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Vermilion Advantage
MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Inside Vermilion County January issue

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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
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AND SAFETY
COUNCIL
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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** **LUNCHEON**

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Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 11:30AM-1:00PM

**Location: David S. Palmer Arena
100 W. Main St, Danville**

Lunch from Berzerker's, sponsored by:



PLEASE RSVP TO GUARANTEE A LUNCH BY JANUARY 19, 2024

drowland@vermillionadvantage.com

CALLING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

**YPN
KICKOFF**

**SUPERBOWL
EDITION - WEAR
YOUR FAVORITE
TEAM!**

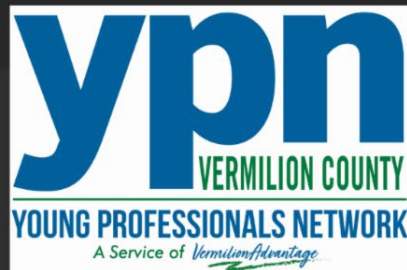


**FEBRUARY 7
5:00PM-7:00PM**

TURTLE RUN

\$15 ENTRANCE FEE

**APPETIZERS, 1 DRINK TICKET,
UNLIMITED NETWORKING & FUN**




*Vermilion
Advantage*

SAVE THE DATE!

*Business
After Hours*

*Thursday,
February 8*

*5:00pm to
7:00pm*



do
musical theatre

*141 N. Walnut St., Danville
More details coming soon!*

Coffee TALK

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00AM-10:30AM

HOST: LINDA DARBY-DOWERS,
HALL OF FAME PLAQUES & SIGNS
3550 N. VERMILION ST., DANVILLE

*Join us for coffee &
conversation*

RSVP to:
drowland@vermilionadvantage.com



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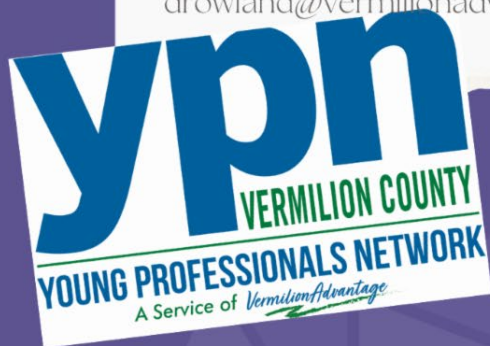
YPN How 2 Series

February 21
How 2 Get Involved



As a young professional, it can sometimes be hard to find your place and your people within the community. Vermilion Advantage is here to help guide you! Join us as Nicole VanHyfte, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, will be speaking on how to get involved in your community. This is a great place to start building your network!

Please RSVP by February 14 to Dana at drowland@vermilionadvantage.com



Meeting Details

- February 21
- 11:30AM-1:00PM
- \$15 meeting fee - includes lunch!
- DACC Bremer Center room 141/142

Questions? Contact Jodie Ingram at jingram@vermilionadvantage.com

SPECIAL

VERMILION ADVANTAGE
**HUMAN RESOURCES
AND SAFETY
COUNCIL**

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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

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

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@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

DACC Foundation Friends Fall Newsletter - see [here](#)

Danville Public School Foundation Newsletter - see [here](#)

Illinois Small Business Center at DACC - see upcoming classes & training events [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](#)

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

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](#)

Danville NECA-IBEW Electrical JATC apprenticeship program is now accepting applications - find more information [here](#)

Honors & Achievements

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

Danville Area Community College gets \$90K Grant for Electric Vehicle Repair Class - see press release [here](#)

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](#)

WIC Program now offering "Walk in Wednesdays" - see flyer [here](#)

Just Breathe Alternative Medical Solutions - January newsletter and specials - see [here](#)

Vermilion County Mental Health hosts Mental Health First Aid class - see youth flyer [here](#) and adult flyer [here](#)



I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Stephanie Stephenson



“It takes a village.” Whether your village is the family that you’re born with or one you build, life is easier when you are surrounded by love and support.

Stephanie Stephenson is helping to build villages for her family, friends, and the women and mothers of Vermilion County.

Stephanie is not originally from Vermilion County, and her family moved to Bismarck when she was in junior high. Being the cheerleader she is, Stephanie works every day to encourage those in her village. The woman who nominated Stephanie made sure we knew this, “Steph is the epitome of joy. When I see her, I feel seen, heard, and more loved than ever.” Once Steph graduated from Bismarck Henning High school, (Go Blue Devils!), she went on to Olivet Nazarene University for Child Psychology. It was there that she realized she had more of a passion for nurturing mothers. She says, “I want to be able to support women while they go through something amazing.” Stephanie has had three children, and all have been different experiences, but she always felt supported and had enjoyable births with all of them.

Because Stephanie has this passion for helping women, she has become a birth doula, and her role is to make mom as comfortable as possible with the best and safest birth plan. Whether it’s at home or at the hospital, Stephanie will be there with full support! She also coordinates the “Bridges” program at the Women’s Care Clinic in Danville and has been at it for seven years. The program is for all mothers who are expecting or are already blessed with their little ones. “It is a group that supports each other and helps educate one another.” She has recently helped create and fundraise for the Danville Birth Project, a nonprofit that will assist mothers in getting the support and care they need. The Danville Birth Project will provide education to help others understand that birth and having children isn’t terrifying. “We are trying to erase the stigma behind giving birth and make it a magical experience for the mothers.”

Stephanie first got the taste for helping mothers during her senior project at Olivet. Her group had decided to work at a pregnancy center. She then came back to Danville and started working for Community Action and that is when she found a passion for helping mothers. “Helping the children was amazing but connecting with the mothers and seeing them succeed was what really started the passion,” Stephanie shared. She loves to see moms and their families thriving.

Stephanie is so grateful for her village and her family here in Danville. When they drive through Downtown her kids say, “Look! It’s our city!” Steph says, “I love that Danville has become home for them.” Without the support of her husband, Caleb, Stephanie would not be in the place she is. She says, “He has such a great heart and is doing something so amazing.” Stephanie’s husband is a new Danville Police Officer, and she knows that with his heart, he will make a great one. “He is doing it for the right reasons. We just want to see the community be a better place for everyone.”

By Erin Gregory

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

Click Here

Announcements & Community



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: Would You Choose \$50 Now or \$100 a Year from Now? Research shows most people took \$50, giving up a 100% return. Avoid this trap by imagining yourself enjoying the bigger reward now. Say you're saving for a down payment on a house. Picture yourself living there, in full detail - entertaining friends, enjoying your new media center. Visualizing it keeps you motivated so you can live it for real. It leads to BIGG success. Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#)

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

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

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

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

Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors Long-Term Care is a conversation most people put off until it's too late. Though many may need it, most aren't prepared for it. Contact me at 217-516-7778 or doug.ireland@prudential.com for a complimentary consultation to learn how long-term care can be a part of your portfolio.

First Fridays announce February event - Folklore Progressive Dinner - see press release [here](#)

City of Danville announces Danville's Got Talent auditions - see press release [here](#)

Crosspoint Human Services will be hosting a Blanket Drive - see flyer [here](#)

Vermilion County Museum Society holds Lincoln Birthday card contest for 4th & 5th grade students - see flyer [here](#)

Upcoming Member Events

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

January 24 Crosspoint Human Services Homeless Resource Night - see flyer [here](#)

February 12 Tee Pak Credit Union Sweet as Candy 75th Anniversary and Valentine's Day celebration - 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](#)

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 Area Community College:

- January 13 1:30 PM DACC Women's Basketball
- January 14 3:00PM DACC Men's Basketball

Danville High School (field house):

- January 13 7:00AM DHS Viking Classic Archery Tournament
- Admission: \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, under 5 is free
- Please enter through the clocktower doors
- Over 880 archers from around the state will be competing!

David S. Palmer Arena

- January 12 5:15PM-6:45PM Stick & Puck: Full hockey gear required, admission \$10, 7:00PM-9:00PM Public Skate: admission \$8, skate rental \$2, 9:15PM-10:45PM Danville Pickup Hockey League - admission is freewill donation
- January 13 7:00PM Danville Flyers, 6:00PM Doors open, puck drops at 7:00PM, free admissions, concessions available

Exit 210 Saloon:

- January 13 9:00PM John Daily & Bordertown Company

Fischer Theatre:

- January 12 7:00PM Snow White
- January 13 2:00PM & 8:00PM Snow White
- For ticket pricing and information, visit their [website](#)

Hoopeston Public Library:

- January 22 1:30PM Join us for the January craft: Diamond Art Coaster
- Check out the January newsletter and calendar of events [here](#)

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
- Friday 6:30PM Live Music Series with Turning Stones
- Sunday 2:00PM Live Music with Not Petty

Vermilion River Beer Company

- January 12 9:00PM-11:00PM The Royal Hounds
- January 14 11:00AM-1:00PM Second Sunday Salvation with Chad Hays & Company

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

Discover Vermilion County Illinois Video
#discovervc



Watch Video Here

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