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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

May Issue

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

<https://www.vermilionadvantage.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/May-2023.pdf>

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EVENTS

VERMILION ADVANTAGE
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AND SAFETY
COUNCIL

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VERMILION COUNTY
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

**BUSINESS
& NETWORKING
LUNCHEON**

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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!



**JOIN US @ THE DAVID S.
PALMER ARENA ROOM 127**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER FROM
CASA & CATERING BY
SLOTTED SPOON**

**\$15 MEETING FEE -
INCLUDES LUNCH!**

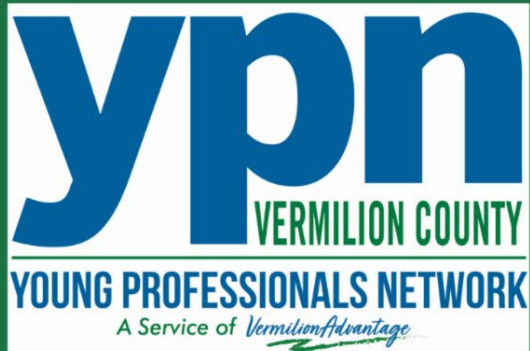
BUSINESS & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

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**MAY 24
11:30AM - 1:00PM**



RSVP - NVANHYFTE@VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM



ANNOUNCEMENT



**THERE WILL BE
NO MAY YPN
MEETING**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of three stylized, cursive letters that appear to be 'lll'.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
OUR ANNUAL TURTLE
RUN COOKOUT JUNE 14!**

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@vermilionadvantage.com

Jobs

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

Education

Project Success: Help Save Afterschool Program for 12,000 Students in Illinois - see flyer [here](#)

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

DACC Courses & Trainings:

DACC College for Kids Summer 2023 Camp - see news release [here](#)

DACC Adult Educational Summer 2023 Classes - see news release [here](#)

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

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

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

Child Care Resource Services would like to encourage people to learn about the Grants and Scholarships that are available for Early Childhood and Education -see Higher Education Navigator Flyer [here](#); see Early Childhood DACC flyer [here](#); see ECACE Scholarship flyer [here](#)

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

Honors & Achievements

DACC Names Employees of the Year - see news release [here](#)

2023 DACC Graduates - see list [here](#); see commencement [here](#)

The Danville NAACP's "Pandemic Health Navigators" program has received six nominations for Community Health Worker awards from the Illinois Department of Public Health - see news release [here](#)

Carle Health Certified as Great Place To Work for 6th Straight Years - see news release [here](#)

Greater Illiana Sports Hall of Fame Announces 2023 Inductees - see news release [here](#)

Healthcare

OSF Healthcare reopening Danville birthing center in September - see news release [here](#)

OSF Healthcare: Healthy Workplace Newsletter - see Spring edition [here](#)

OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart to Open New Wound Clinic - see news release [here](#)

Write Your Story at DACC!
Register Full Time* for Fall Before June 30 and Receive a \$600 Tuition Discount!
*Must register for at least 12 credits to be full-time and receive discount. Some exceptions apply.
dacc.edu/writeyourstory
217.443.3222 (DACC)

Write Your Story at DACC!
Summer is Your Season!
A running head start, playing catch-up, or getting your feet wet...
Summer classes begin May 22 & June 12.
dacc.edu/writeyourstory
217.443.3222 (DACC)

Advisement & Counseling Walk-ins
EVERY WEDNESDAY
Lincoln Hall, Room 104
REGISTER NOW!
IN PERSON VIA ZOOM BY PHONE
Call 217-443-8750 or visit www.dacc.edu/aac to schedule an advisement appointment.
Danville Area Community College



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I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Merrit Spicer



“I want to live a long, happy life. I want to look back at my life and see that I did something good.” -Merrit Spicer

Merrit is a Danville native; she was born and raised in the city, and only left for a couple of years when she studied ultrasound in Indianapolis. She went to Cannon Elementary and East Park Junior High, finally graduating in 1984 from Danville High School. When they tore Cannon Elementary down she saved a couple of bricks because her grandfather laid the first and last brick of that building. Merrit loves living in Danville and is not planning to leave although she has grandbabies in

Houston that she loves to visit. She says, “I love my local friends and family too much and I would constantly miss them.”

Merrit has been married for 35 years and has two children, a son that is an optometrist in Houston, and a daughter that teaches special education at Danville schools. She is so proud that her kids are in helping professions. Her son is married with two kids of his own, and Merrit goes to visit them every three months. One of her reasons for being as active is her grandkids. She wants to be able to crawl around with them and chase them around the park. Merrit says, “I wouldn’t be able to have the things I have or do the things I do without my family. I am so grateful for my entire family and how supportive they have been throughout my life.”

Merrit owned and instructed dance at Roselawn Dance by Merrit. Because she grew up in competitive dance, she loved to introduce the art to others as well. While she owned and operated her small dance school, she was also an ultrasound tech at the VA in Danville. Once Merrit decided that she wanted to retire in September of 2022, she sold the school and left the VA. Merrit masterfully planned this because her favorite month is September stating, “It is my favorite song by my favorite band, Earth, Wind, and Fire.” Now she is retired, but she works at Danville Gardens, Second Chance Thrift Shop, and visits schools to teach yoga to the younger generations. Merrit has a green thumb, and enjoys her work at Danville Gardens and even cares for Orchids in her spare time. People are now bringing their sick orchids to her to tend to them.

She also teaches a yoga class every Wednesday evening in the summer at Willow Barn on Henning Road. Every now and then she will host a yoga wellness retreat at the barn as well. She also volunteers teaching yoga at Luella’s Lodge, helping families that lost a child cope with that loss. Merrit is on the Humane Society and Danville Symphony Orchestra Boards. She is very involved in the arts and currently, she is choreographing Suessical the Musical with Danville Light Opera. When she has time, she also volunteers at the Fischer Theater as an usher.

“Because I can.” Merrit says that she does all of this volunteer work because she is able to. As long as she keeps her body moving, she hopes that she can continue to do all of the extra activities that she does now. “A body in motion stays in motion.” Merrit has always gone by this motto and it is probably the reason that she keeps herself so busy. She is a powerful and outstanding force and Danville is so happy to have her as a part of the community. Merrit has helped so many and inspired many more. We are all so thankful for Ms. Merrit!

By Erin Gregory

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

Announcements & Community



Be a Host Family



Make a family friend for life!

Danville Dans are 34 collegiate baseball players that come to Danville for the summer. Host families volunteer to house these college kids for the summer season. They start off as a houseguest, but overtime become part of the family. Memories will last a lifetime.

Host families receive free family passes to Dans games and attend a host-family events during and after the season.

Hosts provide living accommodations:

bedroom, bathroom (can be shared), access to laundry facilities, and some meals.

Dans Baseball only exists because of our Host Families!

If you have some young baseball fans that would like a big brother for a summer, or you're an empty nester looking for a two-month house guest, the Danville Dans can use you.

Contact host family coordinator Chris Jaruseski at 217-918-0996

or email mikeandchrisj@comcast.net.



BIGG Tip of the Week: What Do People REALLY Expect from You?

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

Surprisingly, less than you think according to research. Stop putting undue pressure on yourself. Ask key stakeholders in your life what they really expect. Discuss options to meet those expectations. Agree on how you will participate in each other's lives. Then schedule accordingly for your BIGG success! For more tips from BIGG Success, click [here](#).

Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors

New jobs means new benefits. Read more for how to navigate the changes. [Changing Jobs? Here's How to Handle Life Insurance and Disability Insurance - Life Happens!](#)

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/>.

Introducing a New Event Center in Vermilion County called Blue Heron Ranch - see flyer [here](#)

Rotary Memorial Way Flag Sales - see details [here](#); see corporate sponsorship form [here](#); see memorial way flag form [here](#)

The City of Danville is pleased to announce the incoming of Sonic Drive-In and separate Jimmy John's - see news release [here](#)

City of Danville is excited to continue its efforts to preserve, maintain and replace its roads in 2023 - see news release [here](#)

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

Danville Dans Looking to Give Back to Community - see news release [here](#)

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

Vermilion County Conservation District Programs and Events - see [here](#)

SAVE THE DATE Vermilion Regional Airport is pleased to announce the return of the very popular "Cheeseburger Night" - see news release [here](#)

Need Help Finding & Affording Quality Child Care? Child Care Resource Service is here to help - see flyer [here](#); see who we are and what we do [here](#); see higher educational navigator flyer [here](#)

Reach 1 Coach 1 Basketball Skills - see details [here](#)

The State is resuming redetermination for Medicaid patients - see flyer [here](#)

East Central Illinois Community Action Agency VOCA - [May Newsletter](#)

Monyok Leadership Newsletter Rise and Grind - You Are Not Crazy

Danville Dans Looking for Host Families - see details [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](#)



Monyok Leadership Introduces **The Lab**: The Lab is an exclusive monthly leadership innovation experience for organizations serious about inspiring and innovating with their leaders.

Apply to bring The Lab to your team today!

<https://monyokleadership.com/the-lab>

Rosecrance: On Your Radar - Resilience Isn't Always Pretty and That's OK - learn more and download the podcast [here](#)

Vermilion River Fall Festival Sponsorship Opportunity - see flyer [here](#)

Sponsors Needed for AMBUC's Friday Night Concert Series - see details [here](#)

2023 Hoopston Firework Sponsorship Opportunities - see flyer [here](#)

Upcoming Member Events



Danville Farmers Market is now EVERY SATURDAY from 8:00AM-Noon at Crossroads Church in Danville

Senator Paul Faraci Diaper Drive - Collection box outside 201 N Vermilion Street, Danville. Last day to drop off is June 2nd - see flyer [here](#)

May 25 90th Annual AMBUCS First Citizen Banquet to honor Erich Hannah - see news release [here](#)

May 26 AMBUCS Friday Night Series at Turtle Run 7:00PM-10:00PM - Free, live music with the Susan Williams Band

May 26 VRBC Concert Series at Downtown Danville Temple Plaza with Candy Foster 6:00PM-9:00PM

May 27 DACC Car Show & Dyno Day - see flyer [here](#)

May 30 Keep Vermilion County Beautiful is asking volunteers of all ages who can clean up litter to join us in the back of Walmart parking lot at 5:00PM. We will work until 7:00PM, please bring gloves. RSVP 217-304-7541

May 31 Energy Efficiency Roundtable - see flyer [here](#)

June 2 First Friday Sports & Brews - see news release [here](#); see flyer [here](#)

June 3 Explore Forest Glen on National Trails Day - see flyer [here](#)

Danville Public Library - see upcoming events May 22- May 30 [here](#)

Hoopeston Public Library - see June Newsletter [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
- Warm weather brings endless dining options at 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe! Enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner, or sweet snacks on the patio, in the game room, or in our beautiful dining room! You can also use the Joe app to place carry out or curbside orders. Our full menu is available all day long! Make some fun summer memories with your people at 112

American Legion Post 210:

- June 10 Early Father's Day Dinner 5:00PM-7:00PM & Comedy Show 7:30PM
- June 15 Tacos/Salads 5:00PM-7:00PM & Band-The Danville's Blue Coalition 6:00PM-8:00PM

Big Thorn Farm & Brewery:

- Bar Hours: Friday 3:00-9:00PM, Saturday Noon-9:00PM, Sunday 10:00AM-4:00PM

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.

Fischer Theatre:

- May 25 Pride & Prejudice showing at 7:00PM
- May 26 A Man Called Otto showing at 7:00PM
- June 1 Ari Hest with Special guest Anthony Gravino live performance at 7:00PM
- June 2 Major League showing at 7:00PM
- Visit 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
- Wednesday: 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!
- Fridays: Wieners & Wine Friday 5:00PM-8:00PM
- Friday May 26 6:30PM-8:30PM FREE music with David Howie
- Friday May 26 8:30-10:30 Free Music with The After Party
- 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 Golf Club:

- 2023 Turtle Run Golf Events [here](#)
- 2023 Couples Golf Events [here](#)
- 2023 Junior Golf Program - see flyer [here](#)
- May 3 - August 9 Wednesday Night Golf League - see flyer [here](#)

- May 11 - August 24 Thursday Night Ladies League - see flyer [here](#)
- May 26 BHRA 4 Person Golf Scramble - see flyer [here](#)
- June 3 2-Man Shoot-out - see flyer [here](#)
- For membership information and golf rates, please visit our website at <https://turtlerungolfclub.com/>

Vermilion River Beer Company

- This is Howie Wednesday 6:00PM-8:00PM - Join us every Wednesday for David Howie all request Happy Hour.
- May 26 11:30AM Lunchbox with Brangie

VFW Post 728: (8 Pine Street, Danville)

- Fridays: fish fillet dinners and Bill's seafood chowder will be served from 5:00PM-8:00PM/ Dine in and carry-outs available
- May 20 Bill's Monthly Breakfast. Menu includes eggs over and scrambled, biscuits & gravy, sausage and pancakes. Meal includes coffee or milk and juice. Carry-outs are available. Everyone is welcome!
- Sundays: Family bingo every Sunday promptly at 2:00PM. Children are welcome, but be 18 years of age to play. A Sunday lunch special and a variety of sandwiches and snack foods are available.

Westville American Legion Post 51:

- Wednesdays: Queen of Hearts Drawing at 7:00PM. Tickets \$1.00.
- Thursday Night Dinners with Bob Schifo - see menu [here](#)

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