year. Own where you are. Continue moving forward. And never compare your beginning to someone else's middle. Find your happy ending by pushing on to your 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 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@vermillionadvantage.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



Congratulations to Nichole Lesko - new owner of Iron Mike's Bar & Grill located at 2511 Georgetown Road! Monday, December 19th, Nichole cut the ribbon with Vermilion Advantage CEO, Tim Dudley, Chamber Director, Nicole Van Hyfte, and community supporters for their grand opening at 2pm. Festivities will continue throughout this evening with Catlin Crozier playing from 4-6 pm, a drawing for a Blackstone Grill and Air Fryer Combo at 6pm, and Karaoke with Insomnia DJ & Karaoke from 7-10pm.

Regular hours will be 7 days a week from 10am-midnight with specials happening every day. To see all that there is to offer at Iron Mike's Bar & Grill, visit www.facebook.com/IronMikesBarGrill

Health Care Announcements



OSF HealthCare has added a new pediatric physician to its team at the OSF Medical Group office in Danville to better serve the

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.

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

All A's/Achievements

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).

community of Danville and surrounding areas.

The addition of Luis Garcia Tillan, MD, offers increased access for patients in need of pediatric care at the OSF Medical Group office at 707 North Logan Avenue.

He earned a Bachelor of Science from IPVCE José Martí Pérez and a medical degree from Higher Institute of Medical Sciences of Santiago in Cuba. Dr. Garcia Tillan completed his pediatric residency at San Juan City Hospital in Puerto Rico.

Whether you are a new patient to OSF or an existing patient, appointments for pediatric care with Dr. Garcia Tillan can be made by calling (217) 477-4716. To learn more about Dr. Garcia Tillan, visit osfhealthcare.org.

OSF Pediatrics offers care from infancy through the teenage years - see flyer [here](#)

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

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

Education Announcements

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

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

DACC Corporation to sponsor 1 seat for the Spring 2023 Leadership series; Deadline January 6 - see flyer [here](#)

Illinois Small Business Center at DACC - see upcoming classes & training events [here](#)

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

The City of Danville would like to congratulate their Exterior Decorating Contest Winners!

People's Choice Awards:

1 Place: 2323 N Vermilion

2 Place: 2501 Northview

3 Place: 1622 Franklin

City's Choice Awards:

1 Place: 1428 May

2 Place: 1517 Eastview

3 Place: 308 Delaware

Oakwood CUSD #76 would like to ask you to step forward & become a part-time substitute teacher - see additional details [here](#)

Announcements & Community

Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisor

Wondering how the latest tax changes may impact you? Read more here to find out.

[Upcoming Tax Changes & Strategies To Maximize Your Deductions \(hermoney.com\)](#)

Vermilion County Park Building & Shelter Rentals for 2023 - see news release [here](#)

Luxe Lift Aesthetics & Women's Wellness is moving at the first of the year! Check out their new location 612 N Logan Avenue, Unit B in Danville

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

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

Motley Food Menu Options

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

Upcoming Member Events

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 13 Laugh Till you Scream Comedy Show at the Fischer Theatre - 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](#)

**Boxcar Books and Vinyl Event Calendar - see upcoming events [here](#)
Boxcar Books and Vinyl - See most anticipated reads of January 2023 [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

American Legion Post 210:

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

Big Thorn Farm & Brewery:

- Bar Hours: Friday 3:00-9:00PM, Saturday Noon-9:00PM, Sunday 10:00AM-4:00PM
- Enjoy our delicious craft beer, great food, and one-of-a-kind Greenhouse Bar setting. This is a heated, outdoor venue, so dress in layers! No reservations are required.

Danville Boat Club: (15750 Boat Club Road)

- January 15 Boat Club Breakfast Buffet 9:00AM-1:00PM. Menu includes biscuits & gravy, casserole eggs, bacon & sausage links, pancakes, potatoes, bread pudding & fruit.
- January 21 BINGO - see flyer [here](#)
- Big Burger Tuesday Members & Invited Guest- Doors Open at 5 orders taken starting at 5:30PM: Several burger, shrimp, and chicken options.
- Thursday Lunch Open to the Public 11:00AM-2:00PM; Hot Bar - Meatloaf, potatoes/carrots, green beans, rolls - \$10. Burgers with Chips or fries, Chicken Fingers/Wings, shrimp and salad bar all available.

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

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

Fischer Theatre:

- January 13 at 7:30PM Laugh Til' You Scream for a Good Cause! Enjoy stand-up comedy at the Historic Fischer Theatre and also support Arts In The Park! Join local comedian and host of this party Chris Hightower as he features Rob Mayfield and headlines Adam Burke
- Visit atthefischer.com for ticket information

Gao Grotto:

- This Friday night cook will be as follows: cheeseburgers/hamburgers, chicken strips, pork fritters, grilled chicken, and hot dogs.
- All meals come with 2 sides: fries, onion rings, coleslaw, and beans. Price is \$10. Service time is 5:30 til 7:30.
- Dixie Flyers will be playing in the hall from 7 til 9.

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.
- January 6: 6:30PM-8:30PM Live Music Series with Merry Travelers
- January 7: Comedy Night tickets \$15
- January 8: DreamCatchers First Year Anniversary 3:00PM - 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 for updates

Turtle Run:

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

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