

August 16, 2023



*Vermilion Advantage*  
**MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The cover features a large blue title "INSIDE" at the top left, with "August 2023" below it. To the right, "Vermilion County" is written in a green cursive font. The central image shows a woman with glasses and a brown sweatshirt that says "I love MY LIBRARY Hoopeston Public Library". She is standing between two bookshelves filled with books. The headline "Hoopeston Public Library Offers Books and Much More" is positioned above her. At the bottom right of the cover, the "Vermilion Advantage" logo is repeated in a smaller size.

**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**

July Issue

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

[Check out the August issue here!](#)

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*Vermilion Advantage*  
**EVENTS**

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**VERMILION ADVANTAGE**  
**HUMAN RESOURCES  
AND SAFETY  
COUNCIL**

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**BUSINESS  
& NETWORKING  
LUNCHEON**

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

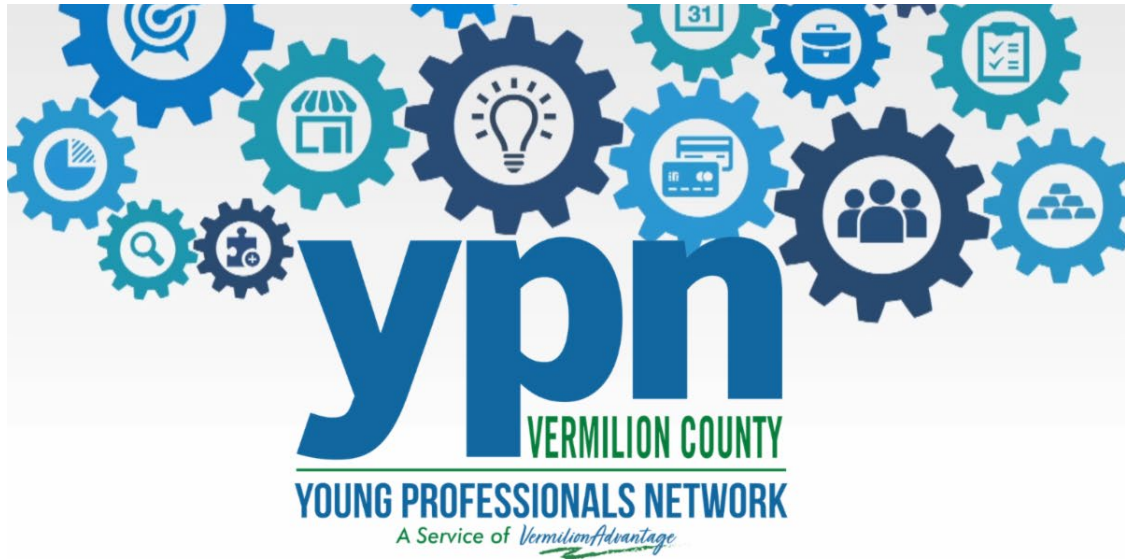
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**Business**  
*after*  
**HOURS**



**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!



*August 16, 2023*  
*11:30AM – 1:00PM*

*Please join us at:*  
1509 N. Bowman Ave. *women's*  
CARE CLINIC

*Speaker: Mariah Hanson*

*Catering: Wolf Creek*

\$15 meeting fee includes lunch (if RSVPed)  
RSVP to [drowland@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:drowland@vermilionadvantage.com)

Due to rising cost, we must have an RSVP to guarantee a lunch. (You will receive an email confirmation.)

# BUSINESS & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

A Service of *Vermilion Advantage*

## AUGUST 23, 2023

### 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

## DAVID S. PALMER ARENA

FEATURING A  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
FROM GATEWAY  
FAMILY SERVICES  
ABOUT THE UPCOMING  
RISE TIDE  
CONFERENCE  
CATERING PROVIDED  
BY ELLA'S EATERY

**\$15 MEETING FEE  
INCLUDES LUNCH  
(IF RSVPED)**

RSVP TO DANA ROWLAND AT  
DROWLAND@VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM  
DUE TO RISING COSTS, WE MUST HAVE AN RSVP TO  
GUARANTEE A LUNCH  
(YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL)



Ella's Eatery  
Breakfast and Lunch



**SAVE THE  
DATE**



**Insurance Providers Group**

**BUSINESS  
AFTER HOURS  
SEPTEMBER 14TH  
5:00-7:00**

*Vermilion  
Advantage*

# 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](mailto:nvanhyfte@vermillionadvantage.com)

### Jobs

**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 Area Community College and other local training resources. It's all

### Education

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

**DACC Corporate Education Courses & Trainings**: see flyer [here](#)

**DACC offers Mix Masters Bartending Course** - see flyer [here](#)

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

**DACC-Franklin University 3+1 Bachelor's program just got more affordable** - see press release [here](#)

**Dr. Wade's Connection, Coffee & Conversation at DACC: Male Depression, Substance Abuse, and Suicide: Understanding and Breaking Down Stigma** - see flyer [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](#)

**Learn about DACC's new "Elevate " Program** [here](#)

**Learn about DACC's Leadership Inspired for Tomorrow training** [here](#)

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.

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## **Honors & Achievements**

**DACC releases President's List of Honor Students** - see list [here](#)

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

**Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Response Training completed by 16 volunteers** - see news release [here](#)

**Watchfire Named AVIXA Certified Technology Specialist (CTS) Renewal Unit Provider** - see news release [here](#)

**Witzel Family McDonalds are please to announce their July Employees of the month.** See press release [here](#)



The Illinois Banking Association (IBA) has announced that Tom Chamberlain has been elected as the Chair of the IBA's Board of Directors for 2023-2024.

See press release [here](#)

**Danville Public School Foundation News**  
- see June issue [here](#)

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## **Healthcare**

**Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness** is working with public health agencies across Illinois to get people the health care they need. To do that, we need a better idea of why people might not seek out healthcare or medical treatment in your area. We are looking to hear directly from you. We can assist in many ways, especially by attending an outreach event that you may host as a community or any outreach event that you know of in your community. We are looking to make partnerships and collaborations; we are striving to educate the community on the importance of the vaccine and receive feedback from the community.

We help those that are insured and uninsured. Our team comes prepared to any event in the community, with flyers, promo bags, and giveaways, and more importantly, fully equipped to make appointments on the spot for any healthcare needs. We also are able to bring our COVID mobile unit and set up a table at your event to provide COVID VACCINES for those in need and willing to receive the Vaccine.

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

**Vermilion County Mental Health Board** is offering Mental Health First Aid Training. For more information, see dates [here](#)

**708 Mental Health Board with Gateway Family Services of Illinois and the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation bring Rising Tide back to Danville.** See flyer [here](#), see press release [here](#) with

Keynote Speaker, Ben Zorbist - see flyer [here](#)

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I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

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Marilyn Blanton



“I have had a very good life. I am healthy, and I am happy.” - Marilyn Blanton

Marilyn Blanton is a Danville native. Originally from Lafayette, Indiana, her family relocated here when she was only one year old. She went to Danville schools and has continued to live in the area. She has traveled to amazing places, from New York, to Spokane, Washington, and even to Europe. However, no matter where she traveled, Danville always called her back home. "I truly believe that home is where the heart is, and my heart is in Danville."

She has worked and volunteered here since she can remember. She was the manager for the accounting department at Walgreens where she had the chance to meet the second and third Mr. Walgreen. Marilyn says, "It is truly a great company to work for and they treat their retirees so well." During her time at Walgreens, she volunteered with their junior achievement program, which helped kids and teens find their place in the world. She retired from Walgreens and needed something to do with her time and so she chose to become an avid volunteer.

Marilyn participates on the Board of Directors for Old Town Preservation Association, Vermilion Heritage Foundation, Danville Historical Society, and the Survivor Resource Center. Marilyn says, "I really care about the preservation of this city's history." The street Marilyn lives on is an old brick road that the city once tried to cover with asphalt. She and her neighbors loved the look of it and the amount of history that it held so Marilyn went in front of the City Council along with some friends and helped secure an ordinance to protect brick streets in the city limits.

As a board member for the Vermilion Heritage Foundation, Marilyn was an integral part of protecting and restoring the Fischer Theater. The group had gathered all the money to buy the building and clean it out, and they had just enough in the budget to restore the marquee. The marquee caught the eye of Julius Hegler who loved the old theatre and wanted to see it in all its glory. He eventually donated several million dollars to further the restoration. Marilyn says, "History is what makes this town unique."

When Marilyn isn't working on preserving the history of Danville, she is a volunteer and board member at the Survivor Resource Center. She has completed the training to be on call to support the clients of the organization. She is with many people in their moments of fear, trauma, and heartache and says, "I love to be there for people and help them know they aren't alone." She feels for them and knows that sometimes all they need is someone to be present.

Marilyn is a woman that truly cares for the community of Danville and says, "We all take care of each other." She is very passionate about

historical preservation but also carries a genuine love for the city and people in her sphere of influence. It is a beautiful thing to meet Marilyn as she has a welcoming spirit, and you can see that she tries to keep a positive attitude in her service to others. She is determined to be active in the community, and even goes to a yoga class three times a week to stay in an active headspace.

We are truly thankful to Marilyn for her tenacity and fighting spirit that has protected history and survivors. She is a Danville gem.

By Erin Gregory

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To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

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## Announcements & Community

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***BIGG Tip of the Week: WAIT to communicate better!***

WAIT is an acronym for Why Am I Talking? Before you speak, ask yourself: What's the purpose of this communication? How can I best say it? And it doesn't just apply to talking. WAIT when you're writing an e-mail. Just ask: Why Am I Typing? How about: Why Am I Texting? It helps you get to the point. So, WAIT...for your BIGG success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#).

***Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors***

Sometimes the best way to see how far you've come is to look back at where you've been. Contact me at 217-516-7778

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

***Vermilion Count Museum announces the winners of the 40th Midwest Heritage Quilt show*** - see new release [here](#)

***Salvation Army has a new Officership*** see the 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](#)

or [doug.ireland@prudential.com](mailto:doug.ireland@prudential.com) to review where you have been and begin discussions of where you would like to go.

**East Central Illinois Community Action Agency requests proposals from Mechanical and Architectural Contractors** - see press release [here](#)

**Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program is offering a Staffing Grant for non-residential customers facing staffing challenges** - see grant [here](#)

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

**Vermilion County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO will host 2023 Labor Day Parade** - see press release [here](#) and registration packet [here](#)

**Survivor Resource Center is hiring a Sexual Assault Counselor** - see more information [here](#)



**Eastern Illinois Foodbank has volunteer opportunities!** Learn more [here](#)

**Monyok Leadership Newsletter**  
Check out the newsletter [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! [The Lab](#)

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

**Rosecrance: On Your Radar - Building a Healthier Society** - learn more and download the podcast [here](#)

**The Danville Noon Rotary** - see meeting schedule and speakers [here](#)



The Danville Noon Rotary welcomed Kay Welch (right), Executive Director of the Danville Symphony Orchestra, to discuss the excitement around the upcoming season.

**Upcoming Member Events**



**Golden Nugget Casino Opens** - check out their current hours [here](#)

**Danville Farmers Market is now EVERY Saturday from 8:00AM-Noon at Crossroads Church in Danville. Now accepting LINK cards in trade for tokens with free triple match vouchers for fruit and vegetables.**

**August 16 DACC Back to School Block Party** - see flyer [here](#)

**August 18 Vermilion Advantage 31st Annual Golf Outing - \*\*ONLY 3 MORNING SPOTS LEFT!\*\*** see flyer [here](#)

**August 18 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe hosts parking lot party for Junior Class Fundraiser** - see flyer [here](#)

**August 19 STEP Recovery's 4th Annual Ride for Recovery** - see flyer [here](#)

**August 19 Immigrant Services of C-U Health & Wellness Fair in Hoopeston** - see flyer [here](#), Spanish version [here](#)

**August 26 Danville Boat Club presents End of Summer Party** - see flyer [here](#)

**August 26 Humane Society Coexistence Art Show** - see flyer [here](#)

**September 2 Humane Society Toss for Tails** - see flyer [here](#)

**September 9 2023 River to Rail Ride to support Kickapoo Rail Trail** - see flyer [here](#) and sponsorship information [here](#)

**September 15 CASA Annual Golf Outing** - see flyer [here](#)

**September 15 United Day for United Way** - see flyer [here](#)

**September 16 STEP Recovery "End the Stigma" Event** - see flyer [here](#)

**November 11 STEP Recovery Sleepout for the Homeless** - see flyer [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

***Big Thorn Farm & Brewery:***

- Bar Hours: Friday 3:00-9:00PM, Saturday Noon-9:00PM, Sunday 10:00AM-4:00PM
- Gratuity and tax is included in ticket price (\$65)
- The performance will take place under the pavilion at Big Thorn Farm & Brewery. The bar and food truck will open at 5 pm, and the performance will begin at 6:30 pm. There will be an intermission around 7:15, and the show will resume at 7:45. The show will finish around 8:30, and the bar will remain open until 9 pm.

***Boxcar Books & Vinyl:***

- 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:***

- Thursday lunch is open to the public from 11:00AM-2:00PM
- August 20 Breakfast on Lake Vermilion 9:00AM-2:00PM
- August 26 Jimmy Buffet End of Summer Party - Doors open at 3:00PM, Boat Scavenger Hunt at 4:00PM, Bags Tournament at 5:00PM
- September 28 Annual Meeting Potluck
- October 1 Annual Golf Outing at Turtle Run Golf Course - Tee off at noon

***Fischer Theatre:***

- August 18 7:00PM-9:18PM Close Encounters of the Third Kind
- August 19 2:00PM and 7:00PM Close Encounters of the Third Kind
- August 20 2:00PM The Muppet Movie
- Visit [atthefischer.com](http://atthefischer.com) for show times and ticket information

***Hoopeston Public Library:***

- See calendar of August events [here](#)

***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
- Friday: 6:00PM-9:00PM Wieners & Wine, Music by In Bloom
- Saturday: 3:00PM-5:00PM Just Jammin' with John at Sleepy Creek
- Saturday: 7:00PM-10:00PM After Dark Concert Live Music Series with Hot Country Nights. Enjoy the 80's/90's free country show!
- Sunday: Enjoy the Winey Mary Bar and wine slushies

- Sunday: 3:00PM-5:00PM Music by The Nightcaps
- Sleepy Creek Hours: Sunday-Tuesday Noon-6:00PM; Wednesday-Thursday-Saturday Noon-7:00PM & Friday Noon-9:00PM.

***Turtle Run Golf Club:***

- 2023 Turtle Run Golf Events [here](#)
- 2023 Couples Golf Events [here](#)
- 2023 Junior Golf Program - see flyer [here](#)
- For membership information and golf rates, please visit our website at <https://turtlerungolfclub.com/>

***Vermilion River Beer Company***

- August 16 6:00PM This is Howie Wednesday
- August 17 5:30PM Music by Tom Grassman
- August 18 11:30AM-1:00PM Lunchbox Concert Series Music by Dreyer, Cooper, Hendricks
- August 18 5:00PM-9:00PM Concert Series Music by Big Guns
- August 20 11:00AM-2:00PM Thurdy Thunday Jazzth Brunch with Todd Gallagher Jazz Combo

***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
- 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.

***Village of Tilton:*** (Thomas Park, Tilton)

- Summer of Music
- August 19 Music by Rockland Road
- Free Music from 6:00PM-9:00PM
- The Village Grill will be open for food and drinks
- See the calendar of musicians [here](#)
- Fireworks (rescheduled from July 1) will began at dusk following the band performance

***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](#)
- 150th Anniversary Sesquicentennial August 19th through September 4th
- Sunday American Legion Riders: 150 miles for Westville, Wreaths for Westville Veterans, Westville Cemeteries
- Registration at 9:20AM, Kickstands up at 11:00AM
- 6:00PM Dwarffanators Wrestling

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**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