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Month with GPI**



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**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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EVENTS

VERMILION ADVANTAGE
HUMAN RESOURCES
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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!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Coffee Talk



Looking to expand your network, exchange ideas and connect with fellow professionals? Join us for our upcoming Coffee Talk! It's the perfect opportunity to brew up some new connections!

Iron Mike's will provide the coffee, you provide the talk.

OCTOBER 10, 2023

9:00AM-10:30AM

Please RSVP to drowland@vermilionadvantage.com



Iron Mike's

2511 Georgetown Rd.

Danville



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!**

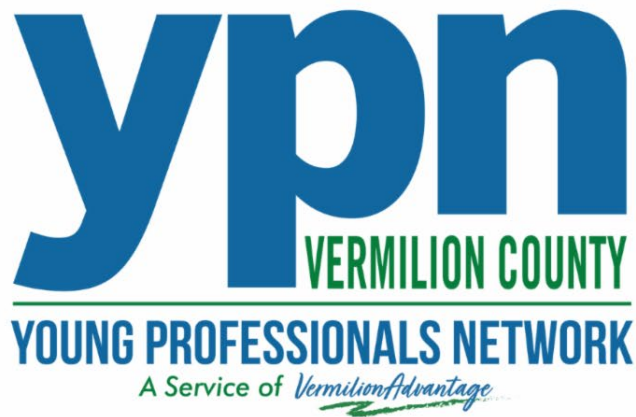


6:30 PM – Prom King and Queen will be crowned

7:00 PM – "Carrie" movie begins

Please RSVP to drowland@vermilionadvantage.com

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**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

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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



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@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 - 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

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](#)

OSF Business Development is excited to announce Angela Reinhart has joined their team! Angela's primary focus will be to connect employers to their primary and occupational healthcare needs in the Urbana and Danville area.



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](#)

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](#)

New Members

Welcome to New Members!



A Neighborhood Technical Assistance Center



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I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Michelle Brooks



“Michelle is one of the most amazing, selfless humans I have ever met. She has the most special way of reaching the “hard to reach” students not only

on an academic level but also on a personal level. She has made a difference in the lives of so many students, their families and honestly anyone that she has ever worked with. Michelle ensures that no kid goes without, whether it be for Christmas, clothing, or food. She is a solid object for so many kids that have instability happening in their lives.” - Tricia Keith

What a beautiful nomination for a beautiful soul. Michelle Brooks is a lifelong Vermilion County resident that is continuously giving back. She is a Behavior Interventionist Instructor for Vermilion County through VASE, a site coordinator for Georgetown Ridge Farm High School Project Success, and Union President. She also serves on Georgetown City Council, VASE Crisis Committee, and Middlefork Sunshine Committee.

Michelle grew up in a loving, supportive family. She confessed that none of this would have been possible without the love of her sweet mom. She married the love of her life Chris in 2010. They have a wonderful son Derek, an amazing daughter-in-law, and a beautiful grandbaby! They also have one 200-pound fur baby with an attitude, Ottis.

Michelle believes a community is only as strong as its weakest members and we must strive to help everyone be their best. She loves what she does because she has a chance to help. She has the chance to make a small difference in the lives of students and that is what it is all about. Michelle was fortunate enough to have love and support from some amazing teachers, coaches, family, and friends throughout her life. They were able to see her strengths and encourage her to grow, and now, Michelle feels it is her place to do the same.

As the doors of education opened for Michelle, she was able to be mentored by the best of the best. Her biggest educational influence was her Aunt Sherron Clayborn-Stibbs. Her model of excellence in the classroom and as an administrator had a lasting impact on Michelle. As Michelle grew in education, there were so many other exemplary examples of great teachers and administrators along the way. Because of them, Michelle will always strive to do better and better.

Michelle feels blessed to live in such a caring community. She loves the people here and the beautiful scenery. She loves everything outdoors, especially fishing! She also enjoys traveling, cooking, and considers herself a foodie.

Well Michelle, the feeling is mutual, your community feels beyond blessed to have you! Thank you for sharing your huge heart with everyone you meet. Thank you for caring for ALL students and investing your time into truly making a difference. Your impact makes our community a better place!

By Jodie Ingram

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

Announcements & Community

BIGG Tip of the Week: A Simple Approach That Gets People to say Yes!

When making requests, end it with "but you are free to..." For example, "but you are free to say no" or "but you are free to help at another time." Research shows this approach doubles the odds that someone says "Yes" Why? We love options! Give people the freedom to say "No" and they'll likely say "Yes." It leads to BIGG Success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#).

Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors

For many small business owners, life insurance is important. Take a look to see why life insurance should not be viewed as an added cost, but rather a way to protect both your family and your employees. Are you a small business owner who is ready to have the life insurance conversation? Let's connect at 217-516-7778 or doug.ireland@prudential.com for a complimentary consultation. Check out: [Why Life Insurance Should be a Part of Every Entrepreneur's Business Plan](#)

East Central Illinois Community Action Agency announces the start of the Energy Assistance Program - see press release [here](#)

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

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

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

Mash-C Farms Livestock, LLC announces
2024 Processing Date - more information
[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 Rotary Club of Danville is accepting nominations for persons for the 2023 Vocational Service Person of the Year Award. See the news release [here](#)

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](#).

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!

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](#)

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.

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

October 10 Vermilion Advantage hosts Coffee Talk - see flyer [here](#)

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

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

October 14 Free Electronics Collection Event - see flyer [here](#)

October 14 Danville Symphony Orchestra Behind the Mask - see flyer [here](#)

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

October 28 Women's Care Clinic Open House & Diaper Drive - 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

David S. Palmer Arena:

- October 8, 10:00AM-4:00PM
- Trading Card Show hosted by JC Trading Cards
- Plenty of sports cards, memorabilia, and non-sports collector cards as well, including Pokemon.
- Bud's BBQ Food truck will be on site

Downtown Danville:

- First Fridays Spooky Glow Downtown 5K
- Friday, October 6 5:00PM-8:00PM
- Registration starts at 5:00, Race starts at 7:00

- An evening run in the heart of Downtown Danville with neon clothes, glow jewelry and paint, black lights and party music!

Exit 210 Saloon:

- October 7 - October Metal Fest
- Gates open at 6:00PM, show starts at 7:45 PM
- All ages \$10
- Live on the outdoor stage: Blue Felix, Blood of Heroes, Titan Metal, Burdens Within

Fischer Theatre:

- Saturday: Hocus Pocus at 2:00PM and 7:00 PM
- For ticket pricing and information, visit their [website](#)

Gao Grotto:

- Friday night Steak night! 5:30-7:30PM Join us for grill night on the patio!
- Steak Dinner \$20, Butterflied Pork Chops \$15! Both include: salad, baked potato, and Texas toast
- 7:00-9:00 - Captain 3's will be playing music in the hall

Hoopeston Public Library:

- Check out the October newsletter and calendar of events [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 Black Eyed Lillies
- 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

- October 4 6:00PM This is Howie Wednesday
- October 5 5:30PM Firsty Thursdays Live music with Sass
- October 8 11:00AM Second Sunday Salvation with Chad Hays

Village of Tilton

- Oktoberfest - Saturday, October 7th
- 8:00AM - 5:00PM - Thomas Park Vendor Event
- 3:30 Lineup for Golf Cart Parade
- 6:00-9:00PM Captain Rats and the Blind Rivets
- Town wide Rummage Sale and more

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
#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
