

January 17, 2024



Vermilion Advantage
MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The cover features the word "INSIDE" in large, bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters at the top. Below it, "January 2024" is on the left and "Vermilion County" is in a green, cursive script font on the right. The background is a photograph of a man with glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue checkered shirt, smiling against a red brick wall. In the bottom left corner, there is a white text box with the text: "Welcome Mike Marron, CEO/President of Vermilion Advantage". In the bottom right corner, there is a small version of the Vermilion Advantage logo.

Inside Vermilion County January issue

To view this month's 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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ME** 

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Vermilion Advantage

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 & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

A Service of *Vermilion Advantage*

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!**

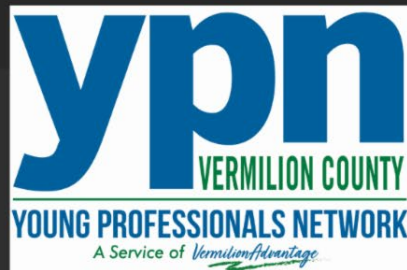


**FEBRUARY 7
5:00PM-7:00PM**

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*



*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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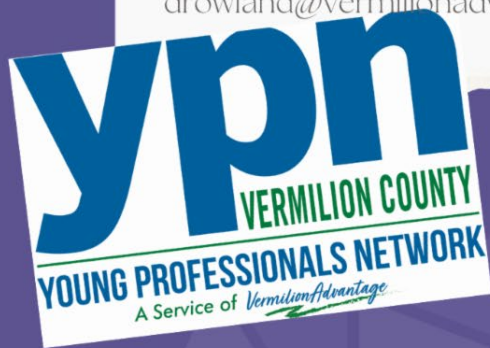
YPN How 2 Series

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 Scholarship application is now open - see more information [here](#)

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

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 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](#)

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](#)

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

Linda Odle



This week's I am, You are, We are recipient is Linda Odle. Linda has positively impacted our community over the past several years in many ways.

She has a love for her hometown Catlin and would love to see it grow. She has been married to her amazing husband Pete for nearly 44 years, she has 3 children, and 13 grandchildren.

Linda enjoys sharing her husband's talents for the community to enjoy. If you have ever had the privilege of driving past their home in Catlin, you can appreciate the simplistic beauty of what flowers can bring. Linda and Pete's flowers provide a viewing pleasure for the entire community. They have even had people stop by to ask if their home is a bed and breakfast! Linda gives all the flower credit to her husband and loves and appreciates all the hard work he pours into it.

Another thing you might notice as you're driving past their home and relishing in its beauty, is the delectable aroma filling the air. Linda and her son Jeff are the owners of Encore Catering. Linda comes from a long line of cooks and her son is no exception. In 2010 the two decided to open a small catering business, Encore Catering. Encore Catering has been a wonderful and rewarding experience. She has been able to meet so many people and make new connections throughout the community. She did, however, announce that Encore will be closing at the end of the year. She is so grateful and appreciative for all the love and support their business has received.

Prior to the catering business Linda was the first Director of what is now known as the Women's Care Clinic. The business started in a garage in 1996. Linda would often get needed office supplies from various auctions and try to rally up as many volunteers as necessary. In the early days of business, it was a true struggle, you never knew if payments were going to come in and many times they did not. Linda and the staff never gave up hope, their love for the clients outweighed the many challenges they faced. Throughout the years she has joined many women in the delivery room and has even been named God Parent to some of the babies. Linda was also the first newborn nursery secretary at the hospital and has worked as the secretary for Georgetown City Hall.

Through Linda's various avenues of work, she has planted many seeds in Vermilion County. Whether it was a lady at the care clinic, a catering event, working at her church, or just lending a helping hand, her actions have helped people in our community bloom. It's no wonder her husband shares a love for both Linda and flowers - like a flower Linda represents that growth, change and beauty can be found even in the most challenging circumstances.

Thank you, Linda Odle, for planting seeds of hope, hard work, love, and success into our community. Thank you for sharing your delicious cooking and your generous heart. You are a true blessing to Vermilion County!

By Jodie Ingram

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

Announcements & Community



BIGG Tip of the Week: Why a Bad Day Can Be Good Research shows that past adversity makes you appreciate the present more. The researchers asked participants to recall a hardship before being presented with a positive scenario (e.g. going on a hike). Those who had experienced past pains demonstrated a higher capacity for enjoying life's small pleasures. Let your bad days help make the good ones even better! 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](#)

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](#)

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
Today, 401(k) plans have become the primary source of retirement income for many Americans. I have experience setting up 401(k) plans for businesses just like yours! Ready to begin? Contact me at 217-516-7778 or doug.ireland@prudential.com for a complimentary consultation!

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](#)

Vermilion Housing Authority

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 Vermilion Valley FCA Victory Dessert Fundraiser - see flyer [here](#)

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

February 17 Boys & Girls Club of Danville Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser - see flyer [here](#)

March 2 Project Success presents 2nd Annual Casino Night - 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](#)

American Legion Post #210:

- January 18 5:00PM
- Beef Stew & Trivia Night; serving beef stew and biscuits from 5:00-7:00 with trivia starting at 7:00. Wear your favorite football team gear!

Big Thorn Farm & Brewery:

- New hours: Friday 3:00-9:00PM, Saturday 12:00-9:00PM, Sunday 12:00-6:00PM
- 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 Area Community College:

- January 17 7:30PM DACC Men's Basketball
- January 20 12:00PM DACC Women's Basketball
- January 20 2:00PM DACC Men's Basketball

David S. Palmer Arena

- January 19 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

Fischer Theatre:

- January 19 7:00PM The Thing
- January 20 2:00PM and 7:00PM The Shining
- 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 with The Riders of the Golden Maize

Vermilion River Beer Company

- January 17 4:00PM-6:00PM Sheet Music with Cameron Sheets
- January 18 5:30PM-7:30PM Live music with Tom Grassman
- January 21 11:00AM-2:00PM Thirday Thunday Jazzth Brunch with 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

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