

February 28, 2024



*Vermilion Advantage*  
**MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The magazine cover features the word "INSIDE" in large, blue, bold, sans-serif letters at the top. Below it, "February 2024" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font on the left, and "Vermilion County" is written in a green, cursive script font on the right. The central image shows a man, Tyler Zindars, standing in front of a brick building. He is wearing an orange polo shirt and blue jeans. To his left is a white sign for "ZINDARS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT" with a logo consisting of a stylized house icon and the word "ZINDARS" in bold, black, sans-serif letters. In the bottom left corner of the cover, the text "Tyler Zindars: Investing in the Area's Future" is written in a white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, there is a small version of the Vermilion Advantage logo.

## Inside Vermilion County February issue

To view this month's issues of "Inside Vermilion County" visit our website!  
Check out this month's magazine [here!](#)

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# Vermilion Advantage

## EVENTS

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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!

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# 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](mailto:DROWLAND@VERMILIONADVANTAGE.COM)



LUNCH CATERED BY:

**LEE'S**  
Famous Recipe Chicken

**SPECIAL**

VERMILION ADVANTAGE

**HUMAN RESOURCES  
AND SAFETY  
COUNCIL**

A Service of *Vermilion Advantage*

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



Vermilion Advantage in partnership with Corporate Education and the IL SBDC at DACC



# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

**MARCH 14, 2024**  
**5:00-7:00**  
**SOAR SPACE BUSINESS CENTER**

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!**



# YPN How 2 Series

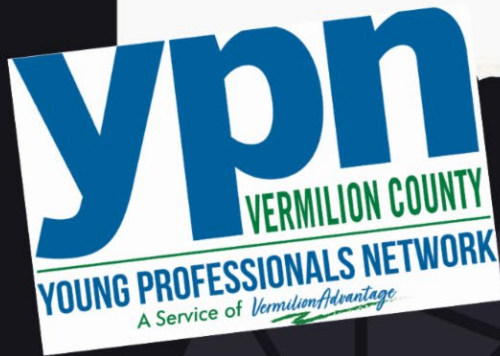
March 20

How 2 Manage Your Time



As a young professional, it can be overwhelming navigating both your professional and personal life. Vermilion Advantage is here to help! Join us as Annie Monyok, of Monyok Leadership, will be speaking on how to manage your time and create a healthy work/life balance. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP by March 13 to Dana at [drowland@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:drowland@vermilionadvantage.com)



## Meeting Details

- March 20
- 11:30AM-1:00PM
- \$15 meeting fee - lunch included!
- DACC Vermilion Hall  
Conference Room 306

Questions? Contact Jodie Ingram at [jingram@vermilionadvantage.com](mailto:jingram@vermilionadvantage.com)

# 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) 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**

### 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](#)

**Navigating Change: A workshop on change management practices & strategies for navigating technology transitions** - see details [here](#)

**DACC Coordinated Engineering Program** - see details [here](#)

**DACC-Franklin University 3+1 Bachelor's program just got more affordable** - see press release [here](#)

**Monyok Leadership has open enrollment for Leadership Out Loud and Talk Through Tension Conflict Conversations** - see details [here](#)

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### Healthcare

accepting applications - find more information [here](#)

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## Honors & Achievements

Danville Area Community College announces Presidents Honors List for Fall 2023 - see press release [here](#)

## New Members



*Jessica Hogue*

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](#)

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](#)



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I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE

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## Debbie Michenfelder



“There are so many great people in Vermilion County who are willing to be a part of a cause and help others.” - Debbie Michenfelder

Debbie was raised in Vermilion County on a small family farm in the Armstrong-Potomac area. Living in a small town creates certain values that tend to stick with you long into life. If you have grown up in a small town you probably have the experience of knowing everyone in your grade or school, waving at passing cars even if you don't know the passengers, or helping neighbors with anything and everything. There is always a support system in place in small towns. Recently Debbie has had to tap into her support system, “I find myself in a new chapter of my life. My husband of 20 years, Sky Michenfelder, passed away in December of 2023. While his loss is great, the stories and memories of Sky will always be with me.” Grieving a loss this great is difficult, but Debbie has managed to find the positives and will continue to honor Sky in helping others. Debbie's family is her source of

motivation and support, and she has three sons, Jeremy, Joshua, and John Frerichs. They each have families of their own and have grown her inspiration for helping others.

Debbie says, “The experiences I had growing up lead to life-long values that are still important to me today—helping others, a strong work ethic, creating and maintaining community, and committing to finishing a job.” Over the last 30 years she has worked in healthcare, and she began at United Samaritans Medical Center. The hospital then progressed to Provena United Samaritans, to Presence Health, and today resides as OSF healthcare.

Debbie started in the Community Relations Department and has now grown into the Major Gifts Officer in the Foundations department. “We were in charge of the Festival of Trees, which is a 26-year-old tradition in Vermilion County.” Other events she has helped organize are Kicking it Country, 100 Men Who Cook, and Purse-uit of Happiness. Debbie says that her, “why” revolves around “having a servant heart, dedication to my position, the importance of my family, and my passion for connecting with people. These collectively inspire and guide my personal and professional endeavors.” Debbie is one of the amazing people in the community that is always willing to go out of her way to help others. Through her work she can support and raise money for the community, and she is able to passionately educate and raise awareness for important healthcare initiatives. “Connecting with people brings me immense joy, and I find fulfillment in building meaningful relationships and understanding the unique stories and experiences of others.”

There are many stories that Debbie could tell or that can be told about Debbie, but they all have one thing in common, it is easy to see how much Debbie appreciates this beautiful and mysterious life and those who have crossed paths with her throughout her journey. We thank Debbie for all she has done for the community and for what she will continue to do. She is genuinely a bright light in Danville.

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: How Can You Avoid a Working Vacation? DO NOT respond to email!*** Daniel Sieberg, author of *The Digital Diet*, says it shows you're reachable. Instead, consider writing a response you can send immediately when you get back. Also, prepare people for your absence well in advance. Tell them when you'll be gone and who to contact for assistance. Set boundaries so you get a real vacation. 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](#)

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

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

***Reach 1 Coach 1 Basketball Skills Training now available*** - see details [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](#)

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

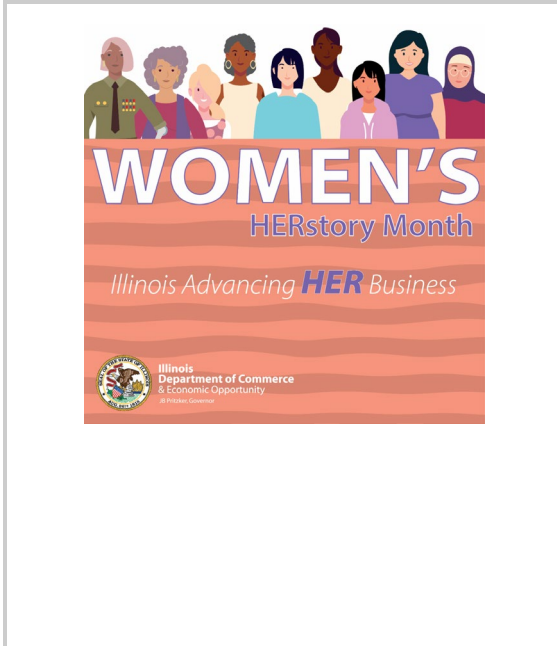
Check out the ***2023-2024 DLO Musical Theatre Advertising*** information [here](#)

***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](#)

***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](#)

**Vermilion Heritage Foundation announces resignation of Executive Director** - see press release [here](#)

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## Upcoming Member Events

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**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 14 The JumpOff! Finale Event and Fundraising kickoff** - see flyer [here](#)

**March 17 Vermilion County Conservation District Maple Syrup Fest** - see flyer [here](#) and maple syrup facts [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 12 Old National Bank Blood Drive** - 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 28 5:30PM DACC Women's Basketball
- February 29 7:30PM DACC Men's Basketball

**Danville Boat Club:**

- Sunday 9:00AM-2:00PM Breakfast on the Lake
- Adults: \$10.95, children 10 and under \$4.95, open to the public

**Danville Public Library:**

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

**David S. Palmer Arena:**

- March 1
- 5:15PM-6:45PM Stick & Puck, admission is \$10
- 7:00PM-9:00PM Public Skate, admission is \$8, skate rental is \$2
- 9:15PM-10:45PM Danville Pickup Hockey League, admission is freewill donation
- March 2 7:00PM-9:00PM Danville Flyers, door opens at 6:00PM, puck drops at 7:00PM. Free admission, concessions available

**First Presbyterian Church:**

- March 2 10:00AM-2:00PM Danville Farmers Market
- Over 40 vendors and Girl Scouts selling cookies! The gym and hallway will be FULL and will be a great shopping experience!

**Fischer Theatre:**

- March 1 5:00PM First Fridays - Danville's Got Talent
- Find pricing and more information [here](#)

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

- March 1 5:00PM-7:00PM Friday night dinner by the American Legion Auxiliary
- Chicken wings, fries, and celery - free will donation

**Hoopeston Public Library:**

- February 29 1:00PM Digital Learning Day
- 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 7:00PM-9:00PM Live music with The Painkillers Blues Band
- Sunday 4:00PM Poetry Open Mic

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

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

***Vermilion River Beer Company***

- February 29 5:30PM-7:30PM Live music with In Bloom

***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:***

- March 1 8:00PM-11:00Pm Outlaw Karaoke Night
- March 2 5:00PM-7:00PM Sermersheim Spaghetti Dinner. Includes: spaghetti, side salad, garlic breadstick and glass of wine for \$11. 7:00-10:00 Music by The Tuneslingers
- Wednesdays: Queen of Hearts Drawing at 7:00PM. Tickets \$1.00.
- Open Bowl - Fridays and Saturdays 5:00PM-8:00PM