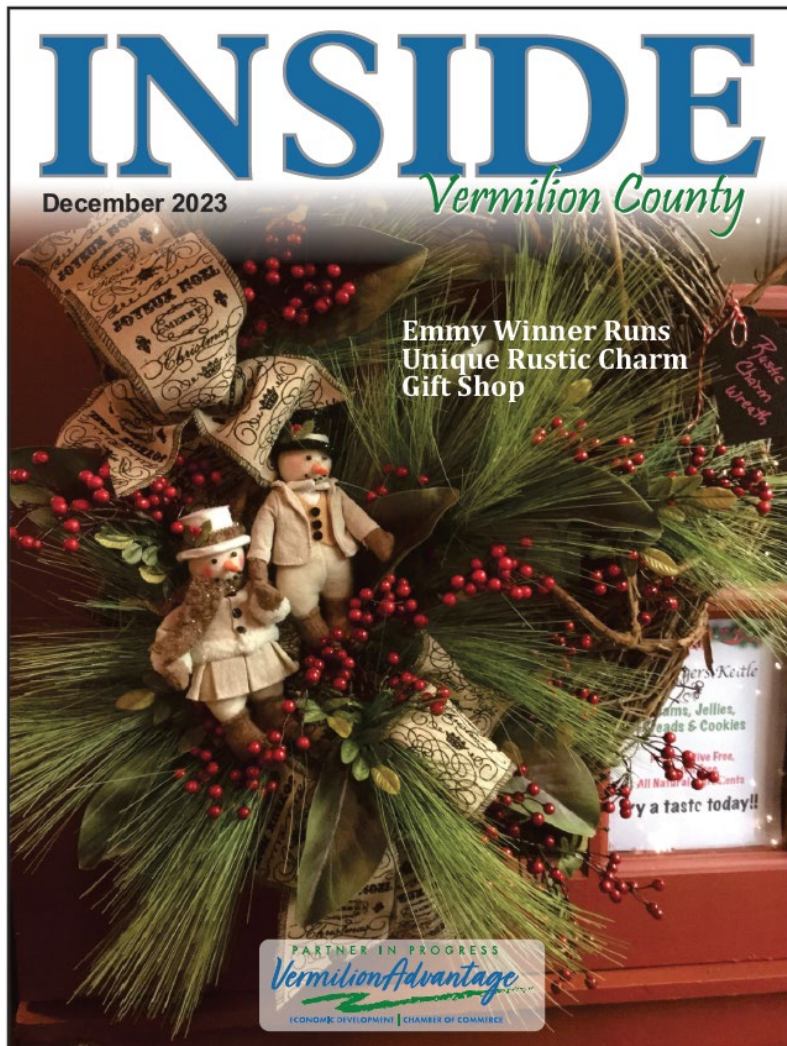


December 6, 2023



Vermilion Advantage
MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Inside Vermilion County December 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

VERMILION ADVANTAGE
HUMAN RESOURCES
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

Thursday, December 7
5 pm - 7 pm

Danville Country Club
2718 Denmark Rd.

RSVP to
drowland@vermilionadvantage.com





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

LUNCHEON

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11:30-
1:00

SPONSORED BY OSF HEALTHCARE

DAVID S. PALMER ARENA
100 W. MAIN ST., DANVILLE

JOIN US FOR LUNCH & HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

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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](#)

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.

Honors & Achievements

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](#)

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



Healthcare

Rosecrance: On Your Radar - Building a Healthier Society - learn more and download the podcast [here](#)

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

Cassie Rhodes



What started as a dream has become reality for Cassie Rhodes.

Growing up in Grape Creek, she never wanted to stay in Danville or in Vermilion County. Even after she attended the Christian school here and after making many connections in Danville, she still wanted to leave. So, she lived in Indianapolis for twenty years before eventually deciding the best thing to do was move back home. She and her two daughters moved back to the area, and she knew then that Danville was the right place for her. She met her husband, Eric Rhodes, and together they

conquered their fears and dreams. Cassie's entire family still being in the area was a huge benefit to coming back because she knew she would have a strong support system. With three younger siblings she would never be without her family again.

Cassie never thought she would come back to Danville and love it this much. However, Danville is such a beautiful community, and she felt right at home again. With it being centrally located, she can still go visit bigger cities, but she also enjoys the outdoor activities that Vermilion County and the surrounding areas have to offer. This summer she spent so much time at different state parks and lakes, enjoying their family camper. She has also been able to open and grow The Slotted Spoon because the community has been so supportive and uplifting.

Before opening The Slotted Spoon in 2018, Cassie was just making homemade freezer meals to make some extra money, and found she really enjoyed it. Three weeks into that endeavor she began a full-time position working for the city. After a year with the city, she realized what she really wanted to be doing was running a restaurant. In December of 2018, Cassie along with her younger sister and cousin, opened The Slotted Spoon as a take-and-bake only food service. Cassie says, "It seemed that everyone enjoyed coming and getting a good, easy meal they could make at home. It brought everyone back together at the dinner table during the difficult time of the pandemic." In June of 2021, they were able to purchase their current location on Gilbert Street and in February of 2022 they opened the doors. Later that year in September they finished renovations and opened the café area with dining services. Walking into the Slotted Spoon, you feel welcomed and invited.

As the owner of The Slotted Spoon, Cassie is always busy, but she makes it a point to still spend time with family and loved ones. Because she cares about the community that has helped make her dream of owning a restaurant come true, she donates to schools, churches, and even to local families in need.

Cassie is proud that, "We are bringing families back to the dinner table." Everything Cassie makes is 100% homemade. At The Slotted Spoon they even slice their own meats and cheeses; nothing is pulled out of the freezer to cook unless you get a take-and-bake meal, but even those are prepared with fresh ingredients. Cassie does not sell anything at the restaurant that she wouldn't serve at home. The Slotted Spoon is family friendly, and Cassie Rhodes makes everyone that walks through the door feel like family.

If you haven't been, go experience The Slotted Spoon! If you see Cassie there, let her know how much she is appreciated in the community. Thank you, Cassie Rhodes, for opening your business, your heart, and your kitchen to this community! Welcome home.

By Erin Gregory

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

Announcements & Community

Vermilion Advantage



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](#)

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 a Marshmallow Can Help You Reach Your Goals Researchers gave 4-year olds a marshmallow and said: "I'm running an errand. When I get back - if you haven't eaten your marshmallow, I'll give you another one." Some ate it immediately. Others resisted and got the reward.

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](#)

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

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



**OPEN ENROLLMENT!
LEADERSHIP
OUT LOUD**

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

Years later, follow up revealed the resistors were more successful. Their secret? Set a goal. Treat yourself only when you achieve it 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 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.



VFW Post 728 accepted a check from Applebees, a supporter of the U.S. Military Veterans, to assist with their discretionary needs. Pictured are Kevin Freeland, Applebee's and Randy VanVickle, Commander of Post 728

Upcoming Member Events

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

December 8 Sweet with Santa presented by Illume Counseling & Wellness Center - see flyer [here](#)

December 8-9 Annual Holiday Bazaar at Harrison Park Clubhouse - see flyer [here](#)

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

December 9 Meet Santa - Bring your children or pets - see flyer [here](#)

December 9 Danville Barbershop Chorus presents Share the Spirit Christmas concert benefitting The Dwelling Place and featuring the DHS Madrigal Singers - see flyer [here](#)

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](#)

American Legion Post 210, Danville:

- December 17 11:00AM-12:30PM Santa comes to the American Legion Post 210
- 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
- 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](#)

David S. Palmer Arena:

- December 8
- 5:15PM-6:45PM - Stick & Puck
- 7:00PM-9:00PM -Public Skate
- 9:15PM-10:45PM - DPHL

Danville Area Community College:

- December 9 1:00PM
- DACC Women's Basketball

Fischer Theatre:

- December 9 3:00PM Danville Barbershop Chorus
- For ticket pricing and information, visit their [website](#)

Hoopeston Public Library:

- Check out the December 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!
- Ho-Ho-Holiday Book sale is now going on upstairs!
- 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

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 County Museum Society:

- December 10 1:30PM-4:00PM
- Holiday Open House - join us for crafts, snacks and games for children along with face painting by Searah's Shack. Santa will be available for photos

Vermilion River Beer Company

- December 10 11:00AM-1:00PM Second Sunday Salvation with Chad Hays & Company

VFW Post 728: (8 Pine Street, Danville)

- December 9 1:00PM-4:00PM Children Christmas Party with Santa Games, story time, goody bags and more!
- 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
- 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.

Special thank you to the Danville Area Visitors Bureau and Center Street Productions. Please use #discovervc