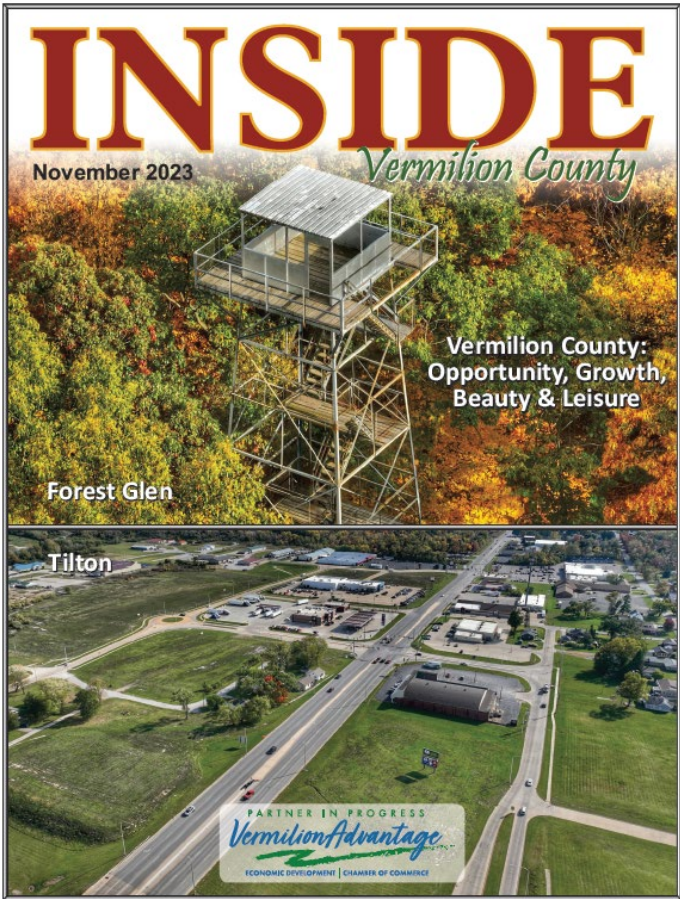


November 22, 2023



Vermilion Advantage
MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Inside Vermilion County
November issue**

To view this months issues of "Inside Vermilion County" visit our website!

Check out this month's magazine [here!](#)



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, WE WILL NO LONGER BE
ACCEPTING FLYERS/INSERTS FOR OUR MAGAZINE
DISTRIBUTION.

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT YOU WILL NOW BE
ABLE TO EMAIL A DIGITAL VERSION THAT WILL BE SHARED
ON OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA. EACH MONTH, WE
WILL SHARE A LIST OF EVENTS AND QR CODE DIRECTING
OUR READERS TO YOUR FLYER!

YOUR FLYERS CAN BE MAILED TO:
DROWLAND@VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM
BY THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH
WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DIGITAL FLYERS



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EVENTS

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AND SAFETY
COUNCIL
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VERMILION COUNTY
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

Business
after
HOURS



**BUSINESS
& NETWORKING
LUNCHEON**
A Service of *Vermilion Advantage*

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 After Hours

Please join us to celebrate the holiday season! \$15/person includes one drink and hors d'oeuvres

Wednesday, December 7

5 pm - 7 pm

5-5:30 Holiday music with Spotlight Singers

Danville Country Club
2718 Denmark Rd.

RSVP to
drowland@vermilionadvantage.com



SPOTLIGHT
SINGERS





COFFEE TALK



DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BREMER THEATER ROOM 109/110
HOST: DR. WADE



DECEMBER 12TH
9:00AM-10:30AM

JOIN US AND BREW UP SOME NEW
CONNECTIONS!

PLEASE RSVP TO
DROWLAND@VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM



BUSINESS & NETWORKING

Holiday

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11:30-

1:00

SPONSORED BY OSF HEALTHCARE

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100 W. MAIN ST., DANVILLE

JOIN US FOR LUNCH & HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

RSVP TO DROWLAND@VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM
BY DECEMBER 18TH

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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](#)

Thyssenkrupp Dynamic Components has donated \$3,000 to DACC Welding Program - see press release [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.

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.



Healthcare

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](#)

OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center hosts blood drive - find more information [here](#)

Two Roads Wellness Clinic offers Primary Care and Convenient Care - find more information [here](#) and [here](#)

Welcome New Members!

Save the Lorraine



Everside Health



MPOWER Counseling



I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Michael Kasper



Michael Kasper is running Danville. Quite literally, he runs miles of pavement every morning, winding the streets of Danville long before most of us have rolled out of bed, averaging 6-10 miles each day. He started running in 2021 and found that he really does like it. He says, "It is not about being fast, it is about doing something I enjoy." He just completed his first 100-mile race in Indiana a few weeks ago. He is intrigued by the question, "How far can I go?" And he is also intrigued by Danville, and how far this city has come and where it is going.

Through the years, his running hobby has evolved into a creative outlet. He carries his phone and takes photographs of the city from a unique perspective. Early morning, sun rising, silent streets, and with a runner's high and miles of pavement before him, he aims his phone and captures the history, charm, character, mystery, and allure of Danville. Michael has always been creative and says, "I needed something that I could use for an artistic outlet that was also practical. Photography, I can do while I run. It's a win-win."

Michael was born in Fargo, ND and moved to Danville in May of 1996 as his dad was on the team spearheading the opening of the new Wal-Mart. He married his lovely wife, Sarah, in 2019. They met through mutual friends at a Danville Dasher's game in 2016. He's an independent contractor in the field of paintless dent repair and works

at various body shops in the area and surrounding areas. Michael has a degree in Entrepreneurship from Illinois State University and says, “I have always had an entrepreneurial mindset. I like to be in control of my destiny and schedule. I am creative and I enjoy creative freedom.”

His entrepreneurial mindset is showing as he is currently compiling the photographs he’s taken on his runs through the years and writing a fascinating book. He says each photograph has inspired him to learn more. He is captivated by old buildings, vacant lots, and a changing landscape. He says, “This town has neglected so many beautiful structures. It is fascinating to learn about what this town has been.” And as he has learned, he has taken note, compiling it all into a single book that will inspire us all. He hopes to publish it within the next year.

The most inspiring thing about Michael is his discipline, consistency, and dedication to long-term goals. Through years of waking up at the crack of dawn and thousands of miles of pavement with a cell-phone camera and basic photo-editing app, Michael is inspiring a movement. He says that he has a unique perspective as he watches the Danville landscape change with every passing week. Michael says, “It is sad to see what we’ve lost of our history as we have neglected to preserve so many structures”, but he is also looking towards the future. He says, “Danville is changing. I see growth in so many ways and I am excited to be a part of it however I can be.”

To see more of his photography visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/michael.kasper.965>

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

Announcements & Community



Vermilion Advantage is excited to announce the next round of Back to

Vermilion County has received an approved SBA Disaster Declaration in connection with the storms we experienced from June 29-July 2. Find our more information [here](#) and [here](#)

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

Business Grants for New Businesses
- find more information [here](#)

Vermilion Advantage and Step Up announce the Resource Round-Up and we need your help! Find out more [here](#)!

BIGG Tip of the Week: How to Offer Criticism Without Sounding Critical There are two ways to discuss a negative: "YOU performed below expectations" (active voice) or "Expectations weren't met" (passive voice). By using the passive voice, the receiver won't get defensive. So you can focus on finding and fixing the problem together. When discussing a negative, use your passive voice so you have a conversation, instead of a confrontation. It leads to BIGG success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#)

Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors
Women are taking control of their finances. In fact, \$30 trillion is expected to transfer to women in the U.S. by 2030. Make sure you are prepared to take control of your financial future. Contact me at 217-516-7778 or doug.ireland@prudential.com for a complimentary consultation.

"Holidays in the City" - our Backyard Tourism Campaign continues! Find out how you can get involved [here](#)!

Vermilion Advantage's 34th Leadership Tomorrow Class graduates - see press release [here](#)

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

Melissa Walters Chosen as New CEO of CRIS Rural Mass Transit District - see press release [here](#)



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



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





City of Danville releases holiday event [schedule](#), parade [information](#) and road closures [here](#) and [here](#)

Monyok Leadership holds open enrollment for Leadership Out Loud - find out more [here](#)

Upcoming Member Events

****Check out Small Business Saturday, November 25th, in Downtown Danville!****

- 9:00AM-4:00PM Maker's Market at Danville Public Library
- 11:00AM-2:00PM Santa at Temple Plaza
- Shopping Bingo, Carolers, Champion of Cheer Window Decorating Contest

November 22 and December 6 Kaleidoscope LGBTQ+ Teen Support Group - see flyer [here](#)

November 26 2023 Catlin Festival of Lights & Christmas parade - see schedule of events [here](#)

November 26 Catlin Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair - see flyer [here](#)

November 28 Night of Lights at Sunset Memorial Park - see flyer [here](#)

November 29-December 2 Christmas in the Barn - see flyer [here](#)

December 1 Night of Lights Parade - Miracle on Vermilion Street - see flyer [here](#)

December 2 Village of Tilton Christmas Night of Lights Parade - see flyer [here](#)

December 3 Danville Boat Club Breakfast on the Lake - see flyer [here](#)

December 9 Roxy's House 3rd Annual Magical Candyland Christmas - see flyer [here](#), volunteer decorating times [here](#) and sponsorship opportunities [here](#)

American Legion Post 210, Danville:

- December 21 5:00PM-9:00PM Trivia Night and food! Join us in your Ugly Sweater and for the White Elephant gift exchange
- December 31 6:00PM-1:00AM New Year's Eve Party with Danville Blues Coalition. \$20/person includes good, champagne, party favors and music!

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:

- November 25 7:00PM
- Danville Pickup Hockey League - Danville Flyers
- Military Appreciation Night
- Free admissions, concessions available

Downtown Danville:

- November 24 5:30PM-8:00PM
- Light Up Downtown Danville
- 5:30 - lights will be plugged in from Harrison to Main. Santa will be at Kresge. Enjoy street musicians, hot cocoa and candy canes while taking in the sights

Exit 210 Saloon:

- November 22 Blackout Wednesday
- 6:00PM Bordertown & Company
- 8:00PM 90's Daughter
- Tickets online \$15, At Door and day of \$20

First Presbyterian Church:

- Danville Winter Market
- 10:00AM-2:00PM
- December 2, February 3, March 2, April 6

Fischer Theatre:

- November 23 3:00PM National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
- November 25 2:00PM and 7:00PM Elf
- For ticket pricing and information, visit their [website](#)

Gao Grotto

- Music at the Grotto - special day and time!
- November 25 6:00PM-9:00PM - come on out after you Black Friday shopping!

- Live music with David Howie - no cover, bar opens at 3:00

Hoopeston Public Library:

- Check out the November newsletter and calendar of events [here](#)
- December 9 10:00AM-2:30PM Free Family Holiday Photos! By appointment only - call 217-283-6711 to make an appointment!
- Please note: the library will be closed from November 23-26 for Thanksgiving weekend
- Be part of the Library Crawl! Find out more [here](#)

Masonic Temple:

- November 25 8:00PM-10:30PM
- Southern Accents - A Tom Petty Experience
- Doors open at 6:00, Band at 8:00

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
- Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve 6:30PM-10:00PM Free live music
- Friday: Black Friday Wine Down 2023 Noon-10:00PM
- Sunday: Enjoy the Winey Mary Bar and wine slushies
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Vermilion River Beer Company

- November 22 6:00PM-9:00PM The K-Tels

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.
 - Open Bowl - Fridays and Saturdays 5:00PM-8:00PM
 - November 22 Turkey Shoot Out, Squad times 5:00PM & 7:00PM, \$30 per person
 - November 22 Blackout Wednesday with Big Guns
 - December 1 Win Christmas Cash - drawing at 5:00PM
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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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