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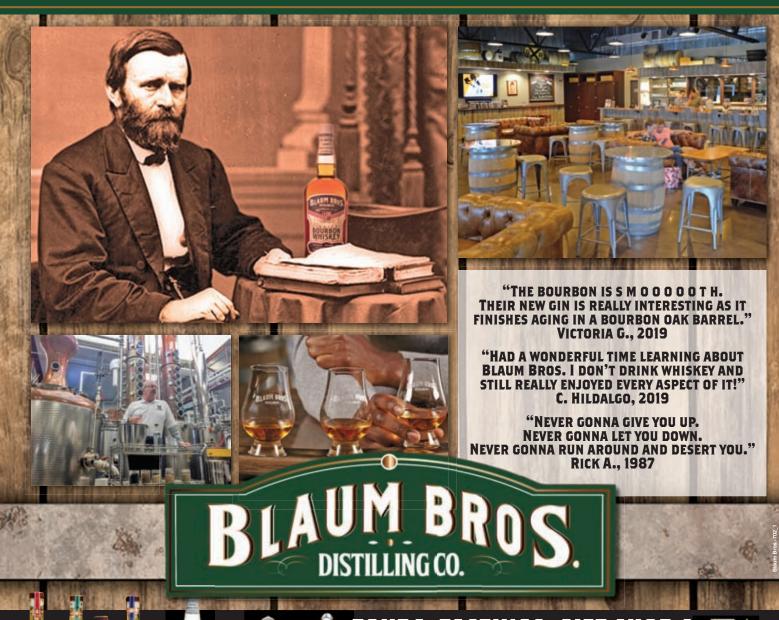
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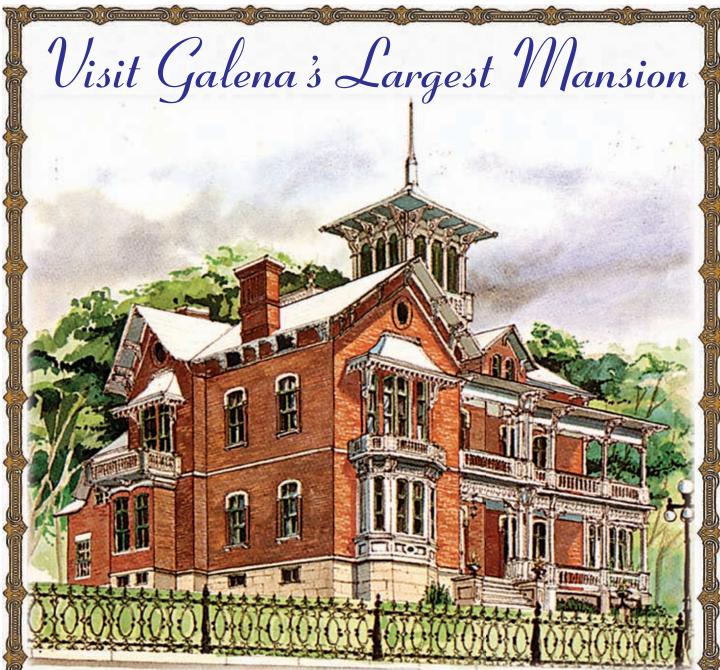


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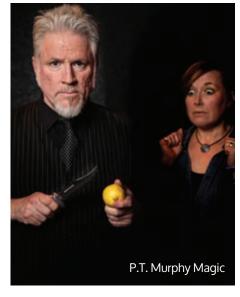
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All About a Ghost Tour

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Original Goat Yoga

7306 US 20, Galena, 563-663-6945, galenagoatyoga.com. Part yoga, part animal-assisted therapy, all fun. Goat Yoga focuses on disconnecting from stress and finding happiness. During class, which takes place in a climate-controlled barn, goats may hop on your back during a pose or snuggle next to you on your mat. The experience is perfect for private events like bachelorette parties and team building.

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304 S Main St, Galena, 815-990-7203, hauntedgalenatourcompany.com. The Haunted Galena Tour Company offers participants a glimpse into the past. The tour covers most of Main Street, starting at Haunted Galena's companion store, A Darkness Lovely, and wrapping up at the DeSoto House Hotel, with many haunted spots along the way. The old jail, the Dowling House and the Old Market House are just some of the stops on this 90-minute walking tour.

Hoof It Galena Goat Treks

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walking with goats through native prairies and forest. Lace up your shoes and get ready to hoof it! All guides, a.k.a. trekkers, have an inherent knowledge of the land and the animals. They have grown up on the property, raised their families there and are excited to share it with you.

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DeSoto House Hotel, 230 S Main St, Galena, 815-777-9129. Join General Grant, portrayed by Bob Buman, for a one-hour walk down Galena's historic Main Street. Tours are conducted every Saturday at 10 am and 12 pm, May through October. Pet-friendly and runs rain or shine.

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Long Hollow introduces

NEW CHALLENGE COURSE



Experience the rolling hills and unique wildlife of Tapley Woods on the new high ropes challenge course at Long Hollow Canopy Tours

by Julia Lieb

In June 2016, Dubuque, Iowa, native Mackenzie Arthur opened Long Hollow Canopy Tours. She wanted to create an activity in Galena where people could get outside and appreciate the natural beauty of the Driftless Area.

"I opened Long Hollow because there was nothing around in this area like this. It's a great way to get out and enjoy the outdoors," Arthur said of her canopy tours business located at 3247 West Longhollow Road in Galena. "This area is gorgeous. It looks like the foothills of mountains in North Carolina and Virginia."

Embark on a 2.5-hour, completely guided zipline tour, where well-trained guides take groups of up to eight into the canopy of Tapley Woods. Reach

Long Hollow Canopy Tours

3247 W Longhollow Road, Galena, 815-281-2853, longhollowcanopytours.com

heights of 75 feet and speeds of 40 mph gliding through the trees on six ziplines that range from 190 feet to 1,250 feet in length. Participants can even rappel off a platform 40 feet in the air, cross a sky bridge and do a quick jump.

Every tour group is given an orientation on safety and braking before beginning on the first zipline. Each participant wears a waist and shoulder harness with lanyards that are attached to steel cables in two different





places at all times. For the zipline, participants must weigh between 70-27 0 pounds and be at least 10 years of age.

Arthur said it is fun to watch people conquer their fear of heights by completing the zipline tour. She has also enjoyed watching participants make friends with their group members during the tour.

"Everyone begins as strangers at the beginning of the tour and end up as friends by the end, exchanging phone numbers and later hanging out," she said.

New this year, Long Hollow Canopy Tours is opening a high ropes challenge course to highlight the rolling hills and unique wildlife of this area. The course includes many classic challenge obstacles like a cargo net climb, a tightrope walk and a wooden bridge jump.

For the challenge course, participants can choose from two different levels of obstacles depending on their level of comfort. The course features three portions separated by treehouse platforms. From these platforms, participants can continue on the normal level, or continue to a higher, more challenging obstacle.

Participants must weigh between 70-270 pounds and be at least 10 years of age for the challenge course.

Arthur said the tours provide an excuse for people to disconnect from their phones and get in touch with nature.

"Occasionally, families that come on the tour will ban their children from bringing their phones on the course so that they can spend quality time together and really enjoy the scenery," Arthur said.

Because the zipline and the challenge courses sit on different parts of Longhollow's property, there is a diverse population to be found along each course.

Surrounding the zipline, there are red oak, white oak and walnut trees, while along the challenge course, there are maple, shagbark hickory and cottonwood trees. Catch sight of deer, bobcats and turkeys scampering among both courses.

"I love being outdoors and being around happy people that are really enthusiastic about what we have to offer," Arthur said. "I can't wait to take people on the challenge course this year."

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Annual FESTIVALS



Early October

Galena Oktoberfest 9 am-10 pm, Depot Park, Galena. Galena's annual Oktoberfest honors German heritage and is full of family fun, food, live music, wiener dog racing and barrels of beer! For more information and event registration,

visit galenalions.org/galena-oktoberfestschedule.asp. This event is cancelled for 2020.

Columbus Day Weekend

Galena Country Fair

10 am-5 pm, Grant Park, Galena.

More than 150 vendors spread across scenic Grant Park at one of Galena's most popular getaway weekends. There are arts, crafts, live music and games, as well as delectable fair food. Be sure to check out the wine garden and bake shop! Free parking and shuttles available. This event is canncelled for 2020.

Last Saturday in October

Halloween Parade & Festival 6:30-10:30 pm, Main St., Galena.

Featuring crazy costumes, food, and the longest parade in the area, for more than four decades, this parade is always a hit with both children and adults. There's free entry and guaranteed spooky fun. Visit galenachamber.com. This event is cancelled for 2020.







Mid-November

Nouveau Weekend

Galena Cellars Vineyard and Winery, Galena.

A weekend celebrating Galena Cellars' newly released Noveau wine. Area businesses offer food and entertainment in downtown Galena. Galena Cellars Vineyard will also be open for tours and tastings. Visit nouveauweekend.com for more information



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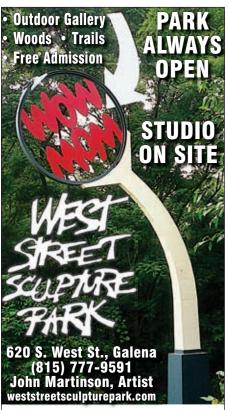


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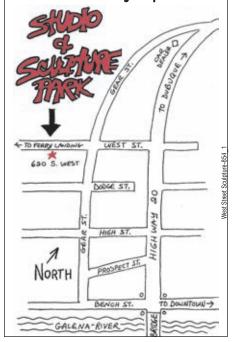
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Second Saturday in December

Luminaria and Living Windows 4-9 pm, Main St., Galena

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luminaries light up Grant Park and Main St. Stay warm and grab a bite to eat at a local restuarant downtown!

Late March

Wine Lovers Weekend



Turner Hall, Galena Galena Wine Lovers Weekend is one of Illinois' largest indoor tastings, boasting over 250 wines and fabu-

lous food. While the wine is the biggest draw, there are also history tours, shopping and spa experiences available. Check out the annual event for a weekend full of romance and good company.



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business



At Home in Galena owners, Bill and Patti Murphy, launched Finley Grace, a wickless soy candle business in 2009, as a way to raise funds for their granddaughter, Finley Grace, who has a rare and incurable genetic disorder. The business has taken off, and now Finley Grace products are sold across the country.

Tt's been 13 years since Bill and Patti Murphy began searching for a way to raise money for their now 15-year-old granddaughter's trust fund. Finley Grace was born with a rare and incurable genetic deficiency called Cri du Chat syndrome, or 5P minus for short. Their perfect business opportunity turned out to be in the form of a scented Wickless Soy Candle.

Launchin 2008, manu fre

Launching the business in 2008, the Murphys began manufacturing the air

fresheners in a room on the second floor of their store, At Home in Galena. Nearly 1500 highly scented Wickless Soy Candles can be poured

in one day. The small tins of soy wax "super saturated" with fragrance will cover 200 square

feet of space and give
off a delightful scent
for up to 15 weeks.
At any given time
there are 50-60
different fragrances
displayed on the first
floor of the store. The
Murphys also sell Finley
Grace products through

over 500 retail outlets mostly in the Midwest and have been able to network and market their



products for fundraisers all over the United States with customers who visit their Galena store.

That's a big part of how business has boomed. "We have the best fundraising program in the country." said Bill, noting a group

of 100 children in California made a \$5000 profit by selling our Wickless Soy Candles.

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Soy Candles – All Natural Soaps, Body Butters and Lotions. They have created unique new candles that are a blend of soy and beeswax and are available in over 50 fragrances in a variety of containers. Stop in to see their recent introduction of

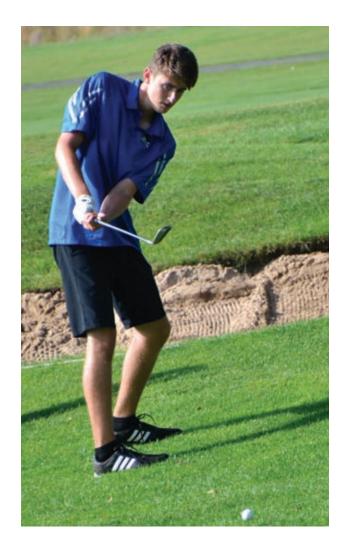
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Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, The General

The General, the crown jewel of Eagle Ridge, is a 6,820-yard, par 72 designed by Roger Packard and two-time United States Open champion Andy North. When it opened in 1997, it was voted one of the top 10 new golf courses to in the country. The course features many elevated tees, undulating greens and tremendous views. All of the fairways are bent grass and the course sits atop the Galena Territory. 109 Eagle Ridge Dr, Galena, 815-777-4525, eagleridge.com

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, East Course

The par 34, 2,648-yard, East Course is a nine-hole course that places a premium on accuracy off the tee with tight landing areas. If you can keep it in play, you will have the ability to shoot some low numbers. There are three different par threes with only one par five. Its size and length make it a great course to play after a morning nine or to just tighten up your short game play. 100 E Point Dr, Galena, 815-777-5200, eagleridge.com

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, North Course

Opening in 1977, the par 72, 6,875-yard North Course is the oldest, and most-storied course at Eagle Ridge. It features elevated tees, great views, undulating greens and a driving range. 400 Eagle Ridge Dr, Galena, 815-777-2500, eagleridge.com

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, South Course

The par 72, 6,762-yard, South Course will put your driving accuracy

to the test. The course is cut out of a heavily wooded valley and has numerous tight landing areas. There is a creek that comes into play on 11 of the 18 holes. In 1996, the course was voted one of the top 75 upscale courses in the country. The South may be shorter than the other 18-hole courses on site, but it is still considered the most difficult course. 10 Clubhouse Dr, Galena, 815-777-2280, eagleridge.com

Galena Golf Club

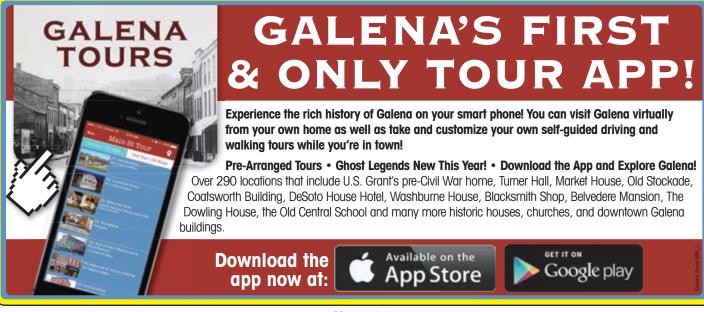
The par 71, 6,623-yard, Galena Golf Club includes two distinctly different nines, testing even the best golfers. The front nine, built in 1927 and remodeled 10 years ago, is a par 35 that is more compact, and puts more emphasis on scoring with the ability to shoot low numbers. The back nine, built in 1994, is over 500 yards longer and puts a lot of emphasis on being able to keep the ball in play. Big numbers are very possible! 11557 US 20 W, Galena, 815-777-3599, galenagolfclub.org

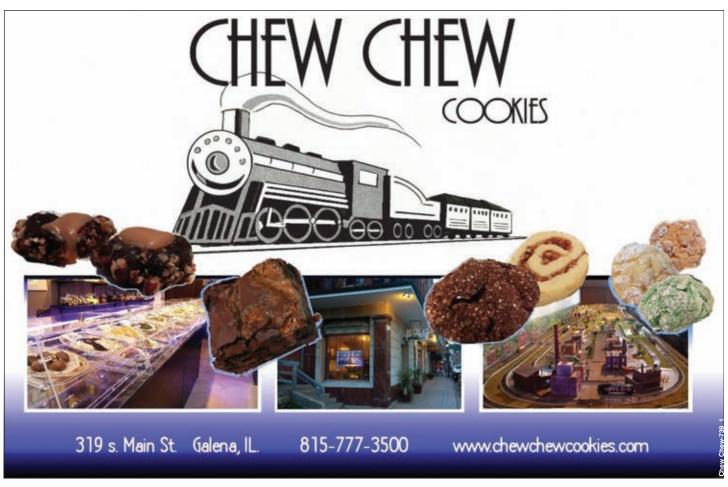
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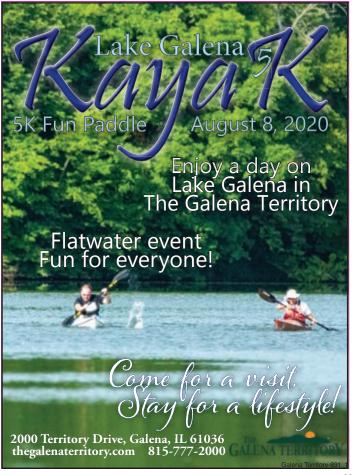
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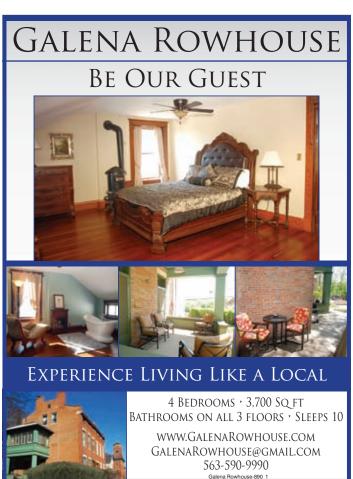












Get ready to HOOFIT!





Family shares love of land, animals on goat trekking adventures

by Hillary Dickerson

In the summer of 2019, Christina Eisbach and her teenage daughters, Sydney and Sami Rury, opened Hoof It Goat Treks on their rural Galena property that's been in the family since the 1950s. It was Eisbach's grandfather's dream at that time to turn the property into a place others could enjoy.

John, Sr. would like what he sees today. Through the years the family has established gardens, a blueberry patch started in 1963, a pine forest planted in 1959 and now harvested for the on-site sawmill, and campground. Hoof It allows the Eisbach-Rury clan to share both the property and their love of animals with others.

Hoof It Goat Treks is located at 616 S Devils Ladder Road, Galena. And ever since opening day, Hoof It has been drawing adventurers who take a combination of five goats for a trek on one of two designated trails and then spend some time afterward playing with the social creatures that love attention as they go about their goat life, eating and climbing.

Open for business

Eisbach grew up with goats and her daughters love the animals, too. They thought goats might be a perfect draw for others to see firsthand what country life is like. So far their predictions have held true.

Visitors are enjoying spending time with the goats—Willow, Otis, Iris, Gracie and Buttercup.

There are treks scheduled each day, and those interested are encouraged to call ahead for a reservation.



Hoof It Goat Treks

616 S Devils Ladder Road, Galena 563-663-6944 hoofit-galena.com

Eisbach said that the goats draw visitors, but they often leave in awe of the beautiful surroundings they encounter on the property. The beauty and the cute animals mesh well.

For the treks, the goats are divided so that not all goats are out on the trails all day as the well-being of the goats is top priority.

The goats are leashed—one or two on each trek—and encouraged to follow along with treats like blueberries, apples, leaves and other items.

Sizes of trekking groups vary depending on the day, but numbers have climbed as high as 20, with everyone in the group having the chance to walk the goats. All ages—from very young children in strollers to elderly visitors—take part in the walks that last about an hour on one of two designated trails, one through the pine trees and the other through

the maple grove.

Visitors learn about the land and the family's story along the route. People ask questions and the conversation flows, Eisbach said.

The most popular question: "Do goats eat tin cans?" The answer, for those wondering, Eisbach laughed, is no.

After the trek, there's a chance for visitors to snap pictures, chase chickens, play with Angus the dog, and of course, spend as much time as they'd like with the goats.

For those who may not be able to walk the trails, or in case of inclement weather, there's a porch play option. The family home has a large wrap-around porch and yard that offers space to play with the goats.

Families have already taken advantage of that option, which offers much the same experience as heading out on a trail. Watching those who might not otherwise be able to participate find joy is especially meaningful to Eisbach and her daughters.

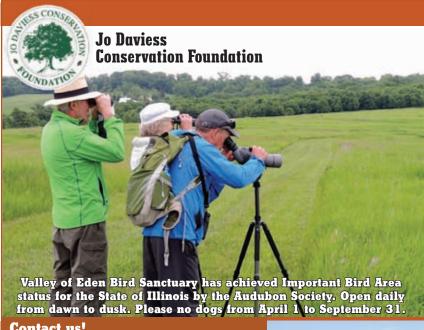
Having as many fun activities in this area as possible is a good thing, Eisbach believes.

"It's good for this area, this county, as a whole," she noted.

Go for a trek

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Galena Goat Yoga BAAMASTE!

Perfecting your tree pose while a goat cuddles up next to you is happiness

by Emma Eaton

After losing both parents to Alzheimer's disease and being downsized out of corporate America, Jenn Montgomery dreamed of a fresh start. During a family trip to Colorado, she took a goat yoga class, and the animals seemed to take away the grief and depression she was feeling. She realized how special goats were and wanted to bring calmness and contentedness to people back home in Galena.

"I knew that I wanted to do something that would make people feel good and have a lasting impression on their hearts," Montgomery said.

Jenn and husband Josh got right to work and purchased the historic Silver Linings Farm off U.S. 20 just east of Galena and began renovations in December 2018.

With her husband's support and craftsmanship skills, Galena Goat Yoga became a reality by April 2019.

Goat yoga may seem like the latest craze in novelty yoga, but the health benefits are real, said Montgomery. Animal-assisted therapy reduces stress and can increase longevity. Alone, yoga brings a mindfulness and calmness that produces cardiovascular benefits.

People gain a sense of peace and control over their lives. Adding goats to yoga puts minds even more at ease, as by nature goats

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are extremely carefree and kind-hearted.

"The goats enhance the experience because they are funny and full of love. They don't care what you look like, what you believe in, what you do for a living or where you are from," Montgomery said. "They just provide unconditional love and affection."

No prior yoga experience is necessary. Montgomery encourages participants to try as many poses as they feel comfortable with depending on what feels good for their bodies.

She does not get offended if people just sit on their mats and play with the goats, as she knows how cute and cuddly they are. Many yoga newcomers, especially men, are surprised about how nice yoga feels.

"I have a lot of reluctant people come through the door that are simply providing companionship to someone that wanted to attend class," Montgomery said. "It's usually those people that end up snuggling the goats and trying to get 'one more picture' before they leave."

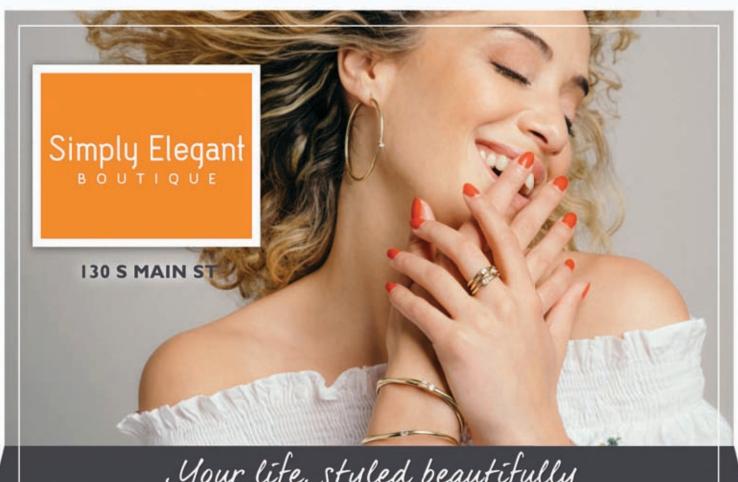
Montgomery keeps track of where visitors are from using a pin map. There have been visitors from all over, including New Zealand, Australia, Italy, Germany and states across the U.S., and she's grateful for the continued local support that Galenians provide.

"I have had hundreds of people through the door who are visiting Galena for the first time. It's so important to look at any experience people have in Galena as a reflection of our people and our community," said Montgomery.

The class consists of 45 minutes of yoga followed by "goat happy hour," which is the time for goat snuggles and photoshoots. People are welcome to bring their own yoga mat, or there are mat rentals for \$5. All goat yoga sessions are held inside the newly-renovated barn, so participants will stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

"I tell people before the class starts not to leave until their heart feels good, and as I stand at the front of class and watch people laugh, giggle and smile, I feel so good knowing the experience is bringing joy to them," Montgomery said.

Galena Goat Yoga welcomes groups for reunions, bachelorette and birthday parties, team bonding, corporate wellness, as well as yoga newcomers. For information, visit galenagoatyoga.com



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CENTER ARTS

Janet Zehr shares her five years of experience installing artwork at Galena Center for the Arts

by Julia Lieb

When Galena Center for the Arts opened in 2013, local fiber artist Janet Zehr donated artwork for the first art show. But it wasn't until she retired to Galena the following year that she first volunteered at the center.

"At that time, I told myself that I'm retired and that I don't want a job. But, somehow Carole roped me into helping set up exhibits at the center," Zehr said. "I already knew a lot of the (volunteers), so that was nice."

Along with two other volunteers, Carole Sullivan, executive director of Galena Center for the Arts, enlisted Zehr to help install and tear down art shows. Zehr also helped open and close and staff the gallery as needed.

Zehr loves figuring out how to arrange all of the artwork so that each is shown in the best way possible. She works with the other volunteers to see what works best by holding up the work and changing locations frequently until it all comes together.

"Pat (Lehnhardt) and I decide how to arrange the galleries and label it," Zehr said. "It's a lot of fun, but a lot of hard work."

"It's an intense couple of days when we set up," Sullivan added.



Zehr said one of the best parts about hanging artwork is, "that by the time you've hung everything up, you've seen and handled and thought about every piece. And you know what's there."

"There's a lot of holding and pointing and going, 'higher,' 'higher,'" Carole said. "When we finish, it always looks obvious that whatever artwork we've paired together was meant to be together."

Zehr's interest in art and delight in seeing the creativity of local artists motivates her to continue volunteering at the center.

"I love being a part of a venue that allows all types of art to be shown. It gives people an opportunity to show their work and to sell their work, so I like to support it," Zehr said. "Plus, I really enjoy what I do here."

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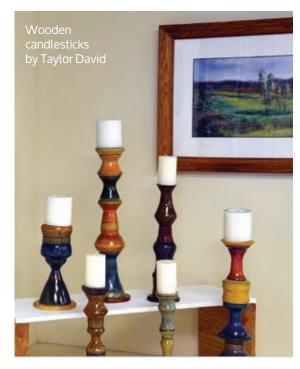
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For the past five years, the Galena Center for the Arts has been a focal point in the community, striving to elevate and celebrate regional arts and artists by offering high-quality art in an atmosphere and presentation expected of larger institutes and theaters. The not-for-profit organization has welcomed over 15,000 guests to the center and has shown the work of over 140 exhibiting artists since it opened in 2013.

By highlighting regional artists, alongside innovative and diverse programming, the Galena Center for the Arts strives to make the arts accessible to Jo Daviess County as well as showcase our best regional talent in a professional art setting.

The center features a special ex-

hibits gallery, a feature artists gallery, pop-up gallery and regional artists' gallery, with the work presented in those galleries changing on a regular basis. Opening receptions are held for the exhibits in the special exhibits gallery. There is also a two room viewing gallery showing The Alfie Mueller Historic Collection of Galena and Jo Daviess County photos.

The center has a variety of specialized classes and workshops, including yoga, embroidery and figure drawing. Many are led by professionals and are suitable for all ages and levels. The center also hosts theatrical productions, table readings, film viewing opportunities, educational presentations and music events, many of them featuring the talents of local residents.



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TED WILLIAMS

finds his love for theater

It's never too late to try something totally new, and local actor Ted Williams is a perfect example

by Emma Eaton

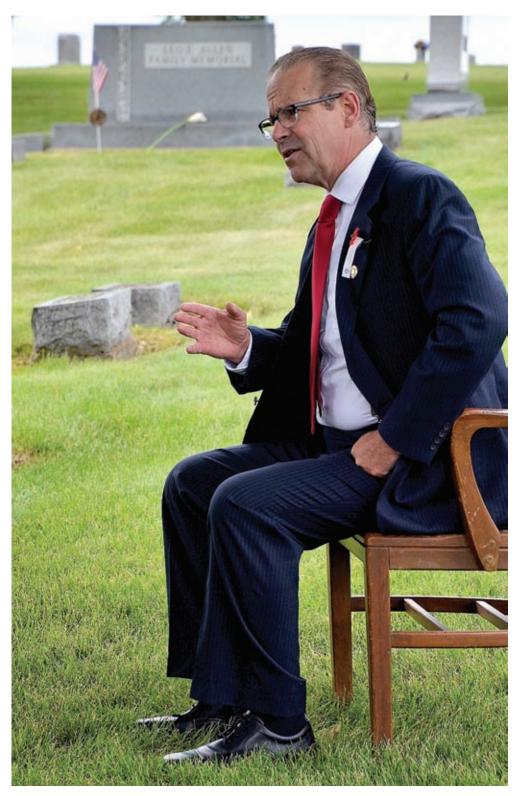
Ted Williams had never performed, directed, produced or written until his 30s but has become well-known in Galena for his extensive skill set. Williams currently runs The Haunted Galena Tour Company.

The Rockford native moved to Chicago after college to work with computers. He wanted to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city and ended up in Galena due to its artsy, community atmosphere. Galena is where Williams found his deep love for theater 20 years ago. He was convinced to join what was then the Galena Art Theater and scored a lead role in the production "See How They Run." There was only one problem—Williams had severe stage fright.

"It made me really mad because it was the kind of thing that held me back previously. I wanted to overcome it," Williams said.

The production went well, and Williams underwent a transformative period of his life. He went from working in an office with computers to making his directorial and compositional debut in "Laura," another community theater production. In the early 2000s, Williams co-created Galena's first ghost tour company, Annie Wiggins, with friend Wendy Heiken.

As Williams' son, Ian, grew older, Williams stepped away from Annie Wiggins to spend more time with



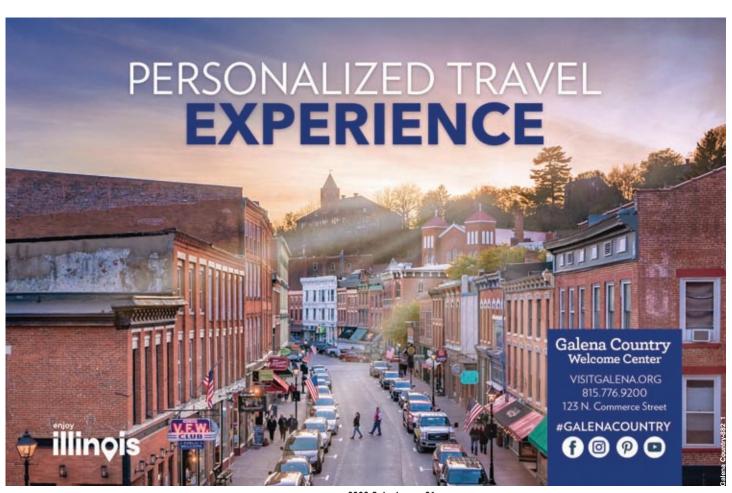


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family. After a brief hiatus, Williams and wife Robyn Davis combined their love of Galena history and storytelling and created The Haunted Galena Tour Company, which has a five-star rating on TripAdvisor. The couple has also recently opened a store, A Darkness Lovely, on Main Street.

Williams defines himself as a writer. It's his passion, and he enjoys writing scripts with the help of his wife. His writing style is self-described as thoroughly researched, historical topics with a modern twist.

He wrote "Will O' the Wisp" in 2015 and performed it as a one man Halloween show. The production incorporated Galena history and took place in the barrel room of Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. Also in 2015, Williams acted in "Peace in Union," which benefited the Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society. It was the largest show he has ever done.

He has participated in the historical society's annual Cemetery Walk for over 15 years and loves staying connected to former Galenians that way. His favorite portrayals were of a dentist and a family of cholera victims.

In the fall of 2019, Williams wrote "She Remains: The Lady in Black Haunting," which was performed at the DeSoto House following the Halloween parade. He was especially proud of this production, as it had a larger cast and modern music.

"We didn't want to do a tired, old historic show," Williams said. "We combined alter-

native rock music with historic content in order to compel our audience and connect them emotionally."

He hopes for the opportunity to perform "She Remains" again this fall because it sold out rather quickly, and he wants the locals to see it. Williams and Davis are also writing a musical, as well as coming up with new ghost tour concepts.

As a director, Williams enjoys being part of a collaborative and creative community and wants people to come into their roles organically. He takes criticism very well and thinks it is important for actors to lose their ego and take advice; this is where lasting bonds emerge.

He urges performers not to take criticism too personally, as there is always something to learn.

"We end up with a better product when we work as a group. I'm not one to sit there and tell actors what to do every step of the way," Williams said.

Looking toward the future, he wants to see improvement in both himself and the theater community in Galena.

Williams' biggest challenge is performing roles that he wrote; it takes him longer to memorize, get off-book and get into character. Williams also hopes for a resurgence in open-audition theater.

"I would like to see more open-audition community theater," Williams said. "There may be some people out there like I was, just waiting for an opportunity."











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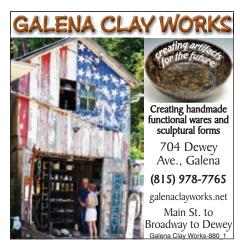
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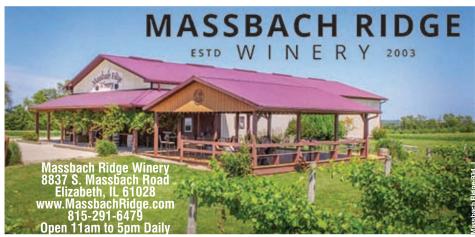
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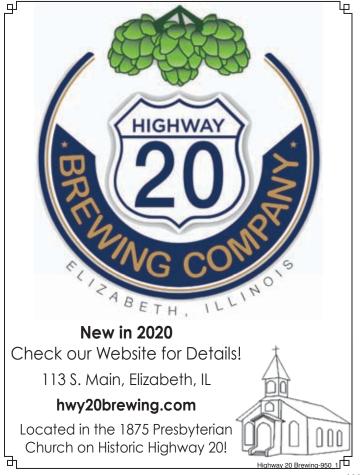
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Originally from Chicago, brewers and business owners Karen and Brian Staron fell in love with Jo Daviess County and moved here permanently after visiting often for 20 years. Previously, the couple experimented with winemaking from home and later became homebrewers.

"I don't like to wait very long for things. I couldn't wait for wine to age, so we flipped and started making beer," Brian said.

With dreams of opening their first brewery, Karen and Brian Staron purchased the old Presbyterian Church building that was built in 1875 along the U.S. Highway 20 in Elizabeth,

and it speaks to everyone in the area; whether they attended services there, got married, visited the antique store, so I think

the stories people tell about it bring even more charm," Karen said.

The year-long renovation process went pretty smoothly, aside from having to customize the brewing equipment due to the basement's low ceilings. Thankfully, the local River Ridge High School football team helped carry the 400 pound tanks down to the basement. Karen and Brian said they were both completely satisfied when the project was finished.

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Massbach Ridge offers over 15 wines, which can be tasted and purchased in the tasting room and gift shop at the Vineyard, or at their tasting room location in downtown Galena.

Most popular wine: Massbach Stomp For more information, visit massbachridge.com.

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Just a short drive from downtown Galena, Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery is a great place for visitors to take in the scenic countryside while enjoying a 30-year tradition of family winemaking. Galena Cellars proudly offers over 40 award winning wines.

While at the vineyard, guests can tour the state-of-the-art facility and partake in a sensory program designed to assist you in fully experiencing the wine tasting with all of your senses. You will find many events going on at the vineyard, such as live music and art festivals.

Galena Cellars also has a downtown location and tasting room where visitors can taste and purchase Galena Cellars wine.

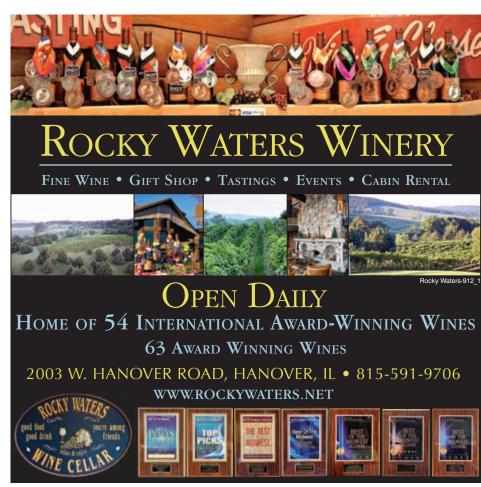
Most popular wine: Eric the Red For more information, visit galenacellars.com.

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coffee shop feel, with communal tables that encourage people to talk and get to know one another. Visitors can carry in their own food, as the couple wants to support other local businesses as well. There's an outdoor patio and live music featured mainly on weekends. The brewery highlights the tight-knit community that Elizabeth and surrounding areas have because it's very laid-back and kid-friendly.

With a variety of brews, there's something for everyone. Check out Highway 20 Brewing Company's Facebook page for more information about brews, live music updates and hours.

"My favorite part about this business is seeing people enjoying our product and being able to sit around and talk," Brian said.





Sibling duo Eric and Britt White took the reins of Galena Cellars Vineyard and Winery over a year ago, and so far the third generation has come in swinging with top accolades, new marketing techniques and some fresh, West Coast-inspired perspective

by Emma Eaton

Every day the team thinks of new ideas to implement. With guidance from their mother, accomplished winemaker Chris Lawlor-White, they are ready to tackle Galena Cellars on their own.

The Midwest provides freedom for winemakers. They can experiment more because they are not bound by the expectations of the California wine industry. A typical California winery has five to 10 different wines. Galena Cellars has around 50 wines available for release, which keeps them busy year-round. Eric refers to Illinois as the "wild, wild west" of wine country.

"It's a lot of fun to chat and come up with ideas. Sometimes we just brainstorm and come up with what eventually turn into our bestsellers," Britt said.

There were just 12 wineries in Illinois when Chris started 35 years ago; there are now 130. Galena Cellars has played a large role in the development of the Illinois wine industry. Chris said they truly are "playing the game" and competing with California wines. She can rest easy at night knowing she's done her job correctly.

"We are trying to make the Illinois wine



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industry known," Chris said. "(California winemakers) face the fact that we are making some really palatable wines."

Growing up with grapes

Eric and Britt's grandparents, Robert and Joyce Lawlor, who both passed away in 2017, started their family's wine business. They dreamt of creating a family winery and sent daughter Chris to Fresno State University in California to study enol-

ogy and viticulture. When Chris got married and had Eric and Britt, she wanted them to be interested in making wines; however, she also let them blaze their own trails. When each child turned 12, Chris gave them the opportunity to help create their own wines, Eric the Red and Britt White. The siblings came up with the concept, helped their mother and worked with an artist to design the labels. Both are still produced as Galena Cellars flagship wines, and their involvement marked the beginning of their hand in the family business.

In high school, Eric discovered that he wanted to follow his mother's footsteps and pursue winemaking. He took a chemistry class, found it really interesting and felt inspired by Chris' passion for her work. Chris' brother, Scott Lawlor, played a key role in the business until recently.

"After talking to my mom, I realized that chemistry is a huge part of winemaking," Eric said. "It's also agriculture because you grow the grapes, which is the background of my father (a dairy farmer) and then it's art because each winemaker can grow different grapes and make different wines."





Eric left the Midwest to pursue a degree in enology at California Polytechnic State University. From there, he worked internships before being offered a full-time position in the Napa Valley, where he climbed the ranks and built his resume before returning home to be Galena Cellars' winemaker and president.

Britt assumed a different role. While she was growing up, she loved to help people in the tasting room at the downtown Galena location, rather than work with the fruit itself. She remembers bottling wine with her brother and marvels at how their duties have changed since then.

Britt earned a degree in marketing from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. She wanted to stay involved with the wine industry, so she moved to California to study wine marketing and hospitality at Santa Rosa Junior College. It was interesting for her to see how the West Coast operated compared to the Midwest—much faster. She gained experience in the Sonoma Valley and moved back home to be Galena Cellars' brand ambassador.

Eric and Britt work perfectly as a sibling duo because Eric does the winemaking and Britt does the marketing. Oniqueh Giles, Eric's wife, is the icing on the cake with her background in winery back office work. Contrary to the rest of the family,

Oniqueh did not grow up around wine, but she started working at various wineries in college and gained experience with wine clubs.

What lies ahead

Oniqueh relaunched the Galena Cellars Wine Club, which has been a catalyst for recent expansion. The club has grown from 40 members to 1800 in the last year. Eric can experiment with wines in smaller batches because wine club members sign up for packages based on preference. The club has captivated a large Chicagoland crowd of loyal customers, which has increased attendance at annual events.

"We're able to sell wine to such a wide variety of clientele," Oniqueh said.

Galena Cellars has a unique business model where they keep distribution local. They control the wine all the way through until it reaches the customer, which allows them to share their family's story. The most rewarding feeling for them is seeing a product go from grape to glass and having that product create such lasting memories in the people who enjoy it.

"Sharing such a neat passion with the people I'm related to is so special to me," Britt said. "We were lucky to be as involved as we were growing up, and we're



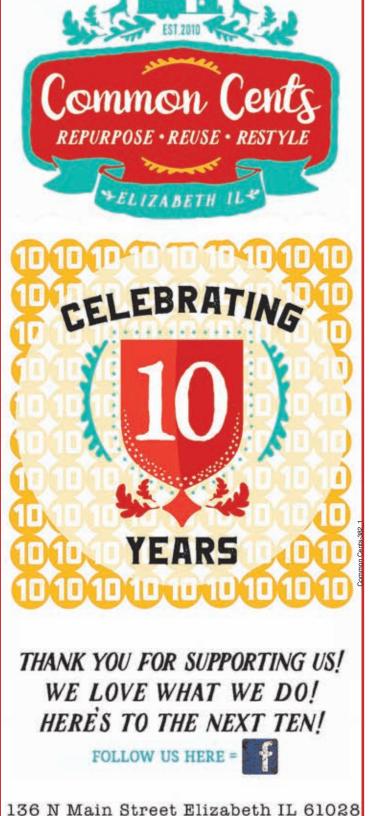
still learning as we go."

"We have a lot of aspirations," Eric added. "We're learning. Change is slow from generation to generation."





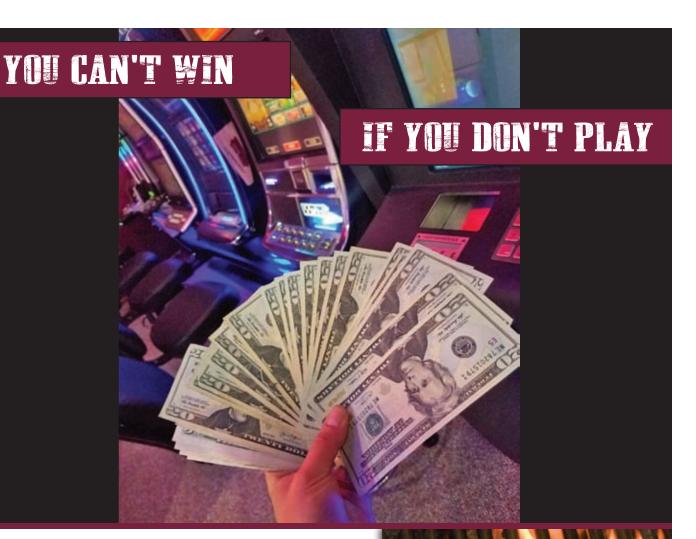




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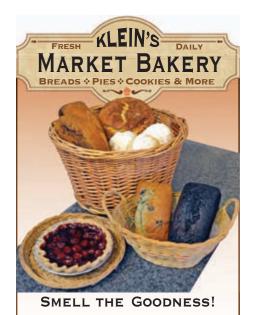
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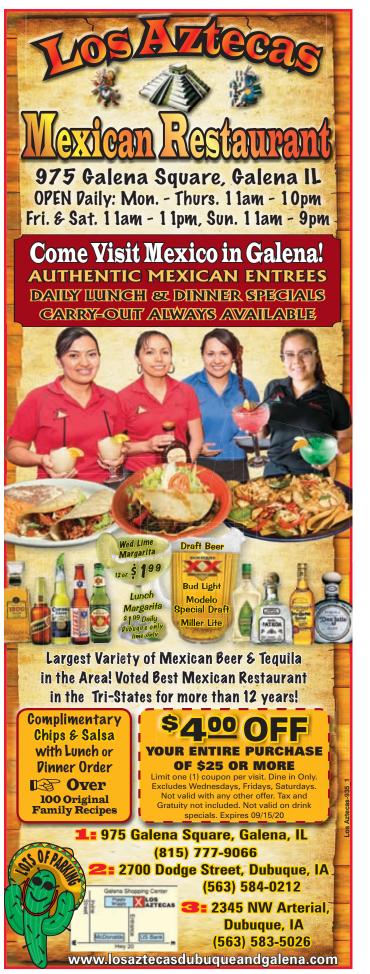
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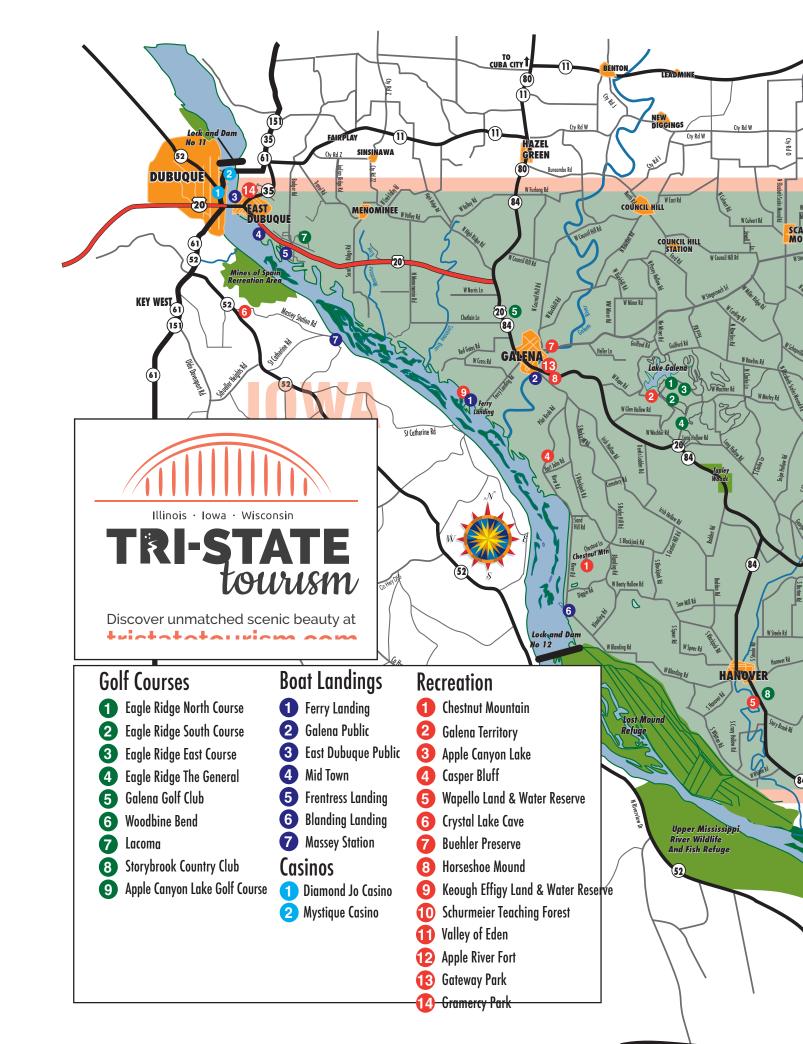


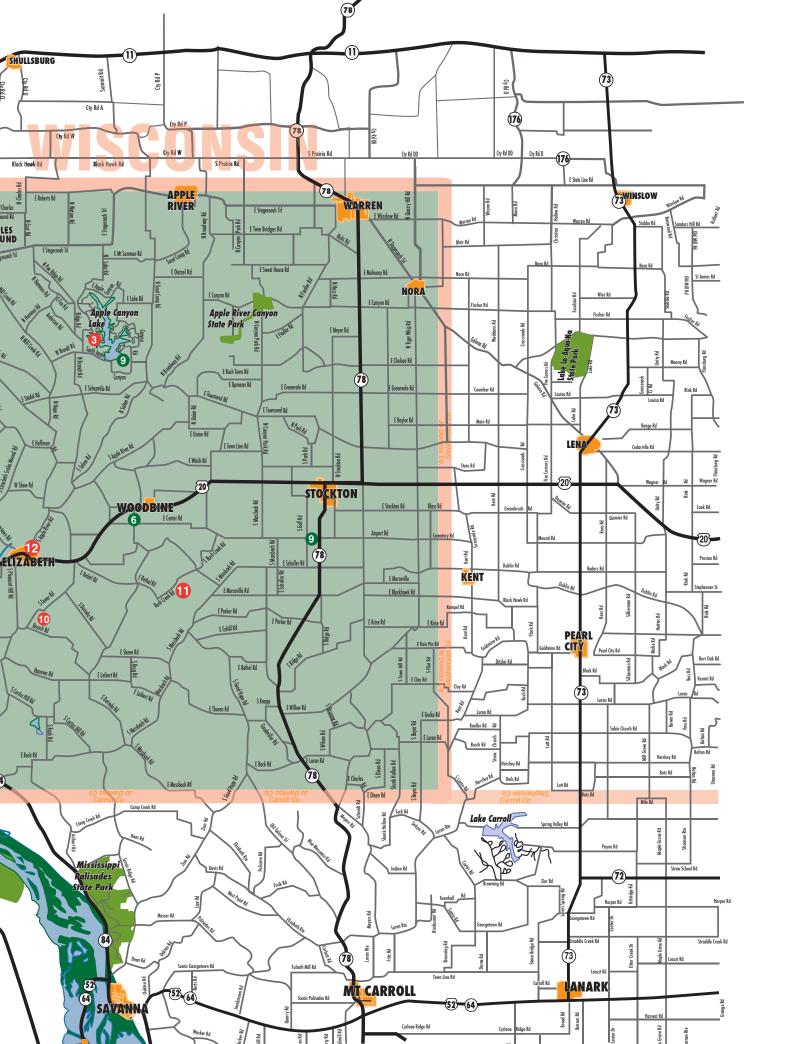
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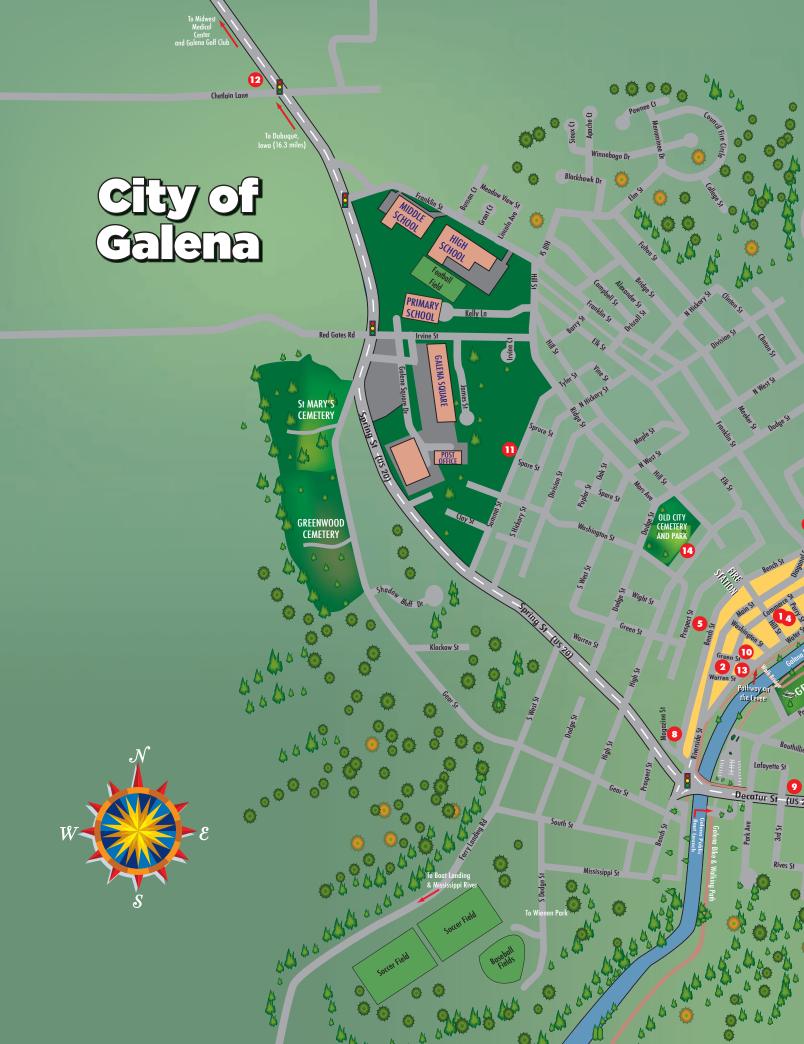
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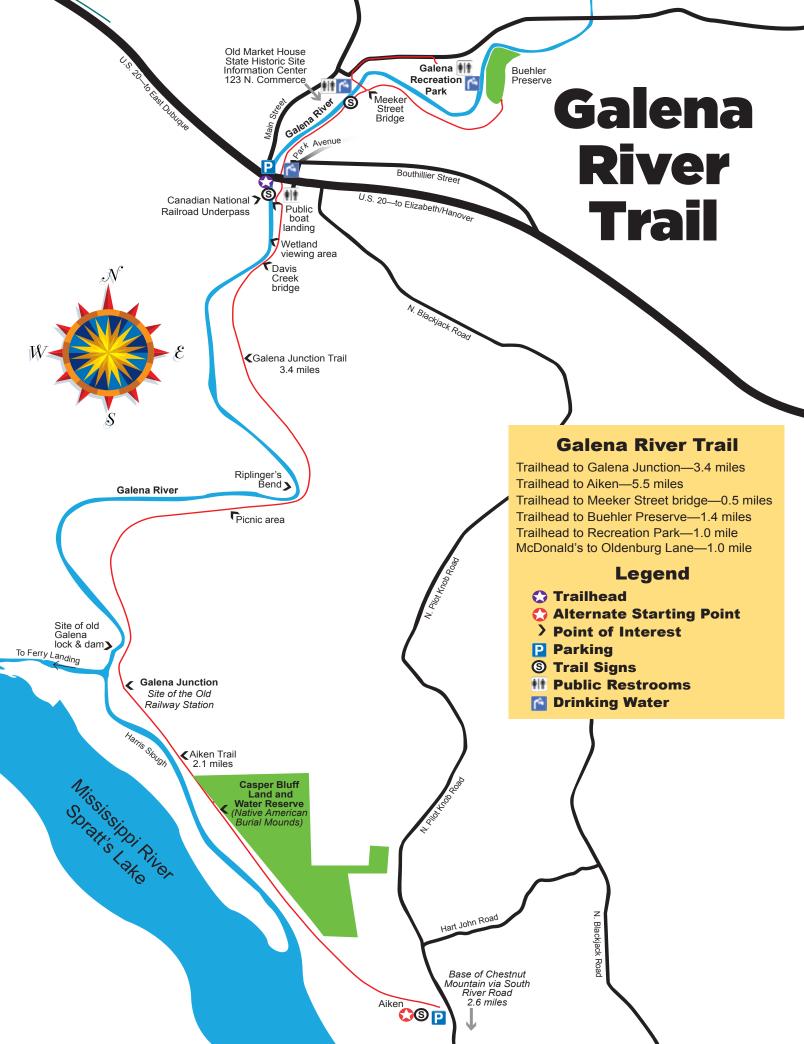














Biggest Tree Contest inspires locals to get outside and explore their properties, public parks and preserves to find the biggest trees in northwest Illinois

by Julia Lieb

Last year, Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) held the Biggest Tree Contest to find the biggest trees in northwest Illinois. The contest had over 120 entries representing 15 species of trees in Jo Daviess, Carroll and Stephenson counties. The largest tree of each species was awarded the biggest tree title. Many of the trees entered in the contest were found in local yards or farmsteads, public parks and preserves, and along roadways.

The contest was prompted by vari-

ous threats facing native tree species, preventing them from flourishing. Steve Barg, executive director of JDCF, said the absence of preserved fires has negatively impacted native trees. The trees have thereby become fire intolerant. Without fires, native trees species like oak hickory cannot be healthily maintained.

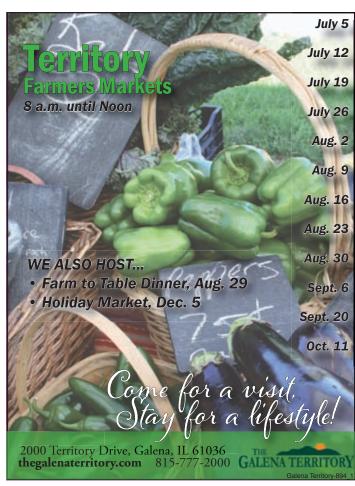
JDCF has been working to preserve a large amount of the oak hickory species. At Horseshoe Mound, a property owned by JDCF since 2014, local volunteers and the Galena Area Land Enthusiasts are working hard to remove invasive foreign species and open up the area to more native trees and shrubs.

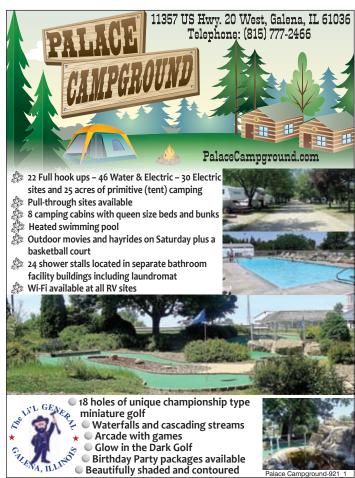
"They are working on Horseshoe Mound to return the oak hickory forest that will thrive there," said Barg of the two acres of land they are restoring on the north end of Horseshoe Mound.

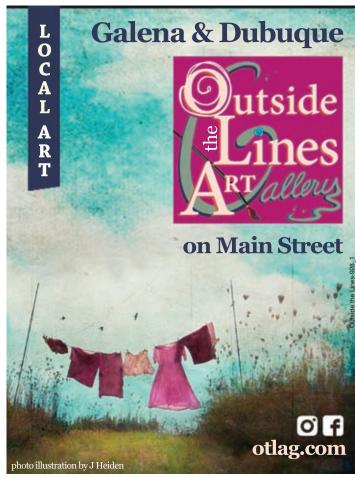
The two acres of land will open this summer, complete with a walking trail leading to a new outlook.

"That portion of land is just jaw-dropping beautiful," Barg said.















Located at the eastern gateway to Galena, Horseshoe Mound boasts 40 acres of hiking trails that extend throughout the property and offer panoramic views of the city of Galena, distant views of lowa, the Mississippi River, and several other geological mounds in Iowa and Wisconsin.

Horseshoe Mound features a wide array of native tree species, including burr oaks, bitternut hickories and shagbark hickories.

You can learn more about the fauna and flora of Horseshoe Mound on monthly tours around the property on the third Saturday of each month, June-September.

With the Biggest Tree Contest, Barg said JDCF wanted "to engage people in thinking about trees."

JDCF modeled its criteria for the contest after the Illinois Big Tree Registry guidelines.

"When we were first starting to think about how to do the contest, we looked at Illinois Big Tree Registry, and their guidelines were very complex. They required the height, the circumference and the average crown spread of big trees," said Jessica Hepker, JDCF education and outreach manager.

JDCF simplified the measuring process because it wanted the community to get outside and enjoy the beautiful trees in the area.

"We chose the single easiest criterion which was measuring the circumference of the tree at 4.5 feet tall," Barg said.

From May until October, JDCF volunteers Pam Johnson and Michele Brueggen Cahill drove to every entry site to measure the trees, take photos and collect anecdotes.

"A lot of these trees were on the back 40 of someone's property. We have a lot of hilarious stories about that. Michelle had to ride on the back of a tractor and hold on for dear life to make it to one of the big trees on a resident's property," Hepker said. "Another person said he was born at his family farm, a fifth generation farm, and that he had this tree that was hundreds of years old. He found a Buffalo nickel under the tree as a child, and now he's 80 years old."

A tree treasure map is in the works to

help visitors find the champion trees at JDCF sites. You can also discover more species of trees at Schurmeier Forest, a wondrous woodland and teaching forest. Schurmeier Forest was JDCF's first property. It was donated by Jerry and John Schurmeier in 1994.

The best time to visit the forest is May through June when there is an abundance of blooming woodland wildflowers. Find wildflowers like ferns, trillium and Jack-in-the-pulpit as you wander through the forest.

Schurmeier is a northern hardwood forest characterized by families of trees including beech, elm, olive, rose and walnut. This 52-acre property is a rugged hillside entirely wooded. Although the site was generally logged many years ago, the deeper ravines include some awe-inspiring old growth timber. Learn more about the native trees of Schurmeier with self-paced guidebooks provided for visitors at the site.

"The woodland wildflowers are spectacular and there are not a lot of invasive species, so it's pretty clean. (Schurmeier) is my favorite," Hepker said.





Soak in breathtaking sights and rich history at these Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation preserves

Casper Bluff

870 S Pilot Knob Road, Galena. Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve offers rich Native American history on its 100-acre site of prairies, savannas and effigy mounds. Breathtaking views of the Mississippi River, Iowa and Illinois can be seen from dawn until dusk at Casper Bluff. There are 51 burial mounds indicating that the area served as ceremonial grounds for the Late Woodland Indians. On the property, visitors will also find the last known intact Thunderbird Effigy Mound in the state.

Galena Gateway Park

9300 W Powder House Hill Road, Galena. Visit one of Illinois' most scenic views, overlooking downtown Galena and surrounding mounds. Galena Gateway Park, a partnership with the city of Galena, includes natural prairies with an alwayschanging population of wild flowers and woodlands. There are mowed and gravel paths for hiking, running, mountain biking, bird watching and picnicking.

Horseshoe Mound

1679 N Blackjack Road, Galena. Lo-

cated at the eastern gateway to the historic city of Galena, the 40-acre Horseshoe Mound features a central gathering area with a stone compass, viewing scopes, hiking trails and scenic outlooks with a 40-mile view including parts of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and the Mississippi River, making Horseshoe the perfect place to watch the sunset.

Wapello

8642 Ill 84 South, Hanover. Named after the original name of Hanover and the chief of the Fox Indians, Wapello is located just south of Hanover. Referred to as the "John Chapman Archaeological Site" by the National Register of Historic Places, Wapello was the meeting point of two Native American cultures, the northern Woodland and southern Mississippian Native American tribes. Walking trails, featuring effigy mounds and villages, are equipped with interpretive signage.

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Schurmeier Teaching Forest

147 E Reusch Road, Elizabeth. In memory of their parents, Jerry and Jon Schurmeier donated 52 acres of land to JDCF in 1994. With the help of the Northwest Illinois Forestry Association and a grant from the Illinois Council on Forestry Development, the Schurmeier Teaching Forest was created on the 11 westernmost acres of the property. Schurmeier is the only teaching forest in Illinois.



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West Street SCULPTURE PARK

Galenian John Martinson turns metal scraps into out-of-the-box sculptures

by Emma Eaton

It's amazing what one can turn into art. John Martinson, creator of the West Street Sculpture Park, constantly thinks out of the box and creates sculptures from scraps.

Founded in 1986, the West Street Sculpture Park is home to over a dozen welded steel sculptures spread across two acres. Visitors can take a self-guided tour along wooded paths to see 40-foot towers, humorous assemblages and contemplative pieces. The park, located at 620 S West St in Galena, is open year-round. Martinson can often be found working on his latest project in his on-site studio.

He and wife, Sara, have lived in Galena for over 40 years. After visiting for a weekend, they fell in love with the beauty of the town and its reputation as a hub for artists and creative thinkers.

However, creating sculptures was not always Martinson's passion. He used to paint, and later made jewelry. Growing up, his great-uncle painted landscapes, and this led Martinson to his lifelong love of art. He found his passion for sculpture while taking art classes at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Martinson describes his construction style as abstract. He enjoys working with materials some would label "junk," like old tools and farming implements. He deconstructs old motorcycles, and oftentimes people just stop by with cardboard boxes full of materials. Like many, he enjoys repurposing rather than simply discarding.

"It makes it interesting for me because I get different materials and combine them to actually do something that changes them a little bit; it's really









cool," Martinson said. "The stuff that nobody wants is good for art."

Some of Martinson's projects have taken him up to a year, while others take 15 minutes. It all depends on the size of the sculpture, as he has created both 40-foot towers and little signs. The pieces he creates for galleries and individuals are much smaller, but in the park he can really expand without size constraints.

"As long as it can stand up against the wind, it can go here," Martinson said.

Martinson currently has sculptures on display at the Outside the Lines Art Gallery, located in downtown Galena. He also recently showcased his sculpture "Blue Gong" at the Galena Center for the Arts. The piece was constructed from an old washing machine and rings like a gong when struck.

Martinson laughed and said he does not have a favorite sculpture. Referencing Picasso, he raised his hand denoting that art is like fingersone does not have a favorite finger.

He is working on various small sculptures consisting of tires and old scrap pieces. Martinson said he likes to plan and organize all the materials he is going to use before starting with an empty space and working his way up.

When visitors come to the park, Martinson wants them to appreciate the different kinds of materials he uses and the way they interact with the landscape. He also urges people to take a walk around the park for some exercise, even in the cold months.

His advice to aspiring artists: "Be flexible. It's always a good idea to have a versatile skill because things rarely go as planned. You never know where you may end up."

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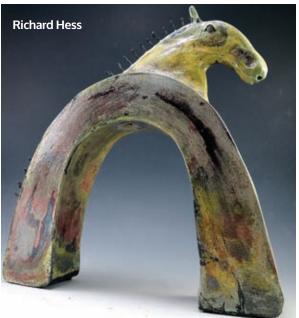
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Retired educator's book series is set in a historic one-room school in The Galena Territory, the location of a children's writing camp she hosts each summer as youth take a step back in time.

by Hillary Dickerson

Each summer, for just a few days, the historic Belden School in The Galena Territory comes alive with the sounds of children learning and playing at the Belden Boy Writing Camp for Children, a three-day summer day camp organized by Pattie Harte-Naus of the Belden Boy book series.

It has been held for the past several years with great success. Students can master the art of writing and illustrating their own hard-covered picture book as they sit at the desks in the 1859 school building and let their imaginations run wild. During breaks, the budding authors play stick ball and enjoy a picnic lunch by the nearby creek.

The camp, which is open to youth in third grade through high school, is a labor of love for Harte-Naus, who has used the Belden School as the setting for her four books in the Belden Boy series. A retired educator, Harte-Naus loves to watch the campers create.

Background

In the early 2000s, when Harte-Naus, who taught fourth and fifth grades for 34 years in Glen Ellyn, was working on her master's through Northern Illinois University, she needed a project and approached the greenspace committee at The Galena Territory, where she had a second home. Her options were to pull weeds or lead the effort to restore the former Belden School, a one-room schoolhouse tucked in the woods on Territory property.

Belden Boy Writing Camp for Children

Belden School, Galena Territory beldenboy.com for more information

The decision was simple: she accepted the schoolhouse challenge and met up with Bob Kleckner, a farmer from Stockton who had tons of information on the one-room schools that were once so common in Jo Daviess County.

Kleckner turned out to be a treasure chest of information. He entrusted Harte-Naus with two journals he had from Belden School, one from 1871 and another from 1923. The journals offered insight into the day-to-day operations, including the supplies that were purchased, the names of the students who attended and other great stories.

As Harte-Naus worked on the Belden project, she continued to teach literacy and social studies in Glen Ellyn, and found that the research she was doing and the information she was collecting fit in perfectly in her classroom.

As a child, Harte-Naus had loved the Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder. She also had personal stories of being bullied, and her own experiences as the head of a classroom of students.

Harte-Naus found her work on Belden meshed well as she created a model one-room schoolhouse for her graduate work and did presentations.

She also presented her work to the Galena Territory As-

sociation, which formed a committee to do fundraisers for the school and host reunions.

Writing the series

Then Harte-Naus decided to write her first book, "The Adventures of Peter McDugal." She saw the book as a way to honor the stories of the Belden School and address bullying in society today. Using the old journals, she wrote a mix of fiction and non-fiction. The proceeds from the first two years of book sales went to the Belden School committee for work on the building. The book was awarded the 2012 Country Schoolhouse of America Award and was a 2013 finalist for the Eric Hoffer Award.

For years, Harte-Naus said, she'd wanted to become an author, but like many, she had no idea where to start. She finally realized that combining her life experiences with the schoolhouse setting was her starting point.

"I can feel the feelings of the kids." said Harte-Naus.

Once Harte-Naus started, she couldn't stop. She wrote



"My Sometimes Pal," which won the CLIPPA Award, an honor she learned of while in the classroom, surrounded by the students who'd played such a role in the book's creation.

After that, it was "Backwoods Bully," written from the bully's perspective, and "Annie's Tale," about a girl who moved to the area from Minnesota and is being raised by her father and grandfather and brings an outsider's perspective to the school. Harte-Naus has another book in the works, "Canary Song," to add to her collection of works, which also includes "Lil Bob: A Journey of a Lost Pup."

The books are available in Galena at Outside the Lines gallery, Hello Galena! and Big Bill's Sandwich Shop. They can also be ordered at beldenboy.com.

Belden history

Belden School was built in 1859 at the center of Guilford Township in Jo Daviess County and was named after Thomas Belden, an early settler who served as a school trustee.

The third one-room schoolhouse to be built in the township, the stone structure had no electricity, running water or bathrooms until 1880 when two outhouses were built at a cost of \$17 each.

One teacher instructed all the students, and all grades were taught at the same time. The last classes were held in 1943 when consolidation of small districts occurred.

The Belden School is located off Heather-downs Lane in The Galena Territory.

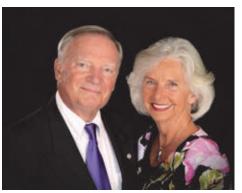
The Belden School Restoration Committee was formed in 2004 and raised funds and restored the building to how it appeared in 1936. On Sept. 5, 2009, Belden School celebrated its Sesquicentennial.

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BLAUM BROS. DISTILLING COMPANY

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Even before Prohibition officially ended on Dec. 3, 1933, there were plans for a distillery to open on Franklin Street in Galena.

The Jo Daviess County Distillery was incorporated for \$200,000 in January of 1934. It would engage in the distillation, bottling and sale of whiskey, gin and other spirits. The general attitude toward the new business was positive, as it would create around 25 jobs. The by-product from the malt was nutritious for the nearby cattle, which was an additional benefit. The distillery was opening in the former Citizens' Ice Co.

After five months of construction, operations began in May. There were three labels made for 101 proof rye whiskey called "Seven Generals" "Old Julien Dubuque" and "Old Sommers," after the chief distiller F.X. Sommers. The plant made 2,000 gallons of rye whiskey daily using 500 bushels of grain. The heavy grain usage was great for the local farm market.

The distillery grew rapidly, receiving expensive bulk orders and getting new machinery, and by the end of 1934, the business was ready for an expansion. According to an article in the Galena Daily Gazette on Nov. 23, 1934, the Jo Daviess County Distillery remodeled the Linenfelser building on South Main Street, believed to be the present day home of Galena Garlic Company, to be its bottling plant.



This new department employed 40 new people, a majority of them being women. The steady success continued to please the public.

However, sometime between 1937 and 1942, Jo Daviess County Distillery closed and lay empty. On May 25, 1943, Spring Valley Distillery representative Joseph Schiff, of Louisville, Ky., purchased the building. He wanted to begin operations as soon as possible in order to produce alcoholic products for the war effort. The machinery from the old plant remained, so it was just a matter of getting it back into working condition.

The manufacture of alcohol for government war use was the prime objective of reopening the plant, but Schiff planned to continue making distilled

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DISTILLERY TIMELINE

1933	Even before Prohibition officially endec on Dec 3, 1933, Jo Daviess County Distill- ery was in the works.
1934	Jo Daviess County Distillery, located or Franklin Street in Galena, was incorpo rated for \$200,000 in January 1934. The plant bottled and sold whiskey and gin among other spirits.
1937	After the craze of Prohibition faded, Jo Daviess Distillery closed sometime be- tween 1937 and 1942 and lay vacant.

Jo Daviess County Distillery was purchased by Joseph Schiff on May 25, 1943. He renamed the distillery Grant Hills and reopened it to produce alcoholic products for the war effort.

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On Jan. 2, 1945, Grant Hills was sold to Walter Schaub of Chicago, who reopened it under the name Grant Hills Distilling Co. Schaub's operation produced 1,000 gallons of whiskey daily.

Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. was founded in 2013 by brothers Matt and Mike Blaum. Located right along US 20 West, Blaum Bros. offers a special selection of whiskey, vodka and gin, all made from scratch.



spirits for public consumption after the war.

The new distillery, called Grant Hills, experimented with dehydrated potatoes that were left over from war supplies used to feed soldiers.

The first tests began in March 1944 and became the main source of spirits for the plant. Grant Hills Distillery, Inc. employed 15 people, with expected growth.

On January 4, 1945, the property was sold to Walter R. Schaub of Chicago. Schaub changed the name to Grant Hills Distilling Co., and hired P.F. McAlister as the chief distiller. Wheat, rye and barley were imported due to scarcity in the local market, but nevertheless, 1,000 gallons of whiskey were produced daily and shipped to Chicago for bottling.

Present day

Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. was founded in 2013 by brothers Matt and Mike Blaum. Right along US 20, visitors can schedule a tour or stop by to enjoy their selection of whiskey, vodka, gin and more.

Blaum Bros. selects grains both locally and internationally and controls the rest of the process from the milling, mashing, fermenting and distilling in a copper still.

Taking a leap of faith, the Blaums left their careers and decided to start a distillery in an unfamiliar town. They knew the move was risky but were confident they would find success.

"Galena's history definitely impacted our decision to open up here," Mike said.

REMODEL BUILDING FOR BOTTLING PLANT

The Jo Daviess Distillery is busy remodeling the Lienfelser building formerly occupied by the Jo Daviess County Emergency Kitchen. They will use this as a bottling plant. This will be ready for use within the next ten days.

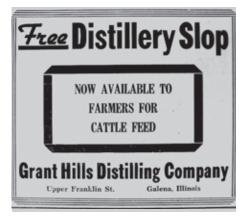
The expension of this concern's business in Galena is going on steadily and with the opening of this new department more people will be employed than formerly, which is certainly good for the city at this time and the future.

The Blaums learned about the previous distilleries and wanted to pay tribute, thus they modeled their Bourbon whiskey bottle label after the original Jo Daviess County Distillery Bourbon. The color scheme of red, white and blue is the same, as well as the fonts and layout.

The Blaums also pride themselves in staying true to the integrity of Galena. They make all their spirits from scratch using only local grains.

"A lot of craft distilleries today don't do it this way, and we wanted to do it the same way they did it here years ago," Matt said.

However, Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. is



still very different than previous Galena distilleries.

After Prohibition ended, people weren't concerned with the quality of the alcohol. The distilleries did not age products very long because they knew people would still purchase it.

"That's the difference between distilling back then and now. Back then, people didn't care about the craft and the taste," Matt said.

Now, in 2020, the Blaum brothers could not be happier with their distillery. They consider themselves lucky to have a family business and a sibling dynamic that works so well.

The Blaums have complete trust in one another and are excited to see what the future holds.

"It's nice to be able to start with a raw material and take it all the way through to a finished product. Not many people have the opportunity to do that," Mike said.

Galena SUFFRAGETTES

The Fight For Suffrage exhibit at the Galena & U.S. Grant Museum details the local women's voting rights movement

by Emma Eaton

Illinois was the first state east of the Mississippi River to grant women the right to vote for president, and Galena played a significant role in this accomplishment.

The Fight For Suffrage temporary exhibit at the Galena & U.S. Grant Museum details the movement for women's voting rights that occurred right here in Galena. Sarah Coates Harris, wife of steamboat captain Daniel Smith Harris, organized the 1869 Grand Woman Suffrage Convention in Galena, which both Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony attended.

Coates Harris maintained a strong relationship with Anthony, and she was a frequent guest to the Harris' mansion, presently called The Steamboat House on South Prospect Street.

In an 1869 letter to the Galena Gazette, Coates Harris wrote, "Thinking minds cannot fail to see good or evil, female suffrage now looms rapidly above the horizon, as the great question of the hour. Let us hear all we can, that we may choose the right side."

Almost 50 years later, the women of Galena were still fighting for suffrage. They posted signs, sent letters to the state government and wore the suffragette colors of purple, white and green.

Galena also boasted two women's clubs—Outlook and Fortnightly—led by N.G. Garlock and Helen M. Stryker, respectively. The clubs allowed women to discuss intellectual topics and enhance their civic involvement.

On May 22, 1918, the Galena Outlook Club wrote Grace Wilbur Trout, a prominent American suffragist.

The note said, "We wish to go on record as heartily favoring the passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment in the immediate future, as we feel the passage of the same is an essential war measure. We also wish to express our approval of the sup-



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port already given."

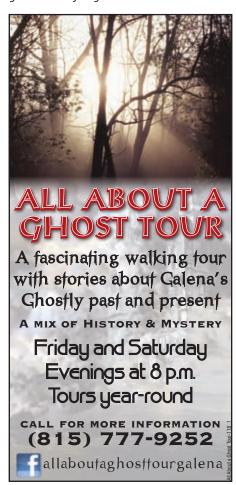
At the time, Trout was the president of both the Chicago Political Equality League and the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association. She was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, 45 miles from Galena, and moved to Chicago, thus she was familiar with northern Illinois. Galenian Bertha M. Stryker became one of nine state directors elected to the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association in 1912.

The decades-long battle was worth it on June 17, 1919, when Illinois ratified the 19th amendment. Years later, the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County was formed in 1981.

The Fight For Suffrage exhibit will be open through the end of 2020.

There are artifacts from the museum collection, such as early League of Women Voters materials and photographs. A timeline highlighting key voting rights laws is also featured.

Learn more about the Galena & U.S. Grant Museum and the historical society at galenahistory.org.





Spend time at a museum and learn all about historic Jo Daviess County and the surrounding Driftless Area

Galena & U.S. Grant Museum

211 S. Bench St, Galena, 815-777-9129, Galenahistory.org, 9 am to 4:30 pm daily. Step inside the Galena & U.S. Grant Museum in Galena to discover the history behind the area's lead mining, steamboating and commercial success during the Civil War era. Meet the spirit of Ulysses Grant in a hologram that welcomes guests into the museum. There are also true national treasures, like the "Peace in Union" and "General Grant on the Battlefield" paintings and the flag from the Vicksburg Siege.

The museum is located in an 1858 Italianate mansion built as a private residence by Galena merchant Daniel Barrows. It features over 6,000 square feet of exhibit space and presentations on lead mining in the northwest region, the Driftless Area, Grant's leather store and the Port of Galena. Souvenirs, gifts and books are available for purchase in the gift shop.

Old Blacksmith Shop

245 Commerce St, Galena, 815-777-1893, May through October. The Old Blacksmith Shop is a museum, but there are forges that operate and blacksmiths are on duty during the season.

Check out the well-stocked gift shop filled with things made by blacksmiths and also the local foundry. They do beautiful custom work as well. Come watch the sparks fly at the Old Blacksmith Shop. Open 10 am to 4 pm Friday through Monday.

U.S. Grant Home

500 Bouthillier St, Galena, 815-777-3310. The U.S. Grant Home was built in 1859-60. When Gen. Ulysses S. Grant returned to the city in 1865 as a Civil War hero, he was presented with the house.

Grant used the home as his official political and voting address, living there with his family during his 1868 presidential campaign, and then for a few brief periods during his presidency (1869-1877) and retirement. The restored U.S. Grant Home is a two-story brick structure, decorated and furnished to represent the mid-1860s, primarily with family heirlooms.

The site includes several small

mid-19th century homes comprising the three-block Grant Home Historic Neighborhood. Grant State Park, a tree-shaded area south of the Grant Home, has picnic tables for use. Also in the park is the Long House, a log building constructed in 1851 and moved to the site from Elizabeth in 1976, representing a typical settler's home of mid-19th-century Jo Daviess County. The house is not open Mondays or Tuesdays but is open every other day from 9 am to 4:45 pm.

Apple River Fort

311 E Myrtle St, Elizabeth, 815-858-2028, Appleriverfort.org. The Apple River Fort at 311 E. Myrtle St, Elizabeth, was the site of an important battle during the Black Hawk War. On June 24, 1832, the settlers of the fort turned back an attack by 200 Sauk and Fox warriors led by Black Hawk himself.

The war ceased the threat of Sauk and Fox Native American attacks in the area and opened the region to further settlement. Today, the fort has been reconstructed and is open for self-guided tours May through October until 5 pm.



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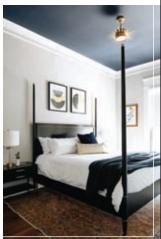
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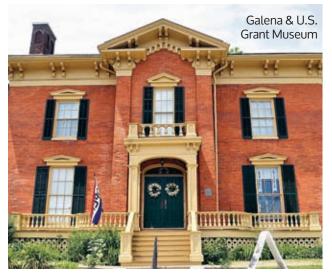
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111 E Myrtle St, Elizabeth, 815-858-2343, elizabethhistoricalsociety.com. Located in a former Chicago Great Western Railway station, the Chicago Great Western Railway Museum in Elizabeth focuses on the railroads of northwest Illinois. The museum houses thousands of railroad artifacts, and also gives visitors the opportunity to step into a full-size Milwaukee Road caboose.

The railway depot is open May through October on weekends from 11 am to 3 pm. $\,$

Elihu B. Washburne House

908 Third St, Galena, 815-777-3310. This handsome Greek revival home once belonged to Elihu Washburne and his family. Here lived a future mayor of Chicago, a friend to Abraham Lincoln and U.S. Grant and a U.S. Congressman whose efforts assisted in the Union success.

The Elihu Washburne House was constructed in 1843, three years after Washburne came to Galena and became a Whig lawyer. The home that was constructed at this time was one third of the size it is today.

On the eve of U.S. Grant's election in 1868, Grant went to Washburne's house to await the election results. At 1:30 am, the telegraph announcing the final election results came through, naming Grant the president of the United States. It is open May through October, on Fridays and Saturdays, 10 am to 1 pm.

Hanover Historical Society

500 Fillmore St, Hanover, 815-591-3623, hanoverhistoricalsociety.com.

The Hanover Historical Society provides an in-depth look at the history of the village of Hanover. A recently added exhibit is the Larry Bell, Jr. Collection, featuring 1,000 Native American artifacts.





The artifacts have been collected over 45 years, and 70 percent were found just down the road at the Wapello Site.

Old Market House

123 N Commerce St, Galena, 815-776-9200. The Old Market House, erected by the city of Galena in 1845-1846, served for 65 years as the city market during the decades of Galena's greatest prosperity as a river port, lead-mining center and commercial hub.

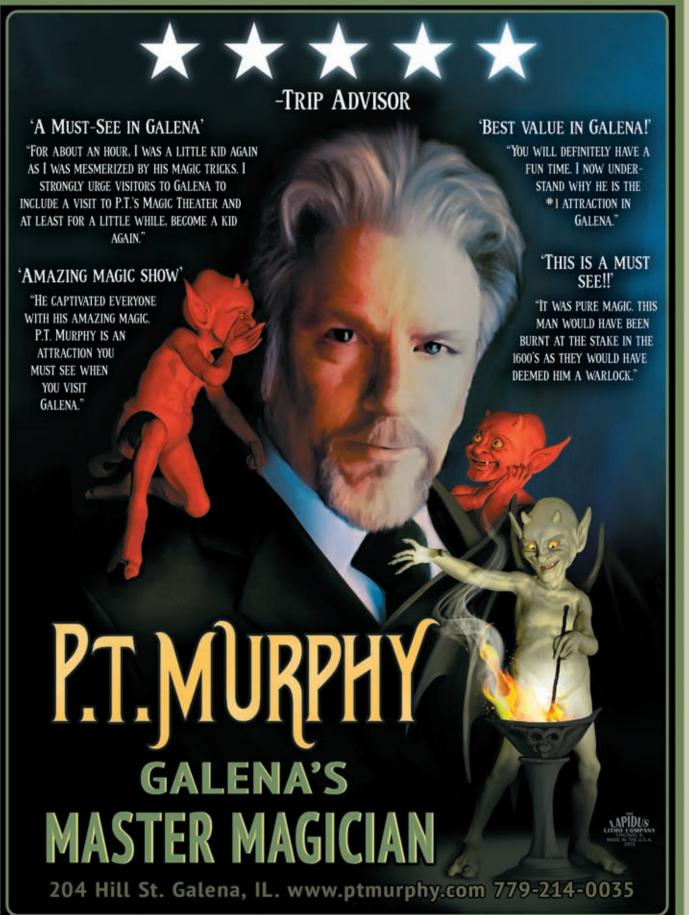
The Old Market House also served as the seat of Galena government and for years had two jail cells.

Stockton Heritage Museum

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Investigate the lost people of Galena in the Mississippians 1000 AD exhibit at The Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design

by Julia Lieb

The Mississippians 1000 AD exhibit, held from March 20 through Dec. 24 at the Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Architecture and Design, will present the latest archaeological discoveries of the Mississippians, including their unique pottery, religion, architecture and urban planning.

The highlight of the exhibit is a rare collection of Mississippian pottery from the museum's ethnological archives.

Museum president Christian Narkiewicz-Laine said the exhibit is inspired by historical research for his book, "Landmark Galena." While researching for the book, he learned about the Mississippians and their life in Galena. The Mississippian empire was the first civilization that inhabited Galena.

"A lot of people in this area have never heard of the Mississippians, which I find incredible. They are the original Galenians," Narkiewicz-Laine said. "Anyone coming to the exhibit will learn more about the indigenous history of Galenians."

The Mississippian empire origi-

nated around 800 AD in Cahokia, the empire's capital city located 10 miles outside of present-day St. Louis. They were responsible for defining Galena as a lead mecca.

About 1,500 years ago, Mississippians traveled on the Mississippi to Galena, the midpoint of their trading route, and set up a mining and trading center. Mississippians fashioned the lead that was mined in Galena into charms and ground it up to make white paint.

Though there is much speculation as to why the Mississippians empire died in 1200 AD, Narkiewicz-Laine said the empire's lack of sanitation may have been a reason.

He said, "My personal theory is that disease wiped them out. They didn't have sewers or sanitation like we do today. They didn't have what we have to protect ourselves from germs and viruses. . . Whatever remained of their culture was merged with others, and they were pushed West with other native Americans."

Because Mississippians did not write anything down, there is little

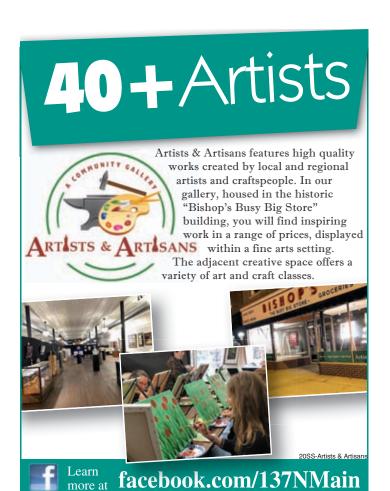
known about them. However, general information about Mississippian religion and rituals can be found on their ceramics.

Their pottery was used for utilitarian and ritualistic purposes. On many ceramic objects, Mississippians created animal effigies, resembling raccoons, frogs and rabbits.

"Their pottery tells us what they looked like. They were heavily tattooed, and they had pierced ears. They did not look like the Native Americans we normally think of with the feathers," Narkiewicz-Laine said.

Mississippians settling in the area made thousands of tombs, otherwise known as effigy mounds, for burials and rituals. Unfortunately, when the European settlers came, they did not know what the mounds were and plowed over a majority of them.

Many of the mounds that did not get plowed over can be found in Jo Daviess County, including the Aiken Mound Group at Casper Bluff in Galena, Dunleith Mounds at Gramercy Park in East Dubuque and Wapello in Hanover.



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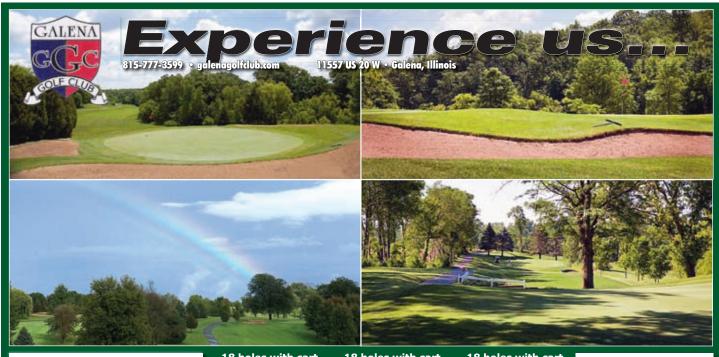


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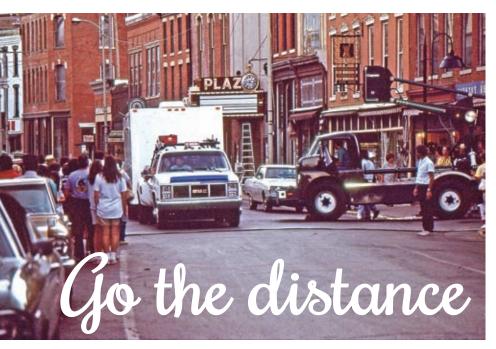
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GALENA & THE 'FIELD OF DREAMS'

In May and June 1988, downtown Galena was transformed into Chisholm, Minn., as a filming location for the blockbuster movie

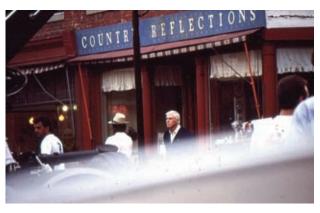
by Steve Repp, Galena Public Library
If you happened to be walking down Galena's Main
Street back in late May and early June 1988, you might have
thought that there were some new businesses in town like
Amy's Café and the Plaza Theater.

But these businesses were temporary, as Galena was transformed into Chisholm, Minn., for the filming of the movie then called "Shoeless Joe" and later changed to "Field of Dreams."

In the movie, Ray Kinsella (Kevin Costner) and Terrance Mann (James Earl Jones) visit Chisholm in search of an old ball player by the name of Archibald "Moonlight" Graham (Burt Lancaster). Chuck Gordon, who was the movie producer, said at the time, "Galena has a great look for a movie...To build a movie set like this would cost a million dollars."

Kathleen Webster, then executive director of the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, worked as a local production assistant for the movie. Dubuque, Iowa, resident Sue Riedel, a teacher who had done casting for other films, was asked to do "extra casting" for the movie which included finding people to be in the movie and locations to be used in the movie. It was her photograph of the Lansing farm in Dyersville, Iowa, that eventually became the farm that was used in the movie.

In a conversation with Riedel about how Galena came to be used for a location in the movie, she described Galena "as a treasure for its historic streets," and for the movie they wanted that "historic look for the flashback scenes." She recalled that the "evening scene and the walking scene with the movie theater and the marquee along with the old cars parked along the street, it really was like going back in time...it was all so natural."



A number of locations in Galena were used for filming. The intersection of Main and Green streets was used for the opening Chisholm part of the movie, with the Chisholm Centennial Banner hanging from the DeSoto Hotel across to the Eagles Club.

Terrance Mann quizzing local people about "Doc" Graham took place at the Logan House, at the corner of Main and Franklin, the current location of Big Bill's Sandwich Shop. The night scene on which Ray meets with "Doc" Graham took place at what is now the Country Crafts and Sports Store, formerly the Stanley Theater. The scene in which Ray and the "Doc" are walking to his office was the Bench and Green Street location with the backdrop of the old high school steps. The outside view of the "Doc" Graham's office was the Newcomer Chiropractor office at Main and Meeker streets, while the inside location of his office was in the regional superintendent of schools office at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse.

In part, the "Field of Dreams" deals with getting a sec-



'Field of Dreams' walking tour

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ond chance in life and how life can change as a result.

Because of my work schedule at the time, I missed out on the night filming done for the movie but it was a number of years later that a film crew from California visited Galena and contacted me to see if I could walk them through the locations used in the movie for a special 15th anniversary project.

My family and I met them on Main Street and it took about two hours of walking around and filming to cover all the locations they wanted. They even used some old views of Galena which came from the Alfred Mueller Photograph Collection. The two-hour walk turned into about a six minute feature that was included in the two-disc DVD 15th anniversary set of the movie.

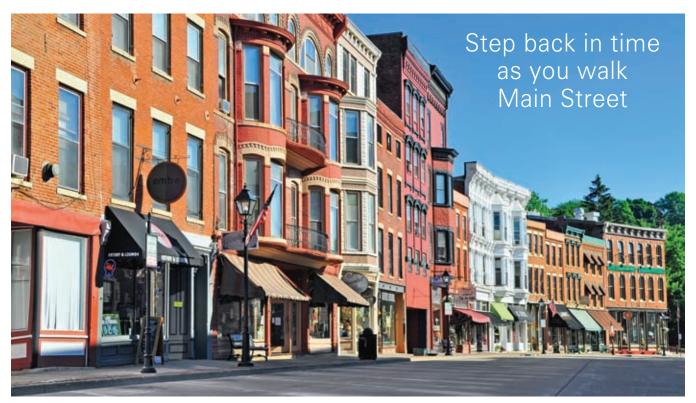
Webster later remembered, "Although the filming of 'Shoeless Joe' tested everyone's patience and stamina, Galena performed with grace under pressure and came through it all with flying colors."

There was a "certain air of excitement" in watching all that took place for the filming of the movie back in 1988.









Historic HALF MILE

Flood Gates

1951. In 1828, Galena had its first recorded flood. The water was high enough to have steamboats travel in the city streets. In 1951, the flood gates were completed to connect to the river levee system.

DeSoto House Hotel 230 S Main St

1855. Named after the discoverer of the Mississippi River, the hotel was opened in 1855 at Galena's economic peak. The hotel was billed as the "Largest Hotel in the West," and was built to service the many people arriving in Galena. Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas spoke from the hotel's balcony on separate occasions. The hotel served as the venue of Ulysses S. Grant's reception and celebration after his homecoming from the Civil War.

Schmohl Building 201 S Main St

1886. Lena Schmohl's millinery store in the 1850s. In 1886, after her husband died, Lena built and installed Galena's first hydraulic elevator. She was a highly respected business leader long before most women had the opportunity.

Barrows And Coatsworth Stores 120-126 S Main St

1856. This section of buildings housed the leather goods shop of Jesse Grant (U.S. Grant's father). Located at 120 S Main St., you can shop in the store where U.S. Grant worked from 1860 to 1861.



Newhall Drug Store 101-103 S Main St

1843. The Newhall Drug Store was built in 1843 by Galena's foremost physician and pharmacist, Horatio Newhall, a Yale graduate, who also published Galena's first newspaper, the "Miners Journal." Newhall's most notable work was treating cholera victims in the 1832 and 1848 outbreaks. The observations he made were some of the best of that period.

Hempstead Store 100 N Main St

1846. The second floor of this building was home to the law office of John A. Rawlins, one of Galena's nine Civil War generals. He later served as Grant's chief of staff.

Old Stockade 208 Perry St

1832. Originally home to trader Amos Farrar, during the Blackhawk War this homestead was transformed into a refuge for women and children, though it was never used. The home has been remodeled since its days as a stockade and now welcomes visitors on Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm.

J.A. Meusel Cigar Factory 208-210 N Main St

This building was home to the Standard Cigar Factory, one of the many cigar manufacturers in Galena. Tobacco was a cash crop for some county farmers, particularly in the Stockton area.







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Civil War General AUGUSTUS CHETLAIN

Impersonating Galena General Augustus Chetlain is not just a fun pastime, but a necessity for Galenian Kevin Melancon



THE GALENA GENERALS

Visit The Galena Generals on Facebook for more information.

by Julia Lieb

Kevin Melancon takes pride in representing one of nine Civil War generals at area events and parades as part of the Galena Generals. Since 1961, the Galena Generals have been suiting up in navy and gold and taking on the personalities of generals John Duerr, John C. Smith, John Rawlins, William Rowley, Ulysses S. Grant, Jasper Maltby, John E. Smith, Ely Parker and Augustus Chetlain. These courageous men make Galena a historic destination unlike any other town of its size.

"Galena Generals is not just an organization that shows up to parades, we are like a family, we have a common interest and a common goal," Melancon said.

Melancon believes it is the duty of Galena Generals to educate people about the rich history of Galena.

"We help keep the lives of Galena's generals alive. That's why we love it and why we are in it," Melancon said.

Melancon was recruited as General Augustus Chetlain in 2013.

"Kirk Foecking, who is general John E. Smith, and a couple other (generals) saw me downtown said I looked like Chetlain, so I looked him up and the resemblance was there," Melancon said.

After learning that not much was known about Chetlain, Melancon set out to learn as much as he could about the general.

"I've gone through everything in the Galena Public Library, the internet and the Galena History Museum. I've even contacted Chetlain's family," he said.

Melancon was especially intrigued

by Chetlain's uniform. After extensive research, Melancon discovered one photo of Chetlain, showing a much different uniform than was worn by other generals.

Melancon said, "He wore a hardy hat of feathers."

The feathers in Chetlain's hat symbolized wealth. One feather represented enlisted, two-lieutenants, three-captain, four-colonel, and five-general. Chetlain wore five feathers because he was a general.

Of all the events Melancon attends every year as Gen. Chetlain, his favorite is Boy Scout Weekend.

"It's one of those times when you get that feedback. It's all what our organization is about. It's educational, it's all about teaching. We are educational impersonators," Melancon said.

Every year for Boy Scout Weekend, Melancon makes hand stamped wooden generals' coins. On the front of the coin is Chetlain and on the back of the coin is a fact about Chetlain. The fact changes every year, making the coins a collectible for Boy Scouts.

"The Boy Scouts have to earn it, I don't just give them out," Melancon said. "The first one to attend my speech and ask an intelligent and creative question gets a coin."

The people he meets motivates him to continue his role as Gen. Chetlain.

"The people I meet, especially the kids, keep me going. . . It also amazes me how so many people, especially people from other countries, understand and tell the story of the Civil War," he said.









Chetlain history

Augustus Louis Chetlain was born Dec. 26, 1824, in St. Louis, Mo. As a young child, he relocated to Galena. It was in Galena where Chetlain later flourished as a successful mercantile owner.

Chetlain built his business up from the ground within five years. At its peak, he sold the mercantile and became very wealthy.

Chetlain acquired much of his business knowledge from an apprenticeship with John Eugene Smith, jewelry maker and later, a Galena general.

"He barely had enough money to put things on the shelves when he first started his business in 1850s, but in five years, he became one of the richest men in the area," Melancon said.

In 1847, Chetlain married Emily Tenney, though she soon died while giving birth to their first child. Chetlain remarried 18

years later to Annie Smith.

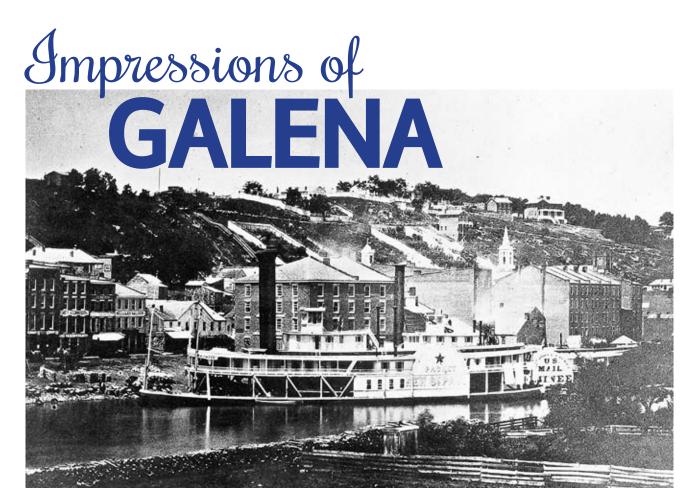
Among his many commendable achievements, Chetlain was commissioned as captain, Company F of the 12th Illinois Infantry in April of 1861. Within a year, he moved up the ranks and became a colonel for Gallantry at Fort Donelson.

He was given the rank of brevet major general in June 1864 for his raising of 17,000 black troops in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Following, he served as commander at Memphis, Tenn., and Talladega, Ala., for a year.

He finally returned to Illinois in 1872, when he invested in Chicago banking business. While in Chicago, he became chairman of the Chicago stock exchange and was a superintendent of Chicago schools.

Chetlain died March 15, 1914, in Chicago and is buried in Galena's Greenwood Cemetery.



Galena has been making a strong impression on visitors since the 1820s. What did those 19th century guests think about our fair city? What were their first impressions? And what did some residents think were Galena's special charms?

by Mike Jones

Lancaster Intelligencer, Lancaster, Penn., Aug. 7, 1835

With the inhabitants of Galena I have been much pleased. There is more intelligence than I expected to find; as much, indeed, as I have seen any where in a town of the same population. Their kindness and hospitality, their frankness and cordiality, are worthy of all praise.

The Tennessean, Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 6, 1836

It is not without regret that I bade farewell to the green hills of Galena, where I had sojourned for the summer. A lively recollection remains of the view, which, from an upper gallery, presented itself from the upper side of Fevre river; the mailstage, at the tranquil hour of evening winding its way down the hill, often meeting the arrival of steamboats with visitants to the land of promise. The hotels affording the anomaly of comforts with privations; privileges with inconveniences ... each day furnishing a new set of faces, with land speculation impressed upon them in legible characters.

Freeman and Messenger, Lodi, N.Y., July 11, 1839

You can hardly imagine a more unsuitable site for a town than that on which Galena is located. The hills rise abruptly, and the streets form a kind of terrace, so that the tops of the houses on one street are not much higher than the foundations of those on the street above.

Philadelphia Public Ledger, Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 22, 1843

The Platteville Badger says of Galena, Illinois: "The town is built in an amphitheater of hills, and to first view appears like a flock of houses coming down the hills to water."

Pittsburgh Daily Post, Pittsburgh, Penn., Nov. 8, 1844

[Galena] is situated on the northerly side of a bluff, which rises abruptly from a marsh skirting Fever river. Its form is the segment of a circle, and it is built on three streets rising one above the other so rapidly as to allow scant width for the carriage way and sidewalks, and a narrow strip for the houses and stones between them. A broad deep ravine runs northwesterly, in, on and around which the dwellings ... are situated. So little room is afforded for gardening that a man bragging of a small enclosure with a few vegetables growing in it ... said, "it was a garden where one could raise 3 hills of corn and a cabbage."

John Lemuel Chester, 1845, quoted in Nexus, Aug. 1986

This Galena is a strange-looking town; it seems as if it had run 'up a creek' in a devil of a fright, and was now stopping to take breath only, it being yet too flurried to gather itself up in decent order.... Houses running eagerly up precipitous hills, and hiding their gabled ends in declivitous hollows; chimneys peeping suspiciously from holes in the ground.... It is the most eccentric looking place in the world.



The Evening Post, New York, N.Y., Sept. 25, 1848

Galena is by far the homeliest town I ever looked upon. There is not one elegant building in the whole city, nor one pleasant street or part of a street. The town is built in the ravines and on the sides of several steep and irreqular hills. There is no regularity to the streets. One follows the bank of the river. The course of the others is determined by the shape of the hills and the direction of the ravines. The buildings are as irregular in their positions and sizes as the streets. Some are on the streets, some on the sides of the hills. some on their summits, and others in the ravines. Looking merely at the natural features of the place, this is the last position one would have selected for a town of the population and business of Galena.

Correspondence of the Journal of Commerce, Fort Snelling, Minn., Aug. 24, 1849, reprinted in the Tri-Weekly Commercial, Wilmington, N.C., Sept. 22, 1849

The City of Galena is not altogether like a city set on a hill; but it is a city set under a hill. The houses appear in the act of sliding. I should certainly expect to find myself at the base of the hill some morning, if I had to sleep there very often.

Aurora of the Valley, Newbury, Vt., Nov. 17, 1849

Galena is romantically situated in the valley of Fever river.... It is built upon the side of what might be called in this part of the west a mountain, there being bottom land only of sufficient width for one street, so that the basements of the buildings on each successive street above are on a level with the roofs of those below, which presents rather an unusual and interesting appearance.

A Galena citizen in the 1850s, quoted in the WPA Guide to Galena, 1937

[Galena] has the most labyrinthian streets, the handsomest women, ugliest men, deepest mineral holes and all in all a greater amount of cheek."

Hartford Courant, Hartford, Conn., Nov. 10, 1854

A town meeting was called, and a citizen made the following speech: "Gentlemen-It is obvious that so long as these names remain unchanged, the city of Galena can never command that influence abroad which its position and importance demand. How is Galena bounded, and where is Galena situated? It is bounded on the west by Death's Head, on the north by Vinegar Hill, Hardscrabble and Shakerag, on the east by Blackleg and Snakediggins, and on the south by Small-pox, and is situated on Fever River." Needless to say [his] argument was unanswerable. The name of the river was changed.

Chicago Weekly Tribune, Chicago, Nov. 17, 1855

There is not, indeed, much beauty about [Galena], built as it is between two hills, or rather a series of bluffs, the rocks and boulders from which hang over the top of the city in immense masses. On the top of these bluffs a good many houses are built, from which the smoky city, with its Fever River running through it, is looked down upon, as into some immense quarry or coal



mine. To climb the bluffs ... requires energy and strength, and it would not very well answer for invalids or old folks.

Galena Daily Advertiser, 1856, quoted in the WPA Guide to Galena, 1937

Towns were never intended as objects of worship.... Surely ours was not. But, if it were possible to have such gods, and if we were compelled to worship none better, we should choose one with a marked character in appearance; of hills and valleys, of beetling cliffs and quiet dells, far rather than a city of tame curvatures or of a level plain.

got MEAT?

Just north of Galena, Weber Meats has been a staple of the tri-state area for more than 115 years, offering high-quality meats cut to order

by Brandon Behlke

Dan and Tracy Weber took over the family business, Weber Meats, a regional staple, in 2010. Weber's has established a brand of quality that has brought people to Cuba City, Wis., for generations.

Dan's great-grandfather, Otto Weber, came from Switzerland and started the business in Belleville, Wis., in 1904. Otto's son, Otto Jr., opened up his own butcher shop in Cuba City in 1947 at the location of the current shop. Otto Jr. came to Cuba City after meeting his wife, Olive. The couple opened a grocery store downtown. They saw a need for processing and bought the land on which they still operate the business

Otto Jr. worked with his four sons–Reg, Norm, Lee and David–in the business. His sons eventually took over the shop. Norm's son, Dan, and his wife, Tracy, became the fourth generation of owners. Dan and his brother, Craig, who grew up in the business, left to start their own operation and opened a meat processing operation in Geneseo in 1993. Craig died of cancer in 1995, but Dan, now a fourth generation sausage maker, continued to operate the business until a fire damaged his business in Geneseo and the opportunity arose to come back to his hometown to take over the operations in Cuba Citv.

The Weber family has had a large impact not only on Cuba City, but also the entire southwest Wisconsin region and the meat industry in Wisconsin. Weber Meats is considered one of Wisconsin's outstanding small-scale meat processing facilities and retail stores. All of the Weber brothers participated in educational programs throughout the state and across the nation.

"This place has been here forever," said Dan Weber.

Weber Meats is a real old-fashioned butcher shop. They butcher beef, pork and lamb to sell by the sides and quarters and also custom process for farmers.

Weber's also harvest their own beef and hogs to sell by the sides and quarters.

"What we do is we manufacture and make our own sausages and cuts and then we put it out in the





retail or sell it wholesale," said Weber.

Weber said the company has to be diverse in its products, and through the years, they've been able to meet that demand.

"We make a lot of specialty items, it gives people a lot of variety and that is what brings people in," said Weber.

Weber Meats is a certified organic processor and animal welfare approved.

"We have been doing organic processing for a long time," said Weber.

They have a lengthy waiting list of people who want to have their meat processed at Weber's.

Weber's is very particular about who they outsource their meats from and only want the highest quality products.

"If you trim it right, package it right and it tastes good, those are three good components," said Weber. "Keep it simple, do it right and customers will come back."

Weber's sells to customers across the country.

"They come here because we have been here forever," said Weber. "Your parents have gotten meat here, and guess what, you do, you'll come here too. People will come here and load up their meat and take it all the way to Texas."

Weber said that people always talk about past generations.

Weber Meats also sends a lot of its meat to about 30 restaurants from Prairie du Chien to South Wayne, Wis., and even some in Madison and Rhinelander, Wis. Weber's has established a reputation of quality that has brought people to Weber Meats for generations.

They have over 25 varieties of bratwurst, over eight different types of smoked



bacon, flavored meat patties, fresh cut steaks, chops, roasts and much more.

Weber's is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7 am until 5:30 pm, Wednesday and Friday, 7 am until 7 pm and Saturday 7 am until 4 pm.

Weber Meats has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout the years.

Dan Weber was inducted into the American Association of Meat Processors Hall of Fame in 2007 and served as the president of the Illinois Association of Meat Processors in 2006.

The business has competed in state and national cured meat competitions, winning

Weber Meats

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over 500 awards. Weber's has also been in the American Association of Meat Processors cured meats competition winning numerous champion, reserve grand champion and grand champion awards for their sausage and ham products.

Weber brought with him the expertise he had learned in the family business and recipes that had been with his family for generations.





Cuba City, Wisconsin

(22 miles NW) is known as the City of Presidents. Drive through this community of 2,012 and you can't help but see shields lining its Main Street honoring each of our presidents. Also lining the Main Street are a number of local businesses. cubacity.org

Hazel Green, Wisconsin

(13 miles NE) population 1,200, was the first permanent settlement in Wisconsin in 1825 and is part of the region's mining heritage. In 1831, Lucias Lyon began surveying two miles south of Hazel Green. This "Point of Beginning" is the basis for all descriptions on all property deeds in Wisconsin. villageofhazelgreen.org

New Diggings, Wisconsin

(12 miles N) provides a look back at another day and age. St. Augustine Church was founded by Father Samuel Mazzuchelli in 1835 and built in 1844.

Platteville, Wisconsin

(25 miles N) population 11,244, surrounded by rolling topography, Platteville is home to a University of Wisconsin campus and also offers recreational opportunities like fly fishing the Platte and Grant rivers. On the side of Platte Mound stands a large letter "M" that symbolizes the town's mining history.

Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

(77 miles NW) population 5,911, is located along the Mississippi River, and has a wide array of natural beauty, a history dating back many centuries, events all year around, and businesses, shops and attractions. Referred to as Wisconsin's second-oldest city, Prairie du Chien was established by French voyageurs in the late 17th century. prairieduchien.org

Shullsburg, Wisconsin

(19 miles NE) population 1,200, home of Shullsburg Creamery, is the third oldest community in Wisconsin with roots in the mining and trapping industries. The last mines were closed in the 1970s, but the Badger Mine & Museum keeps the history alive. A visit to Gravity Hill is a must. experienceshullsburg.com

Sinsinawa, Wisconsin

(12 miles NW) Sinsinawa is an unincorporated community one mile north of the border with Illinois. The town is known for being the mother house of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, founded by Father Samuel Mazzuchelli. sinsinawa.org

Dubuque, Iowa

(16 miles NW) population 58,000, Dubuque is Iowa's oldest city

and among the oldest settlements west of the Mississippi River. The first permanent settler to the area was French-Canadian fur trader Julien Dubuque in 1785. Today it is known for its casinos, the Mississippi Riverwalk and the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. Eagle Point Park provides amazing views. traveldubuque.com

Apple Canyon Lake, Illinois

(18 miles E) was developed in 1969 by the Branigar Organization. Activities include water sports, camping and golfing. applecanyon-lake.org

Apple River, Illinois

(21 miles NE) population 366, Apple River grew along with the Illinois Central Railroad in 1854. Three churches built in the 1870s—Methodist, Catholic and Presbyterian—still stand.

Hanover, Illinois

(18 miles S) population 784, is home to Wapello Land & Water Reserve, a park with premiere prairie restoration. The Apple River runs through the center of the town. Hanover is the Mallard Duck Capital of the World, home to Whistling Wings duck hatchery. In September they celebrate their title with Mallardfest, a weekend fun including a parade, food, music, duck-calling contest and more.

Savanna, Illinois

(32 miles S) population 3,000, is best known for the Army Depot. The depot, established in 1918, was used for several purposes, including manufacturing, testing and storing of weapons. The military use was gradually phased out and is now the Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge. savanna-il.us

Scales Mound, Illinois

(12 miles NE) population 378, Scales Mound was founded in 1853. Just west of town on Stagecoach Trail is the famous "Jesus Saves" rock. Ninety percent of the town is on the National Register of Historic Places, scalesmound.com

The Galena Territory, Illinois

(9 miles E) The Galena Territory, which encompasses 6,800 acres, is home to Eagle Ridge Spa & Resort and numerous outdoor activities including Shenandoah Riding Center and Lake Galena and Marina. thegalenaterritory.com

Warren, Illinois

(27 miles NE) population 1,600, grew with the arrival of the rail-road. Alexander Burnett and Freeman Tisdel founded Warren in 1853. Pumpkin Festival is the last full weekend of September. Take in the community's historic downtown. villageofwarren.com





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FAST FACTS

POPULATION: 1,606 FOUNDED: 1853

ATTRACTIONS: Gramercy Park Dunleith Park Downtown Located on the eastern side of the Mississippi River, opposite Dubuque, Iowa, East Dubuque is a small picturesque community with breathtaking views. The city is connected to Dubuque by the Julien Dubuque Bridge, one of the longest tied arch and cantilevered bridges ever built.

East Dubuque's history is quite an interesting one, featuring Middle Woodlands Indians, railroad tycoons, ferryboat kings and even Al Capone.

Stop at the East Dubuque District Library for artifacts on Sop-Ho-Kab, locally known as Indian Kate.

She was a full-blooded Sauk who escaped the Bad Axe Massacre, a battle between the Sauk and Fox tribes and the Illinois militiamen.

Visitors can also walk in the footsteps of history while visiting Gramercy Park. The 10-acre city park is an Illinois Natural Heritage Landmark, and is home to 26 ceremonial and burial mounds from the Middle Woodlands Native American culture. It has views of the Mississippi River bluffs and Port of Dubuque. Pack a picnic or plan to cook out on the charcoal grills. The area also offers walking trails, a playground and modern restroom facilities.

Visit the legendary Merry Building on Sinsinawa Avenue, which was once a popular stop for travelers who were making the trip across the Mississippi, but also served as a stop on the underground railroad. Take a stroll through East Dubuque's downtown, or "The Strip."

Wing Fest is held each August and car cruises are held every Thursday throughout the summer.

Many of the neighborhood bars and nightclubs located here are left from prohibition. During prohibition, many speakeasies, gambling halls and whiskey stills popped up throughout the area, and legend has it that Al Capone was involved.





STOCKTON

Stockton, the youngest community in Jo Daviess County, was established as a result of increased railroad traffic to the area. Established after the Minnesota Northwestern Railway, which later became the Chicago Great Western Railway, built a station in Stockton Township in 1886, Stockton's industry grew with the newly added transportation. In 1914, the Kraft brothers opened their first cheese plant in Stockton.

Stockton showcases panoramic views of the landscape. Much of Jo Daviess Coun-

ty is part of the Driftless region, meaning the glaciers did not come through this area, flattening the hills.

Spend a day at the Memorial Park, where you can hit up three playgrounds and a pool all in one, or Kidstown, a wooden playground. Stop by Valley of Eden for rolling hills brimming with a wide variety of birds. Head downtown to enjoy some shopping, local history and mural paintings. Looking to play a round of golf? Visit the 18-hole golf course, Woodbine Bend, just outside Stockton.

FAST FACTS

POPULATION: 1,746
FOUNDED: 1890
ATTRACTIONS:
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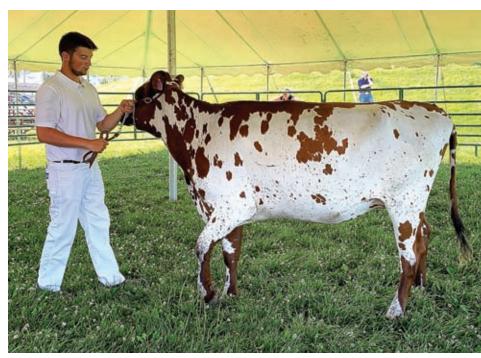
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ELIZABETH

Spend time exploring downtown treasures

Nestled between Galena and Stockton, the drive to charming Elizabeth is a beautiful scenic tour and makes a perfect stop for the beginning, middle or end of your trip. The village of Elizabeth has something for everyone.

In the 1800s, early settlers were drawn to the area as the lead mining rush began. They started a settlement, and then the Black Hawk War took place in 1832.

Native Sac and Fox warriors attacked the Apple River Fort, and the the battle lasted for about an hour.

Legend states that three women, all named Elizabeth, stood shoulder-to-shoulder with their husbands, assisting in successfully defending the fort. It was in their honor that

FAST FACTS

POPULATION: 733

FOUNDED: 1868

ATTRACTIONS:

Apple River Fort 1876 Banwarth House

Chicago Great Western Railway Depot Museum

the settlement was named Elizabeth.

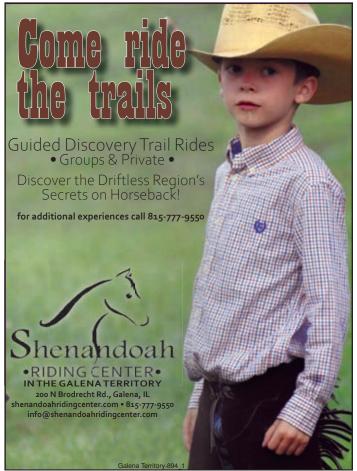
History buffs and seekers of knowledge will delight in the Apple River Fort State Historic Site, a replica frontier fort modeled after its predecessor which was constructed quickly during the Black Hawk War.

There's also the Chicago Great Western Railway Depot Museum, which sources an extensive library and exhibits in a former Chicago Great Western Railway station. Brush up on Elizabeth's history by visiting the Elizabeth History Museum, and explore the 1876 Banwarth House, filled with period furnishings.

Antique collectors will find a haven of treasures as they explore northwestern Illinois' largest antique mall, the Elizabeth Grand Antique Co. Set in an old school building, each room is full of special finds and gems.

While you have shopping on the mind, head to downtown Elizabeth, where you will find stores featuring clothing, art and gourmet cupcakes!









Small town charm Revitalization and history drive tourism in the hidden gem of the Driftless Area

by Brandon Behlke

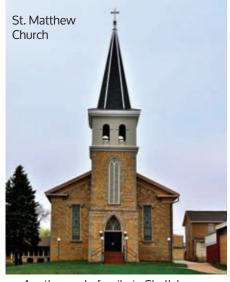
Shullsburg, Wis., located about 30 minutes northeast of Galena, is the definition of small town charm. Shullsburg's main street, Water Street, is lined with shops, but some service industries still dot the main corridor of town. The main industry is a Wisconsin staple, cheese. One of the top destinations for many on a trip to Shullsburg is a stop at Shullsburg Creamery. Shullsburg's revitalization and charm keep people coming to this town and visiting a hidden gem of Wisconsin and the Driftless Area.

Mining and history

The story of Shullsburg dates back to almost the time of Galena. Shullsburg is the oldest "American settlement" in Wisconsin, according to historian Cory Ritterbusch, who, like many in a small town, wears a variety of hats.

Ritterbusch is also the leader of Advance Shullsburg, an organization working on revitalization efforts and increasing awareness of Shullsburg. Ritterbusch says that both Green Bay and Prairie du Chien are older, but those were both originally French settlements.

Jesse Shull, the founder of Shullsburg, was one of the first settlers of Galena. Early settlers saw a rapid boom in Galena and the city's population and some of settlers decided to settle in a different area.



Another early family in Shullsburg was the Gratiot family, who settled in an area called Gratiot's Grove, which Ritterbusch is investigating further through archaeological digs. In 1825, the Gratiot brothers purchased land from the Winnebago tribe. Ritterbusch says that this is the first land transaction in what would be Wisconsin.

"This was the first entrepreneurial, American-style, English-speaking community in Wisconsin," said Ritterbusch.

In the first decade, the area called Gratiot's Grove had a population of over 1,500, but was spread out over a wide area.

Holding back growth in Shullsburg,

unlike Galena, was a lack of a steady water source and having to transport lead through many hills. The miners used the Council Hill and Buncombe areas to flat boat the lead to Galena.

Eventually all of the different mining settlements in the Shullsburg area came together to form a singular community.

In 1840, one of the Gratiot brothers invented a bull pump in which an oxen walked in a circle to start dewatering the mine so miners could go deeper.

The location of this mine was near present-day Water Street. One of these early mines, the Badger Mine, located in present-day Memorial Park, is still open and is the last hand-dug lead mine open to visitors. The mine showcases what life was truly like for the area's earliest settlers.

Father Samuel Mazzuchelli performed the first Catholic service in Shullsburg in 1835, which Ritterbusch is quite sure makes the parish the second oldest in Wisconsin. In 1843, with the boom of the population, Mazzuchelli built St. Matthew's, and when the existing church was built in 1863, Mazuchelli assisted in designing the structure.

"Most importantly, Father Mazzuchelli named and plotted the town square and named 13 streets after the 13 virtues including, peace, charity, justice and judgement," said Ritterbusch. "That is really his claim on Shullsburg. When he lived in Benton, he would still come here and perform





masses. As a civil engineer, he has his part here."

Galena and Shullsburg were the two large mining towns, and they were both producing tons of lead. Galena's lead production dropped off, but Shullsburg's continued as the area had more lead. After the Civil War, Shullsburg became the leader in the lead trade.

During the Civil War, many Shullsburg men joined Illinois units, especially those that came out of Galena, including the Illinois 45th.

"The border didn't matter to them much back then," said Ritterbusch.

From the 1870s to the 1970s, there was a lot of connection between the towns of Shullsburg and Galena with many people spending lots of time in each.

Beginning to blossom

In the 1880s, downtown Shullsburg began to blossom. Many of the buildings in downtown Shullsburg were built in this time period.

Ritterbusch said that the average time period the structures on Water Street were built is 1887, with two structures still standing from the 1840s.

A large influence on this boom was the addition of a spur to Shullsburg along the Chicago and Saint Paul Railroad in 1883.

"The lead was no longer needing to be carried to Galena," said Ritterbusch. "Oddly enough it was going to Kenosha and being taken on the Great Lakes, not down to Galena or to the Mississippi River."

The current school was built in 1900, and to Ritterbusch's knowledge, the school is one of two schools in the nation that is on the National Register of Historic Places.

"It is a beautiful Romanesque structure that was designed by our city physician at the time, C.C. Gratiot," said Ritterbusch. "He designed eight buildings in town. His wife, Dr. Mary Peebles, originally from Galena, was one of the first female doctors in the Midwest and received her doctor's certificate in 1903."

Moving to the future

In the Roaring 20s, Shullsburg was the site of a bank heist performed by the gangster "Chicago Blackie."

"It was highly structured," said Ritterbusch. "They blocked off the street. They dynamited the safe and cut the telephone lines to town, so that they couldn't communicate. It was a really big heist at the time. about \$26.000."

Ritterbusch also said that when John Dillinger was shot in Chicago, authorities found an issue of Shullsburg's newspaper, The Pick and Gad, in his car.

Baseball is one of the great traditions in Shullsburg and includes a major league player named Johnny Gera, who played in the 1890s.

Memorial Park was built by workers from the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression with the mission to have the best baseball field in the region.

"The WPA built our terrific park, which started in 1937 and finished in 1941," said Ritterbusch. "That employed about 25 percent of the males in the community. It was so successful that they built the gymnasium at the school."

Ritterbusch said that the famous landscape architect Phelps Wyman designed the park.

Wyman would eventually go on to develop the parks system in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minn., as well as Custer State Park in South Dakota and the Milwaukee lakeshore.

The baseball field was one of the first in the region to have lights in the late 1930s,

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nearly 50 years before Wrigley Field in Chicago had lights. The city purchased the same lights as were used at Yankee Stadium.

Revitalization

Shullsburg's population peaked in the 1950s. The mines were still in operation, and many of the mines that were once "family mines" were purchased by larger corporations for mineral rights to the land. Shullsburg's schools had a record-breaking class of 72 students in 1972, the most to graduate in one year.

Shullsburg prides itself on its school system and has always supported paying more to keep the school operating. This pride in the town has led to the current revitalization by groups such as Experience Shullsburg and Advance Shullsburg which hope to make Shullsburg better known and encourage people to move to the small town, even offering lots for \$1 to entice more to see the charm that Shullsburg has to offer.

Since beginning in 2015, Shullsburg revitalization has become more successful. However, residents still want to keep the small town charm.

"You don't have to call to make a reservation to eat or worry about finding a place to park," said Ritterbusch. "We can still go downtown and get things that we need."

Nestled in the Southwest corner of Wisconsin is the city of Shullsburg, the state's third oldest city after Green Bay and Prairie du Chien. Founded in 1827 by a fur trader by the name of Jesse Shull who came to find mining more lucrative than buying furs, the town came to life



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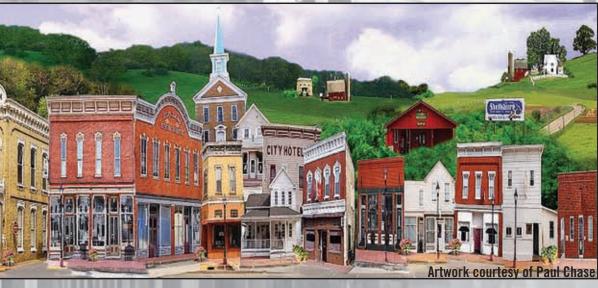
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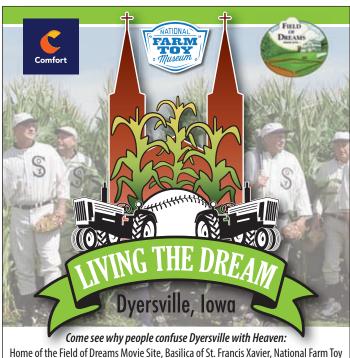
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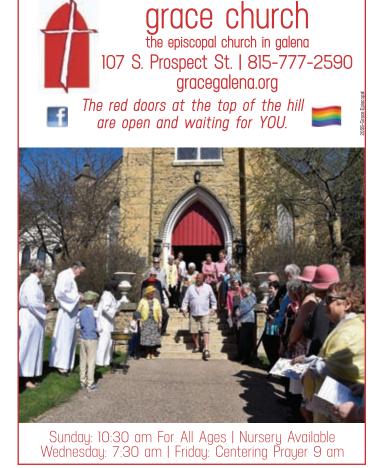


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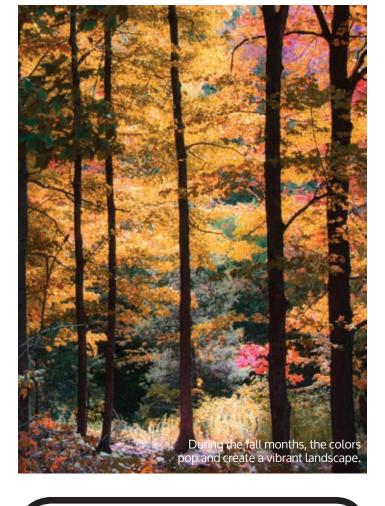
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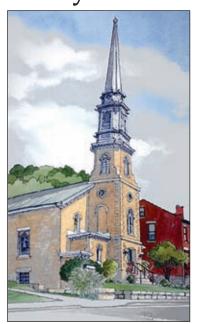


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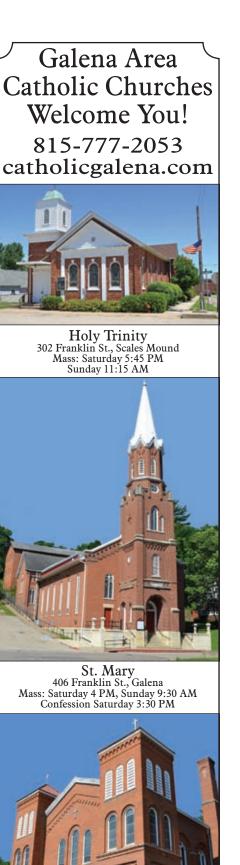
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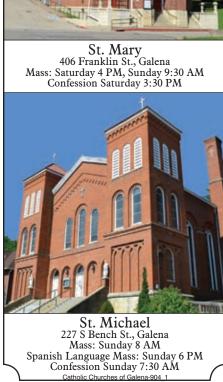


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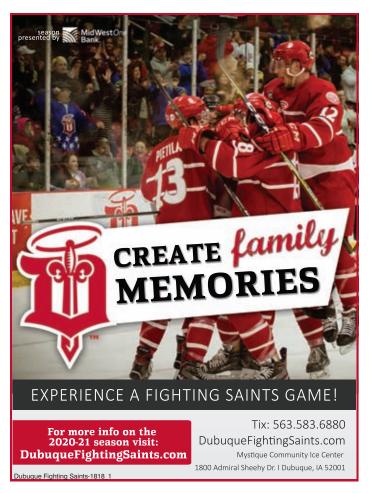
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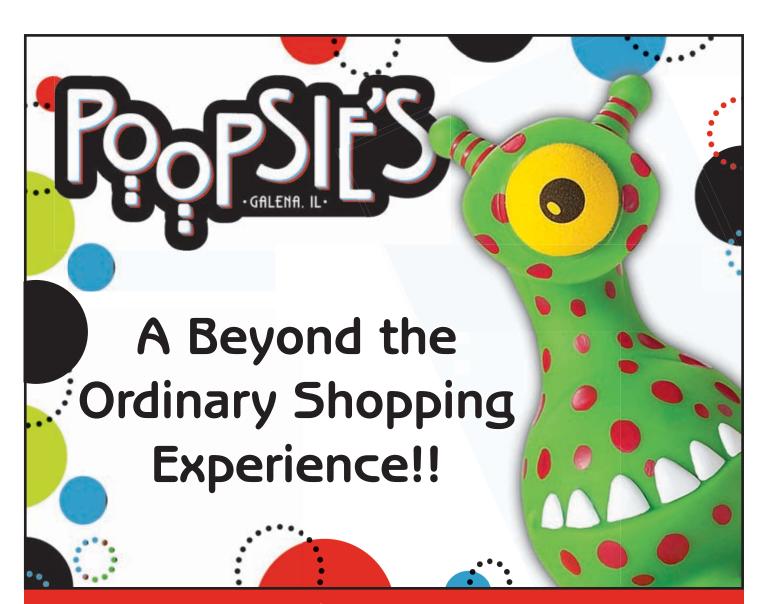
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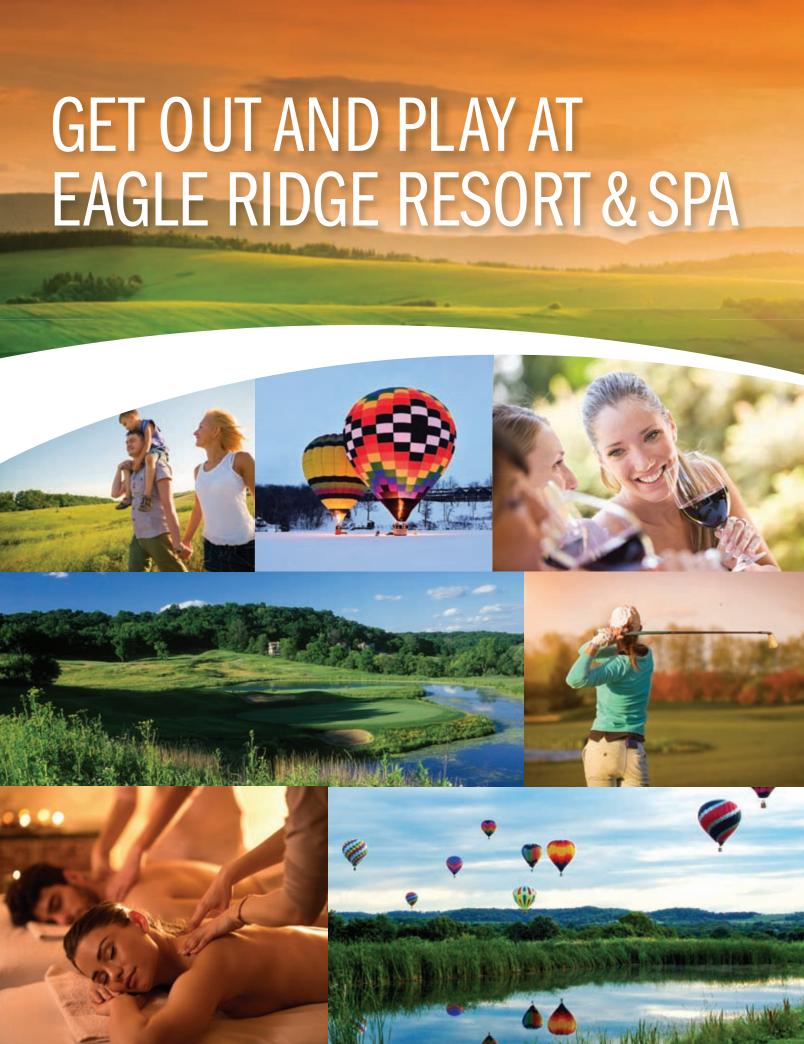
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