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Vermilion Advantage's Leadership Tomorrow's 34th class recently graduated.  
**Leadership Tomorrow graduates 34th class of new leaders**

Thursday, November 9th, 2023, was the last meeting and graduation of Vermilion Advantage's 34th Leadership Tomorrow Class!

Originally Leadership Danville, Leadership Tomorrow was created in 1986 to assist emerging community leaders preparing for leadership positions in local government and community affairs.

Community leaders stand up and face the complex issues of today's world while thoughtfully planning for future generations. Leadership Tomorrow has developed leaders in this pursuit for more than 30 years.

The class is facilitated by Annie Monyok, owner/operator of Monyok Leadership, and supported by

Nicole Van Hyfte, Director of the Chamber of Commerce at Vermilion Advantage.

Students must participate in five of the six classes from May through November, attend a day and half local retreat (including the Amazing Race Vermilion County), 80 hours of community service, 12 hours spent with their mentor (who they are paired with upon admittance to the class), and commit to joining one community, philanthropic, or social board, or commitment to run for public office upon graduation.

Class 34's graduating class members include Rosalee Ard, Kris Bell, Tasha Brown, Jackson Darby, Caylynn Dobbles, Tamera Forthenberry, Amber

**See LEADERSHIP on other side**

**Hoopeston, Rossville businesses know where Santa shops**

Where's Santa? Santa is here! Shopping local at all your favorite places!

Businesses in Hoopeston and Rossville are joining together for a Where's Santa promotion. Stop by any and all of the listed businesses to sign up for a drawing, which will be held December 21.

Gift cards and cash prizes will be given to 10 lucky shoppers.

Participating businesses include:

- Treasured Roots, Hoopeston
- The Raining Moon Salon, Hoopeston
- Hometown Homespun, Rossville
- Boxcar Books and Vinyl, Hoopeston
- Anna's Irish Teas & Gifts, Hoopeston
- Collection Affection Variety Store, Hoopeston
- Pink Poodle Unique Boutique, Hoopeston
- 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe, Hoopeston
- Stay Awhile, Hoopeston
- Rossville Family Restaurant, Rossville

**Briefly**

**At the library**

**Little's @ the Library**, 10:45 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other portable handcrafts are inviting to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

**Sign up today** for the free December adult craft. Make a hanger snowflake at 1:30p .m. Monday, Dec. 11. Call (217) 283-6711 or stop by 110 N. Fourth St.

**P.E.P. Party**

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m. Monday at 403 E. Main St. Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those who wish may bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is no cost. All are welcome.

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## Sports

### Boys Basketball

Hoopeston Area shooters were all held to single digits in a 75-31 loss to Prairie Central in the opening round of the Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Thanksgiving Tourney on November 21.

Wyatt Eisenmann led scoring with nine, followed by fellow senior Owen Root with seven. Dylan Judy contributed six. Cole Miller, Kendrick Sigerill and Trenton Montez contributed two, three and four, respectively. All three were 100 percent from the free throw line with two, one, and two.

Eisenmann led offensive rebounds with four, and had two defensive rebounds. Root led in defensive rebounds, with four.

Things were different Wednesday, when the Cornjerkers bested the Fisher Bunnies, 70-64 in the tourney's second night. Root was the top scorer with 20, followed by Eisenmann, Sigerill and Mason Rush, each with 14.

Rush was 2 of five from three point zone and Zach Huchel chipped in a three pointer.

After taking Thanksgiving off, the tourney was back in action Friday, where Hoopeston topped Armstrong-Potomac, 52-45.

Root led the Cornjerkers with 14 points and six rebs. Sigerill contributed 11 points and six rebounds and Rush was 11 on the night.

Eisenmann had eight points, followed by Judy with four. Montez and Parker Watson each had two. Montez also had a total of seven rebounds, four on offense and three on defense.

On Saturday, Hoopeston Area faced their hosts and

came up short, as Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley won, 53-43. The loss gave the Cornjerkers fourth place in the tournament.

Sigerill was HA's top scorer with 15 and six rebounds. Eisenmann was held to seven points but contributed five rebs. Montez contributed four points and

### Court Dispositions

November 8

**Jeremy Furrow**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for restriction for burying trash, default entered; status hearing December 13.

**Kayla R. Petty**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty at initial appearance to restraint of dogs byowner, fined \$180; status hearing December 13.

**Amanda J. Plonka**, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance; status hearing December 13.

**Damian H. Bane**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to battery, fined \$180; status hearing December 13.

### Leadership continued from other side

Hahn, Mariah Hanson, OJ Harrison, Tamra Hartman, Sadie Hofer, Autymne Huerta, Jodie Ingram, Kristin Kinney, Tammy Leigh, Brittney Morris, Karen Orrick, David Rand, Connor Taylor, Kylee Turner, Christina Turner, Danielle Turner, Faith Wright, and Brenda Adams.

Mentors for the class are Kim Spangler, Judge Mark Goodwin, Peter Blackmon, Jonathan Munoz, Tricia Teague, Karen Schildt, Deanna Witzel, Abby Thompson, Keith Souza, Tara Wright, Carly Harby, Terri Cummings, Carly Goodwin, Brandy Seabaugh, Nicole Dowling, Jacqueline Lacy, Katie Osterbur, Tyler Rodeffer, Auston Surprenant, Cristin O'Shaughnessy, Pete Goodwin, Tonya Hill, Mia Harrier, and Lisa Goodner.

Recruitment for Class 35 will start in February 2024.

### Weather

Sunny today. High 27. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 17. Tomorrow, sunny. High 41, low 27.

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six rebounds.

The Cornjerkers are 2-2 overall on the season and 0-0 in the VVC. The team was scheduled to host Judah Christian Monday evening.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Kitchen help needed at Fast Lanes. Some weekends. Apply in person at 719 W. Elm. No phone calls.

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring for 2<sup>nd</sup> Production Machine Operators, \$18/hour. Apply at [www.full-fill.com](http://www.full-fill.com) Applications available onsite. EOE

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