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Vermilion Advantage
MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Inside Vermilion County February 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

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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!**

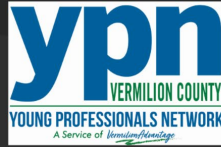


FEBRUARY 7
5-00PM-7-00PM

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@vermilionadvantage.com



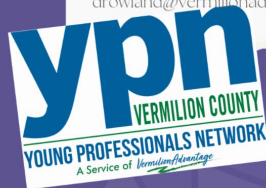
YPN How 2 Series

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 VanHlyfte, 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

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

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Sunset



LUNCH CATERED BY:



SPECIAL

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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

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

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](#)

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](#)

Vermilion County Health Department offers Mental Health First Aid Class - see Adult session information [here](#), and Youth session information [here](#)

Check out the latest Rosecrance newsletter and information [here](#)



I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

Greg & Cindi Learnard



"Farming is not really a job but a way of life" - Greg Learnard

Greg and Cindi Learnard are long-standing pillars in the community. Cindi is a 4th generation business owner and Greg is a 4th generation farmer. They have been fortunate enough to work in professions that they are passionate about and truly love. In addition to loving their jobs; they also feel blessed to have been able to do their life's work in their home area with the love and support of their families along the way.

Cindi is the owner of M.A.F. Salon & Spa in Georgetown, which she opened in 1983 in one of the buildings her Great Grandfather built! Greg is a farmer and has worked full time on the family farm since graduating from college in 1985. He also took over the family seed business (Learnard Seed Service) in 1992. Greg and Cindi currently reside in Catlin and have 3 grown sons and 4 grandchildren. Their two oldest sons, Morgan (Kaylee) and Joel (Hayley) work with Greg in the farm/seed business. Their youngest son Ross (Jaylyn) is a college baseball coach at Butler University in Indianapolis.

The Learnard's love where they live. Greg explains that Catlin is the perfect reflection of small-town Midwestern living. He feels the spirit of the community is very strong and anytime a project is proposed that will benefit the community, the volunteers turn out in force to make sure it is completed. Catlin's sports complex is a perfect example of what Catlin can accomplish largely through volunteer labor and local donations. Catlin also offers activities through the church, civic groups and youth organizations to keep the citizens engaged.

Greg and Cindi understand the importance of being engaged and involved in your community. They have served on several boards throughout the years and continue to serve today. Greg is currently on the Vermilion County Farm Bureau board and the Catlin Christmas Parade Committee. Cindi serves on the Georgetown Mural Committee, she was recently involved in a campaign to get the Georgetown Historical Society active again, and volunteers at the Georgetown Methodist Church helping to serve their monthly Community Meal.

Cindi has recently retired in her role as a hair stylist however still owns the salon. Greg is often questioned as to when he is going to quit his job. After much contemplation, Greg has come to the realization that farming is not really a job but a way of life. That fact makes walking away all that more difficult. Lord willing, Greg plans to always be around to help his boys on the farm whenever needed.

Tom Allen stated that family farms and small businesses are the backbones of our communities, and I could not agree more. Thank you, Greg and Cindi, for investing in our community. Thank you for not only providing services to the people of Vermilion County, but for also serving the community with a happy, gracious heart. Your hard work, love, and dedication has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you for all you do!

By Jodie Ingram

To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

Click Here

Announcements & Community



BIGG Tip of the Week: Do You Spend Most of Your Day on the Computer? Then your eyes are taking a beating! The Vision Council offers two tips to prevent it: (1) Proper distance - you should be able to extend your arms and rest the palm of your hand on your computer screen. (2) Regular breaks - every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away for 20 seconds. Protect your sight so you'll clearly see your 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](#)

Looking for a new Point of Sale System? Contact Lee Chassy with SpotOn - find more information [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
Are you thinking about retirement but aren't sure what you need to do to prepare? I can help! Contact me at 217-516-7778 or 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](#)

Crosspoint Human Services sock and rain poncho drive for the homeless - find more details [here](#)

Vermilion Advantage has opened applications for Leadership Tomorrow - see press release [here](#)

International Recruiting Camp comes to Danville - see more [here](#)

Vermilion County Museum Society celebrates Lincoln's birthday - see press release [here](#)

City of Danville receives \$1.425 million grant for home rehabilitation projects - see press release [here](#) and [here](#)

Upcoming Member Events

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
- Join us for farm-brewed beer, great food from The Truck and one-of-a kind Greenhouse Bar seating!

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 8 6:00PM DACC Men's Basketball
- February 10 3:00PM Musical Treasures present by Danville Sweet Adelines Barbershop Chorus

Danville Public Library:

- February 1-March 31: Oscar Buzz Reading Challenge
- Check out the February Calendar of Events [here](#)

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

Exit 210 Saloon:

- February 11 Kick off Event!

Fischer Theatre:

- February 8 7:00PM Mary Poppins - A Novel Idea

Georgetown American Legion Dornblaser Post #203:

- Friday 5:00PM-8:00PM
- Dinner: Sloppy Joes, green beans, and potato casserole
- 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 February 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

Vermilion River Beer Company

- February 11 11:00AM 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.
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