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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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EVENTS



VERMILION ADVANTAGE
HUMAN RESOURCES
AND SAFETY
COUNCIL
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& NETWORKING**
LUNCHEON
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VERMILION COUNTY
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!

BUSINESS & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

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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

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



Save the Date

Young Professionals Network

at



Wednesday, November 8th

11:30 to 1:00

*This will be Nicole's last meeting as Director
before Jodie takes over in January!*

Please RSVP to
drowland@vermilionadvantage.com

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Coffee Talk

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
9:00AM-10:30AM**

**HOST: TRICIA TEAGUE
SOAR SPACE BUSINESS CENTER
2 E. MAIN ST. SUITE 36
DANVILLE, IL**

**It's the perfect opportunity to brew
up some new connections!**

**Please RSVP to
drowland@vermillionadvantage.com**

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DETAILS:

Chief of Police,
Chris Yates, along
with Sam Lauck,
will be discussing
Flock Safety
License Plate
Readers

\$15 meeting fee
includes lunch if
RSVPed by 11/3

PLEASE JOIN US:

Wednesday, November 15th

11:30PM-1:00PM

**Danville Country Club
2718 Denmark Rd.**

Please RSVP to
drowland@vermilionadvantage.com
by 11/3

Vermilion Advantage
Business After Hours



Friday, November 17th
5:00PM to 7:00PM

Cash bar & food will be available for purchase at:



Please RSVP to drowland@vermilionadvantage.com

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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

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 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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

ROSC Council Meeting - Thursday, October 26th - All are welcome to the table and we need their voices! Please see attached flyer [here](#)



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I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Connie Kimmel



“Genius is recognizing the uniqueness in the unimpressive. It is looking at a homely caterpillar, an ordinary egg, and a selfish infant, and seeing a butterfly, an eagle, and a saint.” -William Arthur Ward

This is a quote that Connie Kimmel quoted during our interview, and she said she keeps it folded up in her wallet. She saw it in a magazine and since she has never found words that resonate more with how she sees the world. Connie has lived such a full life, from traveling the world to meeting some

amazing people. She has been to Egypt, Tahiti, Denmark, Sweden, and others.

Connie is a Vermilion County native, growing up in the Oakwood school district. Connie attended Oakwood High School, DACC, University of Illinois, Illinois State, and Western Illinois, and she has a Bachelors in Sociology and a Master of Education degree. It is no surprise that she ended up becoming a teacher, and it just happened to be that District 118 was the place she wanted to be. She was quickly given a position at Fairchild Elementary before it was closed. After, she was given the choice of where she wanted to be, and Southview was that place. She taught sixth grade there for around twenty years, and she did one year in seventh but missed having a set class every day. Connie says, "I loved seeing the same kids all day because I could see them grow into amazing human beings." Connie had decided to teach in Danville because she had always wanted to go to Danville High School but being in Oakwood district, she wasn't able to. When she was given the position at Fairchild, she was so ecstatic, she didn't even know where the building was located, but she knew it was where she was meant to be. It was all perfect timing because she had called to inquire as the principal was in the office and looking at her file.

After thirty-three years of teaching, Connie decided to retire. However, retirement did not suit Connie. She is the kind of human being that loves to see people grow, so she jumped into a part-time role at the library in the children's department. Connie says, "I love teaching and when I retired, I missed the kids, the environment, and watching them (the kids) grow into amazing people." She hadn't planned to work at the library either, it had just fallen into place, like many other things in her life. It is a good thing that she is in this position though because through her work she makes a difference in so many lives. A friend says, "Connie goes above and beyond; she has such a kind heart, and my daughter looks forward to seeing Miss Connie every week." This is from the person that nominated Connie, and after interviewing her, I can say she does go above and beyond for people. Whether it is taking cookies to her classes, or just sitting and listening, Miss Connie makes you feel seen and heard.

Connie recalls, "I have loved it all, teaching, and meeting people... This town is just so full of beautiful people." Connie is sure to make everyone feel special as she sees the world in such a beautiful light that not many people can see. Connie can make even the smallest achievement feel large because of how she connects with people. This woman wakes up with the goal to make someone smile every day, and I can say without a doubt she achieves that goal. I encourage everyone to thank Connie Kimmel for the work she does with the children in the community. After meeting with her, the world seems like a much brighter place.

By Erin Gregory

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

Click Here

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](#)

BIGG Tip of the Week: Want a Simple Way to Boost Your Outlook? Author Martin Seligman suggests the "What Went Well Exercise." Set aside ten minutes before going to sleep. Write down three things that went well that day and state *why*. List whatever comes to mind. For



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

DACC Student's Cannon Movie Premieres November 1st, Documentary About Life of "Uncle" Joe Cannon. See press release [here](#)

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](#)

example: My co-worker made coffee...because she's thoughtful. It may feel awkward at first but stick with it. Research shows a positive outlook leads to BIGG success. Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#)

Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors

Let's work together to create a strategy that can help you meet your financial goals and overcome your challenges. From retirement to insurance, including life, disability and long-term care, I am here to support you.

Contact me at 217-516-7778 or doug.ireland@prudential.com for a complimentary consultation.



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

VCFO & Tax Partner
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.



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Martin Hood is thrilled to welcome Todd Davis, CPA, CGMA to our team as our new VCFO and Tax Partner.

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](#)

Check out the **2023-2024 DLO Musical Theatre Advertising** information [here](#)

Maestro Zielinski Opens Strong in DSO Concert - see press release [here](#)

Matt George Change Lives Save Lives Tour Coming to Danville - see press release [here](#)

TREP School holds Danville Pitch Contest - find more information [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!



Upcoming Member Events

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

David S. Palmer Arena:

- Hockey is Back!
- Check out dates, times and more information [here](#)

DLO Musical Theatre

- Coffee House Series - Villains Only! Mad Goat Coffee - South (701 S. Gilbert St.)

- October 25 6:00PM-7:30PM
- Free admission, Mad Goat refreshments will be available for purchase
- October 28 6:00PM-10:00PM
- Classica Horror Walk Backstage (141 N. Walnut St.)
- Tour departs every 15 minutes, \$20/person

Exit 210 Saloon:

- October 28 Spooktacular Costume Party
- 9:00PM with late night menu until 12:00AM
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash prizes for costumes!

Fischer Theatre:

- October 27 7:00PM Coco
- October 29 Las Cafeteras presents Hasta La Muerte - A Day of the Dead Show
- 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](#)

Kathryn Randolph Theatre:

- Red Mask Players presents: Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike
- October 27 and October 28 at 7:30PM
- October 29 at 2:00PM

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, Hallo-Wine Bash (Music TBD)
- Saturday 8:00PM-11:00PM Freeky Creek Fright Night, Doors open at 7:00, Live Music with Aces N' Rhythm starts at 8:00. Cafecito Cubano will be serving a bloody buffet. Come dressed in costume! \$10 cover charge, must be 21 to attend
- 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:

- October 26 6:00PM-7:00PM - Open House with special presentation by Bill Gingold, Holocaust Survivor
- Courage to Remember
- October 10-November 10
- A traveling Holocaust exhibit created by the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance

Vermilion River Beer Company

- October 25 6:00PM This is Howie Wednesday
- October 26 5:30PM Live music with Mid-October

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

Discover Vermilion County Illinois Video

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[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.
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