

October 18, 2023



*Vermilion Advantage*  
**MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### ***Flyer Information!***

Starting January 1, 2024, we are making exciting changes with our magazine inserts and flyer distribution! Instead of bringing us your 560 copies, you can now **just email us one copy** and we will be sharing all events and information digitally! This new format will be a cost savings to you, better for the Earth and your information will hit even more people! All flyer information will be shared in one place and readers will be directed there using a QR code. More information coming soon!

### **Inside Vermilion County October issue**

To view this month's issues of "Inside Vermilion County" visit our website! Check out this month's magazine [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

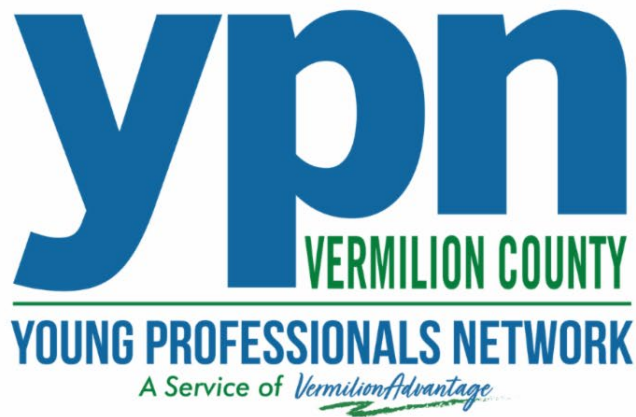
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**Business**  
*after*  
**HOURS**



**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!



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH  
11:30-1:00**

**@ DAVID S. PALMER ARENA  
100 W. MAIN ST - DANVILLE**

*Please join us to learn  
more about Two Roads  
Wellness Clinic*

**CATERING BY:**



**SPONSORED BY:**



**RSVP NEEDED BY 10/13 TO GUARANTEE A LUNCH  
DROWLAND@VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM**

# BUSINESS & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

A Service of *Vermilion Advantage*

PLEASE JOIN US!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

11:30-1:00

DAVID S. PALMER ARENA  
100 W. MAIN ST. - DANVILLE

LEARN MORE ABOUT:



**APPI**  
ENERGY

*\$15 MEETING FEE WILL INCLUDE LUNCH*

TO GUARANTEE A LUNCH, WE MUST HAVE AN  
RSVP BY 10/23. PLEASE RSVP TO:  
[DROWLAND@VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM](mailto:DROWLAND@VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM)

CATERED BY:

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken



## 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

## 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 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.

**East Central Illinois Community Action Agency is looking for a Director of Finance.** More information [here](#)

## Education

**Danville Public School Foundation Newsletter** - see [here](#)

**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](#)

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

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



## Honors & Achievements

DACC receives \$95,000 IGEN Grant - see news release [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](#)

Congratulations to Alan Wilson, DACC Automotive Instructor on being the Danville Army Recruiting Teacher of the Year!



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](#)

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## Healthcare

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](#)

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

## New Members

Welcome to New Members!



Country Financial:  
Amanda Galloway  
Braxdyn Keeran  
Mark Stutsman  
Pete Goodwin  
Stevenson Harby



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I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

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Heather Ludwig



Heather Ludwig is new to Vermilion County and what a blessing she is! Heather came to Vermilion County to work as the Lactation Consultant for the newly re-opened Family Birthing Center at OSF Sacred Heart. Her

nomination states that, “she is incredibly talented and enthusiastic about her job. She often takes the time to make fliers for patients or secure cute onesies for newborns. Heather is all-around kind, compassionate, but also feisty and outspoken in doing what’s best for OSF patients and community. She and the other Mission Partners (employees) at the birthing center are all-in to resume this vital service to Vermilion County. “

Heather previously worked in WIC at the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District and helped develop their successful lactation program. After her son's birth in 2009, she experienced the struggles of being a new mother herself, and knew she wanted to devote her time to supporting new moms. She became IBCLC (International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant), which is the highest credential in lactation. Her work in WIC transitioned to working at OSF Heart of Mary as a unit Lactation Consultant. They became the first Baby-Friendly Designated Hospital in East Central Illinois. Heather is terribly proud to have been a part of that process. Baby-Friendly is choosing to put the patient's experience first, following the highest standards of maternity care backed by science and research, helping patients make informed decisions for their feeding plans and then supporting those decisions. It is making sure that policies and practices support all feeding plans, and since more women are choosing to breastfeed, it is making sure our staff is well trained to help moms get a good start and meet their goals. It is for every baby, every family. Heather explained that OSF Sacred Heart is also utilizing Baby-Friendly standards of care and will proudly earn that designation in the future!

Although new to the area, Heather is enjoying the kindness and friendliness she has encountered here. She states that Vermilion County is full of wonderful people. She also shared a fun story about one of her experiences so far. She attended her first outreach event at the Women's Care Clinic Walk in September. She was speaking with a mother about how she was still getting to know the area and how excited she was that she had found Royal Donut. In a happy accident, she found out that the mother she was speaking to just happened to be the family that owned Royal Donut, the only place she had been to outside of the hospital!

Heather is a people person; she genuinely loves to connect with people and build others up. She has been married to her wonderful husband Bill for nearly 17 years and they have one son John, who is the ultimate “why” to everything she does. She went on to explain that “life is never easy, but having supportive people on your team, cheering you on even in the tough stuff, just being there with a listening ear, that is where you find joy in the journey. It is my joy to walk alongside folks and support them. Whether I am providing access to resources for a new mother, or increasing a coworker's confidence and competence in skills training, teaching a class, enabling people with the tools to reach their goals is incredibly rewarding.”

Thank you, Heather Ludwig, for choosing Vermilion County. Your work has played a vital role in the re-opening of our much-needed Family Birthing Center at OSF Sacred Heart. Your love for people and Royal Donut makes you a perfect fit! We welcome you to our community and consider ourselves blessed to have you!

By Jodie Ingram

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To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

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## Announcements & Community



**Vermilion Advantage hosts Scarecrow contest!** The contest will run from October 13th through October 27th. The winner will be announced on Halloween! Check out our Facebook page to vote for your favorite scarecrow!

**Vermilion Advantage & STEP UP hosts Community Resource Rally and Blood Drive.** To be a vendor, find out more [here](#). For more information about the event, click [here](#).

**Vermilion Advantage is excited to announce the awardees of the Back to Business Grants** - see press release [here](#)



**Fischer Theatre hosts performance of "Hasta La Muerte" 2023 Tour** - see press release in English [here](#), see press release in Spanish [here](#)

**CRIS Healthy Again hosts Vaccine Clinic for Older Adults 60+**  
Cris Healthy Aging is proud to announce that they are offering a vaccine clinic for those 60 plus (or those with disabilities 18-59) at their

**BIGG Tip of the Week: Why Are So Many Meetings a Waste of Time?**

3 reasons: Lack of leadership, documentation, and follow-up. It's author Steve Tobak's conclusion after sitting in on 30,000 meetings. How can your meetings be more productive? (1) Have a purpose for the meeting and a valid reason for every person required to attend. (2) Document conclusions, plans, and action items. (3) Have a point-person follow up on progress. It leads to BIGG success!

**Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors**

**ATTENTION Small Business Owners...**if you received a letter from SecureChoice Illinois over the past few months and have not started a retirement plan for your business, you only have three weeks to comply with the State of Illinois. If you need assistance with this, I am here to support you! Contact me at 217-516-7778 or [doug.ireland@prudential.com](mailto:doug.ireland@prudential.com)



**M|H**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**Martin Hood has a new partner!  
Welcome Todd Davis**

**VCFO & Tax Partner**  
[todd.davis@martinhood.com](mailto:todd.davis@martinhood.com)

We are thrilled to welcome Todd Davis to our team as our new VCFO and Tax Partner. Todd joins us with 30 years of public accounting and energy sector experience. We are excited to have him on board and look forward to the valuable insights and contributions he will bring to our growing firm.



[martinhood.com](https://www.martinhood.com)

**Martin Hood is thrilled to welcome Todd Davis, CPA, CGMA to our**

Danville Senior Center, 309 N. Franklin St., on Wednesday, October 25th from 9:00AM-11:00AM. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 217-443-2999

**Check out the official newsletter of DLO Musical Theatre [here](#)**

**DLO is surveying the community to gauge their favorite musicals from the 50's until now!** From the results, they will build a Mainstage Coffeehouse show! Take the survey [here](#)

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

**The Rotary Club of Danville is accepting nominations for Person of the 2023 Vocational Service Person of the Year Award. See the news release [here](#)**

**Downtown Danville, Inc. hosts Maker Market at Kresge Park for Small Business Saturday on November 25th.** Check out more information [here](#) and find out how to be a vendor!



*team as our new VCFO and Tax Partner.*

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## Upcoming Member Events

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

**October 18 and November 20 Veterans Ready for the Workplace event** - see flyer [here](#)

**October 21 Kruger's 4th Annual Trunk or Treat** - see flyer [here](#)

**October 21 Vermilion County Child Advocacy Center Monster Dash Halloween Bash** - see flyer [here](#), see sponsorship information [here](#)

**October 27 Gao Grotto Oktoberfest** - see flyer [here](#)

**October 28 American Legion Post 210 Trunk or Treat** - see flyer [here](#)

**October 28 Women's Care Clinic Open House & Diaper Drive** - see flyer [here](#)

**October 28 Trunk of Treat at Robinson Chiropractic and Tee Pak Credit Union** - see flyer [here](#)

**October 28 VRA 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat & More** - see flyer [here](#)

**October 29 Trick or Treat at the Museum** - see flyer [here](#)

**November 4 American Legion Vet 5K** - find more information [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 Area Community College/Bremer Conference Center:***

- October 20 7:00PM
- October 21 7:00PM
- October 22 2:00PM
- To Kill a Mockingbird presented by Jaguar Players

***Exit 210 Saloon:***

- October 21 Nightmare at the Saloon: Live Pro Wrestling
- Doors open at 5:30PM for VIP/Presale tickets
- Doors open at 6:30PM for General Admission, Bell time is 7:30PM
- General admission is \$10, kids under 5 are free, VIP tickets \$20

***Fischer Theatre:***

- October 20 7:00PM Lost Boys
- October 21 2:00PM and 7:00PM Dracula
- For ticket pricing and information, visit their [website](#)

***Hoopeston Public Library:***

- Check out the October newsletter and calendar of events [here](#)
- Pumpkin Contest information [here](#)
- Be part of the Library Crawl! Find out more [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 Jammin' John
- Saturday 6:00PM Murder Mystery Dinner at Sleepy Creek. Find more information [here](#)
- 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 County Museum:***

- Courage to Remember
- October 10-November 10
- A traveling Holocaust exhibit created by the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance

***Vermilion River Beer Company***

- October 18 6:00PM Sheet Music with Cameron Sheets
- October 19 5:30PM Live music with Tom Grassman
- October 20 8:00PM The Return of The Royal Hounds

**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



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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.  
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