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Good things grow in Vermilion County! AWEBCO, a full-service website design and development company, celebrating 10 years of community impact.

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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.

From the CEO/President

I have repeatedly mentioned that if we want to get different results, then we are going to have to do things differently. We must be better, more innovative, and more aggressive.

Regardless of how we feel about the Federal Government's tariff policy, it makes many people, including me, nervous, the stated goal is to onshore manufacturing jobs. If we are going to be successful at "on shoring" jobs, then those jobs are going to have to come from somewhere and that somewhere is overseas. Vermilion County needs to figure out how to be at the front of the line of places these companies that are onshoring jobs want to locate. That is why our staff spent two days in Chicago a couple weeks ago, meeting with multiple foreign consulates, making a connection, and driving home the point that if they had companies looking for cities to invest in, then we wanted them in Vermilion County.

We met with the Consul Generals from China, Spain, Ireland, Germany, Brazil, India, France, Japan, and Mexico. The message was the same everywhere. If you have companies wanting to locate in the United States, we want them in Vermilion County. We were warmly received in every office and there was a great deal of interest generated in Vermilion

County. Our next goal is to get some of these Consul Generals to come here to see what Vermilion County has to offer.

During the visit with the German Consul General, he suggested we reach out to the German American Chamber of Commerce. We did just that and made a connection that will hopefully bear fruit. The GACC's two main goals for their organization are to find places for German companies to invest in the U.S. and to find U.S. companies looking to invest in Germany. We were invited to come back up to the city for multiple events they hold throughout the year for German Business Executives looking for places to locate here in the Midwest. We will be making several trips to the city for these events in upcoming months. A similar connection was made at the French Consulate.

The most rewarding meeting was the one I was most nervous about. The scheduled half hour with the Chinese Consul General turned into a pleasant two-hour conversation. I am not naïve, I understand the political implications involving meeting with a Chinese Government official, however; I also understand the if we are truly going to "onshore" jobs, one

of the most likely places they will be coming from is China. I felt this conversation was one that was too important not to have. I also have an admiration for the Country, having visited there for two weeks back in



2009. The Chinese Consul General was interested in Vermilion County and asked about how people in our area felt about China. I was honest, saying a Chinese company might be a tough sell, but that our area needed any economic opportunity it could get. In return, I asked about how the Chinese viewed Americans. It was a good dialogue, and the Chinese staff was legitimately interested in Vermilion County. They mentioned they would like to visit and extended an invitation to visit China. At the end of the two hours, we agreed to continue talking and it was mentioned the necessity for Americans and Chinese to continue talking on all levels. The reality of the world as we go forward is that there will continue to be two economic superpowers on the world stage. Dealing with this dynamic will present many dangers, but also many opportunities. It is our charge here at Vermilion Advantage to act boldly and figure out how to maximize those opportunities to change our economic circumstances. And why not try, as was mentioned by the Chinese Consul General as our meeting ended, "We must keep talking. If we are talking, we are not fighting."



Kruger's Trunk or Treat Brings Families Together for Halloween Fun

What started as a creative idea during the pandemic has quickly become one of Danville's most anticipated fall traditions. Jen Kruger, Owner of Kruger Funeral Home & Crematory and Co-Owner of Kruger's ATA Martial Arts, hosted the first Trunk or Treat in October of 2020. "I came up with the idea of the Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat in 2020 as I didn't want the kids to miss out on trick-or-treating due to the pandemic!" she says. "And then once I start something, I only make it better every year!"

The first year drew about 700 participants with just three locations and eleven businesses. Today, the event has grown to include nine locations, fourteen participants, and continues to expand as more businesses and organizations join in. From small businesses to nonprofits and even the fire department, joining in has become a community-wide effort.

Both of Kruger's businesses sponsor the event. Her commitment to

creating positive opportunities for youth runs deep. She has been part of ATA Martial Arts since 2004, co-owning the school with her husband since 2008. Together they serve more than 100 children in their after-school program and nearly 90 more in evening martial arts classes.

Kruger also purchased the former Pape Funeral Home in 2018, where she serves families with on-site cremation, full-service funerals, and pet cremation. She believes including



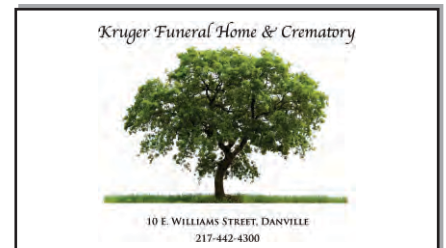
costumes. Businesses go all out with themes ranging from Candyland to zombies. Families often dress up together, adding to the spirit of fun. Kruger says the reason behind the event is simple. "We do it for them. We don't make anything from it, and we don't ask for anything in return. We just want to offer a free, family-friendly event and see them enjoying it."

Thanks to Kruger, this Trunk or Treat has become a highlight of the Halloween season in Vermilion County.



the funeral home in the event is an important way to strengthen community connections. "I think involving the funeral home allows people to see that it's not a scary place," she says. "A funeral home is just a business, and yes, we deal with death and loss, but we are real people with real lives as well."

What sets this Trunk or Treat apart is the block-party atmosphere. Families walk the route, enjoying creative trunks, live music, and plenty of



* SCARECROW Contest *



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- Scarecrows must be family friendly! Please refrain from anything negative, political, or too gory.
- Registration period: September 29-October 8
- Display your scarecrow: October 15-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:

- Register by October 8th. Once registered you will receive additional contest details. Have fun!



Everything To Know about the Trades Expo on October 23rd

We recently caught up with Jodie Ingram, Workforce Education Director, to learn more about the upcoming Trades Expo that she is co-leading with Ami Siefert, Director of Career & Veteran Services at Danville Area Community College. This year's event is open to high school students, DACC students and the community.

What is the Trades Expo, and how did it come about? Ami Siefert, Director of Career & Veteran Services at DACC, puts on an Expo each year in the fall, highlighting a specific industry. Last year, she had a very successful Criminal Justice and Public Safety event. This year, she wanted to focus on the Building and Construction Trades. We were able to partner this year and invite the high school students to join the event!

When and where is the event? October 23, 10 am – 2 pm in the front parking and lawn area at DACC at 2000 East Main Street in Danville, Illinois.

What makes the Trades Expo such an important event? The Trades Expo creates an amazing opportunity for students, educators, and employers to all connect in one place. Students gain hands-on exposure to career paths they may not have considered, schools get real-world resources to support career readiness, and local employers can showcase

opportunities in high-demand fields while building their future workforce.

How will the Expo help students explore career opportunities? Students will have the chance to interact directly with professionals, try hands-on activities, and learn what a “day in the life” looks like in different trades. This experience helps them connect their classroom learning to real-world career options, sparking ideas for internships, apprenticeships, and future employment.

How does Vermilion Advantage work with schools, businesses, and community partners to make this event successful? The VCWE Initiative, a collaboration among Vermilion Advantage, DACC, and VVEDS, serves as the bridge. VCWE will coordinate with schools to ensure students are prepared to attend, and Ami will work to recruit businesses to showcase their industries. Together, we will partner with community organizations to provide the resources and support that make the Expo possible. It's truly a team effort across the county.

What lights you up about the event? We're most excited to see the students' reactions when they discover a career path that excites them. The “lightbulb moments” when a student realizes a trade or industry is a great fit are what make all the planning worthwhile.

Why are events like these essential for Vermilion County's future? Events like the Trades Expo are vital because they ensure our students are aware of the many career opportunities available here at home. They also provide employers with the opportunity to engage directly with their future workforce, which helps strengthen our local economy and community.

What do you want people to know about the future Vermilion County workforce as you interact with high school students? What gives us hope is the excitement and curiosity we see in students. When given opportunities like the Trades Expo, they show us that they're eager to learn, eager to contribute, and eager to build their future right here in Vermilion County.

Mark Your Calendar!

2025 TRADES EXPO

Thursday, October 23rd, 10 am – 2 pm
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front parking lot/lawn

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High School Students
DACC students



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A New Chapter of Leadership at Vermilion Advantage

where she met the staff and soon applied for an office position. From there, she steadily took on new responsibilities, always bringing the skills she had developed through years of volunteering, event planning, and community involvement. She offers an inspiring and fresh perspective to anyone looking to re-enter the workforce or level up in their career. “Those years of volunteering and chauffeuring kids around gave me skills that I use every day in my current role.”

awards ceremony planned for the spring. An upcoming advocacy trip to Washington, D.C., will also highlight the Chamber's expanding role. “The Vermilion Advantage staff has so many goals and ideas,” she says. “It's exciting to be a part of an organization that can play an integral role in our community.”

Her enthusiasm is fueled by her love for Vermilion County and the people who call it home. The county's friendly faces, spirit of collaboration, and shared vision for growth make her optimistic about the future.

Outside of work, Dana and her husband, RJ, are celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary. They have two children, Libby, 24, and Bobby, 20.

Dana Rowland steps into her new role ready to lead with both heart and purpose.

For the new Director of the Chamber at Vermilion Advantage, the path to this role has been shaped by both her personal story and a deep commitment to Vermilion County. After spending 20 years as a stay-at-home mom, Dana Rowland was intentional about choosing the next step in her career. “I had been a stay-at-home mom for 20 years and knew when I returned to the workforce, I wanted a job that was community-minded,” she says. “I wanted something that made me feel like I was part of a bigger plan, that I could tangibly see a difference being made. That led me to Vermilion Advantage.”

Now, as Chamber Director, Rowland is ready to build on the strong foundation already in place. The Chamber has sharpened its focus on advocacy, ensuring that businesses of all sizes have a voice at the table. She emphasizes the importance of connection and representation, underscoring the idea that networking is only the beginning. Real value comes from introductions, follow-ups, and helping relationships grow into partnerships that strengthen the county.

Looking ahead, she is excited about new initiatives, including a Women in Business program set to launch as a quarterly event and a membership



Her first connection with the organization came at a career expo,

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Someone to Know: Ami Siefert

Ami Siefert invests her days in helping students and veterans build their futures. Ami serves as the Director of Career & Veterans Services at Danville Area Community College (DACC), a role she began in February 2023. She oversees a wide range of support for both students and the community, including career exploration, job placement assistance, resume and interview coaching, and partnerships with employers. On the veterans' side, she helps military-connected students navigate their education benefits, serving as a bridge between student veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Before joining DACC, Ami spent nearly 20 years in corporate talent acquisition and recruitment, an experience that continues to guide her work in helping people build confidence and seize new opportunities.

When asked about some of her most rewarding work, she has a quick answer. "Seeing the success stories of those who have been impacted by the

Quaker Oats closing," she says. "Helping the employees impacted return to school for degrees or career certificates and now seeing them flourish in new careers has certainly been one of the highlights of my career."

Organizing career expos is another highlight for Ami. Each fall, she selects an industry to spotlight, creating opportunities for students and the community to explore career paths. This year, she is leading the Building and Construction Trades Expo, set for October 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the front lawn at DACC. The event will feature local employers, union trade representatives, and educators showcasing opportunities available in Vermilion County.

She believes events like these strengthen both individuals and the local economy. "We hope people will walk away with a new sense of possibility for their futures," she says. "For the employers, it's really a chance to invest in the talent pipeline of their future workforce."



Outside of her professional role, Ami enjoys the outdoors, camping, playing softball, hunting, and spending time with her husband, four children, three grandsons, and a granddaughter who is due to arrive soon. She also shares her home with two dogs, Gauge and Pearl.

Ami welcomes questions about Career & Veterans Services and can be reached at (217) 443-8864 or a.siefert@dacc.edu.



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December 2025
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October 15, 2025
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Jessica Nemezc
Bremer Center, DACC

November 12, 2025
Friendsgiving
Bremer Center, DACC

BUSINESS & NETWORKING LUNCHEON

11:30AM-1:00PM

October 22, 2025
Comcast
at Palmer Arena

November 19, 2025
Environ
Location TBD

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AWEBSCO: Celebrating 10 Years of Growth and Community Impact



Over the years, AWEBSCO has expanded its services far beyond web design. Today, the team offers advanced SEO strategies, social media management, paid advertising, graphic design, custom print products, and more. The

company's hybrid model includes five dedicated in-house employees supported by more than five skilled freelancers, providing the flexibility to deliver results for projects of any size.

A long list of accomplishments has matched that growth. One of the most significant milestones came when AWEBSCO outgrew its shared office and purchased its own building at 806 Sheridan

Street, directly across from OSF Hospital. "We started in a small, shared office space, and before long, we had outgrown it—giving us the opportunity to purchase our own location here in Danville," says Tyler. "That move not only gave our staff the space they needed to collaborate and thrive but also allowed us to put down permanent roots in the community."

The company's reputation is built on innovation and results. AWEBSCO has partnered with organizations such as Vermilion Advantage to create a custom job board and developed advanced online tools for Trigard Memorials, including an EZ Online Designer for bronze grave markers. The firm has also launched

successful e-commerce stores and high-ranking contractor websites that continue to generate leads for clients.

Tyler credits his team and partners as the keys to the business's success. Key contributors, including SEO and PPC Manager Troy Idlett, Social Media Manager and Designer Rob Weller, and Account and Sales Manager Greg Wolfe, have helped expand the technical, creative and client connection aspects of the business. Long-standing client relationships, including those with the Darby family at Greenwood Inc. and the Fowler Family at Sentry Roofing, have also played a major role in the AWEBSCO story.

"Starting over in a small town with a big vision was risky, but it's become one of the most rewarding decisions of my life."

Looking ahead, Tyler sees continued expansion and exciting opportunities on the horizon. "In the next 10 years, I see AWEBSCO continuing to grow both locally and beyond," he says. "What excites me most is the chance to build on our reputation as a trusted, innovative partner for businesses. The future for AWEBSCO isn't just about scaling. It's about shaping the next generation of digital marketing, design, and strategy while staying true to the values that got us here."

Good things grow in Vermilion County. AWEBSCO, a full-service website design and development company based in Danville, is a perfect example. The company is celebrating a decade of remarkable growth and achievement. What began as a small local outfit has evolved into a trusted digital agency serving businesses across the region and beyond.

Owner and CEO Tyler Taylor launched AWEBSCO with a vision to create tailored solutions that would give clients a competitive edge. "Celebrating 10 years means everything to me," he says. "AWEBSCO has truly been my passion project from day one . . . My baby. When I left a marketing agency in California to return home and build AWEBSCO, it was a leap of faith. Starting over in a small town with a big vision was risky, but it's become one of the most rewarding decisions of my life."



To learn more about AWEBSCO, visit www.AWEBSCO.com, call 217-903-5999, or connect on Facebook at facebook.com/AWEBSCO1.

Revitalizing Communities: The Vermilion County Trustee Program

The Vermilion County Trustee Program (VCTP) is reshaping the future of neighborhoods across the county by addressing some of the most pressing challenges facing local communities. Operated in partnership between Vermilion Advantage and the Vermilion County government, the program was created to manage, repurpose, and revitalize vacant, abandoned, foreclosed, or tax-delinquent properties.

At its core, the VCTP is designed to transform liabilities into opportunities. By tackling blight and tax distress directly, the program reduces neighborhood decay, improves safety, and creates

pathways for economic investment and housing. Properties that might otherwise sit empty and deteriorating are given new life, whether through demolition, redevelopment, or collaboration with nonprofits and developers.

Mike Levin, Vermilion County Trustee Director, leads the initiative with a passion for both real estate and community service. “The VCTP helps tackle blight and tax distress head-on to turn real estate liabilities into community assets,” he says. His day-to-day work involves monitoring properties, addressing legal and title issues, and coordinating with local leaders to

determine the best course of action for each property.

In June, the VCTP launched a Demolition Program to assist cities, villages, and townships in eliminating unsafe or blighted structures. Through a 50/50 cost-sharing partnership with local governments, this initiative is already making strides in improving safety and opening land for new uses.

Challenges are part of the process, from high rehabilitation costs to limited resources for demolitions, but Levin remains focused on the mission and the program’s long-term goals. Plans for the coming year include expanding maintenance programs, creating targeted redevelopment zones, and increasing affordable housing opportunities.

For Levin, the most rewarding part of the work is the collaboration he sees throughout the county. “I appreciate the collaboration across various sectors in the County,” he says. “We all want to see Vermilion County thrive.” His vision is to ensure that every neighborhood has the chance to be part of that growth.

The Vermilion County Trustee Program is not only addressing today’s challenges but also laying the groundwork for stronger, healthier, and more vibrant communities across the region, one property at a time.



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From VC to DC: Vermilion Advantage Builds Momentum in Washington

Vermilion Advantage, accompanied by members of its Board of Directors and Danville Mayor Rickey Williams Jr., recently traveled to Washington, D.C., for a series of high-level meetings with Illinois' Congressional delegation. This was the organization's second consecutive year in the capital, part of a growing commitment to advocacy and economic development. Notably, several staff members on Capitol Hill recognized the group from last year's visit, underscoring the value of building long-term relationships.

The delegation met with U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, Congresswoman Robin Kelly, and several other members of Congress to discuss priorities critical to Vermilion County's growth. Senator Durbin has taken up the community's request for flood remediation at the former Heatcraft and Quaker sites, which would free up 100 acres of prime land with



utilities, a rail spur, and solar installation for redevelopment. Congresswoman Kelly highlighted the \$850,000 grant her leadership secured to strengthen the Madison Square neighborhood, funding demolitions of blighted properties

and supporting home improvements for residents, while complementing ongoing Carle and Christie developments.

Beyond these important policy discussions, the group also participated in a private Capitol tour, connecting local leaders to the broader scope of the legislative process. The trip highlighted the growing role of Vermilion Advantage's newly established Advocacy Committee, which coordinates outreach and ensures consistent communication with lawmakers.

By maintaining a strong presence in Washington, Vermilion Advantage continues to position Vermilion County for future opportunities. This year's trip demonstrated that strategic advocacy, paired with consistent relationship-building, can translate into tangible benefits for the region's economy and quality of life.



New Member Snapshot: Cedar and Smoke

Owners: Auston Surprenant and Jared Trigg

Company Information: Cedar and Smoke is the brainchild of Jared and me. We wanted to invest in Downtown Danville and find a unique niche to serve the community.

About the Name: The name Cedar and Smoke comes from premium cigars being stored in humidors made from Spanish Cedar. That wood is preferred because it helps the cigars maintain proper humidification. The Smoke portion comes from the idea that our patron could enjoy smoking the cigars on our outside patio.

What You'll Find: Cedar and Smoke offers a premium cigar and accessories retail location and a nonsmoking cocktail bar and lounge. We serve a wide variety of cocktails, wines, bourbons, and some 0% alcohol options. One of our values is being a safe third space in the community. While we offer cigars and cocktails, we also have a robust mocktail menu and partner with local Backdoor Pizza for pizzas that are available during our open hours. We

want to be a relaxing space where everyone can enjoy socializing and participating.

Partnerships: Our partnerships with local businesses such as Backdoor Pizza in town and Cheese and Crackers in Champaign are very important to us. We also like to keep local breweries such as Destihl, Riggs, Tryptich, and Industry in our inventory. As we grow, we look forward to partnering with more local businesses to host events in our space for the community, such as our Tiki after-party for the Humane Society, which was a great success.

Upcoming Events:

- October 4 - Illini vs Purdue Tailgating in the Cedar and Smoke Parking Lot - ILL!!
- October 11 - Soft Music Saturday featuring Bee Zeigler
- October 25 - Rocky Horror Picture Show After Party

About Vermilion County: The community has been very supportive of Cedar and Smoke. Our grand opening was extremely successful, and we have had nothing but

compliments about the space and our selection of cigars and the bar area.

The people are the best part of Vermilion County. Everyone who has been in has raved about our space. Many people have come in, referred by those who have already been here. This is the best compliment we could receive.

One of the greatest strengths of Vermilion County is the strong entrepreneurial spirit of so many of our residents. We have so many wonderful businesses that we love to frequent, too, like Vermilion River Beer Company, Fatman's, Fujiyama, and Jockos, just to name a few.

More Information: Visit www.cedarandsmokellc.com or find them on Facebook by searching "Cedar and Smoke LLC."



Coffee Talk

October 14:
SERVPRO of Vermilion County
817 Texas Ave, Danville

November 4:
AWBCO
806 Sheridan St, Danville



New Member Snapshot: Advantage Therapy and Rehabilitation

Owner: James Foley, PT, DPT

Getting Started: Advantage Therapy and Rehabilitation was founded in 2020 with a simple mission: to expand access to high-quality therapy in rural and underserved communities. After years of working in healthcare systems, I saw firsthand how patients in small towns often had to travel long distances or settle for less personalized care. I wanted to create a practice that combined the expertise of a larger system with the personal touch and accessibility of a local, family-oriented clinic.

Locations: Covington, IN Outpatient Clinic – 2522 W US 136, Covington, IN Danville, IL Outpatient Clinic – 3545 N Vermilion St, inside Two Roads Wellness Clinic
Assisted Living Facilities – Fountain Springs (1325 Pearl St, Covington, IN 47932), with additional partnerships expanding across the region.

Services: We provide physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and wellness services. We are also proud to offer specialized programs in pelvic floor therapy and women's health, services that are rarely available in our area but are highly needed by our patients.

In addition to outpatient therapy, we are also collaborating with Two Roads

Wellness Clinic in Danville to provide corporate wellness and injury-prevention programs. Together, we're helping local businesses keep their workforce healthy, reduce injury rates, and support overall employee wellness.

What Makes the Company Unique: Our approach is simple: every patient receives one-on-one care from a licensed therapist. Many larger systems or clinics in the area schedule multiple patients at the same time, or operate under a hospital model where patients face higher coinsurance and deductible charges. At Advantage Therapy, care is individualized, affordable, and accessible. We believe patients deserve focused attention and clear, transparent costs for their care.

Ultimately, Advantage Therapy is more than a clinic — it's a mission. Our team is dedicated not only to treating injuries but also to improving overall wellness and access to care in rural areas. We see ourselves as part of the fabric of the community and are excited to continue growing alongside the people we serve.

The Approach: We believe therapy should be both evidence-based and personal. Every patient works one-on-one with their therapist, focusing on functional outcomes that matter most

to them — whether that's returning to work, sports, hobbies, or simply daily independence. Our approach blends clinical expertise with patient goals, ensuring that recovery is meaningful and sustainable.

Each patient begins with a one-hour, one-on-one evaluation with a Doctor of Physical Therapy. This thorough exam allows us to understand not only the diagnosis, but also the patient's lifestyle, goals, and challenges. From there, we build a customized plan of care that evolves with progress, keeping patients motivated and engaged in their recovery.

Benefits of Vermilion Advantage Membership: Being part of Vermilion Advantage allows us to connect with other local businesses and community leaders who share our goal of strengthening the region. It gives us a platform to tell our story, build collaborations, and work together to improve health and wellness for residents.

Learn More:

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New Member Snapshot: Danville Senior Apartments

Property Manager: Nicole McMahan

Company Information: We have two buildings with a total of 44 apartments. Residents must be 55 or older (not Section 8). The company is privately owned.

Location: We are located on the campus of the VA in buildings 11 and 13, Blue Star Highway, Danville, Illinois.

About: Our apartments are located on the beautiful VA Campus in Danville, Illinois. Renovations on these historic buildings, which date back to 1912, were completed in January 2000. The result is 44 beautiful apartments.

Danville Senior Apartments are open to seniors age 55 and up (income restrictions do apply, and renters must pass a credit and criminal check).

Pricing: Our apartments are also priced for seniors. Rent starts as low as \$680.00 for a 480 square foot efficiency, \$710.00 for a 657 square foot one-bedroom, and \$785.00 for a spacious two-bedroom with 1100 square feet. The price also includes electricity, water, garbage and sewage.

Apartment Options: We have studio/1-bedroom & 2-bedroom apartments. Amenities include on-site laundry facilities, community rooms, stoves and refrigerators.

Services Available: Public transportation

More Information: Call 217-431-8840 or email

danvilleseniorapts@gmail.com.



Save the Date

November 12, 2025
4:00-6:00PM

More details to follow

Her Advantage: A Women in Business Initiative

Women in business have always been a driving force in Vermilion County. This fall, Vermilion Advantage is proud to launch *Her Advantage* — our first initiative designed to connect, empower, and celebrate the women who are shaping our community.

Sponsored by Jessica Hogue, Financial Advisor with Northwestern Mutual, the kickoff event will be held on November 12th at the Danville Boat Club.

Our theme for the first event, *Women, Wine & Wealth*, is about lifting each other up while gaining practical tools for financial empowerment. Attendees will walk away with resources they can put into practice right away, while also celebrating the successes of other like-minded women.

Beginning in 2026, *Her Advantage* will continue as a quarterly series, bringing women together to learn, grow, and celebrate. We hope you'll join us as we create a space where women support women — and where your legacy becomes part of our community's future.

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