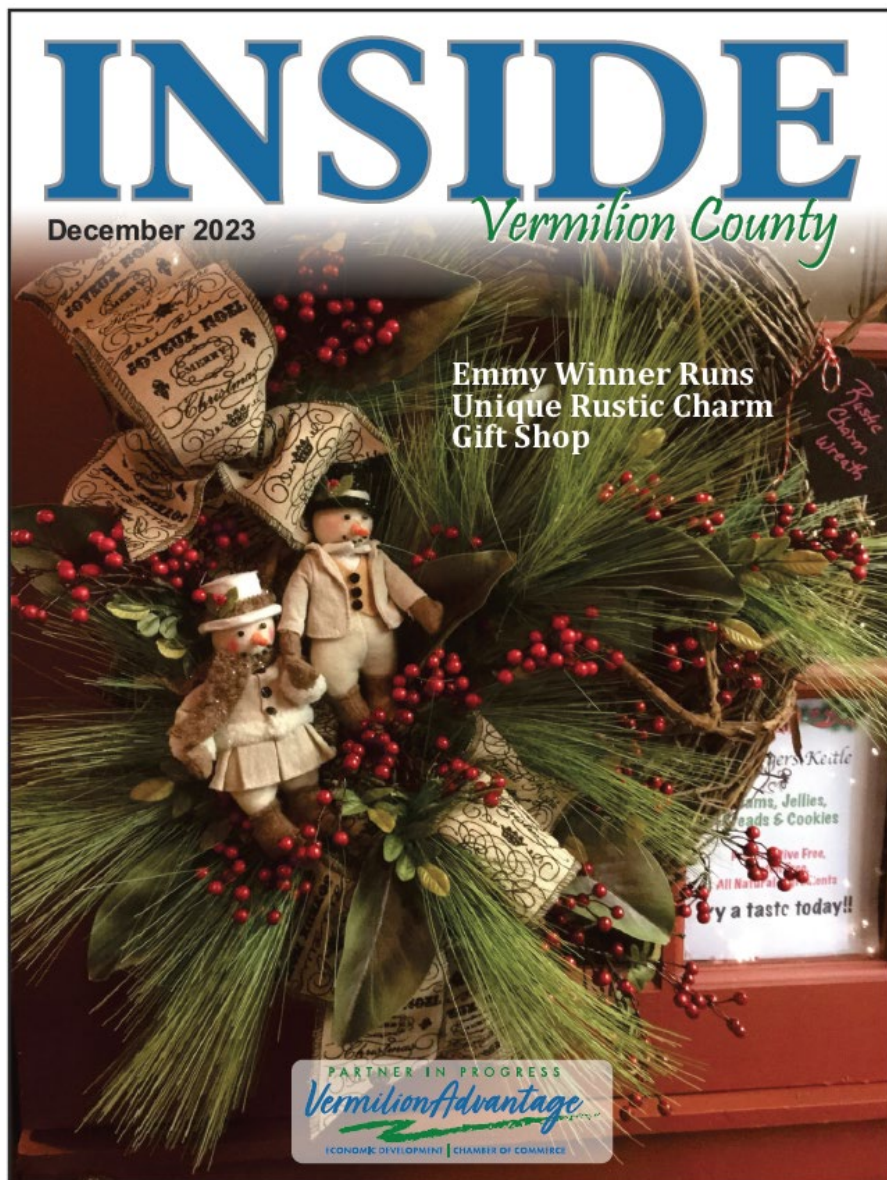


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MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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EVENTS

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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!



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



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





Taqueria

ELPATRON RESTAURANT

201 HUFFMAN ST GEORGETOWN, IL

RIBBON CUTTING

JANUARY 5 @ NOON

RESTAURANT HOURS
FRIDAY 5PM-10PM
SATURDAY 10AM-10PM



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SPECIAL

VERMILION ADVANTAGE
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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

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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

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 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](#)

Healthcare

Birth to Five is committed to reimagining an Early Childhood Education and Care system - please

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)



I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Sue Colby



“A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them.” - Liberty Hyde Bailey

Sue Colby is known in her neighborhood as the flower lady, which accurately represents who she is. She grew up in the Danville area. Although she was unsure about leaving her home in Catlin, Sue knew that Vermilion Heights was where she wanted to put down roots.

Sue taught elementary physical education for 37 years in the Bismarck-Henning school district where she helped children flourish. Sue believes that the younger kids are a breath of fresh air because of their excitement for

life. After retirement, she went on to become a Master Gardener at the University of Illinois. If you don't know her from there, you may recognize her from Danville Gardens, as she has worked there for the last 10 years. If you need plant expertise, she is the woman to go to! Or maybe you know her from Second Church of Christ, where she is always ready to greet you and put a smile on your face. Sue found unity and inclusion when she began attending Second Church; she felt at home. She is proud of her church group for working so hard to be active and help in the community.

She says that her ability to talk to people is a blessing. She told me a story about an older man who came in to shop at Danville Gardens. He had a small pumpkin in his hands, so she stopped him and said, "You know, Danville Gardens has some of the biggest pumpkins!" He told her that his wife had passed away recently, and he was looking for a pumpkin to put on her grave. He was visibly upset, so she took the time to comfort and strengthen him, much like the sun does for plants. She then rushed around and picked out the biggest pumpkin she could find for him, and he left with a smile. This is often how people leave after seeing Sue, with a smile on their face! This story is only the stem of a large branch of what Sue has done for our community.

Sue is the president of the Vermilion Heights Neighborhood. She fulfills this role because she likes to water the soil where new ideas sprout. She firmly believes that if you want to change or improve something, you must be proactive; you cannot just sit stagnant. She is passionate about the growth of our community. She is happy that Danville is blooming and that there is so much to do in Danville. She sees that there are a lot of things about Danville that are good, and you can find even more if you are willing to have an open mind. Sue sticks around where love can bloom, and she has found that in Danville, Illinois.

By Rheanna Ollis

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: A Sure Way to Sabotage Your Progress
Compare yourself to others. For example - if you start jogging today, don't compare how far or how fast you can go to someone who's been jogging for a year. Own where you are. Continue moving forward. And never compare your beginning with someone else's middle. Find your happy ending by pushing on to your BIGG success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#)

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

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

Check out First Fridays Fire & Ice this Friday!



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](#)

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
The new year always brings renewed promises - new attitude, new job, or new years resolutions for weight loss. However, most people don't consider reviewing and preparing an estate plan strategy such as wills, powers of attorney, and beneficiaries. Being proactive can help relieve family stress. Contact me at 217-516-7778 or doug.ireland@prudential.com for a complimentary consultation.

Upcoming Member Events

January 6 New Year New You event with free haircuts compliments of DACC - see flyer [here](#) and Spanish version [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](#)

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 Area Community College:

- January 5 5:00PM DACC Women's Basketball

Downtown Danville

- First Fridays Fire & Ice - FREE event!
- January 5th 4:00PM-9:00PM at David S. Palmer Arena
- Ice skating, sledding, and indoor snowball fight! Warm up with fire safety activities, campfire stories, fire spinners and more! Concessions will be available for purchase
- Please use the entrance off Main St. at the corner of Main and Franklin to enter the event. *Clear bags only*

Fischer Theatre:

- January 5 7:00PM Grand Budapest Hotel
- January 6 2:00PM and 7:00PM Fargo
- For ticket pricing and information, visit their [website](#)

Hoopeston Public Library:

- 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-9:30PM Live music with Anthony Pearson & The Casual Blend
- Sunday: Enjoy the Winey Mary Bar and wine slushies

Vermilion River Beer Company

- January 5 8:00PM-11:00PM Live music with Chad Hays

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