

## What's Happening in Vermilion County this Weekend

### Disclaimer:

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Good luck to Catlin/Jamaica's Salt Fork Storm High School Boys' Basketball Team playing in the Final Four – IHSA Class 1A State Semifinal this Friday (12:15PM vs. Lanark Eastland) at Carver Arena in Peoria and Saturday either in the Consolation game at 12:15PM or the Championship game at 1:45PM. Go Storm!

And, please support the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Men's National Basketball Tournament at Danville Area Community College's Mary Miller gymnasium by attending this coming week, March 16-20! Tournament website at [www.dacc.edu/njcaa](http://www.dacc.edu/njcaa).

Please feel free to share this information with others!

### **Friday, March 12, 2010**

**Sleepy Creek Vineyards** – Winery open 10AM-6PM. Artist [Jason Bentley](#) is featured in the Hayloft Art Gallery now through March 21 using charcoal, water colors and mixed media to portray people important to him. And it's time again – we are calling out to all artists and creative types for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Sow's Ear Challenge. The theme: Plastic containment devices. The challenge is open to anyone who wants to take used and discarded plastic bottles and other plastic containers headed to the landfill and re-fashion them into something artistic, beautiful and/or functional. All entries must be received between March 19-31. People's Choice Award winner receives \$100.

**Moose Lodge 1001 All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry** – (U.S. Route 150 at Interstate 74) Food served 5-7PM, \$6/person. "The Yesterday's" country band will play from 7:30-9:30PM. For more info, call 217-442-7339. Open to public.

**Great Lakes Jr. Hockey League Tournament (Thurs.-Sunday)** – Palmer Arena, 5PM & again at 8PM on Friday. \$8/day or \$25/weekend pass.

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry every Friday during Lent**– (310 Bryan Ave., Danville) 5:30-7:00PM. Carl Thompson & his crew will be fixing the best fish dinner you could get anywhere every Friday through March 26. Come on down to the Hall and enjoy an evening with your friends. The price is \$7/adults, \$3.50/kids. Open to public.

**Gao Grotto "Cheeseburgers at the Grotto"**– (2400 Denmark Road) 5:30-7:30PM. Cheeseburger, French fries, and baked beans for \$5. Public invited.

**American Legion Post 210 Dinner** – (1600 N. Jackson Street, Danville) Fish, hamburger or steak, 5:30-8:00PM, price varies according to choice. Public invited.

**East Central Illinois Community Action Agency 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner, "Sowing the Seeds of Change"** – social and dinner at 7PM at the Days Hotel with guest speaker Michael Hamilton. Tickets \$25/person. For more info, call 217-443-2761.

**New Kingdom Christian Church Presents Harvey Watkins & the Canton Spirituals** – Also featuring The Sacred Four of Indianapolis, 7PM at the Masonic Temple (109 W. North, Danville) Advance Tickets/\$20, At door/\$25. For more info, call 217-443-9186.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Jewell Whyte Post 728 Friday Night Dance** – (8 Pine Street, Danville) "Hired Hands" country band playing from 7-10PM, (finger food provided; sandwiches & pizza are sold at the bar). Price/\$5. Public invited.

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

**JJ's 610 Tap, "D-n-A Karaoke"** – (610 N. Vermilion, Danville) Karaoke every Friday night, 8PM-Midnight

**Fatman's Warehouse "90's Daughter" band** – 9PM-1AM

## **Saturday, March 13, 2010**

**Elks Lodge 147 Breakfast** – (505 E. Main, Danville) 7-11AM, \$6, every Saturday

**Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraising event, Bowl For Kids' Sake** –at Lincoln Lanes, Shift times: 9:00AM, 10:30AM, Noon, 1:30PM, & 3:00PM. There will be pizza, prizes, raffles and silent auction items donated by individuals and businesses. Organizations or individuals who wish to sponsor the event can call Rose or Brennon at Big Brothers Big Sisters, 217-446-6601. Teams of 5 individuals can sign up. We have chosen a western theme, so pull out those bandanas, boots and cowboy hats and join us.

**Annual "Garden Day" Workshop by the Vermilion County Unit of the University of Illinois Master Gardeners** – at Crossroads Christian Church (3613 N. Vermilion, Danville) Workshop 9AM-3PM (with registration beginning at 8AM) and vendor displays open to public from 1-3PM. Cost of workshop is \$14, Optional lunch is \$6. Call 217-442-8615 to pre-register or for more info.

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**Catfish and Pork Butt Dinner at the Allen Chapel AME Church** – (503 N. Jackson, Danville) Pork Butt sandwiches & potato chips/\$5; Catfish dinner with spaghetti & cole slaw/\$7, 10:30AM. Call 217-446-5133 for more info or for early bird orders.

**Open Ice Skating** – Palmer Arena, 11AM-2PM

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

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**Great Lakes Jr. Hockey League Tournament (Thurs.-Sunday)** – Palmer Arena, 4PM & 7PM on Saturday. \$8/day or \$25/weekend pass.

**Spaghetti Dinner at Oakwood United Methodist Church to benefit the OUMC Appalachia Service Project group** – 4-7PM at the church. For more info, call 217-354-4950

**Chicken Noodle Dinner at Ridge Farm Friends Church** – 4-7PM at the church.

**Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for the family of Heather Sue McMillan Mattern** – at Catlin Church of Christ (715 W. Vermilion, Danville) Celebration of Heather's life beginning at 5PM, Dinner beginning at 6PM. Heather was from the Westville area and recently lost her life in an auto accident. She left behind her husband and 2 small children, ages 8 mos. & 2 years, in Goshen, Indiana. Free-will donations will be accepted – all proceeds go to her children. For more info or to volunteer to help with the dinner, contact [jhirelan6@yahoo.com](mailto:jhirelan6@yahoo.com).

**Chicken & Noodle Dinner at Westville's Martin F. Vutrick Legion Post 51** – donation is \$7, 5:00-6:30PM.

**Bingo at Holy Family School** – (502 E. Main St., Danville) 5:30PM. Proceeds benefit the school – call 217-431-5108 for more info.

**Gao Grotto St. Patrick's Day Party** – (2400 Denmark Road) Corned beef & cabbage, ham, & potatoes. Dinner served from 6-8PM. Music from 9PM-Midnight by "90 Proof" band. Dinner & dance/\$20 per couple and dance only/\$5 a person. Public invited.

**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 "Tribute to John Denver" with Steve Rodman singing, Alan Wait on bass guitar, and Dave Schroeder on piano, \$17/person. Call 217-477-1100 for reservations.

**Sleepy Creek Vineyards** – [Lehto & Wright](#), Celtic folk rock at its best, this duo performs traditional and contemporary folk music with an eclectic twist. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us, 7PM, \$12/person.

**Westville Fire Dept Auxiliary Presents their 6th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance** – 7PM at the Westville American Legion. Music by Bub's Karaoke. \$6/Single, \$10/Couples. Cash Bar, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle.

**Knights of Columbus hosting the Blair Carmen Band** – (310 Bryan Ave., Danville) Rockabilly/Country/Gospel, 7-10PM. Tickets \$9 in advance or \$10 at the door or reserve a table of 8 for \$65. Call 217-799-4351 for more info or visit [www.blaircarmenband.com](http://www.blaircarmenband.com). This event is open to the public.

**Danville Symphony Orchestra presents "Jeremy Swerling & Margaret Jones Perform the Classics"** – Join Maestro Swerling and Concertmaster Margaret Jones for an unforgettable concert of heart pounding classics, 7:30PM. The

emotional Tchaikovsky Fourth Symphony is paired with the gritty Ravel *Tzigane* and topped off with Saint-Saëns virtuosic *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso* for violin and orchestra.

**Gino's Place at Days Hotel, "Tons O Fun Band" rhythm and blues – 9PM-1AM**

**Elks Lodge St. Patrick's Day Party** – (505 E. Main St., Danville) There will be a DJ and food. Donation of \$5 to attend, 9PM-2AM. For more info, call 217-443-1883.

### **Sunday, March 14, 2010**

**Sleepy Creek Vineyards** – every Sunday from Noon-5PM 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, artist [Jason Bentley](#) is featured in the Hayloft Art Gallery now through March 21 using charcoal, water colors and mixed media to portray people important to him. And it's time again – we are calling out to all artists and creative types for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Sow's Ear Challenge. The theme: Plastic containment devices. The challenge is open to anyone who wants to take used and discarded plastic bottles and other plastic containers headed to the landfill and re-fashion them into something artistic, beautiful and/or functional. All entries must be received between March 19-31. People's Choice Award winner receives \$100.

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**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at Knights of Columbus** – we are having a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the Knights of Columbus (310 Bryan Ave., Danville) to Celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Doors will open at 4:30PM and serving will begin at 5:00PM. The price is \$8/adults and \$4/children. Bruce Oliver will provide the music. You can buy tickets early at the Columbus Club Lounge. You can also reserve a table for 6 to 8 people. This event is open to the public. For more info, call the K of C hall at 217-443-0032.

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

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