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*Vermilion Advantage*  
**MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## Inside Vermilion County January issue

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Check out this month's magazine [here!](#)

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**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  
& 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!

**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*

# *Business After Hours*

*Thursday,  
February 8*



*5:00pm to  
7:00pm*



*141 N. Walnut St., Danville*

*\$10 includes a drink ticket and appetizers*

**PLEASE RSVP TO DANA AT  
DROWLAND@VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM**

# 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@vermillionadvantage.com](mailto:drowland@vermillionadvantage.com)



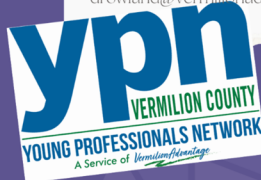
## YPN How 2 Series

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@vermillionadvantage.com](mailto:drowland@vermillionadvantage.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@vermillionadvantage.com](mailto:jingram@vermillionadvantage.com)

# BUSINESS & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

**When:**

FEBRUARY 28, 2024

**Where:**

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

**Details:**

JOIN US FOR LUNCH, NETWORKING AND GUEST SPEAKERS FROM SUNSET FUNERAL HOME AND HAGER LAW FIRM. LUNCH WILL BE SPONSORED BY SUNSET FUNERAL HOME.

**RSVP:**

TO GUARANTEE A LUNCH, PLEASE RESPOND BY 2/23 TO DROWLAND@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

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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

### 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](#)

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### Healthcare

**OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center hosts classes for New &**

and other local training resources. It's all 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](#)

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## Honors & Achievements

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

**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** - see the Valentine's Day specials [here](#) and check out her schedule in Hoopston [here](#)

**ROSC Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27th** - find more information [here](#)

## New Members



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# I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

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Lisa Knapp



“Lisa is so deserving of this recognition for the work she does for veterans.”

Lisa Knapp is a Vermilion County native that has settled in Danville with her husband of 26 years. She graduated from Jamacia High School and went to Texas College for three years in Dallas. However, she knew that being in Danville would make her the happiest because that is where her family is. With nineteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren, Danville is her home. Lisa chooses Danville because she loves the people and the community. She says, “I love the way everyone is so willing to step up and help their neighbors.”

Lisa has been a certified medical assistant for the last 30 years. She tried to retire in June 2022 but was quickly back in the field with Premise Health in October of the same year. Lisa says, “I love seeing happy employees coming in to get a check-up because they don’t have to pay an outrageous copay or crazy insurance fees.”

Lisa is the head of the American Legion 210 Entertainment committee and has organized numerous events to benefit the veterans in the community. Before Lisa was in these positions, she was helping organize the Kennekuk Road Runners and doing summer fun runs. This is what pushed her into starting a Veteran’s Day 5K which brings in funds to improve the Legion Post 210 and allowed her to put together blessing bags for the veterans of the community.

Lisa clearly loves serving the veterans in our community. Her greatest inspiration is the people in her life that have served or are currently serving. At the Legion, her goal was to help create a space where they would be surrounded by people with similar or shared experiences. Some of the events that the Legion hosts are geared towards younger people with families because without the younger generations the legion won’t be able to continue. She says, “I want to bring in the younger generations so the Legion can have a future that thrives. Some of these young men and women come back from deployments and need a space where they know they’re safe.”

Thankfully, Lisa Knapp is someone that has helped bring more and more people to the American Legion. She continues to host events and runs to raise money for the veterans of the area, and with the support of the community she has been able to get necessities for the veterans. We are so grateful to have a servant-leader like Lisa in our community.

By Erin Gregory

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To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

[Click Here](#)

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## Announcements & Community



***BIGG Tip of the Week: An Essential Question About Your Work***

Research suggests three primary work-orientations: (1) Job-oriented people pursue their passions outside work. They mainly work for money. (2) Career-oriented people get much of their identity from working. They work to earn status and prestige. (3) Calling-oriented people see work as a route to personal fulfillment. They work to make an impact. Why do you work? The answer 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](#)

***Vermilion Advantage will be co-hosting an Advantage Illinois webinar on February 13th*** - find out more about this loan program [here](#)

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

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

***Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors***  
Long-Term Care is never an easy subject to discuss, let alone the cost of having Long-Term Care. There are multiple ways Long-Term Care Insurance can fit into your budget. Contact me at 217-516-7778 or [doug.ireland@prudential.com](mailto:doug.ireland@prudential.com) for a complimentary consultation!

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

***The Consult at Danville Library meets the first Wednesday of every month*** - find more information [here](#)

***Eastern Illinois Food Bank will be hosting it's 15th Annual Prom Benefit for Hunger Relief*** - see press release [here](#)

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## Upcoming Member Events

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**February 10 Danville Sweet Adelines Musical Treasures at DACC Bremer Theater** - see flyer [here](#)

**February 11 Whoo's Your Valentine at Forest Glen Preserve** - 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 14 A Night to Remember dinner to benefit East Central Illinois Community Action Agency** - see flyer [here](#)

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

**February 17 28th Annual Taste of Deutschland German Dinner** - see flyer [here](#)

**February 22 Homeless Resource Night hosted by Crosspoint Human Services** - see flyer [here](#)

**March 2 Project Success presents 2nd Annual Casino Night** - see flyer [here](#)

**March 9 Danville Symphony Orchestra presents Noche Hispana!** - see flyer [here](#)

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

**March 23 DACC Easter Egg Hunt** - save the date [here](#)

**April 3 2nd Annual Child Abuse Awareness Conference** - see flyer [here](#)

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

**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:**

- February 3 1:00PM-2:30PM DACC Women's Basketball
- February 3 3:00PM-4:30PM DACC Men's Basketball

**Danville Boat Club:**

- Saturday 4:30PM BINGO
- Doors open at 4:30, Bingo starts at 6:00. No reservations required

- Food and cash bar available

***David S. Palmer Arena:***

- Friday Hockey & Public Skate
- 5:15PM-6:45 PM Stick & Puck - Improve your hockey skills!
- 7:00PM-9:00PM Public Skate - Admission is \$8
- 9:15PM-10:45PM DPHL
- Saturday

***Downtown Danville:***

- First Fridays Folklore Progressive Dinner
- 5:00PM-8:00PM Enjoy the night at a culinary and cultural experience
- Spend 30 minutes at each location enjoying a course of your meal and the progressive storyline of KottGrimm Theatrical Storytellers

***Exit 210 Saloon:***

- Saturday 9:00PM-11:00PM Live music with Ancient Ways
- \$10 admission at the door

***First Presbyterian Church:***

- Danville Farmers Market
- Saturday 10:00AM-2:00PM
- Over 30 vendors, Danville Art League and Girl Scout Troop 2035 selling cookies! The gym will be full for a great shopping experience!

***Georgetown American Legion Dornblaser Post #203:***

- Friday 5:00PM-8:00PM
- Dinner: Ham and beans, corn bread and fried potatoes
- Free will donation

***Hoopeston Public Library:***

- February 13-16 Free craft supply swap! Drop off your unused craft supplies between Feb 5-10 and then join us to swap for something new!
- Check out the January newsletter and calendar of events [here](#)

***Kathryn Randolph Theater:***

- Friday and Saturday 7:30PM-9:00PM Picasso at the Lapin Agile presented by the Red Mask Players

***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

***Vermilion River Beer Company***

- February 1 5:30PM-7:30PM Live music with Steve and Emma

***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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## 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

