

September 27, 2023



*Vermilion Advantage*  
**MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The cover features a large, blue, serif font 'INSIDE' at the top. Below it, 'September 2023' is on the left and 'Vermilion County' is in a green, cursive font on the right. The background is a photograph of a garden with a large tree, pumpkins, and flowers. At the bottom left, the text 'Tarquini's Offers Fresh Produce &amp; Seasonal Market' is displayed. At the bottom center, there is a small version of the Vermilion Advantage logo.

## 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 September issue

To view this months issues of "Inside Vermilion County" visit our website!  
[Check out this month's magazine here!](#)

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# Vermilion Advantage EVENTS

VERMILION ADVANTAGE  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
AND SAFETY  
**COUNCIL**

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**BUSINESS  
& NETWORKING  
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VERMILION COUNTY  
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!



# BUSINESS NETWORKING LUNCH

Sponsored by U of I Community Credit Union  
Join us to learn more about their Partnership Program

**September 27, 2023**

**11:30 to 1:00**

**David S. Palmer Arena**

Lunch catered by Wolf Creek

**RSVP TO:**

- Dana Rowland @ [drowland@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:drowland@vermilionadvantage.com)
- We **MUST** have your RSVP by Monday, 9/11 to guarantee a lunch





# Business **AFTER** Hours

Join us on the **STAGE** at Fischer Theatre  
for the spookiest networking event of the year!

**October 12th 4:30-6:30**

**\$10 at the door includes movie admission, drink ticket  
(beer/wine) and appetizers! Spooky drinks will be available.**

**Come dressed to impress for our  
"Carrie" themed prom photo booth!**



**6:30 PM - Prom King and Queen will be crowned**

**7:00 PM - "Carrie" movie begins**

**Please RSVP to [drowland@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:drowland@vermilionadvantage.com)**

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## Business After Hours



### Luella's Lodge

A PLACE TO HEAL TOGETHER AFTER LOSS

Located at :

7397 E. 1500 North Rd, Oakwood

Wednesday, October 25th

5:00PM to 7:00PM

Please join us for hot dogs, s'mores and drinks. Free will donations greatly appreciated.

Please RSVP by 10/20 to  
[drowland@vermillionadvantage.com](mailto:drowland@vermillionadvantage.com)



Vermilion Advantage  
NEWS

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## 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](mailto: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](http://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

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

## 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](#)

**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](#)

**DACC hosts Illinois Department of Corrections Officer Screening** - see flyer [here](#)

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

**DACC's Rad Tech Programs Earns Reaccreditation** - see press [release](#)



**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](#)**

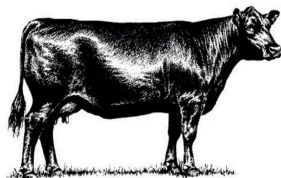
**Witzel Family McDonalds are please to announce their July Employees of the month. See press release [here](#)**

## New Members

Welcome to our New Members!



### MASH-C Farms



### Livestock LLC.

**DACC welcomed 16 new cast members to the All Star Jaguar Student Ambassadors Class of 2023-24 on Friday, Sept. 22, and they are ready to roar. See press release [here](#)**

## 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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Carol and Mike Olson



“Evil is small and loud, but good is large and quiet.”

Carol and Mike Olson are very quiet about all the kindness they share and the generosity they extend. However, their story doesn't start today, it started 40 years ago when Mike's job as an anesthesiologist brought their family to Danville. Carol was a teacher before they moved, and in Danville she worked in the probation office and for Iroquois Federal before retiring when her youngest was in first grade, becoming a very active volunteer in the school district.

Carol says, “Mike's job brought us here, but the people we met and the church family we made kept us here.” The Olson's express that it is nice that Danville is big enough to feel important but small enough to have a state and county park within 10 miles of each other. Along with the amazing parks and outdoor exploration activities, their church family has played a large role in the Olson's choosing Danville long-term.

Saint James United Methodist Church is their home church, and they have been attending since they first moved to the Danville area. The church has given them many opportunities to be of service, but specifically, they have been running the food pantry at Saint James UMC since February of 2008. They noticed that almost every other church in the area had a food pantry due to the recession, so they decided with the help of the church that they

needed to open their doors and feed the people. Originally, it was every Wednesday from 5-7 PM so they could feed low-income/low-earning families after work, but people would start lining up at 7 AM. During the pandemic, they switched over to a drive-thru food pantry, and this has made it easier for people with mobility issues and for the volunteers to handle the distribution. The drive runs from 2-5 PM now, and they consistently have 15-30 volunteers on site.

On average, the food drive feeds 375 families and 1200 individuals each time. Since all their volunteers are retired, Mike and Carol both agree that younger volunteers would be helpful. “I want us to partner with an organization that will bring in a younger crowd and will work hard”, Carol said. (If you would like to help, call 217-442-1504.) One of the greatest reasons they can continue this service to the community is because of the volunteers that give their time. Mike says, “Without our amazing community and volunteers, we would not be able to do this.”

To Carol and Mike Olson, we say thank you! Their leadership and quiet goodness are making a large impact in the lives of so many Danville people.

By Erin Gregory

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To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

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## Announcements & Community

### ***BIGG Tip of the Week: No Joke - This Will Make You Smarter***

Laughter makes you more open-minded, increases memory, and improves focus. (Source: *Emotional Intelligence* by Daniel Goleman). It relieves stress and the blues, common causes of brain fog and memory

***Crosspoint Human Services hosts October Week of Action: Domestic Violence Awareness*** - see flyer [here](#)

***Vermilion County Conservationist Fall Newsletter*** - see newsletter [here](#)

loss. It activates areas of the brain vital to learning and creativity. So watch a funny show, take in a comedy act, or hang out with witty friends. LOL for your BIGG success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#).

***Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors***

You had to take care of your parents as they aged. Do you have a strategy plan in place if you need care? Contact me at 217-516-7778 or [doug.ireland@prudential.com](mailto:doug.ireland@prudential.com) for a complimentary consultation.

***East Central Illinois Community Action Agency announces the start of the Energy Assistance Program - 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 County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO will host 2023 Labor Day Parade - see press release [here](#) and registration packet [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](#)

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

Check out the ***Official Newsletter of DLO Musical Theatre*** [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 September 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](#)

**PLEASE JOIN US**

As we remember our friend,  
Illinois State Senator Scott Bennett



**Wednesday  
October 4, 2023  
11:00 am**

**Senator Scott Bennett Memorial  
Tree Planting**

Remarks to be followed by tree dedication  
on the Lawn Northwest of  
Clock Tower Center & South of Prairie Hall  
Parking suggested in the Clock Tower lot (west side)



**Danville Area  
Community College**  
2000 E. Main Street  
Danville, IL 61832  
217.443.3222 (DACC)

**Vermilion Advantage hosts Scarecrow Contest!** The contest will run from October 13th through October 31st. We'd love for all of Vermilion County to join the contest! A winner will be announce live on "scarecrow location" on Halloween! Watch your email and Facebook for more information coming soon!

**73RD KIWANIS PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DAY**  
Thursday, September 28, 2023  
**6:00AM to 8:00PM**  
**Kiwanis** David S. Palmer Arena

Proceeds to benefit local children's charities in Vermilion County  
**Tickets are available from any Kiwanian or by calling 497-3087**

- \$6.25 per person in advance
- \$7.00 per person at the door
- \$25.00 per book of four tickets
- Children 3 to 11 - \$3.50 at the door



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**Join us at the Citizens Police Academy** for a unique look at your Police Department. Find more information [here](#)

**Danville Symphony Orchestra will have two new Maestros for the 2023-24 season.** See press release [here](#).

**Save the Date Data Share - Workforce Development review and discussion virtual meeting** - see invitation [here](#)

## 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.**

**September 28 Kiwanis Pancake & Sausage Day** - see flyer [here](#)

**September 30 Second Annual Dancing for the Stars** - more information [here](#)

**September 30 STEP Recovery 1st Annual Walk for Recovery** - see flyer [here](#), see press release [here](#)

**October 1 Danville Boat Club 2023 Golf Outing** - see flyer [here](#)

**October 8 Two Roads Wellness Clinic Danville Open House** - see flyer [here](#)

**October 14 Vermilion County Conservation District Fall Paddle** - see flyer [here](#)

**October 14 Hoopston Multi Agency Senior Citizen Dance** - see flyer [here](#)

**October 14 Free Electronics Collection 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
- Check out this 15 acre farm, brewery and food truck in Vermilion County

**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
- September 28 Annual Meeting Potluck
- October 1 Annual Golf Outing at Turtle Run Golf Course - Tee off at noon

**DLO Coffee House Series:**

- Mad Goat Coffee - South
- September 28 6:00PM-7:30PM
- A chill and intimate showcase of the best local talents
- Free admission, Mad Goat coffee and snack will be available for purchase

**Gao Grotto:**

- Friday night Grill night! 5:30-7:30PM Join us for grill night on the patio! Cheeseburgers, hamburgers, chicken strips, pork fritters, chicken sandwiches! All come with a choice of 2 side (fries, onion rings, cole slaw, beans) for \$10!

- Sunday 4:00PM-7:00PM Live music on the patio with Catlin Crozier

***Hoopeston Public Library:***

- Reconnect with your library in September. Find more information [here](#)
- Be part of the Library Crawl! Find out more [here](#)

***Lincoln Park:***

- October 1 1:30PM-4:30PM
- Lamon House Open: The Vermilion County Museum Society will open the historic Lamon House

***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 David Howie
- Sunday: Enjoy the Winey Mary Bar and wine slushies
- Sleepy Creek Hours: Sunday-Tuesday Noon-6:00PM; Wednesday-Thursday-Saturday Noon-7:00PM & Friday Noon-9:00PM.

***Vermilion River Beer Company***

- September 27 6:00PM This is Howie Wednesday
- September 28 5:30PM Live music with Brangie
- September 29-October 1 Beerfest

***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.

***Westville American Legion Post 51:***

- Wednesdays: Queen of Hearts Drawing at 7:00PM. Tickets \$1.00.
- Thursday Night Dinners with Bob Schifo

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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.

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