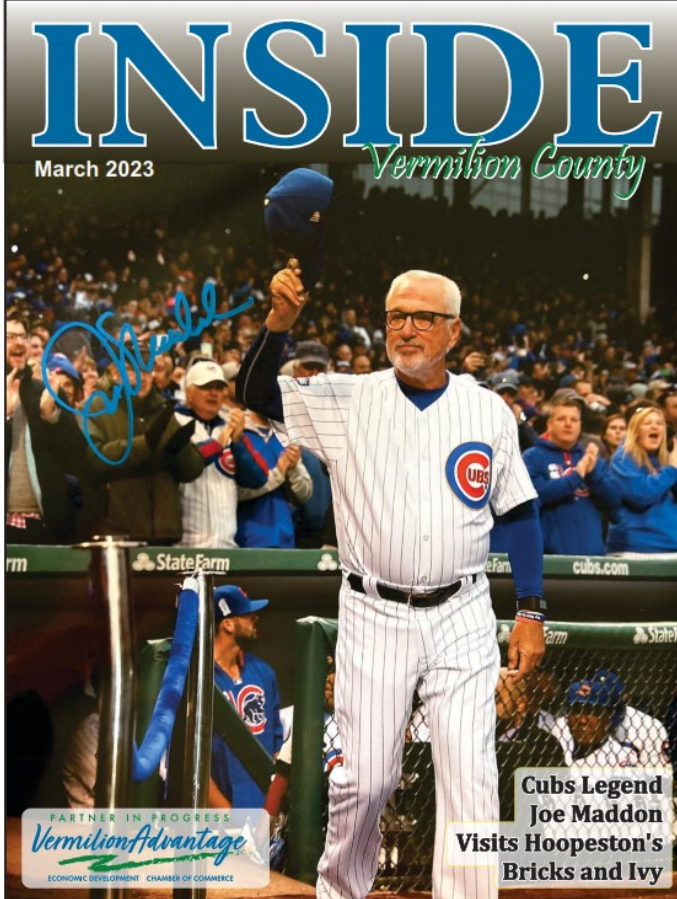


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Joe Maddon

**Cubs Legend
Joe Maddon
Visits Hoopeston's
Bricks and Ivy**

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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 March Issue

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

<https://www.vermilionadvantage.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/IVC-March-2023.pdf>

Vermilion Advantage EVENTS

VERMILION ADVANTAGE
HUMAN RESOURCES
AND SAFETY
COUNCIL

A Service of *Vermilion Advantage*

**BUSINESS
& NETWORKING
LUNCHEON**

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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!



IRON MIKE'S BAR & GRILL
2511 GEORGETOWN ROAD, DANVILLE

Join us for
Business After Hours!

March 9th 5:00PM-7:00PM

\$10 at the door—drink ticket and
appetizers included

RSVP to Nicole Van Hyfte

nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com

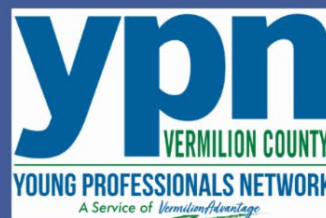
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

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**



RSVP to Nicole at
nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com



Business & Networking Luncheon



SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 22

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Vermilion Advantage

NEWS

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@vermillionadvantage.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](#)

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](#)

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

DACC Courses & Trainings
Fitness Over 50 - see details [here](#)

East Central Illinois Community Action Agency is seeking an Energy Coordinator - see details [here](#)

Ironworkers 380 Join Apprenticeship is Accepting Applications until 3/27/23 - see flyer [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.

Honors & Achievements



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 728 recently donated \$5,000 to members of the local K-9 Warriors Program to assist area veterans in need.

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](#)



New Membership Alert

Welcome to Vermilion Advantage Arcadia Care!

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



I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Roxy Reed



Tell me about yourself:

My name is Roxy Reed and I'm a Speech Language Pathologist. I also care for and raise all the animals on my therapy ranch along with my teenage daughter, Izzy. We own Blue Heron Ranch and Retreat Center, as well as "Roxy's House", the not for profit that serves children with special needs through animal-assisted therapy that is housed on the ranch. We host barn dances, company picnics, corporate retreats, yoga and healing retreats, weddings, birthday parties, and other gatherings. The proceeds from Blue Heron Ranch events directly benefit the children served at Roxy's House.

Tell me about your family:

I have two daughters, Lexy (20) and Izzy (16). Lexy is a sophomore at University of Illinois Champaign and Izzy is a junior at Heritage High School. Izzy and I live on our 9-acre therapy ranch now and we rely on each other to care for all 20 of our animals as well as the property care and maintenance. The animals on our ranch are also our family. We have three potbelly pigs, three alpacas, three chickens, two peacocks, seven barn cats and two house dogs.

Have you always lived in Vermilion County?

I grew up in Vermilion County. I attended college at Northern Illinois University, then went to Nashville, Tennessee to work at Vanderbilt Hospital in the traumatic brain injury unit. I loved working with patients who were regaining cognitive skills (memory, reasoning, problem solving). I developed the school re-entry program and work re-entry program at Vanderbilt for patients who were returning to their lives after serious head injuries. I loved assessing their work and school situations and helping employees go back to their jobs, many with modifications, after months in rehabilitation. Since my area of specialty was cognition, I looked at what "thinking skills" they would need to be successful. I

also worked with stroke patients on swallowing, feeding and speech. After several years there, I moved to Chicago to work with inner city preschoolers who were speech and language delayed. I split my time between the Children's Place on Humbolt, a preschool for children with the AIDS virus, and other preschools with low socioeconomic and at-risk children. I focused on pre-literacy and language and the most fun was teaching young children how much fun it is to read. Many of them had no books or print material in their homes. Exposing them to the wonderful world of reading through literacy strategies was a dream come true. After 14 years away, my husband and I returned to Danville to raise our children.

Did you go to school here?

I went to Danville High School, then I attended DACC, then on to Northern Illinois University where I received a bachelor's degree in Communicative Disorders and a Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology.

What made you either stay here, or move here?

I returned to Danville with my husband after living in a few big cities when my daughter was nine months old. I knew it was time to come home and raise my family here. I absolutely love Danville. I wanted my children to know their grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, and extended family. I knew we could make a difference and I really feel we did that. We lived in Danville for 16 years and on our ranch in Homer for 4 years. While we're still in Vermilion County, we are on the county line and are able to serve both Vermilion and Champaign County families. While living in Danville over the years, I participated in many community fundraisers. I founded the CASA Royal Ball, an interactive fairy tale that ran from 2010 to 2014. I spent several years chairing various events at the Festival of Trees. One year, we attempted to break the Guinness World Record for the Largest Gathering of Santa's Elves. We officially counted 680 people dressed as elves. While we didn't beat England's record of 1100, it was a great try, so much fun and we helped raise money for our local hospital. I restructured the Polar Express event, adding a stage show, hot chocolate dancers on the buses, and many other magical features. I believe one of my strongest skills is bringing magic to large events and tapping into the joy that children are so open to receiving.

What jobs have you had, and have currently?

After returning to Danville, I opened a small traveling speech therapy private practice serving low-income children. I partnered with Head Start and provided services for all of Vermilion County at Head Start sites. I was able to do this while raising my daughters. Later, I opened a private practice on Gilbert Street, where I provided individual and group speech therapy for toddlers through the Early Intervention program. One day, I took a toddler language group to my parent's home on Denmark Road where I was raised. We walked the trails in the woods behind the house. It was so easy to teach new vocabulary words like butterfly, cattail, daisy, flower, etc. when we were looking at the real thing. That's when it hit me that I needed to move my private practice to the country. I wanted to focus on nature-based therapy and animal-assisted therapy. Less than a year later, we found our current property in Homer that had an

11,000 square foot pole barn that was wheelchair and amtryke accessible! There was space for animals, events, fundraisers, a therapy clinic and outdoor therapy sessions. Things fell in place, and we moved to the ranch. The property was in disarray and we got to work building the therapy clinic inside the barn, building fences, cleaning up the neglected property, and learning how to live on a farm. I took classes on alpaca care and animal husbandry and finally I was able to open as a private therapy practice. Eventually, it became clear we needed community support and volunteers to help serve children and families and fund the care and shelter of our therapy animals. It was time to take the leap. I organized and founded a not for profit, "Roxy's House". We will officially open for speech therapy next month, April of 2023. I am certified in Natural Language Acquisition, a specific treatment approach for people on the autism spectrum. This treatment approach, along with animal-assisted therapy, have become the answer to incredible gains and understanding of autism therapy that I have always felt was missing. The animals have a wisdom that often surpasses my 25 years of experience as a speech language pathologist. Therapy sessions at Roxy's House may involve interaction with the resident animals, riding amtrykes in the barn, swinging from a therapy swing in the barn, or balance walking on hay bales. Many children must be moving in order to be learning. We plan to expand to physical and occupational therapy in the future.

What volunteer opportunities do you participate in?

This year, we hosted the 2nd annual Magical Country Christmas in the barn. We decked the barn out for Christmas with over 20 trees, and thousands of lights. We were able to raise funds to begin our first official year as a not for profit. Children and families came for the Santa dance party, walked the alpacas, made alpaca fiber ornaments, and enjoyed hot chocolate and a treat. If I'm not working on the ranch, I'm volunteering with Ambucs or other non-profits. If I'm not in a therapy session, I'm cleaning a stall or the chicken coop. Our family has learned what hard work really is, and a wholesome lifestyle in the country is a life worth living.

What do you do for fun?

I love campfires in the backyard. Making dinner in foil packs on the fire and eating outside in the evening under the big oak trees is nothing short of bliss. I love taking my pigs on their daily walk to the barn. The interactions between our animals are always a source of joy. When Happy the alpaca is loving on a barn cat my heart just swells, or when Humphrey the potbelly pig starts his silly antics, it makes us all laugh. Harmony on the ranch is important and we all interact and function as a family. I like live music, dancing, and hanging out with my friends and my daughters. I love planning events and magical experiences for families. I love seeing a child reach a goal in therapy they didn't realize was possible. I meditate and pray each morning, always seeking divine guidance for the next steps to take, and the best ways I can serve others. Gratitude has been the key to a joyful life. Each morning I fill a journal page or two with gratitude from the day before.

Anything else you'd like to add?

With each new step, the risks are always accompanied by soul-wrenching fear. Working in Chicago's inner city in high drug-trafficking neighborhoods, opening my private practice in Danville, founding a not for profit, "Roxy's House", beginning animal-assisted speech therapy, or opening Blue Heron Ranch and Retreat Center. Each time, there is the looming fear of failure just over my right shoulder. I always try to go forward anyway, and it is always bumpy and imperfect. I teach my girls that when your heart is singing, your knees may also be trembling. Try to listen to your heart and ignore the knees. Amazing things can happen! We are so excited to open the event center and therapy next month. It seems I've been preparing for this for a lifetime.

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

Announcements & Community

BIGG Tip of the Week: The Success Shake Recipe

(1) Throw in Time. The other ingredients all require it. Don't waste any because you can't get more until tomorrow. (2) Toss in Money. How much do you need? It's a matter of individual taste. (3) Combine Work and Play. You may love your work, but your life will have more flavor if you play too. (4) Add Growth. More growth helps everything mix faster, so add it liberally. (5) Blend it all together for 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](#)

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

Do you and your significant other have different levels of investment risk? Communicate your comfort levels for a better financial future! [How to Determine Your Investment Risk Tolerance | Investing | U.S. News \(usnews.com\)](#)

New Super Penguin Plush Toys are Available for Preorder - see details [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

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](#)

CASA March 2023 Advocate Training Dates [Here](#)

Vermilion County Conservation District 2023 Camp Programs - see flyer [here](#); see program registration [here](#)

Vermilion Regional Airport Authority - Airport Improvement Projects [here](#)

Steve Lane Retirement - see news release [here](#)

The Vermilion Conservationist Spring 2023 - see [here](#)

East Central Illinois Community Action Agency VOCA Newsletter - see March edition [here](#)

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>

"We need a minute of your time! Did you know that around 70 people are killed or seriously injured in roadway crashes each year in Vermilion County? Local leaders are studying existing roadway safety needs and your input is valuable in developing strategies to make Vermilion County safer."

www.surveymonkey.com/r/VermilionSafetySurvey

Upcoming Member Events

March 9 Kiwanis Pastor Appreciation Day - Lunch at the VFW at Noon

March 10 Danville Pickup Hockey League Hopkins Cup at the David S. Palme Arena; Proceeds will go to Terry Rosdail & Family - 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 11 Trivia Night at the Danville Boat Club - see flyer [here](#)

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

March 16 Community Impact Awards at the Fisher Theatre - 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 18 Join Keep Vermilion County Beautiful for the Great American Clean Up - see flyer [here](#)

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

April 1 Sunrise Rotary Polar Plunge 2023 - see flyer [here](#)

April 7 First Friday HOP Downtown - see flyer [here](#); see press release [here](#)

April 10 Save the Date for DACC Easter Egg Hunt!

April 14 CASA Night At The Races - see flyer [here](#)

April 22 Survivor Resource Center - Walk a Mile in Her Shoes - see flyer [here](#); team registration [here](#), single participant registration [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

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.
- 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](#)
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance - see flyer [here](#)
- April 1 BINGO - see flyer [here](#)

Danville Country Club: (2718 Denmark Rd, Danville)

- 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)

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

Fischer Theatre:

- 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 12 Oscars Sunday Special Event - Exclusively limited to the first 100 people. \$20 per person includes hors d'oeuvres and admission to see the Oscars on the BIG SCREEN! \$50 loge box seating for 2 includes hors d'oeuvres, Oscars on the BIG SCREEN plus a private cocktail table set with a bottle of champagne
- March 16 Hidden Figures playing at 7:00PM
- March 17 Belfast playing at 7:00PM
- March 25 Tolkien Reading Day Movie TBA
- 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: fish, chicken strips, pork fritters, or grilled chicken sandwich. All meals come with 2 sides: fries, onion rings, coleslaw, and beans
- Service time is 5:30 til 7:30 & Price is \$10
- Dixie Flyers Band 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
- March 8: 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!
- March 10: 6:30PM-8:30PM Live Music Series with War Road Gypsy
- March 12: 3:00PM-5:00PM Live Music Series with Brangie
- 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



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