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This County has been through a lot, and it seems like the rough times just continue with the controversies of late. We need to be careful about the images we are projecting because people are watching us. Corporate boards managing local assets here in Danville or ones who are making decisions about where to expand or locate are watching us. The professionalism that we project goes a long way in influencing those decisions. We need to be mindful of that. Positive or negative energy can sway a decision on where to do business in either direction, and those decisions can have a huge impact on our future.

It seems like the hits just keep coming, but there will be a better day. I recently listened to a podcast with Robert O'Neill. He is a member of Seal Team Six, the man who shot Osama Bin Laden, was involved in the rescue of Captain Phillips, and has been in many of the most intense engagements in the War on Terror. It was a fascinating interview with an American hero who played a significant role in some of the most historical events of the last three decades. One of the most fascinating parts of the interview was when he was describing going through BUD/S (Seal training) and the mental and physical intensity he was subjected to. Seal training is so intense that 80% of the top candidates who are recruited for the program fail and "wash out." O'Neill said the only way to get through the trial of BUD/S is to focus on short-term goals. The process is so intense that you will quit if you view the enormity of what you face. He said to focus on small goals and getting through the day. If you keep telling yourself you are going to quit tomorrow, but you aren't going to quit today, you will keep getting through the day. O'Neill told himself, "Never Quit on a Bad Day". That mantra got him through.

Sometimes, after big events like Quaker, it is easy to get frustrated and want to give up. The enormity of recovering from something like that is immense, and it is easy to get discouraged. "Never Quit on a Bad Day." Despite the setbacks, despite the negative episodes and the self-inflicted damage, we must keep plugging away and working for a new future. Let's focus on short-term goals and keep the ball moving forward. If we keep doing that, we'll eventually move mountains. After all, this County is worth fighting for.

Mike Marron
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Vermilion Advantage

Vermilion Advantage, through membership value, provides strategic leadership on critical large and small business issues - leading economic and workforce development, anticipating and responding to members' needs, addressing quality of life issues and providing a network of information and business contacts. Vermilion Advantage works regionally to bring opportunities to Danville and Vermilion County.

Inside Vermilion County is a monthly publication created by Vermilion Advantage to showcase our members and share good news about Vermilion County. Each issue is mailed to all Vermilion Advantage members and over 1,000 copies are distributed throughout Vermilion County.

Celebrating Community at the Vermilion River Fall Festival

The Vermilion River Fall Festival, a cherished tradition in Danville, is more than just a three-day event; it's a testament to the city's commitment to community and local businesses. Held annually on the third weekend of September in Ellsworth Park, the festival attracts thousands of attendees, from locals to visitors from surrounding areas. Guests and long-time attendees enjoy the vibrant atmosphere and diverse offerings.

"This festival is one of the ways the City of Danville is able to support entrepreneurial spirits and keep small businesses thriving not only in Danville but all over the county," says Rheanna Ollis, Community Relations Administrator. With over 100 vendors participating each year, the festival has become a significant platform for local artisans, food vendors, and small businesses to showcase their talents and wares.

This year's sponsors are Tee Pak Credit Union and Danville Area Visitors Bureau.

The preparation for the festival is a collaborative effort that begins months in advance. Rheanna says, "Our coordination with the Public Works Department is crucial for implementing the festival. They handle several key tasks, including refinishing the gravel circle drive, setting up the staff office where we check in vendors and guide visitors, and, this year, completely remodeling the bathrooms on the south side of Ellsworth. A special thanks to Eric Kinser for his assistance, advice, and humor, which keeps our spirits high!" This careful planning ensures that the festival runs smoothly, allowing attendees to focus on enjoying the festivities.

This year's festival featured an expanded musical lineup, including

performances by In Bloom, Royal Hounds, Jack Daniel, Supernova, and The Thompsons Tunes, bringing a lively energy to the event. Families were also treated to a range of activities, from bounce houses and yard games to pumpkin painting and a petting zoo, making it a memorable experience for all ages.

As the festival approaches its 50th year, plans are already underway to make it the most exciting one yet, with even more activities and an enhanced music lineup.

To keep the festival activities free or low-cost, sponsors are needed. To learn more about sponsoring the Vermilion River Fall Festival 2025, email rollis@cityofdanville.org or call 217-431-2879. Another way to get involved is to volunteer with Keep Vermilion County Beautiful which helps with park clean-up each year.

The Vermilion River Fall Festival continues to be a perfect example of the community spirit in Danville and Vermilion County.



YPN "Off the Clock" Events

October 20: Howl-O-Ween at Big Thorn,
14271 600 North Road, Georgetown

All Things Agriculture in Vermilion County

Fall marks a critical season for the agricultural community in Vermilion County. It is a time of hard work and deep satisfaction for the farmers and ag workers who make up this vital sector. "Fall is the busiest time of year for our members," says Kerry Wienke, Executive Director of the Vermilion County Farm Bureau (VCFB). Harvest usually gets started in September, with fieldwork continuing through late November or early December."

Agriculture plays a crucial role in Vermilion County's economy, where farming is the area's largest industry. Although only one percent of the population is directly involved in production agriculture, the industry impacts one out of every four jobs in the county, says Wienke. These jobs span a range of sectors, from agricultural suppliers and financial institutions to manufacturing, transportation, food services, and even entertainment.

Did You Know?

Vermilion County boasts 574,957 acres, making it the seventh largest county in Illinois, with 77.4% of this land dedicated to farmland. The county is home to 1,009 farms, with an average farm size of 441 acres. Corn and soybeans dominate the agricultural landscape, with Vermilion County farmers producing nearly 44 million bushels of corn and over 14 million bushels of soybeans last year, ranking 11th and 6th in the state, respectively. The county's agricultural diversity extends beyond these staples. Other locally grown commodities include beef, pork, wheat, buffalo, hazelnuts, pumpkins, strawberries, Christmas trees, and a variety of vegetables.



"Farmers take great pride in what they do and work tirelessly to provide food, renewable fuels, medicines, construction materials, and more. For that, we are all truly blessed."

Kerry Wienke, Executive Director of Vermilion County Farm Bureau



(l to r): Lily, Laura, B.J., Wyatt and Lucy DeAth

About the Farm Bureau

The Farm Bureau is dedicated to community engagement and education. The group offers programs like Ag in the Classroom (AITC), which provides area schools with free educational materials and activities. "Last year, the program reached more than 3,000 students in 190 classes at 21 local schools," Wienke says. "The focus is teaching students about agriculture and our food supply system."

Although the Farm Bureau's fall season is light on activities due to the demands of harvest, a few key events stand out. These include the Young Leaders Committee's Farm Safety Display Contest, the VCFB Foundation's Glow Bingo event on November 9, and the 106th Annual Meeting scheduled for December 3. These events underscore the Farm Bureau's commitment to education, safety, and community engagement.

The VCFB has 5,721 member families, representing over 19% of the county population. Associate (non-farming) members comprise about 75% of the total membership. "These members join to access the wide variety of discount services and to support community projects," adds Wienke.

To learn more about the Vermilion County Farm Bureau or consider membership, visit www.vcfb.info or follow them on Facebook.

On The Cover

B.J. DeAth, Vermilion County Farm Bureau President, owns and operates an Indianola grain and livestock farm with the help of his family.



Danville Lions Club Fosters Inspiring Relationship with Leader Dogs for the Blind

The Danville Lions Club, a cornerstone of our community since 1959, symbolizes the spirit of service. As a proud member of Lions International, the club is dedicated to supporting individuals who are visually or hearing-impaired. This commitment has fostered a unique and meaningful relationship with Leader Dogs for the Blind, an organization that empowers people with visual impairments to lead independent lives. Clients pay nothing for programs and services, including the guide dog, equipment, training, transportation to and from campus, and room and board during training.

Leader Dogs for the Blind was founded in 1939 by members of the Detroit Lions Club. The mission was clear: to provide guide dogs to those in need. Today, this organization relies entirely on donations, including substantial support from Lions Clubs nationwide, including here in Danville. Several local Lions Club members recently visited the Leader Dogs facility in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Special Bond

The Danville Lions Club has a special connection to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Not only does the organization provide annual financial support for the tack



room, which supplies crucial equipment like leads and harnesses, but one of the local members, Mary Beth Zundo and husband Dr. George Zundo, with their family, played a vital role in the organization's mission. In the early 1990s, the Zundo family welcomed Goldie, a yellow Labrador chosen for breeding due to her exceptional qualities, into their home. Over the years, Goldie whelped three litters, and the Zundo children were instrumental in socializing the puppies, ensuring they were ready for their future roles as public-friendly guide dogs.

The Zundo family's dedication didn't end with Goldie. They later took on another pup, Wendy, a golden retriever, and continued their work, knowing that their love and care would ultimately help someone in need. Mary Beth said that the work of each Leader Dog puppy raiser directly contributes to the independence and confidence of individuals who rely on these incredible dogs.

The Danville Lions Club is a service organization that provides services and monetary support to 20 local organizations, such as screening children and adults for vision problems and providing food and personal items to local veterans.

For those interested in learning more or becoming involved, Leader Dogs for the Blind offers various opportunities, from puppy raising to making donations. Visit leaderdog.org for more information. Anyone interested can also explore the Danville Lions Club Facebook page or call 217- 474-9210 to learn how this local band of volunteers continues to serve our community.

"Together, we can make a difference, one guide dog at a time."
Jeanne Mulvaney, Mary Wicoff,
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Plan a Fall Visit to Vermilion County's Parks

A special kind of magic happens every fall in Vermilion County. The leaves explode in a rainbow of fall colors across the area. Locals and visitors alike agree that the best places to enjoy the beauty are the area's popular parks: Kickapoo State Recreation Area, Middle Fork Fish and Wildlife Area, Harry "Babe" Woodyard State Natural Area, Kennekuk County Park, Forest Glen Preserve, Lake Vermilion, Heron County Park, and the latest addition, the Kickapoo Rail Trail.

Visitors can explore on their own or take in one of the many events on tap for fall.

Vermilion County Conservation District

Fall is a special time at the Vermilion County Conservation District (VCCD), where the changing season brings a host of activities and opportunities to connect with nature. The parks that comprise this treasured county resource offer over 6,000 acres of diverse landscapes and recreational options for the community.

Kennekuk County Park, with its 3,000 acres, is the most visited park, attracting

nearly 90,000 vehicles in 2023 alone. Forest Glen Preserve, at 2,000 acres, offers a more intimate experience with its beech trees and tallgrass prairie. Lake Vermilion and Heron County Park are popular for water activities, while the Kickapoo Rail Trail provides a scenic route for cyclists and walkers.

This fall, the VCCD is excited to host several events that highlight the parks' beauty and history. On September 22, the Middlefork Audubon Chapter will present a Live Raptor Program at Kennekuk County Park, featuring birds of prey from the Illinois Raptor Center. The following weekend, Forest Glen Preserve will transport visitors back to the 18th century with a Revolutionary War Re-enactment and Pioneer Craft Day, where visitors can learn traditional crafts like candle-making and apple cider pressing.

For those who enjoy hiking, the "Fall Walk In the Woods" on October 13 at Kennekuk County Park offers a guided exploration of forest ecology and fungi. November brings more educational opportunities, including Thanksgiving at

the Cabin at Forest Glen on November 3, where guests sample a traditional holiday feast cooked over an open hearth.

As the season changes, so do the wildlife sightings in the parks. "Hawk and osprey migrations can be observed over the open prairies and skies at Forest Glen and Kennekuk," says Lara Danzl, VCCD's Environmental Education Supervisor and Volunteer Coordinator. "The American Pelicans always add excitement to the fall migration when they stop for a while at Lake Vermilion."

With new playgrounds and solar installations at the parks, the District is continually improving the facilities to serve visitors better. Whether you're interested in hiking, birdwatching, or just enjoying the peaceful surroundings, there's something for everyone this fall at the VCCD.

For more information on the Vermilion County Conservation District, upcoming events, or how to get involved, visit www.vccd.org or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.



Kickapoo State Recreation Area

As fall's vibrant colors emerge, Kickapoo State Recreation Area becomes a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers. The 3,972-acre park offers a wide range of activities, from mountain biking and hiking to fishing and wildlife viewing. "There is something for everyone at Kickapoo State Recreation Area. There is so much more to do than you think!" says Tim Edison, the site superintendent.

Kickapoo SRA has a rich history, dating back to 1939, when the land was acquired from individual landowners and the United Electric Coal Company. What was once a site of extensive coal mining has now been transformed into a thriving natural sanctuary, boasting Illinois' only National Wild and Scenic River, the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River.



The fall season brings a unique charm to Kickapoo, with cooler weather and stunning foliage that enhances every outdoor activity. Wildlife viewing is particularly popular this time of year, with whitetail deer and turkeys

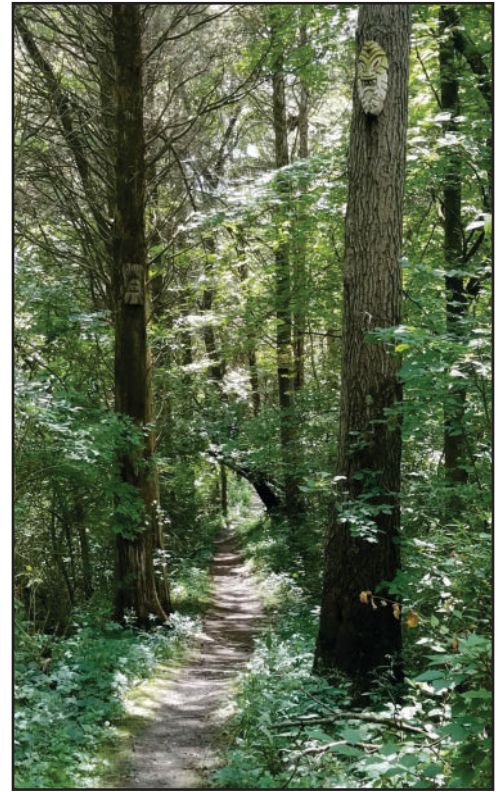
frequently spotted in the park's meadows and food plots. These plots are strategically placed to maximize viewing opportunities, allowing visitors to connect with nature up close.

For those looking to explore the park's trails, Kickapoo offers over 22 miles of mountain bike trails and 16 miles of designated hiking trails. Whether you're an experienced biker or a casual hiker, the trails offer scenic views and varying levels of difficulty to suit everyone's preferences.



In addition to its natural beauty, Kickapoo SRA hosts a variety of fall events that draw visitors from near and far. Highlights include the Wild Wild Wilderness Race on September 14, the Kickapoo Mountain Bike Club Endurance Race on September 28, and the highly anticipated Fall Rainbow Trout Season opening on October 19. The park also welcomes archery deer and turkey hunting starting October 1, and waterfowl season kicks off on October 26.

As Edison points out, "Community support and pride for the park is one of



the most enjoyable aspects of working in Vermilion County. The park wouldn't be as nice as it is without all the people who volunteer their time to make the park better." Kickapoo SRA thrives not only because of its natural assets but also thanks to the dedication of its volunteers and the strong sense of community in the area.

Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or a bit of both, Kickapoo State Recreation Area is the perfect fall destination. For more information about activities and events, visit their website www.dnr.illinois.gov/parks or follow them on Facebook.

Coffee Talk

October 8:
Country Financial, Amanda Galloway,
8 Southgate Dr., Unit B, Tilton

October 12:
CASA



Turtle Run Offering Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner along with Additional Indian Food Menu

Doug and Mindy Dawson continue to innovate at Turtle Run in Danville. This time, the husband-and-wife owners are reimagining Snapper's, the restaurant portion of the business.

"We recently began to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner," says Mindy. "We added Indian Cuisine as another benefit for our community. We are especially fond of our outdoor patio allowing guests to enjoy eating outdoors (if they prefer) with a beautiful view of the golf course."

Turtle Run now serves breakfast, lunch and dinner beginning at 7 AM daily. On Sundays, the kitchen closes

at 9 PM, Monday through Thursday at 10 PM, and Fridays and Saturdays at midnight.

Snapper's menu features all the breakfast options, including omelets, egg sandwiches, buttermilk pancakes, French toast, breakfast wraps, yogurt, bagels, and fresh-squeezed juices and smoothies. Lunch and dinner guests can enjoy wings, shrimp, and appetizers galore, along with pasta, burgers, Philly cheesesteaks, steaks, paninis, salads, wraps, signature sandwiches, quesadillas, and pizzas.

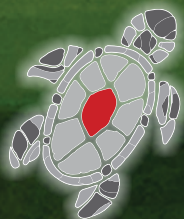
Adding Indian Cuisine

The couple recently partnered with Santokh Singh, Narinder Toor and



Tony Singh to expand Turtle Run's service offerings further.

"We knew this could be a great addition to Turtle Run, given the group's extensive restaurant experience," says Mindy. "The collaboration of skills that Doug and I, the Singhs and Narindar (Nick) bring is quickly proving to be a great



TURTLE RUN

partnership! The Singhs and Nick own local restaurants and multiple New York City establishments.”

Snapper's new Indian menu includes chicken tikka, tandoori chicken, butter chicken, lamb curry, malai tikka, and several vegetarian entrees. It also offers four naan options, raita and a tantalizing mix of appetizers and desserts. Specialty menu items include lamb maharaja chops and sapphire bay salmon.

About Turtle Run

Along with Snapper's, Turtle Run Golf Club & Banquet Center features an 18-hole golf course on 188 acres at 332 E. Liberty Lane, Danville, IL. Turtle Run offers three private banquet rooms for rental for special events and business meetings. Doug and Mindy Dawson purchased Turtle Run seven years ago.

“Our slogan is 'Have fun at Turtle Run,' which is truly the backbone of our way of doing business,” adds Mindy.

“Taste & Toast: A Private Dining Showcase” is an upcoming invite-only event to re-introduce Turtle Run to the community, giving attendees a first look at the new menu and, honoring the Dawsons' new partners and welcoming them to the community.

The team also invites community members to stop in for a casual experience as a part of the venue's re-brand.

For more information about Turtle Run, visit Facebook @Turtle Run Golf & Banquet Center/Snapper's Bar & Grill or Instagram @turtlerundanville. More information is also available at www.turtlerungolfclub.com. To reach Mindy regarding banquet facilities, email mindy@turtle-run.com or call 217.918.3983

“The classic saying, 'only in a small town,' resonates deeply with us, as we feel blessed to be a part of a small town with a customer base that supports us.”



County Market: Featuring Fall Foods, Florals and More

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, Vermilion County residents know that fall is here—a season of warmth and community. County Market, located at 2917 N Vermilion St, is a go-to destination for enjoying all things fall. The store is led by Joshua Nettles, Store Director. County Market was acquired by Niemann Foods in 2015 and has been serving the community for many years. With over 100 dedicated employees, the store is a foundational part of Vermilion County life. County Market also operates a store in Tilton.

Fall at County Market is a special time, marked by a wide range of seasonal foods and products that customers anticipate. “Our bakery and deli department offer a wide range of fall foods from soups to seasonal donuts,” says Nettles. “Our most popular bakery item this time of year is our nut rolls. This is something that the community has always looked forward to.” In addition to these favorites, the store also sells Beef House rolls and jams year-round. A stop in the floral department also promises unique items like handmade wreaths, adding a touch of autumn to every home or business.

Inside and out, the store knows how to celebrate the season in style. Walking through the aisles, you’ll notice festive



displays and seasonal décor that bring the spirit of fall to life. Outside, the front of the store welcomes customers with vibrant mums and pumpkins.

United Way October Partnership

One of the standout features of County Market is its commitment to the local community. This October, the store is partnering with the Vermilion County United Way for the “Stuff the Bookbag” campaign. “United Way will be onsite collecting food for their event, and we are excited to host and be a part of this project,” says Nettles. This event is just one of the ways the store engages with the community, from sponsoring local sports teams to hosting the annual Kickoff for United Way with D102/K-Rock. County Market also offers pre-filled “hope bags” for the area food

pantry beginning in October. Each reasonably-priced bag provides a meal for a family.

Nettles loves Vermilion County, especially the many activities – from tubing down the river at Kickapoo to enjoying the annual Hot Air Balloon Splash and Dash.

It’s clear that County Market is not just a store but a proud member of the Vermilion County community dedicated to making fall a season to remember.

To learn more about County Market and its fall offerings, visit its website at www.mycountymarket.com or follow it on Facebook.



Check out the news, flyers, and events our members have to share for October on our website! Just scan the QR code!



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* SCARECROW Contest *



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- Registration period: September 27-October 7
- Display your scarecrow: October 14-October 31
- Winner announced: October 31 - live on location!
- Prizes will be given in 3 categories: People's Choice, Best Scarecrow Biography, Most Creative

Registration:

- Email Dana at drowland@vermilionadvantage.com with your business name and location by October 7th. Once registered you will receive additional contest details. Have fun!

New Member Snapshot: The Vortex

The Principal: Alicia Moody | Founder

Company Description: The Vortex | A design agency positioning businesses to win.

What brought you into this line of work? The founder grew up in Danville and is dedicated to boosting local business identities. Ineffective branding can undermine credibility, contribute to an inability to compete in the market, and cause feelings of frustration for business owners. We're here to act as a guide to local businesses. We walk them through a transformation that creates a powerful, authentic presence for their brand, builds trust, attracts clients, and gives them a competitive edge. We are here to position local businesses to win.

What's the philosophy behind your business? We believe that good design translates to good business. Our approach is clear: we identify what matters most—getting results. Through

consistent branding and effective design, we build a strong connection between our clients' brands and their audience, boosting credibility and trust. This not only fosters brand loyalty but also drives real economic growth.

What would surprise people most about The Vortex? While we offer a range of services from graphic design to branding, our specialty is creating motion graphics. Motion design can significantly boost engagement by providing an immersive and interactive experience. This helps businesses stand out in a crowded market and effectively communicate their message in a simple way.

How do you make your workday fun? I get a lot of satisfaction when I see the results in the data. Results are directly determined by how narrow I can make my focus. For me, fun is finding the lead domino and whacking away at it until it falls into place.



How can people learn more about your business? Visit www.vortexdesignco.com, email contact@vortexdesignco.com, find them on Facebook at "The Vortex," or follow them on Instagram @vortexdesignco.

New Member Snapshot: Stone Imagery

The Founder: Melody Stone, Photographer

Brief Company Description: I've been taking pictures since 2017 in the Vermilion County area for families, couples, graduating seniors, maternity, events, weddings and much more! I provide great deals each month with an acceptable price list. I have been published over 250 times in numerous magazines.

Location: I live in Hoopston and have lived in this area all my life. I take photos in Vermilion, Champaign, Iroquois, and Ford counties and even western Indiana.

Little-Known Facts: I don't just do portrait photography; I also do Landscape Photography. I am expanding by trying other types of photography, such as Macro Photography. I will soon be getting a drone for Aerial Photography, too!



Best part of doing business in Vermilion County: I have met so many amazing people and have even made some good friends from this

experience! I love capturing special memories for people to keep and look back on throughout their lives.

Reasons Photos are Important: A few of my clients' pictures turned out to be more precious than we thought due to a family member or pet passing away. They were thankful they got those moments captured before they lost their loved ones or pets.

Community involvement: I often donate free sessions to local fundraisers. I also help and work at the David S. Palmer Arena Box Office or front entrance during hockey season and special events.

How can people learn more about your business? Call 419-545-0761, visit www.stoneimagery.picfair.com, or email mdstone1982@yahoo.com. The business can also be found on Facebook at "StoneImageryByMelodyStone" or on Instagram: @mdstone1982.

Someone to Know: Tim Edison, Site Superintendent Kickapoo Complex

Tim Edison, Site Superintendent of what's known as the Kickapoo Complex, has dedicated his career to preserving and enhancing natural resources. Edison and his team manage over 8,500 acres across various parks, including Kickapoo State Recreation Area, Middle Fork Fish and Wildlife Area, Harry "Babe" Woodyard State Natural Area, Hershel Workman Pheasant Habitat Area, and Gifford Pheasant Habitat Area. In the leadership role, he's responsible for everything from budget management to ensuring site safety to coordinating volunteer programs.

Edison's passion for nature was shaped by his early experiences outdoors with his family. "Truthfully, my career (unknowingly) began when I was five and would spend time going to the local park with my parents," he says. This early love for the outdoors guided his educational and career path, leading him to roles perfectly combining his

interests in land management, public outreach, and conservation.

Since taking on the role of Site Superintendent in 2017, Edison has been instrumental in developing and maintaining the parks. Under his leadership, over \$12 million has been invested in various projects, all aimed at making the parks more enjoyable for the community. "I am proud of every project and daily activity we complete because every project... makes the parks more enjoyable for the community," Edison says. His commitment is evident not only in the improvements he's overseen but also in the way he speaks about the parks' potential and his love for the area.

Living near Lake Iroquois in Loda with his son and father, Edison appreciates the daily commute, which gives him time to plan and reflect. "Some days, it also provides needed time to decompress after a busy day," he adds,



highlighting the balance he strives for between his work and personal life. His deep connection to the land and community shows in everything he does, making a lasting impact on both the park and its visitors.



5:00-7:00PM

October 10, 2024

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October 24, 2024

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November 14, 2024

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11:30AM-1:00PM

October 16, 2024

"How 2 Series" Luncheon

Vermilion Hall at DACC, Room 302

How to Create Synergy: Collaboration and Teamwork with Logan Cronk

November 20, 2024

"How 2 Series" Luncheon

Vermilion Hall at DACC, Room 302
How to Set Goals: Where are you and where do you want to be? with Ashton Greer

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11:30AM-1:00PM

October 23, 2024

Keynote Speaker: Doug Ireland

Ireland Financial Partners

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- Aqua Illinois, Inc.
- City of Danville
- Danville Sanitary District
- First Financial Bank
- Golden Nugget
- Iroquois Federal
- Old National Bank
- OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center
- Owens Corning Danville
- Vermilion County Government

ADVANTAGE GOLD CROWN DIRECTOR:

(Level \$6,000 - \$9,999)

- Arconic
- Bunge Milling, Inc.
- Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc.
- Carle / Carle Medical Supply
- Christie Clinic
- Danville Area Community College
- Danville Country Club
- Danville Metal Stamping
- Danville School Dist. #118
- Hyster-Yale Group
- McLane Midwest
- Mervis Industries
- REG Danville, LLC
- Republic (formerly Allied Waste)
- thyssenKrupp Dynamic Components Danville, LLC
- Vermilion Development, Inc.

- Viscofan USA, Inc.
- Watchfire Signs
- Westwood Equity

ADVANTAGE MILLENNIUM MEMBER:

(Level \$2,500 - \$5,999)

- AmerenIP
- Bose Corporation
- Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center
- City of Hoopeston
- CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP
- Curry Construction
- Double S Liquid Feed Service, Inc.
- Fisher National Bank
- Genpact
- Greenwood, Inc.
- Illini Radio Group
- Invenery
- McDonald's c/o DND Witzel Enterprises, Inc.
- Village of Oakwood

ADVANTAGE EXECUTIVE MEMBER:

(Level \$1,000 - \$2,499)

- Acton & Snyder, LLP
- Advanced Medical Transport East
- Anderson Electric, Inc.
- APPI Energy
- AT&T Illinois
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
- Bowman Estates
- Brainerd Chemical Midwest, LLC

- Chittick Family Eye Care
- County Markets / Niemann Foods
- Depke Gases & Welding Supplies
- Envirox, LLC
- Everside Health
- Express Employment Professionals
- Faulstich Printing Company
- First Savings Bank of Danville
- Flex-N-Gate Plastics
- Harrison Steel
- Heritage Development
- Heritage Health Therapy & Senior Care
- Hometown Savings Bank
- Hubner Industries, LLC
- IL Chapter Nat'l Electrical Contractor's Assoc.
- Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation
- Meijer
- Neuhoff Family Broadcasting
- Prospect Bank
- Right Way Roofing
- Rodriguez Cuts
- Runnings
- SIHF Healthcare
- The Sygma Network
- thyssenKrupp Crankshaft Company
- Towne Machine Tool Co., Inc.
- Tractor Supply Co.
- Village of Catlin
- Voltus
- WITY Illiana Communications, LLC

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ADVANTAGE ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

(Level \$500 - \$999)

112 Wine & Coffee
 Adecco Employment Services
 Alexander Concession & Catering
 All Source
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 Autumn Fields Adult Community of Hoopeston
 Autumn Fields Adult Community of Tilton
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 Berns, Clancy, & Associates, P.C.
 Big Thorn Farm & Brewery, LLC
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 Central States Distribution Service
 City of Georgetown
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 Classic Homes Realty
 Coldwell Banker Commercial Devonshire Realty – Larry Kuchefski
 Comcast Business
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 Corporate Supply, Inc.
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 Country Financial - Braxdyn Keeran
 Country Financial - Mark Stutsman
 Country Financial - Pete Goodwin
 Country Financial - Stevenson Harby
 Courtesy Ford Lincoln/Courtesy Chrysler Dodge Jeep
 CTS Computers
 CU Trade Services/Kuchefski Heating & Air
 Custard Cup
 D.I. Fire & Safety
 Danville Area Board of Realtors
 Danville Dans
 Danville Gardens, Inc.
 Danville Public Building Commission
 Dasher's Hockey
 Dawson Logistics
 Dean Crandall – Morgan Stanley
 Delanois Law, LLC
 Dines Machine & Mfg.
 Donohue & Associates, Inc.
 Dougherty Group
 DTI Office Solutions
 Duncan Farms
 DynaChem, Inc.
 Earthrise Energy
 East Central Building Trades
 East Central IL Community Action Agency
 Edward Jones (Marcus Provost)
 Enel Green Power Salt Springs
 EPIC Insurance Midwest
 Exit 210 Saloon
 Farnsworth Group
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 Healthy Prep Meal Service
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 Hefty Seed Company
 Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites/Hampton Inn & Suites
 Hoopeston Coin Laundry
 Hoopeston Ford
 Huber & Mudd, LLC
 IBEW Local 538
 Illini Castings, LLC
 Illume Counseling and Wellness Center
 Insurance Providers Group
 International Greenhouse Co.- Danville
 Jersey Mike's Subs
 Jimmy Johns
 Jocko's Depot / Diveley Development Corp.
 Juke Gaming, LLC
 Kick Me Shirts
 Kickapoo Adventures
 Kruger's ATA Martial Arts, Inc.
 Kruger-Coan-Pape Funeral Home
 Kurland Steel Co.
 Landmark Credit Union
 Leatherneck Hardware, Inc.
 Lebanon Seaboard Corporation
 Lisa L. Goodner Agency - Farmers Insurance
 LMR Promotions
 Local, The
 Loman Ray Insurance Group - Hoopeston
 Longview Bank & Trust
 Love's Travel Stop
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 MH CPA, PLLC
 Mini Mall Storage
 Molly's Bar & Grill
 Motley Food
 Newton's Cleaning & Restoration, LLC
 Painter's USA, Inc.
 Park Electric Motor Service, Inc.
 Portal Entertainment Group
 Randal Ashton, DDS
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ADVANTAGE HONOR MEMBER

(Level \$300 - \$499)

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 Automation International, Inc.
 AutoZone Distribution Center
 B&K Investments, Inc. (Wendy's)
 Bismarck-Henning CUSD #1
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 CDS Office Technologies
 Central Illinois Family Practice
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 Culver's – T/Kat, Inc.
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 Fairchild Animal Hospital
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 Georgetown Wood & Pallet Co., Inc.
 Gibson Health of Hoopeston
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 McLaughlin Asset Management
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 Vermilion County Health Department
 Vermilion Healthcare Foundation, Inc.
 Vermilion House
 Village of Bismarck
 Village of Henning
 Village of Potomac
 WhiteSmith Marketing Group, Inc.

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 All Vermilion Wrestling
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 Arts In The Park, Inc.
 Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness
 Baby Blessings Ultrasound Studio
 Balloons Over Vermilion, NFP
 Be Real Be Humble
 Berzerker's Grill & Catering
 Beside Still Waters
 Better Business Bureau – Central Illinois
 Birth To Five, Illinois
 Boys & Girls Club of Danville
 Briana's Creations
 Brown, Amy
 Bubbles & Bandanas Pet Grooming
 C.O.R.E. Re-Entry, INC.
 CASA of Vermilion County
 Casey Toler Creative
 Center Street Productions
 Central Christian Church
 Child Care Resource Service
 Community Development Institute/Head Start
 Community Foundation of East Central IL
 CRIS Healthy-Aging Center
 CRIS Rural Mass Transit
 Crosspoint Human Services
 DACC Foundation
 Danville Area Labor Management Council
 Danville Area Living - Shannon Schroeder
 Danville Area Visitors Bureau
 Danville Art League
 Danville Boat Club
 Danville Christian Academy

Danville Family YMCA
 Danville Farmer's Market
 Danville Library Foundation
 Danville Lions Club
 Danville Noon Rotary
 Danville Public Library
 Danville Public School Foundation
 Danville Sunrise Rotary
 Danville Symphony Orchestra
 Danville Technology Services
 Danville Tennis Center
 Davis Bookkeeping
 Deer Creek Manor
 Dicken, Josef "Joe Voiceover"
 DLO Musical Theatre (formerly Danville Light Opera)
 Downtown Danville, Inc.
 East Park Church of Christ
 Eastern Illinois Foodbank
 Edward J. Ryan, CPA
 Erickson, Gary C.
 Fair Hope Children's Ministry
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 Festival of Trees
 First Church of the Nazarene
 First Presbyterian Church of Hoopston
 Fischer Theatre
 Friends of Kickapoo Rail Trail
 GAO Groto / Denmark Park Corporation
 Gateway Family Services of Illinois
 Georgetown Fair
 Georgetown Ladies Community Club
 Gregory's Academy of the Arts
 Habitat for Humanity of Danville, Inc.
 Help Ministries d/b/a Women's Care Clinic
 Highland Gutters
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 Hoopston Public Library
 Humane Society of Danville
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 Melt A Heart
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 Monyok Leadership Coaching
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 Muehl, Phil
 Mustard Seed Christian Daycare
 My Happy Place
 New Directions Treatment Center
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 Vermilion Co. Fair and Expo
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 Vermilion Community Restoration
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 Lee, Todd
 Mulvaney, Jeanne
 Nicholls, Bill
 Resh, Gary (Resh Frame Shop)
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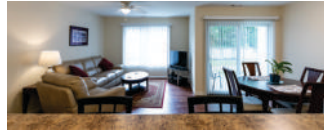
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