

February 21, 2024



*Vermilion Advantage*  
**MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Inside Vermilion County  
February issue

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*Vermilion Advantage*  
**EVENTS**

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VERMILION ADVANTAGE  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
AND SAFETY  
**COUNCIL**  
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VERMILION COUNTY  
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

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**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!

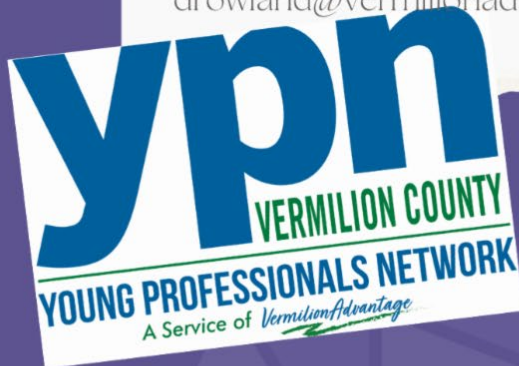
# YPN How 2 Series

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](mailto: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](mailto:jingram@vermilionadvantage.com)

# BUSINESS & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

## When:

FEBRUARY 28, 2024

11:30-1:00

## 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



LUNCH CATERED BY:



**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*

*drowland@vermillionadvantage.com*



*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@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:nvanhyfte@vermilionadvantage.com)

## Jobs

**Vermilion Advantage Job Board** - For current, local job opportunities posted directly by employers, please see the Vermilion County Jobs Board at [www.vermilionadvantage.com/job-board](http://www.vermilionadvantage.com/job-board) 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 announces Presidents Honors List for Fall 2023** - see press release [here](#)

## 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](#)

**Academic Challenge in Engineering and Science (ACES) Competition Held at DACC** - see press release [here](#)



## Healthcare

**OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center hosts classes for New & Expectant Mothers** - find more information [here](#)

## New Members



*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](#)

*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](#), upcoming *workshop information* [here](#) and *Kankakee Open House* information [here](#)

*Just Breathe Alternative Medical Solutions holds raffle to raise money for AED unit.* Find more information [here](#)



# I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

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## Sunshine Reaktenwalt



“It only takes one person to mobilize a community and inspire change. Even if you don't feel like you have it in you, it's in you. You have to believe in yourself. People will see your vision and passion and follow you.” - Teyonah Parris

Sunshine Reaktenwalt is recognized for her involvement in the community. Through her children's participation, Sunshine has immersed herself into the world of wrestling. She is the one who organizes the wrestlers with the tournaments, keeps track of tournament payments, and runs the concession for each home meet. Along with running the concessions at the meets, she also gets the supplies for the concession and makes the food! Another contribution she makes to the program is making the "pin pins". When a wrestler gets a pin on the mat, they get a safety pin with yarn that they can put on their bags to show off their hard work. The children and their families appreciate all the time and energy Sunshine has poured into the program!!

Sunshine and her husband have 5 children and one grandchild. They are a military family and have lived in many places but are happy to call Vermilion County home. Sunshine grew up in California, so she did confess that the cold winters are not one of her favorite things about living here! She does, however, love the small-town community. With all the moving they have done, it is great to settle in a town where everyone knows your name. There is an amazing sense of community and Sunshine loves that everyone looks out for one another. She also loves the Bismark school district. She couldn't say enough good things about the staff, coaches, and the families.

During our interview, I found myself in awe of Sunshine and her level of commitment. Being the mother of 5 children, it is bewildering how she finds the time to do all the things that she does. She then explained that you can't expect a change in a child's life unless you help make that change. Four out of her five children have been involved in wrestling, so that is where her interest lies. Sunshine's dedication stems from wanting to help sustain the wrestling program and help enrich the lives of children. In order for the program and our children to be successful, we all have to do our part.

There is not a lot of spare time at this point in their lives, so when they do have a free moment, the family enjoys spending time at home together wrestling, gaming, and reading. Sunshine admits that the wrestling program is a lot of work, but watching the kids and their friends do their thing is very rewarding. Sunshine was both shocked and honored to receive this nomination. She said it is awesome to feel appreciated and noticed!

Thank you, Sunshine Reaktenwalt, for all that you do. I am sure there are times when you have felt that you didn't have it in you, but you pushed yourself in order to enrich the lives of not only your children but others as well. You are an inspiration to those around you and Vermilion County is grateful that you chose us to be your home!

By Jodie Ingram

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To nominate someone who inspires you, click below!

Click Here

## Announcements & Community



***BIGG Tip of the Week: Prepare to Persuade People*** Want a pay raise? Got an idea to sell? How should you prepare to pitch any proposal? Talk to yourself in the mirror! Many people talk in their head. It's a mistake. Talk out loud to make sure you strike the right chord. Watch yourself to ensure your facial expressions reinforce your words. So, talk to yourself for your BIGG success! Get more tips from BIGG Success [here](#)

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

***Looking for a new Point of Sale System? Contact Lee Chassy with SpotOn*** - find more information [here](#)

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

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

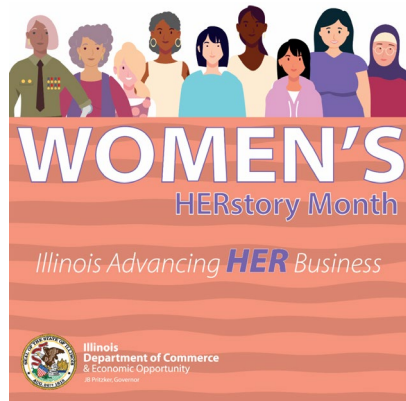
***Doug Ireland - Prudential Advisors***  
Debt doesn't disappear when life ends. With 46% of Americans expected to transfer loans upon death to loved ones, there's no greater time to implement a life insurance policy for the sake of your family's financial future. Rosalyn Glenn explains why in a new piece from Yahoo Finance: [A rolling debt transfer is coming: 'Debt does not miraculously disappear' \(yahoo.com\)](#) Contact me at 217-516-7778 or [doug.ireland@prudential.com](mailto:doug.ireland@prudential.com) for a complimentary consultation!

***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](#)

**Spring 2024 Charitable Trust Application is now open** - see more [here](#)

**Connecting HER with Illinois Business Resources** - find out more about this conference [here](#)



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

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



**Danville's Got Talent at the Fischer Theatre will be March 1st!** Get your tickets [here](#)

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## Upcoming Member Events

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**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 9 Snapper's Escape to Margaritaville Jimmy Buffet Party** - 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 19 10th Annual Night at the Races benefitting CASA of Vermilion & Edgar Counties**  
- see flyer [here](#) and sponsorship information [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 24 1:00PM DACC Women's Basketball
- February 24 3:00PM DACC Men's Basketball

**Danville Boat Club:**

- February 24 Game Night
- 5:30PM Doors open, 6:00PM Games start
- Cost is \$10/person, sign up by texting 217-497-4009
- Pizza, hot dogs, nachos and cookies for sale. Cash bar

**Danville Public Library:**

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

**David S. Palmer Arena:**

- February 22 7:00PM Extreme Dwarffanators Wrestling
- Find ticket information [here](#)
- February 23 & 24 - Schlarman Archery Shootout, entry \$2/person

**Fischer Theatre:**

- February 24 7:00PM Duke Tumatote Power Trio with Bob & Tom Horns
- Find pricing and more information [here](#)

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

- February 23 5:00PM-7:00PM Dinner: Beef and Noodles
- Hosted by the Masons, free will donation

**Hoopeston Public Library:**

- Check out the February newsletter and calendar of events [here](#)

**Rustic Charm and RC Boutique:**

- February 24 Open 10:00AM-4:00PM

**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 In Bloom

***Snapper's/Turtle Run:***

- Steak Night - every Saturday night starting at 5:00PM featuring Rawhide Steaks!

***Vermilion River Beer Company***

- February 21 6:00PM-9:00PM Sheet Music with Cameron Sheets
- February 22 5:30PM-7:30PM Musical performance by Owen Knapp

***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