

Happy Holidays!

What's Happening in Vermilion County This Weekend Dec. 23-25 & Dec. 30-Jan. 1, 2011-12

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****FYI - the "What's Happening..." list is also posted weekly on our web site for public access at <http://vermilionadvantage.com/events/vcevents.htm>**

See the movies playing this weekend at:

Danville Village Mall Cinemas, <http://www.amctheatres.com/VillageMall/>

Hoopeston's Lorraine Theatres, <http://cinemajesticltd.com/lorraine/>

For those doing a little shopping over the weekend, click on our "Uniquely Our Own" link listing some of the unique retail shops we have in the area at

<http://www.vermilionadvantage.com/initiatives/index.html>

Please feel free to share this information with others in your company!

Friday, Dec. 23, 2011

Free Gift Wrapping at Village Mall - 8AM-5PM

Book Signing at Danville Public Library by C. C. Wills - The novel, "[Treasure in the Shawnee Hills](#)", begins with a bank robbery in southern Illinois before the Civil War and continues 150 years later when two brothers find a gold coin that might lead to more from that robbery. Copies of his book will be available for purchase and autographing, 10AM-3PM.

Sleepy Creek Vineyards - (Located 3.5 miles south of Oakwood) Winery open 10AM-6PM

The Danville Public Library Children's Dept. Offers Hanukkah Program - The Children's Dept. invites kids to learn more about Hanukkah, an 8-day Jewish holiday, also known as the Festival of Lights, which celebrates an event that occurred more than twenty-one centuries ago. Library Assistant Karen Neal will conduct a program about Hanukkah from 2-3PM. No registration is required. For more info, call the Children's Dept. at 217-477-5225.

American Legion Post 210 Dinner - (1600 N. Jackson St., Danville) Our weekly "Big Fish & All the Trimmings" from 5-8PM. Specializing in Tilapia and Catfish and new addition of Frog Legs, along with full menu items to complete your dinner experience. Hop on over & Hook a Big One - Oh, what a catch! Public invited.

Rossville American Legion Fish Fry - Cod, shrimp, chicken strips, & salad bar; Children's menu includes hot dogs or chicken strips, 5-8PM.

Moose Lodge Dinner & Band - (U.S. Route 150 at Interstate 74) Serving regular dinner menu 5-7PM. The "Kenny Eads Band" will perform 7-9PM. Open to public.

Gao Grotto Dinner - The Gao Grotto will be serving dinner from 5:30-7:30PM

Holiday Lights at Kennekuk County Park through December 31 - Holiday Lights, Bunker Hill Historic Area, 5-8PM. For more info, call 217-442-1691.

Rossville Park Lit Every Night in December - 6-9PM

Open Roller Skating at Illini Skateland - "Family Night," 7-10PM. Admission \$7.25 +skate rental; if applicable, Family Rate: Up to 6 persons for \$29.95 (one adult must be present and all kids must be in your family). Laser tag also available.

Hockey: Dashers vs. Thousand Islands Privateers at Palmer Arena - Hockey 7-11PM. For more info, call 217-431-2424.

Sarge's Tap Karaoke - (409 E. Main, Danville) Karaoke, 8PM

Ike's Bar has Karaoke - (2526 Georgetown Rd., Danville) 8PM-Midnight

Uptown Tap has Karaoke - (625 N. Vermilion, Danville) DJ/Karaoke, 8PM-1AM

1st Annual Red Solo Cup Party at Turtle Run - (332 E Liberty Lane, Danville) You don't want to miss this! Just in time for the holidays, DJ Chuck Perkins will be back to help us spread some holiday cheer with our 1st annual Solo Cup Party, 8PM-2AM! The Big Banquet room will be open and the party will become legendary, so spread the word and mark your calendars!

Gino's Place at Days Hotel Presents "Magic Light & Sound Karaoke" - 8PM
Fatman's Warehouse Presents Mike & Kayla's Christmas Show & Robert's Last Weekend! -
(138½ N. Vermilion, Danville) 9PM-1AM

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011

Skate with Santa at Palmer Arena - 9AM-Noon

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Open Ice Skate at Palmer Arena - 1-4PM

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Liberty Independent Church Christmas Eve Service - (22035 Mill Rd., east of Georgetown) Service at 6PM and ends with candle lighting ceremony. All are welcome.

Bethel Lutheran Church Christmas Eve Service - (901 W. Fairchild, Danville) Candlelight worship service at 7PM. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve Service - (100 N. Franklin, Danville) Musical prelude beginning at 7PM; candlelight service at 7:30PM. All are welcome.

Central Christian Church Offers Two Services Christmas Eve, 7PM & 10PM - (1101 N. Vermilion, Danville) "Family friendly" service featuring Christmas Music, a special message for children, & a Christmas meditation, 7PM. The second service will also include Christmas music as well as readings focusing on the story of Jesus' birth, 10PM. Both services will have Communion & the traditional candlelight closing. All are welcome.

First United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Service - (1400 N. Vermilion St., Danville) Candlelight community service, 9PM. All are welcome.

Westville Church of Christ Christmas Eve Service - (15077 E. 1200 North Rd, Westville: one mile west of Rte. 1 on Main Street in Westville) Service at 10PM concluding with traditional candle lighting. All are welcome.

Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011 (Merry Christmas!)

Many Local Churches Have Christmas Morning Services - please check with the church you would like to attend for details.

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Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011

Bumper Cars on Ice at Palmer Arena - 10AM-Noon

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Open Roller Skating at Illini Skateland - 11AM-1PM, \$5.25 + skate rental. Laser tag also available.

"Cheap Ice Skate Day" at Palmer Arena - 1-3PM For more info, call 217-431-2424

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Hoopeston Chestnut Street Church of Christ New Year's Eve Get-Together - (709 E. Chestnut St., Hoopeston) Bring a sandwich/per person & a side dish, 6PM

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Hockey: Dashers vs. Danbury Whalers at Palmer Arena - Hockey, 5PM. For more info, call 217-431-2424.

Mustard's Last Stand New Year's Eve Gala - (Located on Rte. 150 1.5 mi. W. of Gilbert) Bring in the New Year dancing to TWO Bands: Rodman, Wait, Palmer & Hoaks AND Denny Palmer's Midnight Sounds, 7:30PM-12:30AM. Enjoy the newest Special Italian Dinner, & BYOB, \$27/person. Reservations at 217-477-1100.

Sleepy Creek Vineyards "Wine in the New Year!" & Last Chance to Laugh in 2011 - Stand-up comedians, a few short films, live music, snacks, and wine, of course, approx. 8:00PM-12:30AM.

Gao Grotto New Year's Eve Party - "GTO & the Glasspaks" band will play 9PM-1AM. Doors open at 8PM.

Sarge's Tap New Year's Eve Party - (409 E. Main, Danville) "90 Proof" Band will rock you into the New Year! Food, party favors, & champagne. Get your tickets now!

Danville Bar & Grill Hosts New Year's Eve "Highlight 'N Glow Party" with DJ Rockstar & Allen Lewis - RSVP online, \$8 cover, without RSVP \$15. Wear white or neon shirt and bring a highlighter. Glow sticks will be available and glow in the dark drinks, 9PM.

Rockin' Bash at Gino's Place at Days Inn - Year end and year out, The Danville Days Hotel & Conference Center and Gino's Place has been the place to be for NYE. Come join the party and ring in the 2012 at Gino's Place, 9PM. Call 217-443-6600 and ask for the NYE Package. Call soon, as packages go super fast! For \$158 (plus applicable tax) a couple, you get a sleeping room, free entrance to see two bands ("Mike & Kayla" and "Amended Return") performing simultaneously. Included in the package is dinner for two with entrée choices of Prime Rib or Salmon with Dill sauce as well as free breakfast in the morning after a night of partying. Bring in the New Year without a hassle and without a DUI; it's all under one roof!

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012 (Happy New Year!)

"First Sunday" Music at Sleepy Creek Vineyards - (Located 3.5 miles south of Oakwood) Winery open 10AM-6PM. Music featuring The Turinos from 1-3PM - A gifted father and son pair, Matt and Tom Turino have been playing music together for nearly two decades. They perform a wide variety of American music styles, including their original songs and arrangements of classic folk tunes. Local artists display & sell original works from Noon-4PM.

Gao Grotto New Year's Day Rib Cook - The Gao Grotto will be serving BBQ ribs, cole slaw, and bread & butter for \$7/person from 11AM-7PM or while supply lasts.

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

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