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Vermilion Advantage
MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The cover of the "INSIDE Vermilion County" magazine for September 2023 features a vibrant photograph of a garden at sunset. The garden is filled with various pumpkins in shades of orange, white, and yellow, interspersed with green foliage and flowers. A large tree stands in the center, and a white house is visible in the background under a colorful sky. The title "INSIDE" is in large, bold, blue letters at the top, with "September 2023" and "Vermilion County" in smaller text below it. At the bottom, the text "Tarquini's Offers Fresh Produce & Seasonal Market" is displayed. A small version of the Vermilion Advantage logo is in the bottom right corner.

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!](#)

Vermilion Advantage

EVENTS

VERMILION ADVANTAGE
HUMAN RESOURCES
AND SAFETY
COUNCIL

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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!

VERMILION ADVANTAGE
HUMAN RESOURCES
AND SAFETY
COUNCIL

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Join us for a Legislative Update

Wednesday, September 13

11:30 to 1:00

Danville Country Club

\$15 meeting fee includes lunch (if RSVPed)

RSVP to Dana Rowland
drowland@vermilionadvantage.com
Due to rising costs, we MUST have an RSVP by
9/8 to guarantee a lunch.
You will receive an email confirmation.



**SAVE THE
DATE**

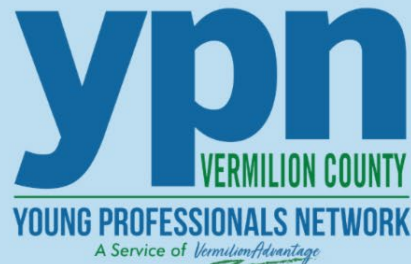


Insurance Providers Group

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

*Vermilion
Advantage*

Join us for....




.....at Gao Grotto

September 20th

11:30 to 1:00

Learn more about Gao Grotto
while relaxing on the patio!

Lunch will be provided by Gao Grotto!

A background image showing a scenic view of a lake with a wooden pier extending into the water. The sky is clear and blue, and the surrounding area is lush with green trees and grass. In the foreground, a white post with a rope is visible, suggesting a patio or walkway.

We must have an RSVP by Friday,
9/15 to guarantee a lunch.
Please RSVP to
drowland@vemilionadvantage.com



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
- We MUST have your RSVP by Monday, 9/11 to guarantee a lunch



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

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 - 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 Leadership Inspired for Tomorrow training [here](#)

Danville Public School Foundation News - see June issue [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.

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](#)

New Members

Welcome to our New Members!



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](#)



Rustic Charm/RC Boutique - Georgetown



All Source



I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Susan Kentner



In 1972 President Richard Nixon signed a federal civil rights law in the United States called the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX was the part of the law that banned sex-based discrimination in schools or educational programs. Prior to 1972, approximately 294,000 girls played high school sports in comparison to 3.7 million boys. Fast forward to 2021, Statista stats shows 3.24 million girls in the United States were involved in high school sports. I bring these numbers to you, so we can give thanks and appreciation to our trailblazers from the past, and to the ones who keep pushing for our future.

Speaking of trailblazers, let's talk about Susan Kentner. Susan was nominated by a former student/athlete and current co-worker, Chelsea Foster. The nomination states "Susan Kentner is a living legend in the Bismarck community. She has been instrumental in building up young women through sports for the past several decades. She is phenomenal at advocating for her athletes to get them the same opportunities and recognition as their male counterparts."

Susan moved to Rossville when she was 2 years old. Her family moved here to work on the family farm. She explained that growing up on a farm, surrounded by your family, is the absolute best upbringing. On the farm she learned a strong work ethic, a love for outdoor exploration, and the importance of family. Susan attended Rossville schools and graduated from Rossville High School. She was fortunate enough to be entering junior high in 1973 when female sports were becoming more available to the schools. Susan quickly found her passion in track and volleyball. She was inspired by her PE teacher/coach/mentor, Nancy Cox. Susan believes Nancy was put in that place at that time to be an advocate for woman's sports. Nancy instilled confidence and self-esteem into the girls and pushed to make sure the girls were given the opportunities they deserved.

Susan went on to play volleyball and track at Danville Area Community College. Her parents and siblings were always a huge support system for her. Although Nancy was her mentor, her dad introduced her to sports and was her biggest motivator. She continued her education and graduated from Illinois State with a degree in education. In 1990 Susan landed a job with Bismarck School District and has been there ever since. She loves to be able to coach, teach and share her passion with others.

Outside of work Susan loves spending time with her 5 grandkids, even coaching some of their t-ball teams!! She has been married to her husband Tom for 40 years and they have 2 grown children Mica and Alex. She is very involved with her church and loves to spend time with her best friends Lisa & Lynndel Davan. Susan also puts on cross country and track programs during the summer months to help keep kids involved and running. She is always looking for ways to motivate and encourage our youth.

Susan explained, “there is no time more important than now for women’s sports. These girls need to have support and encouragement.” What an amazing impact Susan has had and continues to have on our female athletes and students. She has planted a seed in these girls, just as Nancy Cox planted a seed in her.

Thank you, Susan Kentner aka “Coach” for showing young women how to have a voice. Thank you for being a trailblazer, an advocate, and a mentor. Your living legacy will carry on through the several lives you have touched and inspired.

By Jodie Ingram

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

Announcements & Community

BIGG Tip of the Week: How to Weather Financial Climate Change

Financial markets change like the weather. (1) Asset prices heat up and cool down - Invest in a variety of assets for less volatility overall. (2) Price movements can be extreme - Invest in less risky assets if you'll need the money in ten years or less. (3) Watch your emissions - Spending is more controllable than earning. Build a sustainable future for your BIGG success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#).

Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors. Life insurance can help you take control of the wonderful and challenging things that can

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

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

impact your finances. You can feel confident knowing that life insurance helps protect you and your family. #LIAM2023 [Life Insurance Awareness Month 2023](#)
Contact me at 217-516-7778 or doug.ireland@prudential.com

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 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 August 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](#)

CDI Head Start serving Vermilion, Iroquois, and Ford Counties is looking for donations of new or gently used clothing for the upcoming program year. If you would like to donate any clothing items for children from aged 6 weeks to 5 years, donations can be dropped at the administrative office at 1001 E. Voorhees and all clothing will be distributed between the centers. When dropping off donations, we ask that donors fill out a form for our records in order to keep track of items received.

Join us at the Citizens Police Academy for a unique look at your Police Department. Find more information [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 9 Crosspoint Human Services Harvest Feast in Wine Country Fundraiser - see flyer [here](#)

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

September 9, 2023 8th Annual Memorial Way Car show - see flyer [here](#)

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

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

September 15 Danville Boat Club Bingo - see flyer [here](#)

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

October 14 Vermilion County Conservation District Fall Paddle - 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 15 BINGO Doors open at 4:30, Games start at 6:30, Bonus games, 50/50 Drawing, Food and Bar
- September 28 Annual Meeting Potluck
- October 1 Annual Golf Outing at Turtle Run Golf Course - Tee off at noon

Fischer Theatre:

- September 7 7:00PM No Country For Old Men - A Novel Idea
- September 9 2:00PM and 7:00PM Pee-Wee's Big Adventure

Gao Grotto:

- Friday Night Steak Night: 5:30-7:30 Steak Dinner \$20, Butterflied Pork Chop Dinner \$15. Both include: salad, baked potato and Texas toast.
- 7:00PM-9:00PM Captain's 3 Band will be playing in the Hall

Hoopeston Public Library:

- Reconnect with your library in September. Find more information [here](#)
- Hoopeston Library is now offering EVERYTHING in their book sale for FREE!
- Donations are still graciously accepted, but not required

Red Mask Children's Theatre:

- Treasure Island presented by Red Mask Children Theatre
- Located at the Kathryn Randolph Theatre: 601 N. Vermilion, Danville
- September 8 7:00PM
- September 9 2:00PM and 7:00PM
- September 10 2:00PM
- General admission is \$10, sold on a first come, first serve basis

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 Ian Leith
- 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.

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 Regional Airport:

- Great American Graffiti Night
- September 9 3:00PM-9:00PM
- Car show, food & fun! Music by the Dixie Flyer Band
- Car, truck and bike registration is \$15
- General admission, donation at the gate

Vermilion River Beer Company

- September 6 6:00PM This is Howie Wednesday
- September 7 5:30PM Firsty Thursday - Music by Sass
- September 10 11:00AM Second Sunday Salvation with Chad Hays

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 - see menu [here](#)
- Events happening every day for the 150th Anniversary Celebration! Check out the Village of Westville's Facebook page for a schedule of events!

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