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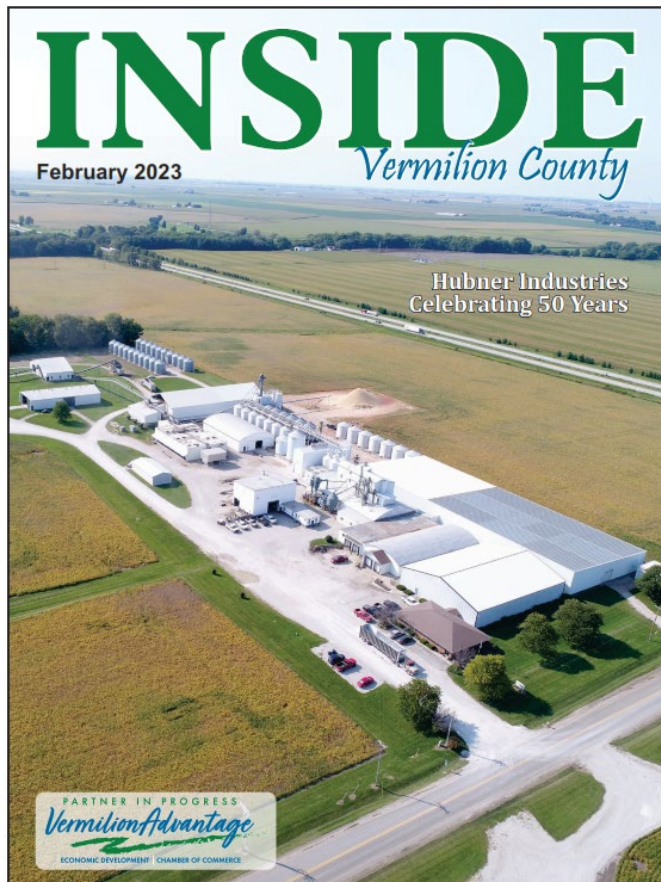
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**DID YOU
KNOW...**

Your business can bring 560 flyers to Vermilion Advantage and we will place them into our Inside Vermilion County magazine for distribution? If you would like to utilize this great membership perk please bring your copies to our office by the 25th of each month!

Inside Vermilion County

February Issue

To view this months issues of "Inside Vermilion County" visit our website!

<https://www.vermilionadvantage.com/inside-vermilion-county-magazine/february-2023/>

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VERMILION COUNTY
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

Business
after
HOURS



**DID YOU
KNOW...**

Any employee from your business is welcome to attend our Vermilion Advantage networking events? Please share the information with your staff and invite someone new! We look forward to seeing you!

BUSINESS & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

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Join Us!

Wednesday, February 22
David S. Palmer Arena
11:30AM - 1:00PM

No meeting fee thanks to our
CCMSI sponsor

Featuring Speaker Ami Seifert with CCMSI
Catering by Wolf Creek Golf Club



RSVP to Nicole Van Hyfte nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com

DACC BUSINESS

After Hours



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28TH
JACOBS HALL
5-7 PM

\$10 FOR 2 DRINK TICKETS & APPETIZERS

CASH BAR AVAILABLE

SPECIAL APPEARANCE:

DACC Pep Band

APPETIZER MENU:

CHICKEN & WAFFLE SLIDERS

GUMBO RICE CUPS

CAJUN SHRIMP OVER GRITS



Join Us!



Vermilion Advantage
**HR & Safety
Council**

March 7 @ DACC
Bremer Room 141/142
11:30AM - 1:00PM

Express Employment will be there to discuss
Temporary Employment Agencies vs. Doing the
Hiring Yourself.

\$15 Meeting Fee

Includes lunch from The Slotted Spoon

RSVP

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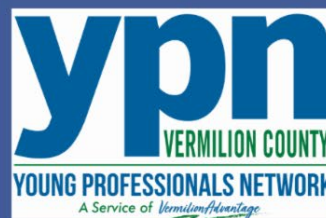
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

Join us at the Fischer Theatre March 15
11:30AM-1:00PM



Featuring Speakers from Earthrise Energy and Westville School District #2

**\$15 Meeting Fee - Includes
Lunch Catered by Ela's Eatery**



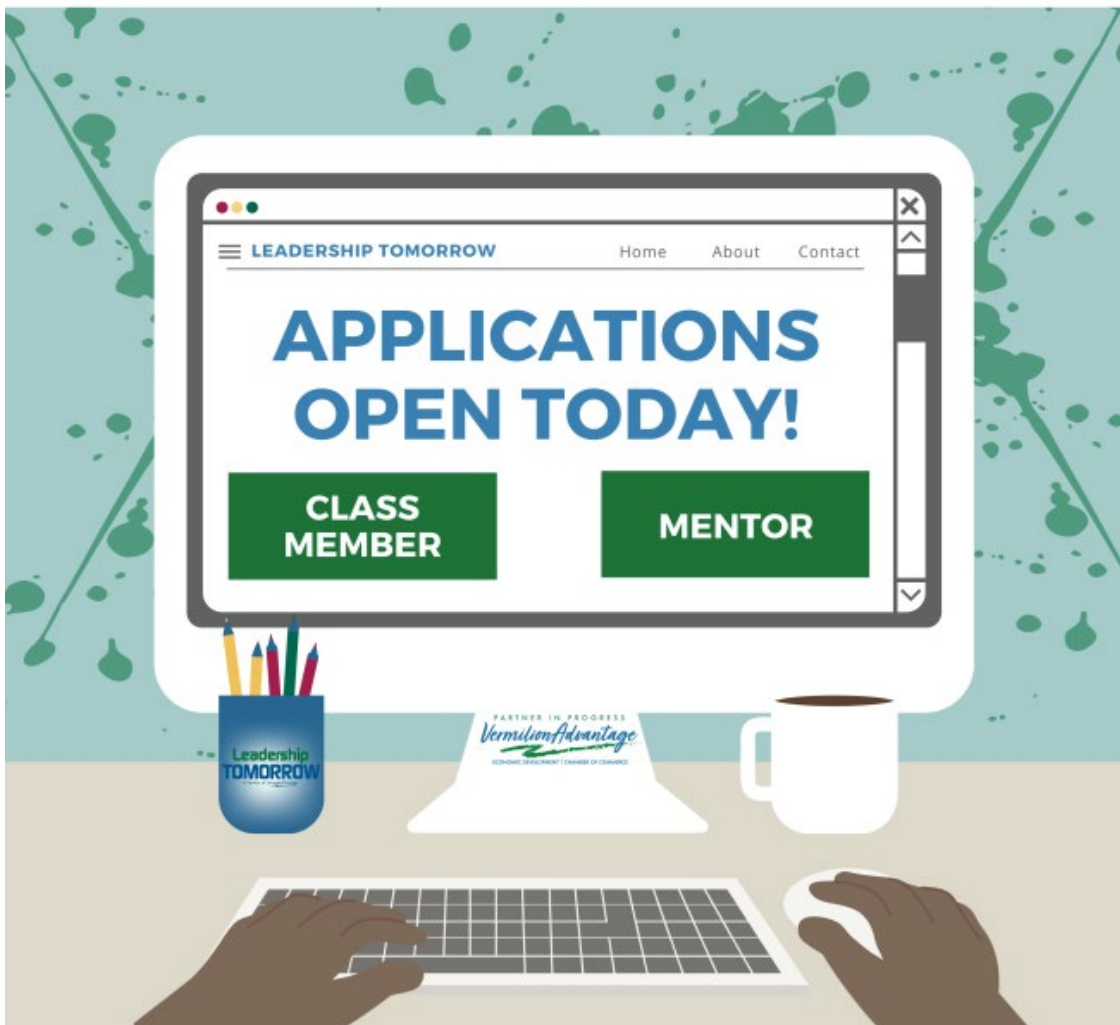
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Vermilion Advantage
NEWS

Leadership TOMORROW

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CLICK HERE TO APPLY!



[Learn More About Leadership Tomorrow Here](#)

[Participant Application Here](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

Members with Vermilion Advantage with 50 or less employees, will be able to gain health insurance for their business through their Vermilion Advantage membership at a discounted rate? Contact Nicole VanHyfte for more details!
nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com

Jobs

Workforce Development needs your feedback! Sponsored survey by State Representative Mike Marron - see survey [here](#)

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

Healthcare

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 "The Overlap Between Mental Illness and Substance Use" episode [here](#)

CRIS Healthy Aging Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Seminar - March 9 in Champaign - see flyer [here](#)

March 8 FREE NRFC Webinar: Dads and Mental Health Matter - register [here](#)

Education

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

Danville Public School Foundation News - see February Issue [here](#)

District 118 Fine Arts - save the date for April 1 Jazz Festival and April 29 for the Fine Arts Festival!

March 1 Oakwood District Unit Office is holding an in-person workshop: Understanding ACEs and Exploring Resilience - see flyer [here](#)

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.

Honors & Achievements



OSF Vice President of Government Relations Chris Manson (right) met with the Danville Noon Rotary on Feb. 6 to share his amazing story of how he has been able to supply Ukraine with 28 fully stocked ambulances and a fire engine this past year—with the hope of shipping off another dozen or more by the end of March. His efforts to organize ambulance donations from across America and then to visit battle zones to oversee the deliveries have generated acclaim both

DACC Courses & Trainings

Fitness Over 50 - see details [here](#)

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training - see details [here](#)

Forklift New Driver Course and Powered Industrial Truck Train the Trainer - see details [here](#)

Deadlines to Apply for DACC Summer and Fall 2023 Health Career Programs - see details [here](#)

Free DACC Training Building Trades - see details [here](#)

DACC late start spring classes - see details [here](#)

DACC's Community Education spring 2023 classes - see details [here](#)

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

DACC Coordinated Engineering Program - see details [here](#)

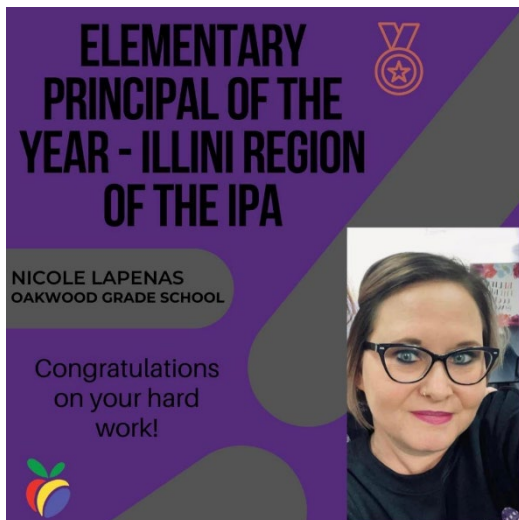
Register today for our March 15 Navigate Change workshop - see details [here](#)



Discover DACC Information Nights; Two Sessions Scheduled in Hoopston & Danville - see news release [here](#)

in the U.S. and in the Ukraine. The public can see many of the photos that Rotarians saw by visiting the OSF Newsroom (newsroom.osfhealthcare.org) or the Twitter account @AmbulancesU. Mr. Manson especially appreciated the financial support that Rotary International provided. On the left is Media Relations Coordinator Timothy Ditman.


Danville Area Community College has released a list of its honor students for the Fall 2022 Semester - see news release [here](#)



ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR - ILLINI REGION OF THE IPA

NICOLE LAPENAS
OAKWOOD GRADE SCHOOL

Congratulations on your hard work!



New Membership Alert

Welcome to Vermilion Advantage Lima Bean Glassworks & Gifts!



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I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Drew Landis



Tell me about yourself:

Well first, I'm very humbled to be recognized! I'm perfectly content to do my thing behind the scenes forever, and to me it really doesn't seem like I'm doing much compared to what so many others are already doing. It just goes to show how Vermilion County is full of great people and unsung heroes doing great things every day.

I'm Drew Landis, and within the past year myself and a few others have founded Vermilion County Trail Alliance. We're a group of outdoor enthusiasts, recreationalists, and community development advocates who are trying to help shift the narrative about Danville and Vermilion County using one of our biggest underused assets: our incredible natural resources. By those I mean our hills,

ravines, creeks, rivers, and lakes that I think a lot of us tend to take for granted. They are truly incredible!

Our goal is to help make Vermilion County a regional recreational destination by increasing access to our natural resources through the expansion of mixed use trail networks, primarily for hiking and biking, but other activities as well. But maybe even more important than that is how these types of trail networks increase local quality of life and create experiences that people desire, which makes our community more competitive when folks consider whether to stay or move to the area.

Tell me about your family:

My lovely wife Hannah is a Certified Professional Midwife serving families in East Central Illinois. She is one of many, over a 40 year period, who ultimately helped get the Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Practice Act passed in Illinois in late 2021. She is also finishing up her Master's in Molecular and Cellular Biology at the U of I, where her focus is maternal nutrition and its direct and generational impacts

We have four kids, ages 15, 13, 11, and 8. Thankfully they seem to have mostly taken after their mother, and so are pretty awesome. My mom and sister both live in Danville, as do many of my in-laws, and I've got extended family throughout Vermilion County.

Have you always lived in Vermilion County?

Except for an 8 year stint in Bloomington-Normal during and after college, Vermilion County has always been home. We've lived in Danville for the past 15 years.

Did you go to school here?

Jamaica High School Class of 1998, DACC Associate's 2000

If not, where?

ISU class of 2002, Communication

What made you either stay here, or move here?

Ultimately a job with the family company, at the time International Greenhouse Company (later Greenhouse Megastore), brought us back. We had just had our first child and owned a struggling coffee shop on the outskirts of Normal. My brothers-in-law offered me a job selling and marketing greenhouses, so we sold the coffee shop and moved back in Sep. 2008 right as the housing crisis hit.

What jobs have you had, and have currently?

I worked my way up to Director of Marketing at Greenhouse Megastore, helping grow it to one of the leading online retailers of greenhouses and garden supplies. I left this position in June 2022 to spend more time at home with my kids before they all fly the nest, and to support my wife in her midwifery career. Now, I spend a lot of time putting these marketing skills to work with VCTA and for my wife's practice.

Beyond that, I'm involved in the ownership and strategy teams behind Mad Goat and Royal Donut. I'm not involved much in daily operations, but we very much are involved in plotting out long-term goals and strategy. One of those goals,

especially with Mad Goat, was building and maintaining a community space where folks could gather and exchange ideas, and I think we've done a really good job at that. It really dovetails with the work we're doing with VCTA. I think trails and parks and outdoor spaces are just another variation on the "community space" we want to cultivate with our businesses.

What boards do you serve on?

Right now I'm really only serving on the VCTA board as President and director. We're in the start-up period and that takes a lot of focus and persistence. It takes up a significant portion of my time and is unpaid, but it's satisfying and I think the results will very soon speak for themselves.

What volunteer opportunities do you participate in?

I'm the clerk at the Peer Court Auction every year, and I often participate in volunteer opportunities with Kickapoo Mountain Bike Club.

Do you have any unique stories about your experience in Vermilion County?

So many people think "oh it's Illinois it's just flat." And, yeah, we don't have mountains and that's basically true, *except* for around our rivers. Like, I can't stress to everyone enough how *totally* unique our landscape is from anything within at least a couple hundred miles. Even Turkey Run, which everyone knows has incredible bedrock shelves and interesting geologic history, pales to the vastness of our river network. The three forks of the Vermilion River all lie at the bottom of *steep* valleys, over a hundred feet deep and up to a mile wide in places, and run nearly the length of the whole county. And a huge portion of this is public land! There is incredible natural beauty absolutely everywhere. I could take you places in Vermilion County that you just would not believe are right here in our backyard, often just a little stroll into the woods. Just a few days ago I found huge rock faces jutting out from the side of a hill along the river. I saw an eagle, up close, sitting on a sandbar snacking on a drowned baby deer. You just can't get those types of experiences in many places, and I would love for everyone to have the opportunity.

What do you love about where you live?

So much! Obviously my passion for the outdoors is met by Vermilion County, but we have a deep, rich history too. It's another thing I wish folks appreciated more. Danville got so big, so quick, and as a result we have incredible early history. Abe Lincoln was made here! Uncle Joe Cannon was on the first cover of *Times* magazine. Dick van Dyke is certifiable royalty. I understand our fortunes have waned over the years, but I just don't understand how that doesn't fill you with pride.

I also deeply love the generosity of this community. We're not the richest folks around, but I think you'd have trouble finding a more generous bunch.

What do you do for fun?

Mostly spend time walking or riding my bike in the woods.

Anything else you'd like to add?

VCTA has recently been awarded a grant from the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) for a professionally designed trail system on a property very near and dear to me, west Harrison Park. IMBA is one of the top trail advocacy groups in the country, and their projects are known to be big tourist attractions with transformative potential for rural communities. We've been busy for the past year, but the project really kicks off this spring. There is so much opportunity no matter what your specific interest might be, so anyone interested in the Harrison project specifically, or VCTA and its work more generally, can check out vctrail.org or our Facebook page to follow along.

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

Announcements & Community

BIGG Tip of the Week: How a Wrong Turn Led to BIGG Success

On her commute home, Luma Mufleh took a wrong turn. She saw a group of kids playing scratch soccer. She soon returned with a soccer ball. She learned these kids were children of refugees. They struggled to fit in. They couldn't read or write. So Luma started Fugees Academy - short for refugees. Now, she's started a movement to educate refugee children. Keep your eyes open to find your opportunity. Even a wrong turn can lead to BIGG success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#).

Leadership Tomorrow is seeking sponsors for The Amazing Race - see flyer [here](#)

City of Danville CDBG-CV Small Business Assistance Grant Program - 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](#)

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

ECICAA February Issue VOCA [here](#)

Motley Food Menu Options

see menu [here](#).

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/MotleyFoodDanville/>.

Healthy Prep Meal Service - Have a Healthy Lunch Today! Enjoy our individual meals on Grab-and-Go! See other meal options [here](#)



Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors

Unsure about the difference between Roth and Traditional 401(k)'s? Read more to see what may be the best option for you. [What's The Difference Between Roth IRAs And Roth 401\(k\)s - Updated For 2023\[244929122\] \(forbes.com\)](#)

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

Be a voice from Vermilion County community to discuss Early Childhood service needs - see flyer [here](#)

AMBUCS is accepting nomination for its 90th annual First Citizen Award - deadline for nominations is March 10 - see news release [here](#)

The City of Danville would like to announce a complete roadway closure of Lafayette Street west of Gilbert Street. The closure is scheduled to start on Thursday, February 23 and will be completed by 4:00PM Friday, February 24.

The City of Danville, along with other agencies such as Vermilion Advantage, is creating a plan to revitalize neighborhoods nearby Carle's Medical Campus, which is currently being constructed at W. Madison St. and N. Logan Ave. Accordingly, we are seeking to assess the housing and commercial conditions of its surrounding area and understand the needs and desires of our residents.

The survey will take about 5-10 minutes, and the results will be only used for the purpose of the neighborhood plan.

Your opinions will help us to create a better city. If you have any questions, please contact Jun Sohn at jsohn@cityofdanville.org or 217-431-2873.

Will you help inform our decisions by taking this brief survey?

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/qjox9ziq>

Upcoming Member Events

February 22 Please Join Birth to Five Illinois Region 54 for a Parent Focus Group - see flyer [here](#)

February 23 Christie Clinic Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - see flyer [here](#)

February 23 Love INC of Vermilion County 2023 Annual Fundraising Banquet - see flyer [here](#)

February 23 Scouts BSA Troop 399 Invites you to the American Legion Post 210 for a FREE event - see news release [here](#)

February 28 OSF Sacred Heart Blood Drive - see flyer [here](#)

March 3 Danville's Got Talent - see news release [here](#); see flyer [here](#)

March 4 Project Success Casino Night Fundraiser - see flyer [here](#)

March 7 Please Join Birth to Five Illinois Region 54 for a Parent Focus Group - see flyer [here](#)

March 11 Vermilion County Master Gardeners Hold Annual Spring Festival - see news release [here](#)

March 11 Danville Symphony Orchestra resumes Maestro Jeremy Swerling's farewell season as he and the orchestra welcome virtuoso American violinist Luke Hsu to the Fischer Theatre - see news release [here](#)

March 13 Danville Mayoral Forum to be held at Danville Area Community College - see news release [here](#)

March 18 The Grant Township United Community Barstool Golf; Locations include Hubbard Trail Country Club, The Pump, 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe, and The Legion - see flyer [here](#)

March 18 The 6th Annual Sportsman's Banquet Returns - see news release [here](#)

March 19 Vermilion County Conservation District's Maple Syrup Fest - see details [here](#)

April 10 Save the Date for DACC Easter Egg Hunt!

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

Danville Public Library will be closing Wednesday, February 8 at 1:00 for water main repairs. They will reopen Thursday February 9 at 9:00AM

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:

- Scouts Troop 399 is excited to invite you to their virtual STEM night. Thursday, February 23rd, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the American Legion Post 210, located at 201 Prospect Place in Danville, IL there will be a FREE event for youth ages 10 or older. This event is to share about STEM career opportunities, education, and scouting!
- Our partners include DACC, Danville Metal, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 149, Sygma Network, Thyssenkrupp, and Watchfire.
- 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.
- March 10-11 THE BELGIANS ARE COMING! Join us for exclusive, Belgian-style, Big Thorn beer releases, as well as some special, guest Belgian drafts. We'll also be featuring a Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery cheese and fruit platter on Friday and Saturday for the event (please see pre-order reservation details on our website)! Look forward to tasting some of the finest, award-winning goat cheese in the nation, made right next door in Champaign County.

Boxcar Books & Vinyl:

- We have a club for that! The Donut Club grades 5-8, The Coffee Club grades 8-12 and the Adult Book Club.
- Check out our Rail Mail Book Subscription Boxes. Choose your genre and the number of months you'd like to subscribe and we will ship you a new release book and bookish gifts each month!
- For more details visit our website [here](#)

Danville Boat Club: (15750 Boat Club Road)

- Big Burger Tuesday Members & Invited Guest- Doors Open at 5 orders taken starting at 5:30PM: Several burger, shrimp, and chicken options.
- March 11 Trivia Night - see flyer [here](#)

Danville Country Club: (2718 Denmark Rd, Danville)

- March 1 DCC Grand Reopening Night
- March 4 Casino Night Benefiting Project Success
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day at DCC
- March 18 Watch the NCAA Tournament at DCC
- More Information will be posted about these dates soon!

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

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

Fischer Theatre:

- March 3 Danville's Got Talent - see news release [here](#); see flyer [here](#)
- March 11 Danville Symphony Orchestra resumes Maestro Jeremy Swerling's farewell season as he and the orchestra welcome virtuoso American violinist Luke Hsu to the Fischer Theatre - see news release [here](#)
- March 31 "That's What She Said" Celebrating the power of Women's Voices - see Details [here](#)
- Visit atthefischer.com for ticket information

Gao Grotto:

- This Friday night cook will be as follows: cheeseburgers/hamburgers, chicken strips, pork fritters, grilled chicken sandwich, and hot dogs.
- Price is \$10.
- Service time is 5:30 til 7:30.
- Wayne Acton and Friends 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
- February 22: 12:00PM-7:00PM For a limited time, Wine Down ALL DAY Wednesday. \$5 any glass of wine, small slushy, or small sangria. Take a mid-week break to relax and unwind!
- February 24: 6:30PM-8:30PM Live Music Series with The Painkillers
- February 26: 3:00PM-5:00PM Live Music Series with the Hood Family
- 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

Discover Vermilion County Illinois Video
#discovervc



[Watch Video Here](#)

Please use this video to recruit, to be proud of your community, and to show other communities how incredible Vermilion County is.

Special thank you to the Danville Area Visitors Bureau and Center Street Productions.

Please use #discovervc
