

What's Happening in Vermilion County this Weekend

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Friday, December 4, 2009

Rossville Community Organization 8th Annual "Christmas in the Village" – Christmas goodies for sale Friday (see Saturday's listing for other activities) – starting at 9AM, Bank of Rossville. Christmas goodies bake sale.

Downtown Danville's A Winter's Gathering – Visit downtown businesses for specials all day (see additional events below for Saturday)

Sleepy Creek Vineyards – regular winery hours 10AM-6PM on Friday. Upstairs in the Hayloft Art Gallery, "Rivers." Various artists use their favorite media to interpret the word, "river."

Christmas Village Craft Fair – Harrison Park Clubhouse (1300 W. Voorhees, Danville) Noon-8PM. Lots of great gift ideas – 24 Vendors!

Moose Lodge Fish Fry/Music – (U.S. Route 150 at Interstate 74) All-you-can-eat fish served 5-7PM for \$6; "Country Gentlemen" band from 7-9PM – no cover charge. Public invited.

Gao Grotto "Steak Night" – (2400 Denmark Road) \$10 for shrimp dinner; \$11 for steak dinner; \$12 for combo dinner, 5:30-7:30PM, open to public.

American Legion Post 210 Dinner – (210 N. Jackson Street, Danville) Fish, hamburgers or steak, 5:30-8:00PM, price varies according to choice. Public invited.

Municipal Band Christmas Concert – St. James Methodist Church, 7PM

Danville First Church of Nazarene Sanctuary Choir presents "A Baby Changes Everything" – 7PM, Free admission
Open Roller Skating at Illini Skateland – 7-10PM, \$7.25 + skate rental; -or- Family Night Special: Up to 6 persons for \$29.95 (one adult must be present & all kids must be in your family). Batting cages, putt-putt golf & laser tag also available.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 728 T Dance – (8 Pine Street, Danville) "Captain's Three" (Tom Kukla's Trio) playing Country Classics from 7:00-9:30PM, \$5. Finger food provided. Sandwiches & pizza available for purchase at bar.

EIU Hockey vs. NIU – Palmer Arena, 7PM

Red Mask Players present "Every Christmas Story Ever Told" – Kathryn Randolph Theater, 8PM, Tickets \$10/person
Fat Man's Warehouse presents "Mike & Kayla" – 9PM

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Rossville Community Organization 8th Annual "Christmas in the Village" – Pancake Breakfast 7-11AM at the Methodist Church; Holiday Light Parade at 6PM starting at the former Rossville High School parking lot, proceeding south down Chicago Street and ending at Stufflebeam Street. Christmas Winter Carnival at high school gym from 6:30-8:00PM. Also, Christmas Park will again be ablaze with lights – free admission but accept donations. A special display will honor former Rossville resident Carl Otis, who is the inventor of the Christmas Bubble Light – three evergreens on the street have been decorated with small lights and bubble lights.

Indianola United Methodist Church Annual Christmas Bazaar & Breakfast – Bazaar at the church 7-11AM. The bazaar includes homemade cookies, candies, jellies/jams, breads and crafts! Breakfast includes egg casserole, sausage gravy & biscuits, sweet breads, and a drink for a free-will donation.

Oakwood Christian Church Annual Christmas Bazaar – (206 South Scott Street, Oakwood) Pancakes and sausage 7:30-9:30AM; Lunch of broccoli cheese and chicken noodle soup, beef stew and biscuits, Texas or white sheet cake, served 11AM-1PM. Cost: Free-will offering. Bazaar includes homemade crafts, jellies, apple butter, and pumpkin rolls.

Ridge Farm Friends Church Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon – 9AM-1:30PM at the church. Bazaar includes homemade baked goods including candy, peanut butter balls, & noodles; crafts and gifts. Lunch served 11:11AM-1:30PM for free-will donation. Menu includes soup, salad, sandwich & dessert. Proceeds used for Mission projects.

Laura Lee Fellowship House Christmas Bazaar – (212 E. Williams) 9AM-4PM, Food & vendors!

Christmas Village Craft Fair – Harrison Park Clubhouse (1300 W. Voorhees, Danville) 9AM-4PM. Lots of great gift ideas – 24 Vendors!

Westville Library Annual Children's Christmas Party – Begins at 10AM. Mrs. Claus will read a story, children can talk to Santa and choose a gift to take home, a movie will be shown after the program for anyone wanting to stay, refreshments will be served.

Downtown Danville's A Winter's Gathering – Visit downtown businesses for specials all day. Events on Saturday: Horse and Carriage Rides from 11AM-1PM - get your tickets at The Fischer Theatre; Visit Santa Claus from 11AM-2PM at The Varsity Room; Story time at Blue Kangaroo Books at 11:30AM, 12:30PM, & 1:30PM. Scavenger hunt from 11AM-2PM – pick up and drop off forms at The Varsity Room or Blue Kangaroo Books for a chance to win a movie-themed gift basket; Free cookie decorating at The Java Hut from 10AM-2PM; Decorate a free Christmas card at Heartland Fair from 11AM-2PM; Make free Christmas crafts at World Finance Corp. Loans from 11AM-2PM.

Fischer Theatre Celebrates 125th Anniversary – Lobby open and tours of main floor 10AM-3PM. Breakfast served in lobby 10AM. Refreshments available. Donations always appreciated! Gift Shop will also be open.

Sleepy Creek Vineyards – Winery open 10AM-6PM. Upstairs in the Hayloft Art Gallery, "Rivers." Various artists use their favorite media to interpret the word, "river."

Winter Wonderland Event at Village Mall Center Court – Activities all day, mall hours. Bring your children for games with prizes, storytelling, Santa & milk & cookies from 10AM-Noon. Musical entertainment provided by "All You Need" 1-2PM. Cellular One Bingo for all ages 2-4PM. 176 Keys dueling pianos 6:30-8:30PM.

Open Roller Skating at Illini Skateland "Skate with Santa" – 11AM-1PM, \$5 (plus \$2 skate rental) includes admission, pizza, drink & surprise. Batting cages, putt-putt golf & laser tag also available.

Hoopeston Christmas Festival – 11AM-5PM downtown. Businesses' special sales will run during the day as the festival begins. The Lorraine Theatre will host a free showing of "Polar Express" at 11AM and 2PM and will hand out Christmas bells to children attending. Santa Claus' arrival is scheduled for 1PM at Rotary Park west of Stebbins Furniture. He will remain there until 4PM giving a small gift to each child. Photos with Santa also will be available at that time for \$3 at the park or the United Methodist Church (403 East Main St.) depending on the weather. The United Methodist Church will host a children's pajama contest 1-4PM with free cookies and hot chocolate being served. The final event of the day will be the lighting of Hoopeston's new 20-foot giant artificial Christmas tree at 5PM complete with Christmas caroling around the tree. The tree will remain in Rotary Park throughout the month of December.

Open Ice Skate – Palmer Arena, 1-3PM

Ridge Farm Recreation Board 2nd Annual Kids' Christmas Party – at the Wayne Blakeney Bldg. at Ward Park. Santa will be there for pictures (bring own camera), cookies & punch served, drawings for toys (all age groups). Come out and have a great time with friends and family!

Open Roller Skating at Illini Skateland – 1-5PM, \$6.25 + skate rental (or 1-3PM for \$5.25 + skate rental; or 3-5PM for \$5.25 + skate rental). Batting cages, putt-putt golf & laser tag also available.

"Bethlehem Live" Presented by Central Christian Church – (Corner of Vermilion & English Streets) 3-6PM; Performances begin every 20 minutes. Come join us as we travel back in time to that 1st Christmas long ago in Bethlehem when Mary & Joseph had a front row seat to see how God would change the world with the birth of Jesus Christ. Call 217-442-2915 for more info. Free.

EIU Hockey vs. NIU – Palmer Arena, 4PM

DACC Men's Basketball vs. Moraine Valley – DACC's Mary Miller Gymnasium, 4PM

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Mustard's Last Stand Italian Night – (1.5 miles west of Gilbert Street on Rt. 150) 6:30-9:00PM. Enjoy a 7-course meal, BYOB, enjoy live music by "Deeper Blues Band (Alan Wait on bass guitar, Chris Taylor on lead guitar & Lane Baldwin singing). \$17/person. Call 217-477-1000 for reservations.

Danville First Church of Nazarene Sanctuary Choir presents "A Baby Changes Everything" – 7PM, Free admission

Red Mask Players present "Every Christmas Story Ever Told" – Kathryn Randolph Theater, 8PM, Tickets \$10/person
Fat Man's Warehouse: Karaoke – 9PM-1AM
Gino's Place at Days Hotel "Straight Shooter Band" (Classic Rock and Roll) – 9PM

Sunday, December 6, 2009

American Legion Post 210 Breakfast– (210 N. Jackson Street, Danville) 9:00-11:30AM. Price determined by what is ordered off menu. Public invited.

Sleepy Creek Vineyards – Noon-5PM here at Sleepy Creek, "December Shoppportunity." Many cash-and-carry artistic, handcrafted and unique items will be available for the special people in your life including jewelry, knitted items, crafts, make-up, purses, DOVE chocolate Discoveries, EB Bead & Metal Works, New York Designs, Fret Designs, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay, and more. Sip on a glass of wine or coffee while shopping. And don't forget, wine is the perfect gift. Let us gift bag it or make a gift basket for you! And, every Sunday through April: The coffee is on us! Come enjoy Raven's Brew coffee at the winery. This is great coffee and you can't go wrong. Also, Upstairs in the Hayloft Art Gallery, "Rivers." Various artists use their favorite media to interpret the word, "river."

Sidell 1st Annual Christmas Auction – at Sidell Village Hall (Market Street) 1PM. Auction items, raffle prizes, & gift certificates. Food & drinks available. Sponsored by Sidell Fun Days Committee.

Hair Express "Toys for Tots" Toy Drive – (W. Williams & Sheridan Streets, Danville) Will offer a free hair cut in exchange for a donation of a new toy from 1-4PM. For more info, call 217-446-1922.

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Danville Area Tour of Homes to benefit the American Diabetes Association – 3-6PM, tickets \$10 per person and are available at Berry's Garden Center, Blooms and Bows Florist, Charlotte's, Chittick Family Eye Care, Creative Designs, Dave's Flower Garden, Dena's Hallmark, Dillman Eye Care Associates, First Midwest Bank, Schick's, and Waldenbooks. Tickets also will be available at each home the day of the tour. Homes to be toured: 1524 N. Walnut, 1115 Sherman St., 4112 Edgewater Place, 1664 N. Vermilion. Proceeds from this event will benefit the 23.6 million Americans with diabetes. About 5,000 people with diabetes live in Vermilion County. For further info or to make a donation, contact Chris at 217- 497-1037.

Farmers Chapel United Methodist Church – (414 Poland Rd, Danville) Hosting a Gospel Sing beginning at 6PM. Featuring the Allens from East Lynn. Public is invited. A free-will offering will be taken, and refreshments served following the concert.

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Please let me know of any upcoming events that I might be unaware of!

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