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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 November 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
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& 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!

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!*

\$15 meeting fee includes lunch provided by:



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

Cris Healthy-Aging will be offering a vaccine clinic and Thanksgiving Luncheon - see press 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

Sandra Juanita Gutierrez



Sandra Juanita Gutierrez is not a native of Danville or Vermilion County, as she is from Laredo Texas. Her family were migrant farm workers that transitioned to the area for farming. Growing up, Sandra's parents were very strict about sending their children to school, even when they were working on the farms, they would get to school an hour late and leave an hour early so they would still get their education. In 1972, Sandra officially moved to the Vermilion County area after her mother convinced her to come visit after talking up the beauty of it all. After being here for four years, she moved back to Laredo for a couple of months, however, she realized that it was too hot, and she had fallen in love with Danville. She moved her husband and two kids back to Vermilion County and bought land on Route One. There was some pushback because it was the 70's and many people had left the community, but the area was beautiful, and Sandra couldn't find anything wrong with it.

Sandra started working at the Illinois Migrant Council in Hoopston and began going to Danville Area Community College to restart her education. She had decided that she wanted to go to the University of Illinois, but because it was expensive, she had to find a way to pay for it. She spoke to recruiters and found that her education could be paid for if she joined the National Guard. She continued to work and go to school all while raising her kids and providing for her family. Her husband has always been so supportive of all Sandra's goals, and he has always pushed her to be great and believed in her. Once she achieved a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, she obtained her Master of Educational Administration degree from Eastern Illinois University. She has since been a translator for the county courthouse, held a Spanish radio program, held Fiesta Latina in Ellsworth Park, was a caseworker for district 118 schools, and worked at Community Action for three years. She has also been inducted into the Kenneth D. Bailey wall of honor in 2014 and is the Vice President of AFSCME for our Local Union 2971.

"I always wanted to be a part of something", Sandra reflects. She couldn't be a part of after-school activities or volunteer opportunities growing up because of having to work. Due to that, she decided to be a part of the community now and do as much as possible. For Sandra, it was never about the accomplishments but the goals and barriers that she broke. She went to college, entered the National Guard, and completed graduate school while raising her children. Sandra says, "I wanted to show my kids that anything is possible and that they can also accomplish anything they set their minds to."

Sandra now owns multiple properties and even started renovating a newer property on the lake with her son. Sandra is grateful for everything that she has worked so hard for. We thank Sandra Juanita Gutierrez for the example she has set for the Latino community of Vermilion County and everyone else that has been lucky enough to know her.

By Erin Gregory

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

Click Here

Announcements & Community



Vermilion Advantage is excited to announce the awardees of the Back to Business Grants - see press release [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: 3 Ways to Persuade Anyone Research shows our working memory has a capacity of three. Centuries ago, Aristotle developed a three-point outline for persuading people: (1) Credibility- Demonstrate why you're qualified to speak on the subject. (2) Logic - Use facts and evidence, not opinions. (3) Emotion - Ultimately, people buy based on feelings. Then, they rationalize with logic. Remember the rule of three for your BIGG success!

Vermilion County has received an approved SBA Disaster Declaration in connection with the storms we experienced from June 29-July 2. The SBA has opened a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) which is located in the basement level of the Vermilion County Joseph Cannon Administration Building, 201 N. Vermilion St in Danville. The easiest access is through the building's south handicapped ramp entrance directly to the basement level. SBA representatives will be on hand to discuss options and applications for disaster loans to businesses and private citizens who experienced damages to their businesses or residences from these storms. The Center will be open Monday, Nov 6 through Friday, Nov 17th. ***Check out the official newsletter of DLO Musical Theatre*** [here](#)

DLO Musical Theatre presents A Christmas Story! A classic Christmas movie come to life on stage as a musical! Find out more [here](#)!

Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#)

Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors
Caregivers may experience mental, physical, and financial stress when it comes to taking care of a loved one. Do you have a strategy in place to lessen the stress for the ones who may need to care for you? Contact me at 217-516-7778 or doug.ireland@prudential.com for a complimentary consultation.



Thank you to everyone that attended our first Resource Rally! Vermilion Advantage and Step Up collaborated on this event and it was a great success with over 40 agencies in attendance. Also, thank you to everyone that donated blood. Because of you, the lives of 33 patients will be positively impacted!

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

Vermilion County Museum Society will be having their Fall sale - find out details [here!](#)

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

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

November 10, 11 & 12 Holiday Gathering in Georgetown - see flyer [here](#) and map [here](#)

November 11 STEP Recovery Sleepout for the Homeless - see flyer [here](#)

November 28 Night of Lights at Sunset Memorial Park - 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:

- November 12 - Breakfast on the Lake
- Open to the public! 9:00AM-2:00PM
- Biscuits & Gravy, Breakfast casserole, eggs, bacon, sausage patties, bread pudding, French toast sticks and hash browns
- Adults \$10.95, Children 10 & under \$4.95

David S. Palmer Arena:

- 2023 Festival of Trees
- For a full schedule of events and ticket information, please visit their [website](#)

Dick Van Dyke Auditorium (DHS):

- November 9 - 6:00PM
- A Salute to Veterans Concert

- The DHS music department, including wind ensemble, orchestra and Madrigals will perform
- Free to the public

First Presbyterian Church:

- A Christmas Carol presented by Gregory's Academy of Arts
- November 9 at 7:00PM
- November 10 at 7:00PM
- November 11 at 2:00PM
- To make reservations, call 217-443-0235

Fischer Theatre:

- November 9 7:00PM Great Expectations
- November 11 7:30PM Folk Legacy Trio - check out this "living library" of music of the great folk era!
- For ticket pricing and information, visit their [website](#)

Hoopeston Public Library:

- Check out the November newsletter and calendar of events [here](#)
- The library will be closed on Saturday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. We will have regular hours on Friday, November 10
- Please note: the library will be closed from November 23-26 for Thanksgiving weekend
- 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
- 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.
- November 8 Kickapoo Rail Trail at Sleepy Creek 6:00-9:00, silent auction, Live Jukebox with David Howie, dinner and drinks

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 12 11:00AM Second Sunday Salvation with Chad Hays

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.
- November 10 Danville Blues Coalition 8:00PM-11:00PM
- November 11 Veterans Day Celebration - Ceremony at Memorial Wall at 11:00AM with luncheon immediately following
- Open Bowl - Fridays and Saturdays 5:00PM-8:00PM
- November 22 Blackout Wednesday with Big Guns
- December 1 Win Christmas Cash - drawing at 5:00PM

Discover Vermilion County Illinois Video

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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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