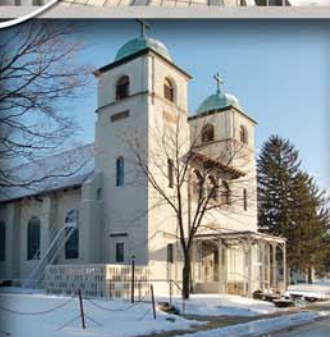


Welcome to

Danville

AND VERMILION COUNTY



Lifestyles for all seasons



VERMILION ADVANTAGE

The Danville Difference

Vermilion County... a place for all seasons



Some things just grow better in small towns. From the years Abraham Lincoln practiced law in the county to our early mining days, our history informs who we are today. We are proud of a long heritage of hard working, honest people who continue to be engaged with the world beyond our county. Actors Gene Hackman, Jerry and Dick Van Dyke, astronaut Joe Tanner, and the late musician Bobby Short have often spoken of the unshakable values they gained by calling Vermilion County home. You will understand our heritage by spending a day at the Vermilion County Museum, the Vermilion County War Museum, or in many of our historic locations. We are a vibrant and active community of people that continue to adapt as the seasons of life change.

Vermilion County is located in East Central Illinois along the Illinois/Indiana border. With about 80,000 people, the county is home to some the most beautiful topography in the state. As the county seat and largest community, Danville's population of over 30,000 belies the fact that there is more happening here than meets the eye.



The Vermilion County War Museum

"Danville, IL is a city large enough to provide all of the services and activities our bustling family needs, but with all of the connectivity (to government, worship, neighbors and community organizations) we want in our new home town."

Brian Rea, Quaker Oats

Housing and Lifestyles

Oakwood



“For those who find owning an affordable home in a safe, secure, comfortable environment a distant dream, Danville offers homes that are often more reasonably priced than other cities. It’s a place where you can peacefully live your life, build your dreams, and raise your children.”

*Dr. Belinda A. Dalton-Russell
Danville Area Community College*

No Place Like Home

One of the most pleasant surprises is coming home to Vermilion County.

Our cost of living is a full 10% less than the national average... But wait... this means “less” only in the areas that matter. It means you will find more of your income available for other things. It means that you will find yourself in a home with more amenities than you ever imagined possible. It may also mean you could find yourself with the ability to invest in a home purchase rather than renting.

The possibilities are endless – a home on the lake in the heart of the community, a new home in a quiet subdivision, a beautifully restored older home on a tree-lined street, a country or small community setting, or senior living options for anyone in your family - you will find a comfortable, affordable option in Vermilion County. All of this without a long commute – every location is within minutes of every major employer.

Getting Away for a Day or Weekend

When you want to slip away for a day, an evening or a weekend, you’ll find major highways that lead you directly to Indianapolis in a little over an hour to the east, to Chicago in just over two hours to the north, and to St. Louis about three hours to the south and west.



The “Landing” at Kickapoo State Park

Major Employers



Newcomers are often surprised by the businesses that choose to base or locate operations here. The economy is a diverse mix of highly successful entrepreneurs, services, national and international manufacturers, transportation and distribution specialists, and regional back office data centers. Our people are known for integrity and hard work which makes the area a highly desirable location for employers and an exciting environment to encourage entrepreneurship.

As the economy and business environment have changed in the last few years, so have we. There are names you will recognize like Quaker Oats and Walgreen's National Accounting Center. And there are others like Dawson Logistics that are not instantly recognizable, but are on Forbes List of Fastest Growing Entrepreneurs. From large national and international employers to smaller companies and suppliers, the area is a great place to grow and maintain successful businesses.

Top Ten Major Employers

- *Veteran's Affairs Illiana Health Care System*
- *ThyssenKrupp Crankshaft Co.*
- *Provena United Samaritans Medical Center*
- *Genpact/Walgreens National Accounting Center*
- *McLane Midwest Company*
- *Quaker Foods and Snacks*
- *ThyssenKrupp Presta Danville, LLC*
- *KIK Custom Products*
- *Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois*
- *Danville Metal Stamping*

Employment for Every Season

People who are ready to start a career or move to the next level find unique opportunities in our area. Social and business connections can be made through our Young Professionals Network. Long-time professionals who are making a strategic career move choose the community because of the range of employment and lifestyle options. And people who are ready to finish their career also choose us because of the strength of our employers, family that is nearby, and the way of life unique to Vermilion County.

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Schools, Churches, Daycare



St. James Methodist Church

We understand that one of the most important decisions about where to locate is making sure your children and family are in the right place. In Vermilion County, you may be surprised to find that our system of education – from childcare and Pre-K, to 24 elementary schools and 12 high schools, to higher education and training – is award winning and remarkably extensive for a community of our size. We are nationally recognized for our collaborations at all educational levels. Employers are active partners with education to ensure our students are prepared for a global economy.

Early Education and Care

The system begins with caring daycare and Pre-K education for children in faith-based, public or private settings.

Danville Public Schools

If you are interested in public education in the city of Danville, District 118 takes quality, hands-on education to a whole new level. Besides offering strong, traditional classroom education that

prepares students for higher education, the world of work, and being a better citizen of the world, here are some things that might surprise you.

- Gifted program beginning at 3rd grade
- Advanced placement, dual credit courses at Danville High School
- Exciting magnet elementary school with great parent involvement and outstanding student achievement
- Standout music, athletic, and arts programs throughout elementary and high school

Innovative “House” structure at DHS. The Global Learning House develops students to contribute and thrive in the global economy. Foreign language is a staple including Spanish, French and even Mandarin! The ACE House integrates arts into the academic curriculum to develop remarkable creativity. The New Tech High focuses on project-based learning where technology and inquiry are used to engage students with issues and questions that are relevant to their lives.

Schools, Churches, Daycare



Faith-Based Education

The community offers strong choices for faith-based education – from Pre-K through high school. Students and parents appreciate the small class sizes, caring faculty, outstanding academic and extracurricular programs, strong

college preparatory programs, and the fact that 96-100% of graduates go on to attend college. All in an environment based on faith principles.

County Schools

If you prefer a quieter daily life and want to locate in one of Vermilion County's small towns, the school districts are the center of community life. At those schools, you might be surprised to find:

- Award-winning high school newspapers
- Innovative, hands-on teaching and learning happening in small classes
- Active drama, music, and art programs where students shine
- Athletics where virtually every student finds a place
- College prep and AP courses
- Teachers and educators who are active with students outside the classroom.

Higher Education

Higher education in the community begins with Danville Area Community College. This public 2-year college offers some surprising opportunities for people at every season of life.

Vocational coursework, college prep courses that are guaranteed to transfer to top universities, a wide variety of online courses that have become 20% of student enrollment, innovative programs and courses not found in other places, and all taught by outstanding professors. DACC has had four National Teachers of the Year. Eastern Illinois University also offers baccalaureate coursework on campus.

Also in the community is the highly competitive Lakeview College of Nursing which offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Program.

Four-year universities within an hour's drive include the University of Illinois (30 miles), which features a renowned Executive MBA program; Purdue University (45 miles); Indiana State University (59 miles); Ivy Tech (59 miles); and Eastern Illinois University (70 miles).

Beyond the Working Years

As people move to a later season of life, the community offers a unique mix of services and opportunities including: active residential retirement villages; assisted living; CRIS senior services, a one-stop resource for seniors and their caregivers; in-home meals for seniors; and the Key Club which offers adult daycare for the special members of our family who need it.

Churches and Synagogues

The area has an astonishing number of churches and synagogues of all sizes, racial and ethnic mixes, and 58 different denominations. Whether you are looking for a smaller place to worship or prefer a church with well over a thousand people, Vermilion County offers active faith-based experiences for every season of life.



Danville Area Community College Clock Tower

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Healthcare

Healthcare choice in Vermilion County is a place where you will enjoy the best of all worlds. By drawing on a service area of over 100,000 people, you will be surprised to find specialty care and advanced technology not normally found in a community of this size.

Provena United Samaritans medical Center is a 174-bed comprehensive medical center, which has provided quality health care to Danville and surrounding communities since 1882. A full range of inpatient and outpatient services serves patients in East Central Illinois and Western Indiana. This hospital is served by a medical staff of more than 100 physicians, representing many areas of specialized care. Not only is Provena United Samaritans Medical Center a part of a Top 50 health System, they are also 5-star rated for heart attack treatment. In addition, Provena provides the only comprehensive Cancer Center in the area, offering both chemotherapy and radiation therapy. Provena is also the first and only provider to offer a comprehensive breast health program in a dedicated Women's health Center in Danville. With digital mammography, breast MRI and minimally-invasive biopsies, Provena provides the most advanced breast diagnostics for our community.

A wide variety of multi-specialty care clinics provide premier, quality advanced care that stretches to in-home care if needed. Private-practice offices, as well as teams of physicians at Carle Clinic, Christie Clinic, Danville Polyclinic, and Charlotte Anne Russell Medical Clinic in Hoopeston, provide expert services and personalized care uniquely available in a smaller community. In addition, the Hoopeston Regional Health Center (HRHC) offers a history rich in dedication and commitment to providing the residents of Hoopeston and the surrounding communities quality health care services. HRHC includes the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center with affiliate clinics in Cissna Park and Rossville and Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital in Hoopeston. HRHC has an affiliate agreement with Carle Foundation Hospital.

A wide range of natural health practitioners can be found in and around Vermilion County.

The community is also home to the Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System, the area's largest employer, and the place for excellent care for our nation's heroes.

"Coming from New England, we weren't sure what to expect from the Midwest. We had several choices as to where to live but Vermilion County won our hearts. Between the natural rolling landscape filled with lakes, rivers, and streams (hidden behind the highways!); the easy access to Chicago, Terre Haute, Indianapolis, and Champaign while still being able to take advantage of the benefits of lower costs of living and living in a small town, choosing Vermilion County was an easy decision."

Allyson Saad, Illinois Health Cares



**Provena United
Samaritan's
Medical Center
Women's Health Center**



**Hoopeston
Memorial
Hospital Lab**

Shopping and Services



When it comes to dining, shopping and specialty services, you will find rare and interesting treasures in Vermilion County. We are home to a number of large national retailers – from clothing and home goods to discount stores and athletic equipment. We have the right mix of national chains to get what you need, when you need it.

Uniquely Our Own

What makes us different are the many exceptional, locally-owned businesses that offer hard-to-find selections and the best of customer service. You will enjoy experiencing our unique restaurants; boutique shopping for clothing, gifts, books, and food items; and pampering and personal care services for you, your family, and even your pets that will leave no doubt that you are at home in Vermilion County.



Because there are too many to mention, we encourage you to talk with a newer member of the community or a long-time resident for their recommendations for food, shopping, and personal care.



Downtown Danville

Parks, Recreation and Sports

Whether you want to participate or just attend, sporting events are a big part of life in Vermilion County. Our favorite spectator sports include the Danville Dans, a major league sponsored, NCAA Sanctioned wooden bat summer league at historic Danville Stadium; the Men's Division II National Junior College Basketball Tournament; the annual Dustbowl Basketball Tournament; and many more.

If you want to enjoy a round of golf or a quick game of tennis, you will find one private and six public golf courses, the Danville Tennis Club and a number of neighborhood courts. The community is proud of recreational leagues in everything from volleyball and running to softball and bowling. Kids find something to do year round with highly active youth organizations for soccer, running, baseball, dance, basketball, gymnastics, martial arts, football, and hockey. The list is endless. The community also offers a range of highly affordable health and fitness centers for the whole family.

Simple Pleasures

There is no better place to enjoy the changing seasons than in Vermilion County's four county parks and three state parks. We celebrate the fact that with 15,000 acres, we have more acres of public park per capita than in any other county in Illinois. Each park is as unique as its many trails and activities, and offers the nature lover a variety of activities including hiking, bird watching, mountain biking, competitive cycling, running, fishing, canoeing, swimming, and horseback riding. Danville and each of the smaller communities are home to diverse parks including the accessible AMBUCS Playground for Everyone and all-weather tracks that are open to the community.



Kennekuk Road Runners

Heron County Park Wetlands Boardwalk



"We returned to Danville in 2004 after living in the Washington, DC area for nearly forty years. We are very pleased to live in Danville once again and enjoy the many beautiful parks and recreational facilities, the magnificent symphony, festivals, local talent, fairs, relaxed pace of living, the changes in seasons, the opportunity to be involved and make a difference, but most of all for being surrounded by such sincere, caring people."

Ed and Brenda Dwiggins, retired



Cultural Experiences



The biggest surprise for new residents of Vermilion County may be the vibrant and active arts community. You will be awed by the Danville Symphony Orchestra; sing along with the Danville Municipal Band; ask for an encore from the community theater groups Danville Light Opera, Red Mask Players and Sunshine II Productions; and be charmed by the musical talents of the Vermilion Festival Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, and Barbershop groups to name but a few.

Our spectacular seasonal events bring residents together and draw visitors from outside of the area. Some of the events not to be missed include Arts in the Park, a Hot Air Balloon Splash on the lake, the Hoopston Sweet Corn Festival, the six-day long Festival of Trees at Christmastime, Vermilion County Civil War Days, and many more.

Civic

It is surprisingly easy to give back and get involved in Vermilion County. If you want to play a part in building the community, you will find active Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs, United Way, AMBUCS, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club, Salvation Army and the American Heart Association, and the list goes on. It is a great way to meet new friends and community leaders.

For people 21-39, an active Young Professionals Network (YPN) through Vermilion Advantage is another way to get to know people in the community.

Our Favorite Websites to get Started:

www.vermilionadvantage.com – click on the link, “Relocating to Vermilion County?” for an in-depth look at the area.

www.vermilionadvantage.com – click on the link, “County Events this Weekend” for the list of “What’s Happening in Vermilion County.”

www.danvilleareainfo.com – another way to check out what is happening in Vermilion County.



**Vermilion
County Museum**



“Initially we thought Danville too small and too rural. With the help of the local network we were able to unlock the secret charms and vibrancy of Danville. A symphony orchestra in such a “rural” community? Goodness! Danville is full of similar pleasant surprises including the way in which we were immediately accepted in the community as old friends.”

*Ron Howe
KIK Custom Products*



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