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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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**BUSINESS
& NETWORKING**
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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!

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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BUSINESS & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

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DETAILS:

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

\$18 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 Trinity Lutheran School Kindergarten teacher, Mindy Ohlmiller on 2023 Ag In the Classroom Teacher of the Year! She will receive the award at the Farm Bureau annual meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at the Beef House Oak Room.



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](#)

Welcome New Members!

Friends of Kickapoo Rail Trail



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I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Mickensy Ellis-White



“Worthy now. Not if. Not when. We are worthy of love and belonging now. Right this minute. As is.” - Brene Brown.

Millions of Americans experience symptoms of mental health conditions each year. Mental health is known to have a ripple effect impacting not only individuals but families, communities, and economies. Vermilion County is no exception to those challenges. However, we are fortunate enough to have amazing people like Mickensy Ellis-White that help provide healing for those experiencing mental health conditions.

Mickensy is a born and raised Vermilion County resident. She graduated from Danville High School and feels her time there prepared her for a more diverse, global society. She later joined the Army, served in Iraq in 2011, and worked as a Behavioral Health Specialist. She went on to work at the VA as a Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor and then eventually started her own business, Mpower Counseling, PLLC. She is also the Chair of the Vermilion County Democrats and a Yoga Instructor.

Mickensy and her wonderful husband Garin just celebrated their 2nd year of marriage. They have one dog, Hope, and 2 cats. Throughout our interview, it was clear to see that Mickensy is a very humble, authentic soul. Her main objective in life is to provide healing. She is continuously researching ways to stay up to date in her field and is open to various avenues of healing. Her humble self did not mention this in our interview, but I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate her on her business, Mpower Counseling, winning the 2023 Best of Danville award!

Mickensy feels very fortunate to live in a place that has beautiful scenery, all four seasons, affordable living, and opportunity for growth. She loves all the parks and outdoor activities that are available. She enjoys walking her dog, kayaking, yoga, working out and watching movies. She also exclaims the best thing about living in Vermilion County is....her family and friends! Mickensy has some amazing people in her life, and they feel the same way about her. Her nomination stated, “Mickensy is one of the most inspiring people I've ever met. From serving our nation, to serving our community she is the definition of an empowering, strong woman with a giving heart. She thrives in helping others and is the first one to jump in when she sees a problem that needs fixed. Her leadership skills are second to none.”

Thank you, Mickensy Ellis-White, for providing healing to others. Thank you for your sincerity, authenticity, and overall compassion. Thank you for serving our Country and Vermilion County, you are a hero inside and out!

By Jodie Ingram

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

Click Here

Announcements & Community



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: How Much Does the Sounds of Your Voice Impact Your Message? Research shows a speaker's voice mattered twice as much as the content of the message. What's the key to good voice quality? Proper breathing, according to Bob Corff, voice coach to the stars. When you breathe right, your stomach pushes out when you breathe in and sinks back when you breathe out. Take a deep breath before you speak for your BIGG Success. Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#)

Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors
With the end of the year approaching, it's a great time to

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](#)

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](#)

TREP School holds Danville Pitch Contest - find more information [here](#)

review your year-end strategies from IRA contributions to required minimum distributions to gifting. 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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in f IG
martinhood.com

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

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!



Night of Lights Parade: Miracle on Vermilion Street is on Friday, December 1 at 6:00PM. Find out about sponsorship opportunities [here](#) and [here](#)

Upcoming Member Events

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

November 3-5 Red Mask Players present Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike - see flyer [here](#)

November 4 American Legion Vet 5K - find more information [here](#)

November 4 Glow Bingo: Party in the Barn Edition - see flyer [here](#)

November 7 Subs for Subs - see flyer [here](#)

November 8, November 22 and December 6 Kaleidoscope LGBTQ+ Teen Support Group - 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](#)

David S. Palmer Arena:

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

Downtown Danville:

- First Friday - Potterfest 2023
- Downtown Danville transforms in to a magical world!
- 5:00PM-8:00PM
- Scavenger Hunt, meet the characters at the library, "Order of the Phoenix" at the Fischer Theatre, Butterbeer and T-shirts for sale, trivia and more!

Fischer Theatre:

- November 3 7:30PM Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- November 4 7:00PM Davina and the Vagabonds presented by the Danville Library Foundation
- For ticket pricing and information, visit their [website](#)

Hoopeston Public Library:

- Check out the November newsletter and calendar of events [here](#)
- Please note: the library will be closed from November 23-26 for Thanksgiving weekend
- 2023 Pumpkin Contest winners announced [here](#) with more library information
- Be part of the Library Crawl! Find out more [here](#)

Rustic Charm RC Boutique:

- Simply Christmas Seasonal Open House
- November 1st through December 24th
- Tuesday-Friday 10:00AM-5:00PM and Saturday 10:00AM-4:00PM

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: 12:00PM-10:00PM, 7:30PM Live music with War Road Gypsy
- Sunday: Enjoy the Winey Mary Bar and wine slushies, 2:00 Live music with Not Petty
- Sleepy Creek Hours: Sunday-Tuesday Noon-6:00PM; Wednesday-Thursday-Saturday Noon-7:00PM & Friday Noon-9:00PM.

Tarquini's Holiday Market:

- Wednesday, November 15-Sunday, November 19
- Decorative wreaths, swags and greenery bundles
- South Bend Chocolates
- Homemade caramels, coffee, jelly, sauces, goat milk soaps and more!
- Daily special guests featuring their own sweet treats, delicious food and specialty coffee drinks
- Check out their website (www.tarquinis.com) and Facebook for more information

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

- November 1st 6:00PM-8:00PM This is Howie Wednesday - Live Jukebox Show
- November 2nd 5:30PM-7:30PM Firsty Thursday with Sass

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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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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