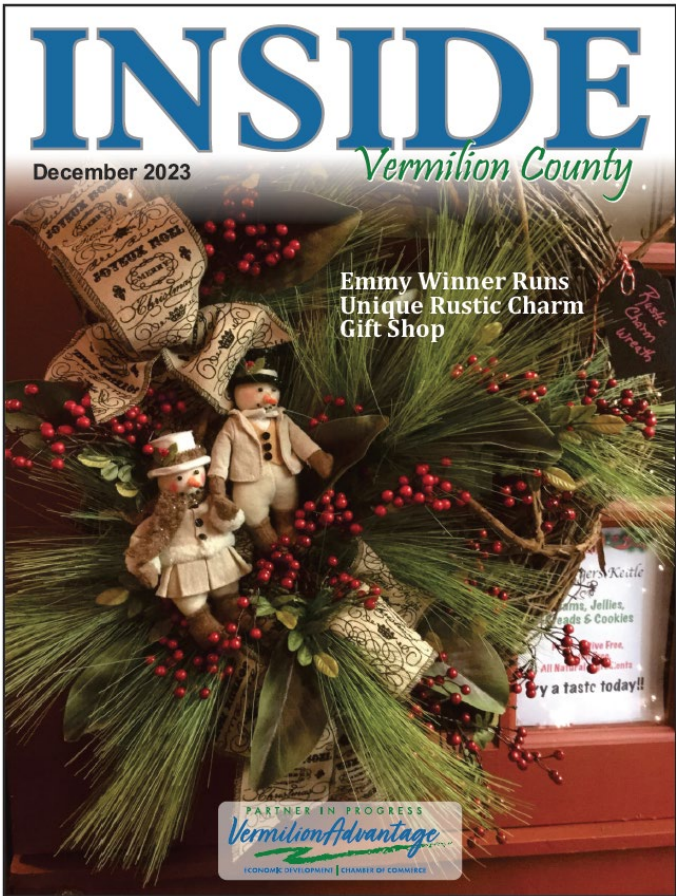


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**MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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



[WWW.VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM](http://WWW.VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM)

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## EVENTS

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VERMILION ADVANTAGE  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
AND SAFETY  
**COUNCIL**  
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VERMILION COUNTY  
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

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**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!



# 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

Vermilion Advantage will be closed  
for the holiday season beginning  
Friday, December 22nd.  
We will reopen on  
Tuesday, January 2nd.



**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

# IL BACK 2 BUSINESS NEW BIZ GRANT PRESENTATION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DOWNTOWN DANVILLE, INC.

*If you started a business (in-home or brick-and-mortar) between  
January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021, you may be eligible for a  
grant from \$5,000-\$30,000!*

**Learn more:**

**Thursday, January 4th at 9:00AM  
@ Vermilion River Beer Company**

Coffee & donuts provided.

RSVP not required but strongly recommended.

RSVP to [drowland@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:drowland@vermilionadvantage.com)



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**SPECIAL**

VERMILION ADVANTAGE  
**HUMAN RESOURCES  
AND SAFETY  
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***Core Re-Entry  
Second Chance Coalition***

**Wednesday, March 6th**

**11:30AM-1:30PM**

**DACC Bremer Theater**

*LUNCH PROVIDED BY CORE RE-ENTRY*

*RSVP REQUIRED BY MARCH 1ST*

[drowland@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:drowland@vermilionadvantage.com)



*Vermilion Advantage in partnership with Corporate Education and the IL SBDC at DACC*

# Vermilion Advantage

## NEWS

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### 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](mailto: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](http://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.

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

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## 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



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## Healthcare

**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. To find out more - see the flyer [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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*Kady and Jordan Richey*



“This couple has made a huge impact on the community; they are highly involved in dramatic productions, particularly with DLO and at DHS.”

Kady and Jordan Richey may not be from the Danville or Vermilion County area, but they certainly have been making themselves at home in Danville. Originally from Benton, Illinois, Kady and Jordan have known each other since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. They were in musical productions, speech, and several other activities together. During their freshman and sophomore years of high school the two decided to give dating a try. Jordan says, “We didn’t even think about it until a mutual friend brought up that we would be a cute couple.” They stayed together while apart at different colleges, Kady at Southern Illinois University Carbondale for her bachelors and masters, and Jordan at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Kady received her bachelor’s degree in communications sciences and a master’s degree in speech language pathology. Jordan received his bachelor’s degree in science and an associate degree in fine arts. He also just finished his master’s degree a few weeks ago. After graduating, they were searching for the right jobs in their professional fields, which is how they happened upon Danville.

“The interview process was so amazing, and everyone was so kind. After my first interview with Danville, I called Jordan and told him this was our place”, said Kady. Once they moved into the area, Danville quickly became their home. Newly married and freshly relocated in the summer of 2021, Kady and Jordan Richey found themselves stumbling onto the board of directors for Danville Light Opera and serving as the director and assistant director of theater at the high school. Jordan says, “We had a theater director in high school that showed us what was really important through supporting us, and we want to do that for other children and teens.” While serving the community they are showing kids that it is important to work hard and care about what they do.

Everything they do in Danville is because they genuinely love to see the kids of the community thrive in the arts. “There is so much talent in the schools of Danville. I just want people to realize how much talent we have in this community,” Jordan shared with me. Recently, Jordan and Kady took *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* to the elementary schools. They wanted to show the small children that theater can be fun, and it also showed the high schoolers involved in the play that they can have a major impact on others with art.

Everything that the Richey’s have done for the community in such a short time is truly amazing and it shows what good can come if you put a little love into an area. They have only been here for a few years, and they have already made a huge impact on Danville. We cannot wait to see what else the Richey’s will do for the community in the future.

By Erin Gregory

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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](#)

**BIGG Tip of the Week: How to Double Your Chances of Achieving Your Goal.** Use if-then planning. Studies on diet, exercise, negotiation, time management, and more show this doubles or even triples the odds of reaching a goal. For example, you want to eat healthier snacks at work, plan ahead. IF it's mid-afternoon, THEN you'll snack on a handful of almonds. Trigger the action you want with an "if-then" plan. It leads to BIGG

**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](#)

**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**  
For many retirees, downsizing is considered a great option for cost reduction. However, as inventory remains limited and interest rates continue to rise downsizing may now be a costly option. With this in mind, it is important to ask: is downsizing

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

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

worth the cost? Contact me at 217-516-7778 or [doug.ireland@prudential.com](mailto:doug.ireland@prudential.com) for a complimentary consultation.

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## Upcoming Member Events

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

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

*January 19 112 Wine & Coffee Shoppe presents Donuts & Mimosas - see flyer [here](#)*

*March 22 Danville High School Career Fair - see flyer [here](#)*

*April 24 Career Expo with DACC and Vermilion Advantage - see flyer [here](#)*

**\*\*Some business hours and events may change due to the holidays\*\***

***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 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 30 6:00PM

- Casino Night! \$100 per person for a night full of games, food, drinks and prizes.
- Call today for reservations 217-442-5213

***Exit 210 Saloon:***

- December 23 9:00PM Live music with The Woodchips

***Fischer Theatre:***

- December 22 7:00PM It's A Wonderful Life (freewill donation)
- December 23 2:00PM and 7:00PM It's a Wonderful Life (freewill donation)
- 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!
- We will be closed from Saturday, December 23 through Tuesday, December 26. We will reopen with regular hours on December 27th.
- 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

***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 20 6:00PM-9:00PM Sheet Music with Cameron Sheets
- December 21 5:30PM-7:30PM Christmas Candy with Candy Foster

***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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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.  
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