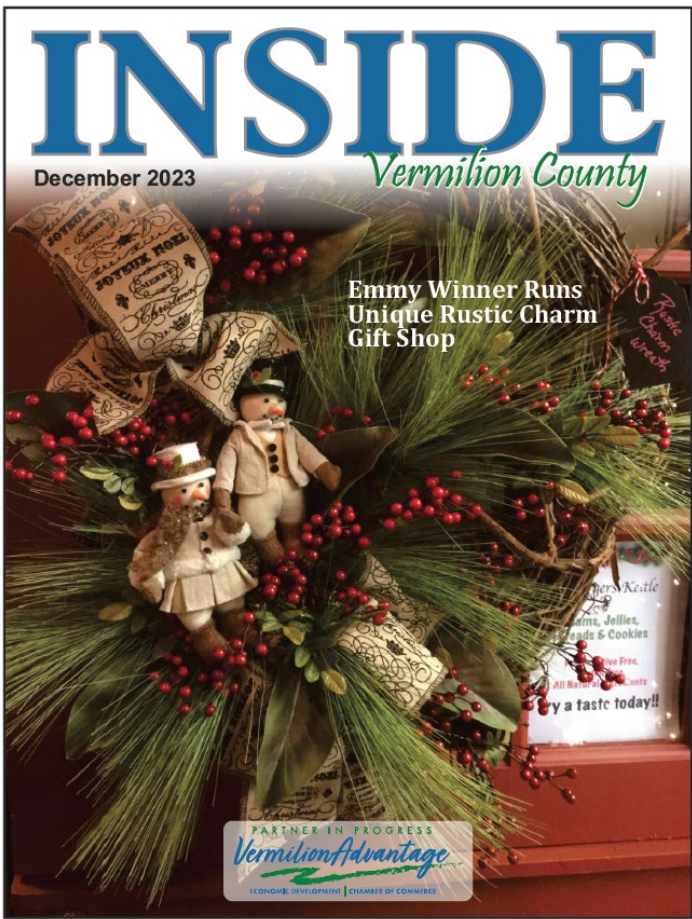


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**Inside Vermilion County
December issue**

To view this month's issue 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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VERMILION COUNTY
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

Business
after
HOURS



**BUSINESS
& NETWORKING
LUNCHEON**
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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

Holiday

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11:30-
1:00

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BY DECEMBER 18TH

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Save the Dates

Upcoming Events

December 20 - Business & Networking Luncheon

January 24 - Business & Networking Luncheon

February 7 - Young Professionals Network Kickoff After Hours Event

February 8 - Business After Hours

February 13 - Coffee Talk

February 20 - Hoopeston Econ Development Meeting

February 21 - Young Professionals Network Luncheon





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.

Danville Family YMCA launches search for Executive Director - see press release [here](#)

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](#)

Thyssenkrupp Dynamic Components has donated \$3,000 to DACC Welding Program - see press release [here](#)



Healthcare

Honors & Achievements

Watchfire Named AVIXA Certified Technology Specialist (CTS) Renewal Unit Provider - see news release [here](#)

Danville Noon Rotary awards 2023 Vocational Service Award to Thomas Chamberlain - see press release [here](#)

New Members



Birth to Five is committed to reimagining an Early Childhood Education and Care system - please complete this [survey](#) to help us best support families and connect them to services faster.

OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center hosts classes for New & Expectant Mothers - find more information [here](#)

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



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I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Amanda Potter



Amanda Potter is a lifelong Vermilion County resident. She is an Armstrong High School graduate and has spent the last 22 years as a Speech Language Pathologist working for both District 118 and VASE. Her nomination states, “Amanda has been an asset to Vermilion County as a Speech Language Pathologist. She has helped so many children while working at District 118 and currently at VASE. When I hear her talk about the children she works with or when I see her interact with them in the community, you can tell each of them have a special place in her heart.” From the short amount of time I spent with Amanda, I can attest, the children absolutely hold a special place in her heart! Her biggest professional motivation is to ensure that every child gets the chance to communicate and be successful in their life.

Growing up, Amanda never planned on staying in Vermilion County. However, now, there is no place she would rather be. She loves that she is surrounded by her family. She feels blessed to have her parents and brother nearby as they are a huge support system. She is the proud parent of Landon and Morgan. Landon is a BHRA graduate and currently enrolled in Parkland College and Morgan attends BHRA High School. Over the years, they have kept her very busy with both school and extracurricular activities. Landon was very involved in hockey and Morgan enjoys gymnastics and competitive cheer. She has always encouraged them to be the very best that they can. She tries to lead by example, she explained that if you always give your very best, you should be able to lay your head down at night without any regrets. This is something she lives by both personally and professionally.

She is also very involved in the Bismarck community, if there is a need, she is there and ready to help. I have found this to be a common theme amongst my interviews, the people in Vermilion County really know how to show up! Amanda went on to share a very personal story, showing firsthand how our community rallied together for her and her family. At age 16, her son was diagnosed with cancer. Her family, friends, the schools, her employer, the students, and even strangers came together to show support. The American Childhood Cancer Association estimates that each year in the United States, a total of 15,780 children and adolescents ages 0 to 19 will be diagnosed with cancer. Amanda never dreamed her child would be included in those statistics. Her entire life changed in a moment's time, but the love and support she received and continues to receive is something that she holds dear to her heart.

Thank you, Amanda Potter, for always giving your best in all that you do. Thank you for helping children find their voice and changing their lives one word at a time. Above all, thank you for sharing your story and spreading childhood cancer awareness. You truly make a difference!

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

Announcements & Community



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](#)

*Danville Symphony Orchestra
Battle of the Conductors: Round
Two - see press release [here](#)*



Vermilion Advantage announces new CEO/President Mike Marron - see press release [here](#)

Vermilion Advantage is excited to announce the next round of Back to Business Grants for New Businesses - find more information [here](#)

BIGG Tip of the Week: What's the Secret to Overcoming All Odds? A bright, shining star! Your vision of BIGG success lights your way three ways. (1) Perspective: Little things roll off when you see the BIGG picture. (2) Fixed point of reference: You can't control everything, but your response is clearer with a constant long term-goal. (3) Internal reserve: External forces create doubt. Your star provides comfort on your journey to BIG success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#)

Check out the David S. Palmer Arena for you next event - see flyer [here](#)

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

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



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

Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors
Oftentimes, people use the phrase "I wish I would have...." when it comes to investing or preparing for retirement. Starting today is always a good time! I can establish an investment or retirement plan that suits your needs. Contact me at 217-516-7778 or doug.ireland@prudential.com for a complimentary consultation.

Upcoming Member Events

December 15-16 Glo Bingo with Survivor Resource Center - see flyer [here](#)

December 19 Robinson Chiropractic Open House to welcome Dr. Adam - see flyer [here](#)

December 31 Gao Grotto New Year's Eve Gala - see flyer [here](#)

December 31 Exit 210 NYE Grand Ball - see flyer [here](#)

American Legion Post 210, Danville:

- December 17 11:00AM-12:30PM Santa comes to the American Legion Post 210. Breakfast will be served from 8:30AM to 11:00AM
- 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 5:00PM-1:00AM New Year's Eve Party with Danville Blues Coalition. \$20/person includes food, 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
- Heated Greenhouse Bar seating and food from The Truck. Families are always welcome and well-behaved dogs are welcome on leashes.

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 Country Club:

- December 17 10:00AM-1:00PM
- Brunch with Santa - call 217-442-5213 for reservations

Danville Area Community College:

- December 16 1:00 DACC Women's Basketball
- December 16 3:00 DACC Men's Basketball

David S. Palmer Arena:

- 5:15PM-6:45PM - Stick & Puck Full hockey gear required. \$10 admission
- 7:00PM-9:00PM -Public Skate. \$8 admission, skate rental \$2
- 9:15PM-10:45PM - DPHL - admission is freewill donation to support DPHL

Exit 210 Saloon:

- December 16 9:00PM Black Dirt Country: Kolten Taylor and his Truck Toppers are back in Vermilion County - you won't want to miss this show!

Fischer Theatre:

- December 13 7:00PM How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- December 15 7:00PM Winter Sounds Concert
- For ticket pricing and information, visit their [website](#)

Hoopeston Public Library:

- Check out the December newsletter and calendar of events [here](#)
- Ho-Ho-Holiday Book sale is now going on upstairs!
- December 28 2:00PM-4:00PM Family Scavenger Hunt. Preregister at 217-283-6711
- Be part of the Library Crawl! Find out more [here](#)

Kennekuk County Park:

- December 3-December 31 4:00PM-8:00PM Nightly
- Holiday Lights at Bunker Hill Area

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

St. James United Methodist Church:

- December 17 3:00PM show and 6:30PM show
- Doc Ashton and the Root Canals Christmas Big Band Extravaganza
- Admission is free

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

Vermilion River Beer Company

- December 13 4:00PM-10:00PM The Rat Pack Christmas Party Benefit: Charity on Tap
- December 17 11:00-2:00PM Thurdy Thunday Jazzth Brunch featuring Tom Gallagher

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

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