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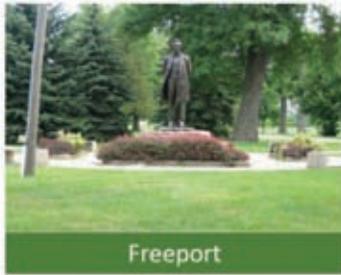
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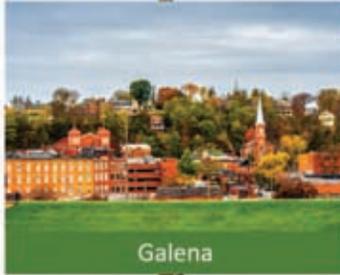
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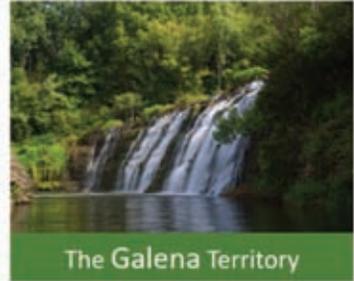
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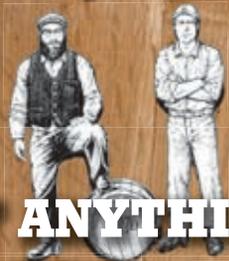
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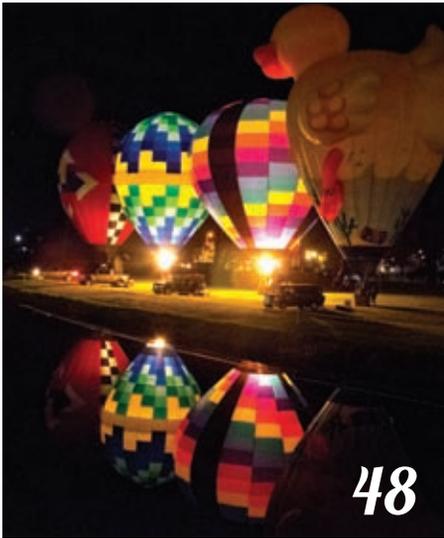
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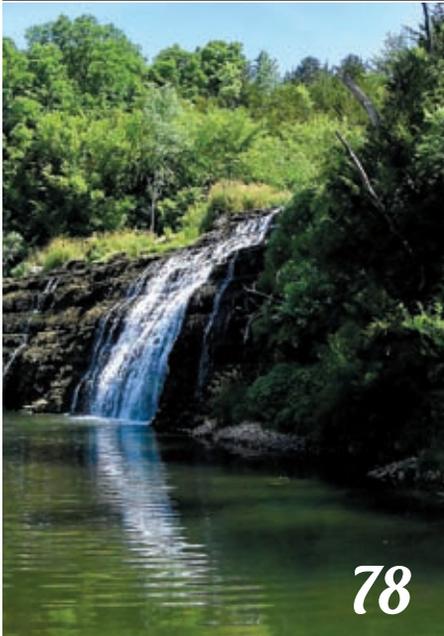
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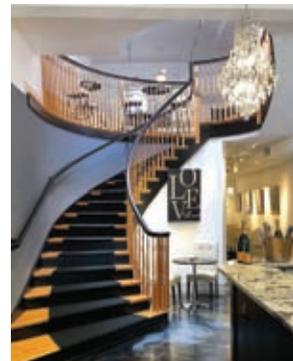
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116 S. Main St., Galena, 815-777-6007, champagneon-maingalena.com. Champagne on Main is a champagne bar with charcuterie boards and specialty cocktails. Sit back and relax on Main Street while trying out a taste of Galena.



Boom. ROASTED

Galena Roasters Coffee Shop's Earl Thompson and Paul AuWerter have a passion for coffee and their speciality brews.

by Maya Dickerson

About three years ago, at a Galena Area Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, Earl Thompson crossed paths with Paul AuWerter. The two happened to be sitting at the same table and started talking. They discovered their shared interest in coffee. AuWerter, it turned out, had 10 years of experience at Starbucks.

Their coffee-centered friendship took off from there.

In the late spring of 2021, Thompson and AuWerter went into business together, launching Galena Roasters Coffee Shop at 118 N. Main St. in downtown Galena.

Thompson, who owns Galena Roasters, now partners with AuWerter for the coffee shop.

Thompson moved permanently to this area in 1996 and enjoys living in Galena.

"I really like the small-town atmosphere. I like that it's a mix of local people and transplants who bring different perspectives," said Thompson.

For years, Thompson has worked as a mason and for over 25 years has owned and operated Earl Thompson Masonry in Galena.

Ready for a change, Thompson started roasting coffee in 2018, at which time he founded Galena Roasters LLC.

"It started out that (Paul) was just hanging around and coming to cuppings. We were doing what we were doing



just for fun. Then he started working for me some, trying to develop this coffee shop idea. Finally, last fall we thought, 'Okay, we can do this,'" said Thompson.

Thompson and AuWerter went to work to secure the financing and to find the perfect location.

"It took us a little while to get that building, but I knew it was the building to have," said Thompson.

Since opening the shop, Thompson and AuWerter have

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received lots of great feedback on the quality of their products.

The coffee partners are always dreaming and have plans to expand and grow their business. They hope to add an additional location with a drive-thru and sell the Galena Roasters' products to more vendors.

Although expanding may happen in the future, for now, the duo is perfectly content on Main Street.

"We're very excited to bring our coffees to Main Street and the coffee shop. I think Main Street is the place to be," said Thompson. "People are downtown and walking around and the smell of the coffee draws them in."

Both Thompson and AuWerter are proud of the roasts produced by their business. They recommend their espresso, which is single origin and organic, and has caramel-toffee notes.

Thompson and AuWerter feel at home in the coffee industry.

"I really enjoy the people within the specialty coffee industry," said Thompson. "There isn't as much competition as there is everyone being part of the education."



Roasts

Galena Roasters Coffee Shop's roasts are specialties, which means the coffee has to pass cupping tests and certain grades to have the speciality title.

Light roasts have the most flavor from the original coffee bean.

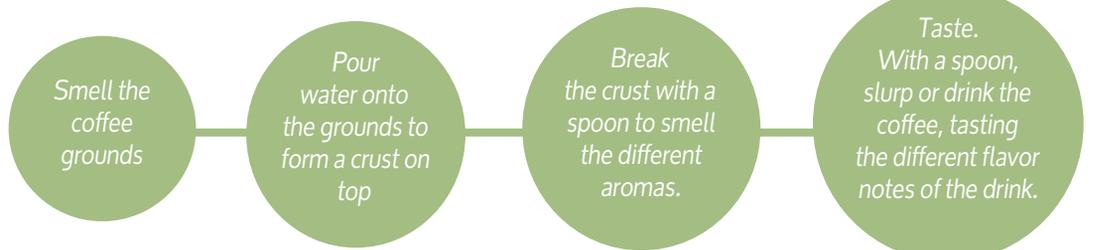
Medium roasts have flavor from a blend of the original coffee beans and flavor from the roasting process.

Dark roasts have less of the original flavor and are more about roasting.

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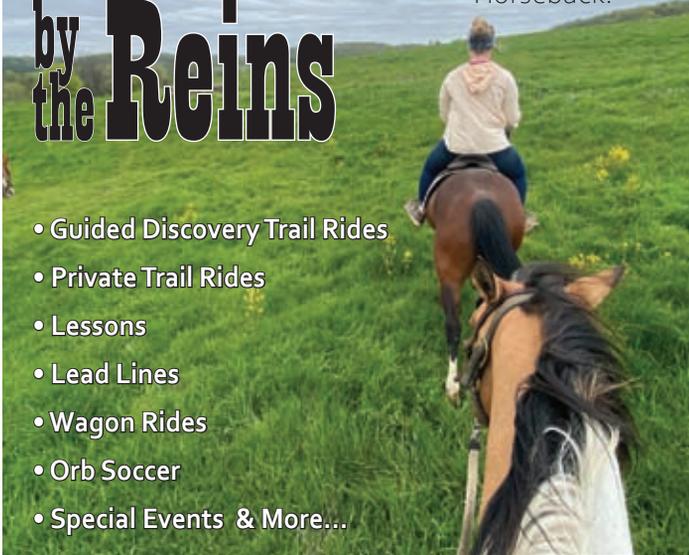


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Through the CAMERA LENS

Galena photographer Geoffrey Mikol has a special story.

by Maya Dickerson

Geoffrey Mikol is a local Galena artist who was born with Down Syndrome. He has a passion for photography, and the fruits of his talent are on display at River Bend Gallery on Main Street in Galena.

FYI

To learn more about Geoffrey Mikol's story, visit River Bend Gallery at 300 S. Main St., Galena, or riverbendgalleries.com.

Geoffrey's story

Mikol grew up in the Chicago area and as a freshman in high school took a photography class. While Mikol was enrolled in this class, the teacher reached out to Mikol's father, Paul.

"Even back then, the teacher had called me up and said, 'Hey, this guy has really got talent.'

And he continued to take photography for the four years he was in high school," Paul explained.

Throughout high school and his teen years, Geoffrey showed off his work at art fairs, winning awards and selling several pieces.

After high school, Geoffrey attended Harper Community College in Palatine. After college, Geoffrey was set with a choice to make, what job he wanted.

"His first choice was rock star. I told him that was great and to keep practicing his guitar, but while he was waiting for that to gel, is there anything else you want to do? And he kept going with his photography," said Paul.

Now, Mikol shoots photos about once a week. He enjoys capturing rocks and caves, usually around Galena and the tri-state area.

Reopening

River Bend Gallery, now located at 300 S. Main St., is actually the third version of the business.

When the Mikols moved to Galena in 2016, they opened the first gallery in a store front at the north end of Main Street. In a short amount of time, Geoffrey's work took off.

"Geoffrey got really popular, really fast, so we needed more space," recalled Paul.



The Mikols moved the gallery to a location on the far end of South Main Street, where they remained for about four years. During this time, Geoffrey sold his work and was able to meet with customers to share his story. The gallery ran smoothly—until the pandemic hit in early 2020.

"When COVID hit, we decided to close the gallery to maintain his health especially," said Paul.

The Mikols closed River Bend for the remainder of that year with the intent to reopen as soon as it was safe.

On May 1, 2021, their hopes became reality when they moved to a location in the Davis Block on Main Street. The



gallery has been up and running since.

“This space is twice as big as what we had before, but we still don’t have enough room in here to put up all of his artwork. We have to rotate it in and out, because he shoots so much,” said Paul.



The Mikols love living in Galena, as well as having the gallery downtown so that people can meet the Mikols and talk with Geoffrey about his photography. The Mikols enjoy meeting with people from all over and watching

as people interact with Geoffrey.

“We always think of Geoffrey as Geoffrey. He’s got blue eyes and blonde hair, and he has Down Syndrome, but he’s got a bunch of different things. He’s an unbelievable photographer,” said Paul, who works in the gallery with his wife, Deb.

River Bend Gallery features Geoffrey’s work in a wide variety of forms from wall hangings to coasters, puzzles, ornaments and much more.

“When people visit, they get to take home a little piece of Galena, and a little piece of Geoffrey,” concluded Paul.



Hello GALENA!

Visit one of Galena's unique galleries, with a wide assortment of artwork.



by Maya Dickerson

Hello Galena, founded in 2004 in the small brick building next to the Old Market House State Historic Site on Commerce Street in Galena, is a nonprofit organization with the main purpose to help and encourage first-time selling artists and other artists.

"The state of Illinois Historical Sites was looking for someone to fill this space, and they asked Galena Cultural Art Alliance if they would be interested in the space to sell some items and to also sell tickets to events at Turner Hall. Then it evolved mainly into just art," said manager Toni Klingler.

FYI

The Market House Square Art Festival, sponsored by Hello Galena, is held each August on the lawn of the Old Market House State Historic Site in downtown Galena. For more information, visit hellogalena.org.

Klingler, a basket weaver, has been leading Hello Galena for about a decade and is also one of many artists at the gallery who displays and sells work.

The gallery features a large variety of artwork, from more traditional pottery, paintings and photography, and more one-of-a-kind pieces such as jewelry, wooden toys, handmade clothes and woven baskets.

There are around 50 artists who display their work and volunteer a certain number of hours in order to have their work displayed. All artists and volunteers are from Jo Daviess County.

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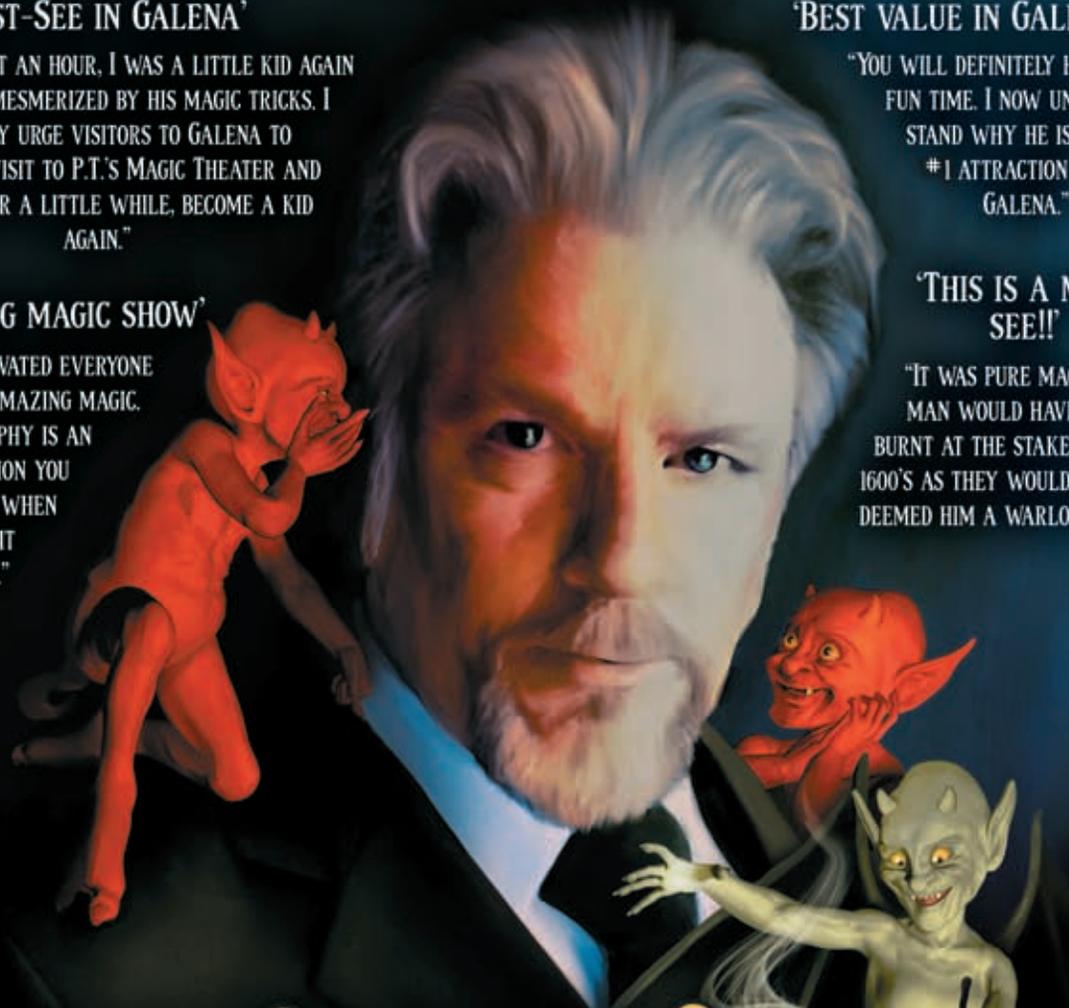
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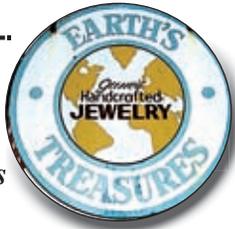
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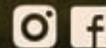
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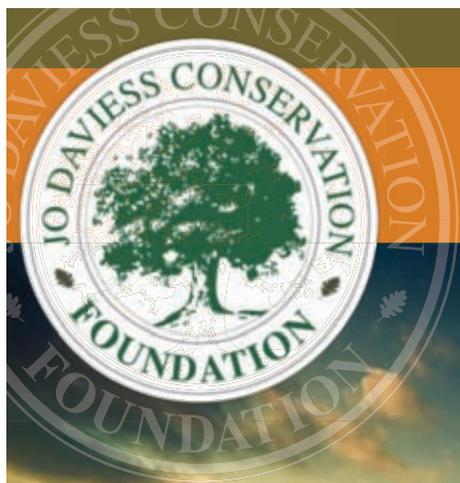
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Preserving & protecting NATURAL BEAUTY

by Maya Dickerson

Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, more widely known as JDCE, is a big reason why so much of Jo Daviess County's natural beauty is preserved.

Founded in 1993 by a group of local people who wanted to protect and maintain an open piece of property that was up for sale near Galena, JDCE first met around kitchen tables as members brainstormed ideas to help preserve land. In 1994, the first property donated to JDCE, a non-profit organization with no tax dollars involved, is what is now known as the Schurmeier Teaching Forest.

Around the start of the new century, JDCE started to purchase land through grants that mostly came from foundations. The organization purchased the first property in 2005 and started stewardship work as well as opening up properties for the public to enjoy. Soon after, JDCE started an education and outreach program to train the next generation of conservationists.

That was just the start of a conservation journey.

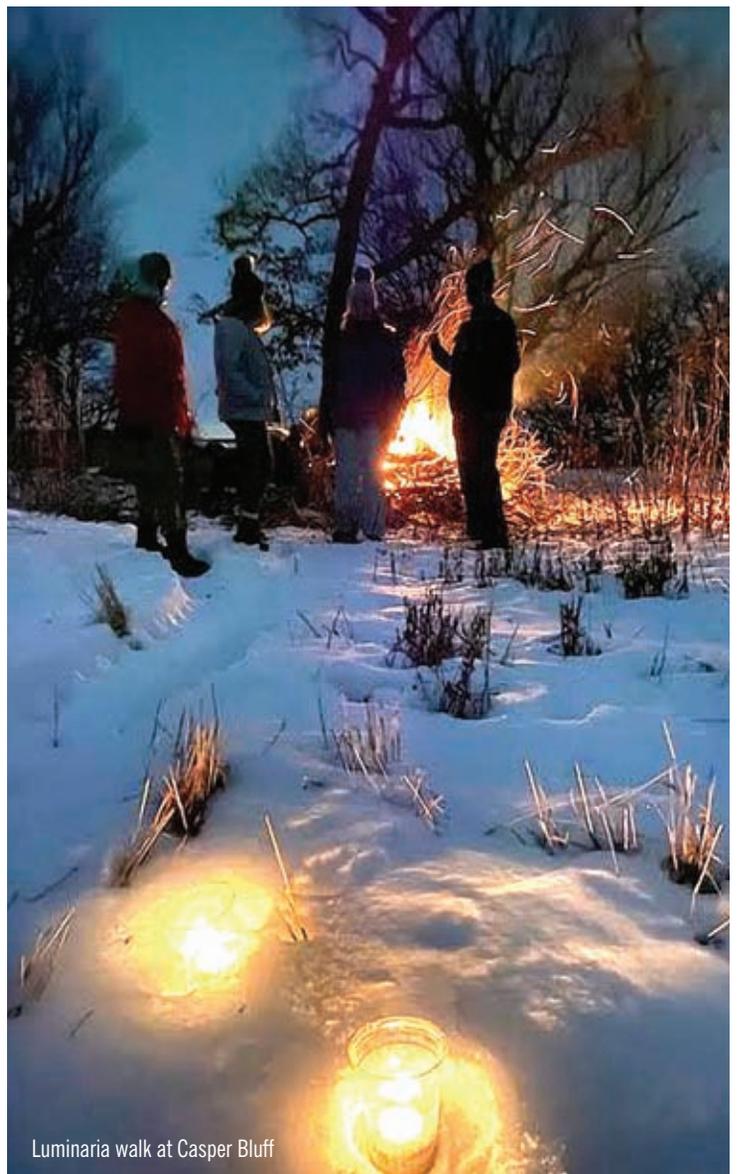
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Up until 1999, JDCE was entirely dependent on volunteers. But a turning point came when JDCE officials were able to hire, through grant funds, the first executive director, Julie Bruser. Now, Steve Barg has been the executive director for the past eight years.

Of his work, Barg says, "It entails managing a really talented staff, working with a volunteer board of directors who govern our organization, raising money and

FYI

Founded in 1993, the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation has grown to include over 170 active volunteers and 1,000 members. More information at jdcf.org.



Luminaria walk at Casper Bluff



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developing budgets, strategic planning and execution, getting everyone excited and motivated so everyone is working towards the same goal."

Today, JDCF has over 170 active volunteers and is member based, having grown to over 1,000 members and more than 70 supporting businesses.

Barg really enjoys his role in the organization.

"I enjoy it. It's my passion. I am lucky to have found a career and to come to work doing something I love to do," said Barg. "I love the community of conservation supporters that has been created here. I love working with people. Everything from local residents, to business owners, to volunteers and tribal people who once called this place home."





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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.

Horseshoe Mound Preserve

1679 N Blackjack Rd, Galena

Located at the eastern gateway to the historic city of Galena, the 40-acre Horseshoe Mound Preserve 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.

Galena Gateway Park

9300 W Powder House Hill Rd, Galena

Visit one of Illinois' most scenic views, overlooking downtown Galena and surrounding mounds. Galena Gateway Park includes natural prairies with an always-changing population of wild flowers and woodlands. There are mowed and gravel paths for hiking, running, mountain biking, bird watching and picnicking.

Buehler Preserve

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The eastern portion of Buehler Preserve contains a hilly woodland; the western portion, a flood plain that offers water filtration, a prairie restoration and open space values in close

proximity to the city of Galena. The Galena River Trail, open for bikers, dog-walkers and hikers, extends from the Meeker Street footbridge, adjacent to Buehler Preserve.

Wapello Land & Water Reserve

8642 Illinois 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 barred villages, are equipped with interpretive signage.

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Schurmeier Teaching Forest

147 E Reusch Rd, 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. This is the only teaching forest in Illinois. The site consists of rugged hillside that is entirely wooded.

Rutherford Refuge at Twin Bridges

9532 E Twin Bridges Road, Warren

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Finley is cooking up something new...



It'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. Launching the business in 2008, the Murphys began manufacturing the air fresheners in a



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



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Bread & VINE



Eric and Monique Bonnetain, a husband and wife duo, open Bread & Vine on Main Street.

by Maya Dickerson

New Galena business owners, Eric and Monique Bonnetain, are making a mark on the community with their Main Street bar and bakery, Bread & Vine.

Monique, who grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago, went into the wine business after graduating from Illinois State University.

“That business has allowed me to travel and live in different cities all around the country,” said Monique, “When I was in New York, that is when I met Eric.”

Eric was born and raised in Paris, France, but lived all around the world—in St. Martin, Shanghai, and other parts of the United States.

When the pandemic hit in early 2020, Eric was in Shanghai, China, when the first rounds of the shutdowns

happened. He was able to come back to the U.S. eventually, but then the U.S. shut down as well.

It was during the shut down that Monique and Eric visited Galena.

“There was one day in June that we decided to take a trip up to Galena. Back in the 90s I used to sell wine for the same company that Jamie from Jamie’s Wine Studio sold for. I happened to text her and say I was coming up to Galena,” Monique said.

Monique and Eric spent the day in Galena, shopping and enjoying the town.

“It’s the Midwest sensibility about Galena and the community,” said Monique.

They stopped at Jamie’s Wine Studio, and when leaving happened to run into Joan Raymond, who owns the Ulysses Suites. Raymond showed Eric and Monique



around her building, and when they got to the main floor, Raymond mentioned that she was looking for someone to fill the spot. Eric made a few suggestions about the space.

“He made a few recommendations, and I jokingly said, ‘Why don’t you open up a space?’ We drove back that night and we were sitting in the car quietly and I said, ‘Do you really want to do this?’ And that really started the ball rolling,” Monique recalled.

The Bonnetains took a leap into launching their own business in downtown Galena.

Owning a downtown business

The Bonnetains got to work, planning the kind of business that would be a good fit for Galena.

“We wanted to come in and bring something that would

FYI

Bread & Vine Bakery, 217 S. Main St., Galena, partners with a few other stores downtown. Their cheese boards are made by Galena Spoon Company. They have wines from Galena Cellars and carry brands from Blaum Bros. Distillery as well as jams and jellies from Galena Canning Company.



complement the city. We didn't want to bring something in that would compete with anyone else. We worked on bringing together a concept that no one else had, that would be another reason for people to visit," said Monique.

The couple researched a lot and found that people wanted more variety, more lunch places and shorter wait times. Based on those factors, they designed a business model that would provide amazing food with fast turnaround times. It was important to the Bonnetains that the dining experience feature foods they love from all around the world.

All of their ideas and concepts resulted in a bakery and bar featuring European charm mixed with clean and sophisticated touches.

To help them run day-to-day operations, they've established a strong leadership team, that in addition to the Bonnetains includes their pastry chef, Laura, and their chef, Emmanuel.

Since opening, the Bonnetains have been welcomed by the community.

"The welcoming response from the community has been wonderful. It almost makes you emotional to see how you are embraced, to see you are bringing joy to people, a new experience, and we are happy to do that. It is humbling and it makes you feel like you've created an opportunity for people to have new experiences," said Monique.



Try it. You'll like it!

Some of Eric and Monique's favorites on the menu are the almond croissant; the salmon quinoa and seaweed salad; the chocolate tart with salted caramel; the macarons; and the french hot dog.





Galena Spoon COMPANY

Handcrafted from locally-sourced wood, wood carver Paul Pendola's creations are beautiful works of art

By Maya Dickerson

One, two, three. That's the wood carving method used by Galena Spoon Company's Paul Pendola. Pendola, a self-taught woodworker, uses one solid piece of local wood, both of his hands and three tools to create his artwork.

Becoming a full-time artist

Originally living in Chicago, Pendola worked in the hospitality business, as a consultant, and even for Disney and the Paralympics at one point. "I have been coming to Galena since 1975. My family came here for vacation. As an adult I would come here often for day trips or weekend getaways. I really fell in love with Galena," Pendola said.

Pendola moved to Galena in 2017 and eventually decided to make woodworking his full-time job. "It became very clear to me that Galena would be a great canvas for my spoon business," said Pendola. "There is an audience and a supportive and large arts community."

Before opening his shop at 201 Hill St., just off Main Street, Pendola worked with the city to get the Prospect Street cottage he lived in rezoned. "You could maintain businesses in your residential property, but at the time there was no mechanism for an artist to have an art studio and sell

directly in their home," said Pendola.

With the ordinance change, artists in residential areas can now apply to use their residential homes as art studios where they can sell to the public. From 2018 to 2020, Pendola sold directly out of his cottage on weekends.

Pendola also teaches woodworking classes at his cottage, as well as at the Galena ARC and at Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts in Mineral Point, Wis.

Once Pendola left his corporate job in 2019, he started working on a retail business to open in downtown Galena. In October 2020, Pendola opened Galena Spoon Co. in a small shop space just steps from Main Street. Pendola now wholesales, partners with other businesses, sells in his own shop and online.

Pendola sells his handcrafted wooden spoons, boards, pie servers, spatulas and candleholders in his shop, where visitors have a one-of-a-kind shopping experience. He also sells jams, chocolates and other specialty items.

"I'm in the shop carving spoons, so it's an experiential

travel moment for people when they meet the maker and see the product being made," said Pendola. "It is also a very intimate shopping experience. I hand select all the products, and I can share with people my passion behind the products."

Each piece is authentically handcrafted as well as finished with only natural products.

"My wooden spoons, bowls, spatulas, boards, are all finished with natural coconut oil and beeswax. It's shelf stable, all natural and food safe. There are no chemical finishes, stains or dyes," said Pendola.

Not only are the finishes on Pendola's products authentic and natural, but also the majority of the wood he uses is locally sourced.

"The boards are sourced locally from old buildings," said Pendola. "The wood comes from the Eisbachs at Hoof-It Galena. It is locally sourced and all natural."

In the future, Pendola hopes to extend his hours and increase his production by expanding his staff. Pendola also hopes to start creating gift sets and he'd like to attend local fairs and festivals to sell and demonstrate his work.

Opening his shop near Main Street has been a game changer for Pendola and his business.

"I'm getting referrals and fortunately I'm getting repeat business," said Paul. "The store has done so much better than I anticipated. It has been just terrific."



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Pendola partners with many other businesses in town that sell his woodworking artwork. He partners with the Galena Apothecary, Shenandoah Riding Center, the Goldmoor, Bread & Vine, and many more with whom he hopes to work in the future.



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"A Colorful Drive with Mary Jane" coloring book is available at whistleslickpress.com or at a variety of locations in downtown Galena. A portion of the proceeds from all P.J. HarteNaus' books go to animal rescues and animal sanctuaries.

With the encouragement of her daughter, Kelly Scrima, local author P.J. HarteNaus worked with illustrator Tracey Hayes to create the detailed 20-page coloring book that features Main Street views, Casper Bluff Land & Water Preserve, Thunder Bay Falls, Shenandoah Riding Center and Belden School in The Galena Territory, Jail Hill Inn, the Elihu B. Washburne House State Historic Site, Chestnut Mountain Resort and more. The Whistleslick Press Bookmobile, a

1953 Chevrolet truck named Mary Jane, appears on each page, leading the way from site to site.

Hayes did the illustrations, while HarteNaus wrote information on each page about the view shown. HarteNaus saw this as a way to promote preservation efforts in the community and support small businesses.

So far, the coloring books have been a hit with all ages, and HarteNaus, who has written seven books with more to be released soon, is pleased with the reception.

The coloring books are available at whistleslickpress.com and at various locations throughout Galena. A portion of the proceeds are donated to animal rescues and animal sanctuaries.



Local author P.J. HarteNaus with her husband, David, and grandson, Caelan, in front of Mary Jane, the vintage 1953 Chevrolet truck that she's converted into her Belden Boy Series Bookmobile.

Plan ahead for summer!

Each summer P.J. HarteNaus joins with other educators to host the Belden Boys Writing Camp, a three-day summer writing camp at Belden School, a one-room school house set deep in the woods of Galena. The camp for children is designed for serious young writers who use a good old-fashioned pencil and paper. To learn more, visit whistleslickpress.com

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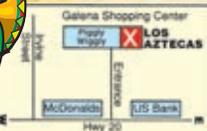
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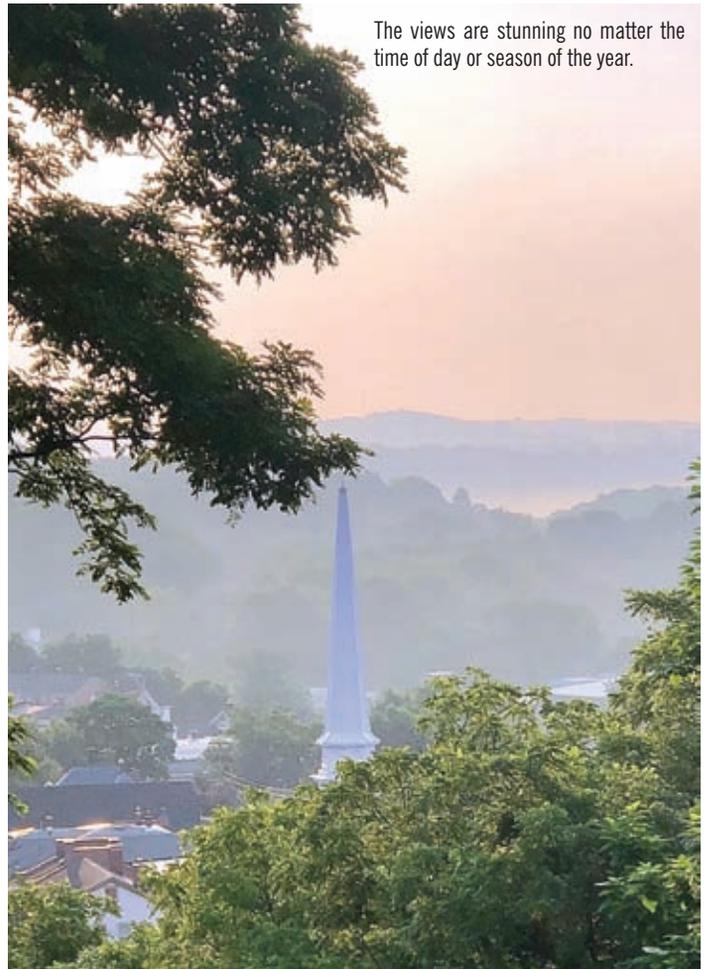
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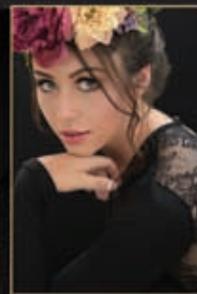
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20 Dirty Hands

An art fest that takes place in parts of Galena and the county. This event is Oct. 15, 16 & 17.



Nouveau

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Fire in the Sky

Watch the sky over the Galena River light up on Dec. 4 from downtown Galena, the levee or Depot Park.



Halloween Parade

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Living Windows

Watch downtown Galena's shops literally come to life on Dec. 11.



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ON THE TRAIL

If you like being surrounded by nature, the Galena River Trail is for you. Climb aboard a bike or tie on some running or walking shoes—or even cross-country skis in the winter months—and take in all the nine-plus-mile trail has to offer you. Additionally, there are opportunities, either on or near the trail, for bird watching, geocaching, fishing, kayaking or canoeing.

- The 3.4-mile Galena Junction Trail segment is the original trail. Starting from Depot Park just below the U.S. 20 bridge, the forested trail winds south to Galena Junction and the backwaters of the Mississippi River. At the junction, trains pass close by the trail.

Interpretive signs along the way detail the history and wildlife of the area. The Galena Junction Trail also offers some of the best bird watching in the region. There are 60 species of birds already identified.

- Recently, 2.1 miles from Galena Junction to South River Road in Aiken, near Chestnut Mountain Resort and Blanding Campground, opened. Along the new trail, new access points to Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve are offered. The new leg of the Galena River Trail offers access to Native American burial grounds and effigies at Casper Bluff. Now, the distance from the U.S. 20 bridge to Aiken is 5.5 miles one way.

- If you turn right on River Road, you'll end up at Chestnut Mountain Resort or beyond.

- The downtown trail covers a half mile from the Meeker Street bridge to the trailhead at Depot Park, while the Buehler Trail covers 1.4 miles from the trailhead to the Buehler Preserve.

- Along the Muchow Park Trail and Depot Park, donated fitness equipment lines the sides of the river trail. The fitness equipment is designed to target a variety of muscle groups, allowing users to incorporate interval training into their workouts.

- Another trail to enjoy is the Recreation Park Trail that covers 1 mile from the trailhead to Recreation Park.

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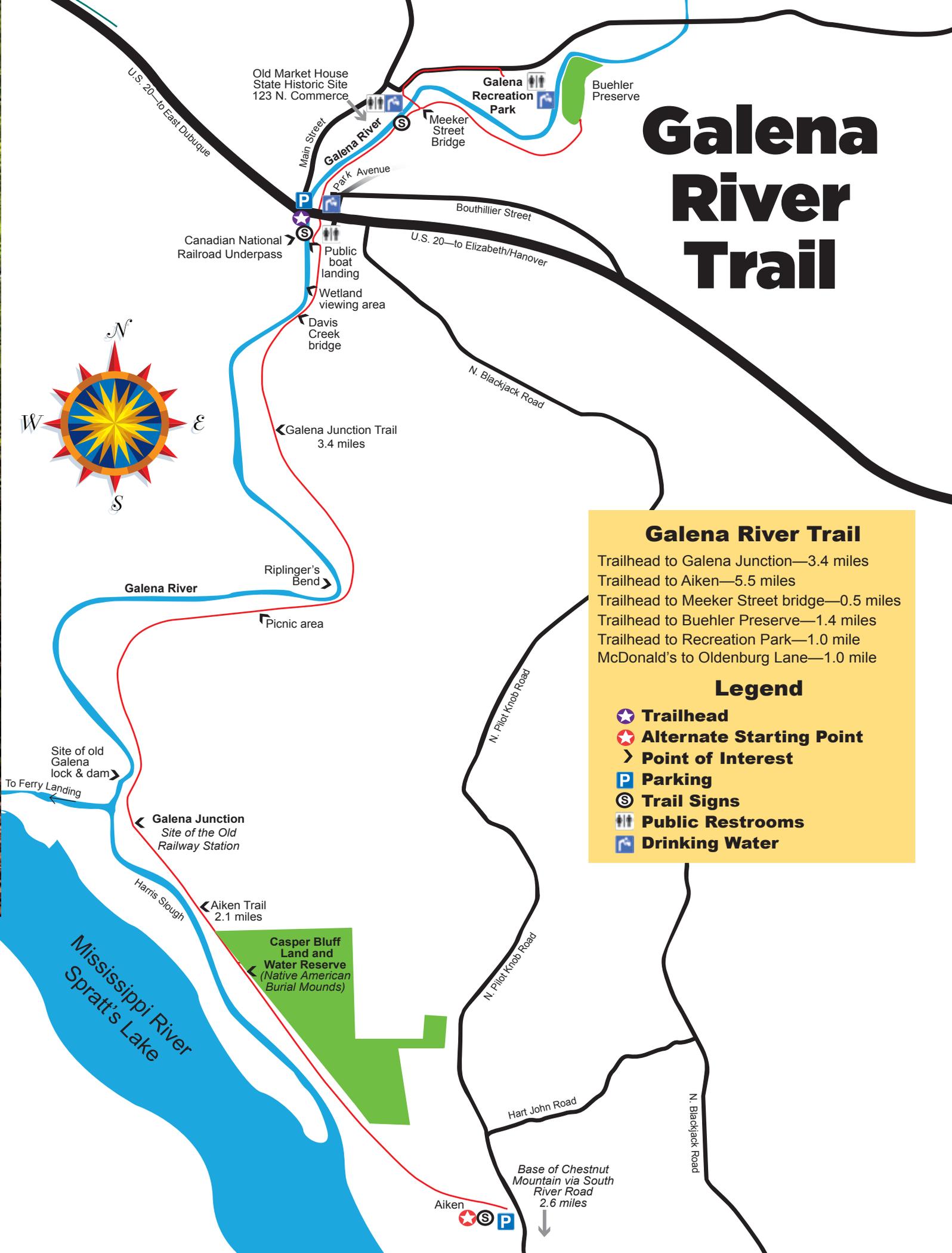
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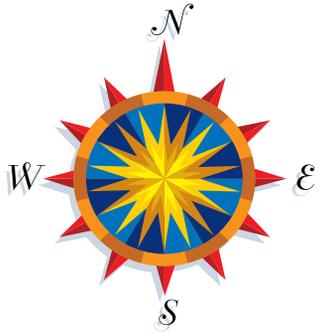
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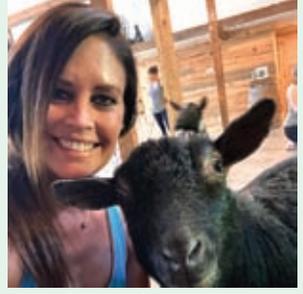



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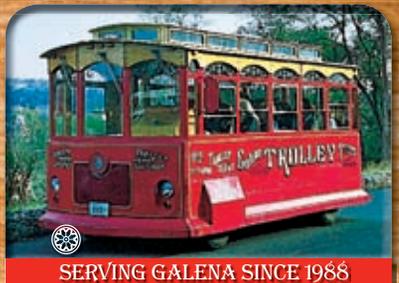
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by Maya Dickerson

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Owned and founded by the Spahn family, Rocky Waters Vineyard and Winery is an attraction in the greater Galena area.

Jared and Phyllis Spahn both grew up in the tri-state area, but moved to the Peoria area to pursue their careers. When the Spahns retired, they moved to Hanover to realize their retirement dreams of opening a vineyard. They bought a 25-acre property in 1994 and got to work.

FYI

Visit Rocky Waters Vineyard & Winery located at 2003 W Hanover Road, Hanover.

Jared, who was an owner of a computer consulting business, had degrees in chemistry

and biology, which helped with the production of the wines. They were also mentored by winemakers from the Wollersheim Winery in Prairie Du Sac, Wis., which has a verdot style wine-making process.

Kyle Spahn, Jared and Phyllis's youngest son, moved back to the Hanover area after graduating college and working as a dealer at a casino.

Now the president and chief operating officer of the winery and vineyard, Kyle tends to the land, makes, bottles and markets the wine.

"We planted the grapes in '96, and by '99 we had our first crop," said Kyle.

Rocky Waters Vineyard and Winery got its name from a stream that runs through the property.

"We had a competition with the grandkids," said Kyle. "And my oldest nephew came up with Rocky Waters because of the stream going through the property."

Kyle lives on the property with his family. He really enjoys living in the Midwest and in the Driftless region.

"I like the hills and the views, and the people," said Kyle.

The vineyard holds wine tasting and tours, and can host a variety of events.

"We do receptions, retirement parties and class reunions," said Kyle.

Rocky Waters Vineyard and Winery is different from many other wineries.

"We're an estate winery," said Kyle. "We grow 100 percent of what we make. Everything is grown, processed and made on the site."

Because he enjoys all the wines made at Rocky Waters, Kyle said he doesn't have a favorite.

"They're all my babies, so it's hard to pick which kid is the best," Kyle laughed. "I have taken 65 medals in 10 years and 57 international. Every bottle of wine we've made has medaled internationally."



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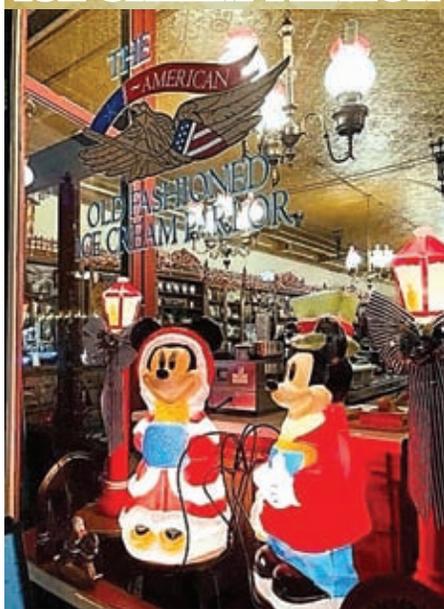
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Simply ELEGANT

Robin Vaughn has been in business on Galena's Main Street for 27 years

by Maya Dickerson

Since opening in October 1994, Simply Elegant Boutique on Main Street in Galena has adapted to changing fashion and styles. Owner, Robin Vaughn, has adapted over the years as well.

Vaughn, who moved to Galena in 1991 with her husband, John, explained the origins of the business. Her mom, Patricia Karl, owned a building on Galena's North Main Street, and Vaughn was her executive secretary. When Karl's tenants moved out, she suggested the mother-daughter duo open a store. They named their new clothing store Simply Elegant, and the business took off.

After a few years, when Vaughn's mother sold that property, they had to decide whether to move the business or close.

"I told John that I didn't want to go smaller. I wanted to go bigger or I didn't want to do it," Robin recalled.

Vaughn ended up moving into the building at the corner of South Main Street and Washington Street, just across the street from Simply Elegant's current location. When that building sold, it was once again time to move. This time, the transition took them across the street, to 130 S. Main St. She expanded the store by adding in a home section and has a homestore warehouse, located off U.S. 20 on the edge of town, for some of those items.

Over the years of owning and running Simply Elegant, Vaughn has learned many life lessons and values she uses every day. One of these lessons is that "bigger isn't always better."

"It is a little ironic that it is one of the first things I said, but growing from 1,000 square feet, to 1,600, to now, and having two locations, the space is nice but not necessary. In today's environment it isn't the key to 'making it.' I think you can do a lot in a small space if you stay focused," Vaughn said. "Even in the store, smaller vignettes are really quaint."

One extremely important personality trait that Vaughn believes helps her business prosper is that she is a builder.

"I build relationships and the business, which go hand in hand with each other. I think that's really something you're



born with and I'm really thankful for that," said Vaughn. "I feel very free just doing what I love and building the business organically."

Vaughn values how fulfilling it is to run a business. She likes to handwrite her checks for her employees, sometimes even writing notes with the checks to offer encouragement and thanks.

Even through the difficulties of the pandemic in 2020 and



Above, behind the registers of Simply Elegant hangs a photo of Vaughn and her mother, Patricia Karl. At left, Vaughn poses with items in her store. There is a variety of items from furniture to clothing, home decor, candles and more. Below, a display of items in the store.



2021, Vaughn kept a positive outlook and found many silver linings.

"I think COVID actually brought out many positive things from a business perspective. We fine tuned positions in the store, and focused on what really is needed," said Vaughn.

FYI

Simply Elegant is located at 130 S. Main St., Galena. Visit simplyelegantboutique.com

She also hired Eric Dregne, who is the founder of Next Level project management, to help her look at the business in new ways.

"I just decided I wanted to invest in building it, but getting an outside view looking in. He gave me a fresh set of eyes," said Vaughn.

Vaughn really enjoys that the business is on Main Street.

"I like being in the hub of it all. We can always see what's going on," she said. "Last night the community band was playing in the park, and I went out on the bench and just started to listen to them for a while."

She also enjoys the community of fellow Main Street business owners.

"I think businesses are good about helping each other. We see that if we have full store fronts, we will all do better. It isn't about getting everybody, it is about everyone doing well," concluded Vaughn.

Visit Simply Elegant at simplyelegantboutique.com or on Facebook.

'I feel very free just doing what I love and building the business organically.'



Getting into CHARACTER

Acting in a variety of local productions, Jay Dickerson is a familiar face as part of Galena's theater community.

by Maya Dickerson

Jay Dickerson grew up in Herscher, a small town near Kankakee, where he graduated from high school. It was during that time that his love for the stage began. He participated in many plays, including "Our Town," and was in the show choir and band.

Following high school, Dickerson attended Monmouth College, where he continued to pursue his acting career. An English and theater arts major, he was a founding member of an improv troupe, performing with that group, Anvilhead, for over four years. He also acted in more traditional shows, most notably as Friar in "Romeo and Juliet" and Autolycus the Thief in "Winter's Tale," during the school year and in summer troupe performances.

FYI

Check out this year's Cemetery Walk on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19, from 1-4:30 p.m., at Greenwood Cemetery in Galena. Visit galenahistory.org

After marrying and spending two years working at a newspaper in northern Michigan, Dickerson took a job at The Galena Gazette in 2003. He worked for eight years as editor before becoming advertising manager in 2011. He moved with his family to

Galena in 2005.

Dickerson continues to work at The Gazette and is currently pursuing a master's degree in English education with plans to become a high school English teacher. He looks forward to sharing his love for the arts with younger generations.

"Galena is unlike any other place," said Dickerson of what drew him to this place. "It is unlike any other community in the Midwest."

Busy with family and work obligations, Dickerson took a break from acting until 2013, when he started working part-time at a ghost tour company downtown.

"That was a fun way for me to tie into my improv roots, because you never knew exactly how the audience would respond," said Dickerson.



In 2014, Dickerson was approached by Ronn Toebaas, who directs the historical society's annual Cemetery Walk. Dickerson took on the role of an undertaker, Herman Sheerer, who is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, where the walk typically takes place.

"I had the opportunity to really make him odd and develop some odd mannerisms. I think the character was so well received because he was so strange, and yet an absolute gentleman when caring for his undertaker service," said Dickerson.

It turned out that Dickerson enjoyed being roped back into acting. He considers it a privilege that he was able to portray Sheerer.

The following year, Dickerson was invited to be part of Toebaas' original production, "Peace in Union," which marked the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Dickerson played General Orville Babcock, aide de camp to Union General U.S. Grant.

Two years later, Dickerson was invited back to the Cemetery



"Being on stage is a thrilling way to recreate someone's life, and work with others to create art."

Walk cast, this time as trapeze artist Johnny McQuade, who is buried at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery. Dickerson said that at some points, he struggled with this character because it was such a stretch to act as someone so different—and to wear a unitard in public. Dickerson also played Walter Ehrler, a Galena banker, in the 2018 Cemetery Walk.

"Being on stage is a thrilling way to recreate someone's life, and work with others to create art," said Dickerson.

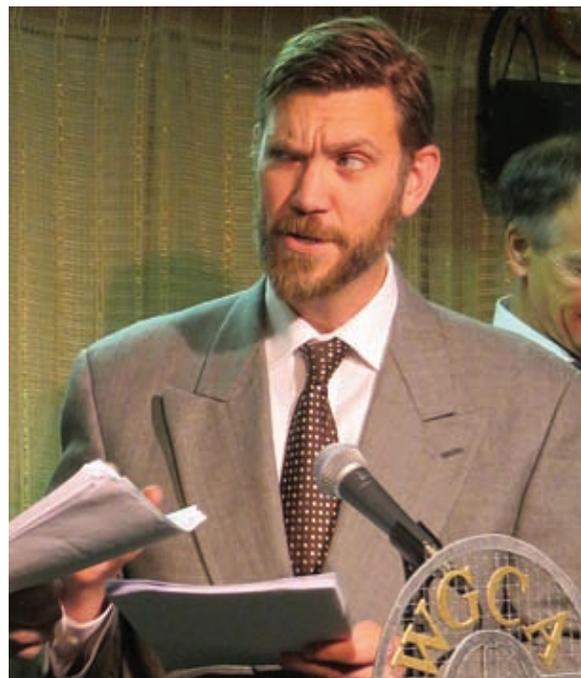
In his years off from being on the Cemetery Walk "stage," Dickerson guides people through the experience as a "grave digger." He enjoys greeting walk-goers and being able to watch his fellow community theater actors perform.

This fall, Dickerson plans to make his fourth appearance in the Cemetery Walk, this time as Daniel Wann, a longtime customs inspector and early Galena businessman, in the Cemetery Walk.

After acting in the Cemetery Walks, Dickerson became more involved with the Galena Center for the Arts radio plays. He played Nick Charles in "The Thin Man" and has also been involved in various table readings and plays at the Center for the Arts. Now that life is returning to a semblance of normal after the pandemic, Dickerson looks forward to returning to the center stage.

Dickerson also served as the board president for the Galena Center for the Arts during the time of the purchase of a new permanent home, the former Illinois Bank & Trust building on Gear Street. Being part of that transition was memorable, and he can't wait to watch the center grow and thrive.

"Here in Galena we have so many different opportunities to do theater," said Dickerson. "There is the Cemetery Walk, the Galena Center for the Arts, and sometimes it's as easy as going to one of these events and talking to people to get involved."



Avery Guest HOUSE



by Maya Dickerson

Sometimes the pieces just all fall into place. While visiting Galena in 2017, Bob and Cherish Criswell started to consider a change in their lives. They started their search for just the right property in Galena.

Living in Chicago at the time, the Criswells hoped to open a meadery, a winery that produces honey wines, but then their plans switched to a bed and breakfast.

They're now settling in as the proprietors of the Avery on Prospect Hill Guest House, located at 606 S. Prospect St., Galena.

Coming to Galena

When Cherish, who is originally from Michigan, was in college she worked at a large bed and breakfast in North Carolina. After that, she became a project

manager, facilities manager, worked in customer service, and was then in the hospitality industry for over 20 years. While living in Chicago, she and her husband Bob owned a multi-family property.

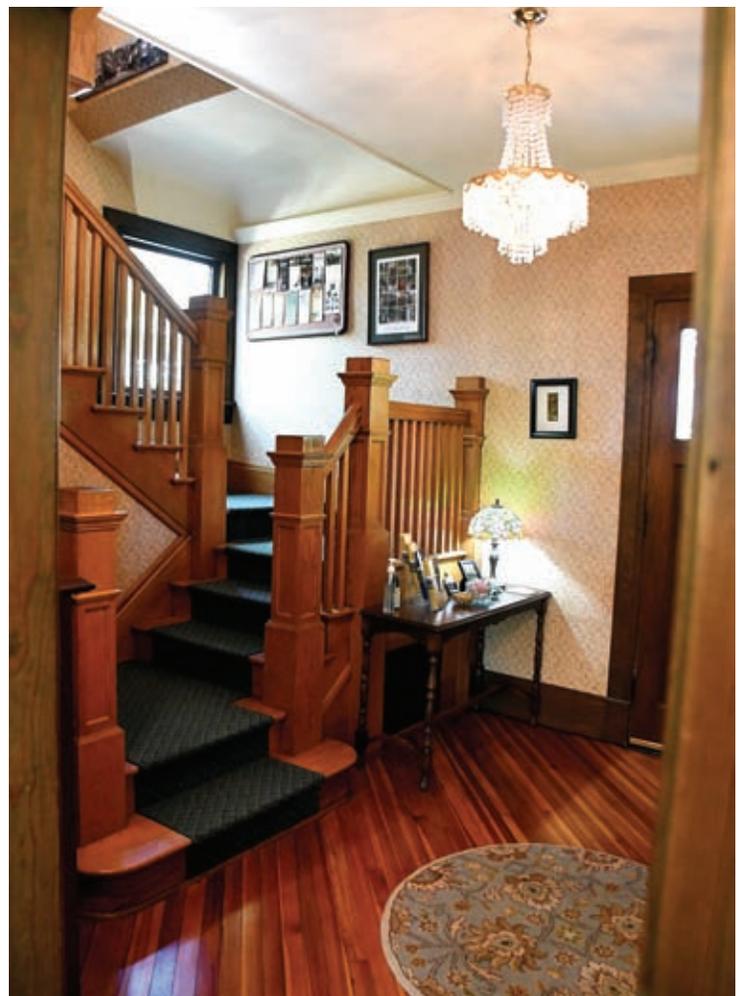
Originally from Indiana, Bob also worked in the hospitality industry for many years, but was focused more on the food side. He was a waiter, bartender, as well as a service manager and worked in customer service for many years.

While visiting Galena in 2017, Cherish fell in love with the town. The Criswells started to look for properties in Galena after their trip.

"When the pandemic hit and I started working remotely, we started seriously looking here. We thought this would be the time," said Cherish.

The Criswells felt called to Galena and felt very lucky to have happened upon their opportunity at the Avery House.

They sold their house in Chicago around the end of August, and moved into the Avery during the first week of



September.

"Our very first week of operation was that Labor Day weekend," said Cherish. "We dove right into the deep end."

The work that they did in the hospitality field has made it very easy to adjust with running the Avery and life in Galena. With Bob cooking and both Cherish and Bob cleaning and working customer service for the Guest House, they have found success.





At left: The parlor of the Avery ready to welcome guests for a relaxing evening. At right: Artwork made by innkeeper Cherish Criswell is on display in the home.

“The house has been very well taken care of over the years. There wasn’t much we needed to do. It was pretty much turn key and adding our own touches.”

Bob and Cherish really enjoy running the bed and breakfast in Galena. They enjoy providing a relaxing, welcoming place for people to stay.

“What we really like here in Galena is that we offer a place of rest and relaxation for people,” said Cherish.

“Hospitality is deep in the blood,” said Bob, who is of Polish descent. “I even feel there is a certain wholesome spirituality to it.”

One aspect of Galena that the Criswells always enjoy is the town’s charm.

“It’s like living in a snow globe. It could be late February and you’re hating the snow and you still look out the window and go ‘It’s so beautiful,’” said Bob.

“I’ve always been attracted to beautiful old buildings and artwork, and this town has all of that,” agreed Cherish. “Galena isn’t ‘Any Town USA’. We are very individual people, and we like the individualism here.”

House History

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The Avery Guest House, named after Major George S. Avery, was built in 1848. The house wasn’t Major Avery’s boyhood home, but a short time after the Civil War, Avery and his family moved in and he farmed.

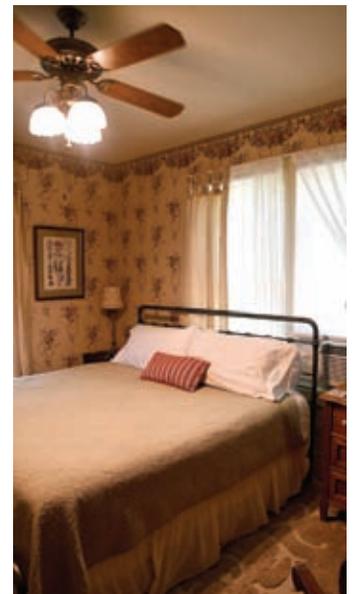
In 1876, Major Avery was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jo Daviess County and held the Postmaster position for the city. In 1881, Avery and his family moved into the house where they lived until his death in 1923.

The Averys remained there after his death, until the 1950s.

The Avery Guest House has been a bed and breakfast since 1985. Cherish and Bob are the bed and breakfast’s sixth owners.



Cherish Criswell made custom room signs, center photo. Each room was named after one of Major Avery’s daughters.



The glow of the **FORGE**

Take a step back in time at Galena's Old Blacksmith Shop, where volunteer blacksmiths share history while they work.

By Hillary Dickerson

Walking through the door of the Old Blacksmith Shop on North Commerce Street in Galena is like stepping back in time. A coal fire burns in the forge and blacksmiths are at work, transporting visitors to a bygone era as they demonstrate, first hand, the art that's largely been lost to the ages.

FYI

The Old Blacksmith Shop, 245 N. Commerce St., Galena, is open Friday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May through October. For more information, visit galenahistory.org.

Depending on the day and time, any one of a dozen or so volunteer blacksmiths might be narrating history, detailing the shop's existence, while heating iron and using special tools to shape pieces that are stamped with the Old Blacksmith Shop maker's mark and eventually sold by the Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society &

Museum, which operates the site.

The volunteers, none of whom has any sort of background in blacksmithing, put in the time to learn. They're drawn to the history and are committed to sharing it with others.

"Sometimes there are too many irons in the fire," admitted blacksmith Rich Tickner, drawing from a well-known blacksmithing phrase to illustrate his point.

Tickner runs the shop and has pretty much mastered talking to visitors while he works. It's not an easy task.

Twenty years ago, recognizing the shop was in need of restoration and with the downtown reconstruction project in the works, Galena city officials approached the private party that owned the shop about purchasing it in order to save the important piece of local history.

The shop, built in 1897 by Louis Readel, was eventually moved a short distance in March 2002 and restored from top to bottom during the two and a half years that followed. The historical society has a 10-year lease, paying \$1 a year and caring for the interior of the



building, while the city maintains the exterior portions.

The forges were fired back up in mid-October 2004; the shop opened to visitors 16 years ago.

In order to staff the historic site with actual blacksmiths, the historical society put an advertisement in *The Galena Gazette*, seeking volunteers. Eight people responded and spent time every Monday for a month training and learning the art. One of those original volunteers, Bryan Ackerman, continues in that role today.

Tickner, who is in his 14th season, started at the shop in the spring of 2008 as the coordinator who was charged with scheduling volunteers, talking to visitors and giving life to the shop. He learned to blacksmith along the way.

As Tickner works at the forge, he details the history of the shop, from the early days when Readel had the shop and shod horses and made tools. Readel's was the last such shop to be built in Galena, the newest and largest at the time. Blacksmithing was already in decline. Prior to the Civil War Galena had 15 shops, but times were changing.

After Readel died in 1920, Harry Parker bought the shop



in 1921 for \$125. Parker's father, Henry, who died in 1912, had a blacksmith shop where Fritz and Frites is located today on North Main Street. Parker closed his dad's shop and moved into Readel's.

Just a few years later, in 1928, Parker placed an advertisement, seeking a buyer for the shop. It took quite some time to secure a buyer because, by that time, blacksmithing really was on the decline. Many blacksmith shops became machine and repair shops, the identity of the blacksmith shop lost to time.

In mid-January 1929, Parker struck a deal with Willard Richardson, who worked with Parker. Richardson took over the shop and deserves credit, Tickner says, for recognizing how the blacksmith story line fit into Galena's history. He dubbed the shop the Willard Richardson Blacksmith Museum. The sign still hangs in the shop's back room.

The shop was run by mainline blacksmiths, Tickner shared, for 82 years, the line never breaking. A photograph of Richardson at work in the shop at age 82 in 1976 still hangs on the wall for visitors to see. Richardson died in 1979 at age 86.

Richardson's children, Jim and Anabel, opted to rent their dad's shop in the spring of 1979 to local metal artist John Martinson, who eventually opened his own studio in 1986 next to the West Street Sculpture Park he continues to operate.

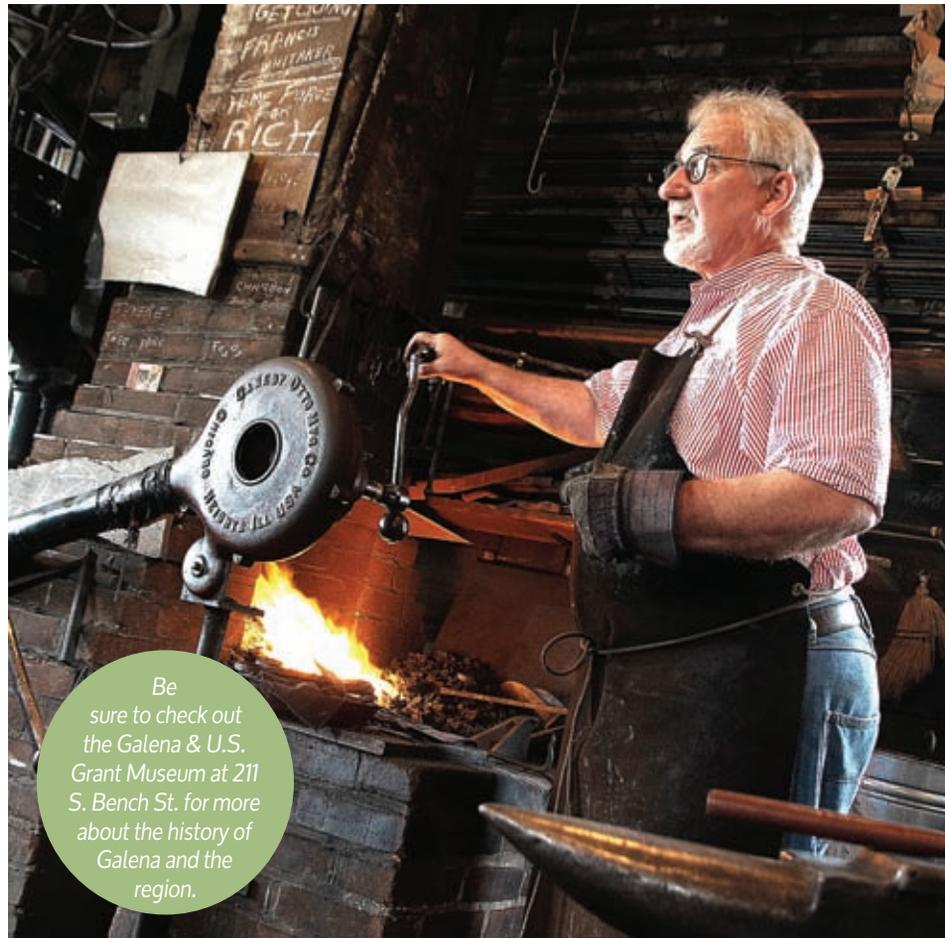
The Richardsons finally sold it in 1990.

Since the historical society took the reins, Tickner said it has always been the goal to make the shop as self-sufficient as possible, and for the most part, that's been the case.

"We live off the things we make," said Tickner as he pounded a new barbecue tool into the perfect shape. "This shop lives or dies off of visitors."

The Old Blacksmith Shop is open Friday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May through October. Gift items, made by the blacksmiths and the local foundry, are for sale in the on-site gift shop and at the museum gift shop on Bench Street.

For more information, visit galenahistory.org.



Be sure to check out the Galena & U.S. Grant Museum at 211 S. Bench St. for more about the history of Galena and the region.

It's hammer time!

Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society's Old Blacksmith Shop, in partnership with the Upper Midwest Blacksmith Association (UMBA), will present a special hands-on event and two-day music fest, "The Other Side of the Anvil," on Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 17 on the lawn adjacent to the Stillman Mansion, 513 Bouthillier. Six forging stations—complete with forge, anvil, vise and tools—will be fired up as skilled regional blacksmiths provide hands-on instruction for visitors. In addition, there will be traditional broom tying demonstrations.

Grant HOME

With over 80,000 visitors each year, the U.S. Grant Home is a Galena treasure.

by Maya Dickerson

Galena is known as home to nine Civil War generals. The most famous Galena general is Ulysses S. Grant, who eventually went on to become the 18th President of the United States.

When Grant returned to Galena from the war, citizens of Galena gifted him a house at 500 Bouthillier St. This house sits high on a hill on the east side, overlooking the town.

FYI

The U.S. Grant Home State Historic Site is located at 500 Bouthillier St., Galena, and is open for tours. For more information, visit granthome.org.

Today, Galena visitors can tour this notable home and learn more about Grant and the town's rich historic roots.

The Grant Home was built in 1860. At that time, Grant moved to Galena and lived in a home on South High Street, working in his family's tanning shop on Main Street. When the Civil War broke out, Grant left to

fight for the Union. Rising through the ranks during the war, Grant became a Union hero.

When Grant returned to Galena, the citizens of the town gave Grant and his family the iconic house that sits perched on top of the hills of Galena.

Grant became the 18th President and toured the world, which led the family to leave Galena behind.

The Grant family owned the house until after Grant's death in 1885 and his wife Julia's death in 1902. In 1904, the four Grant children gave the house to the city of Galena as a memorial to their parents.



The U.S. Grant Home State Historic Site in Galena



The Grant family pantry, stocked with food goods in the home.

During the Great Depression, in the 1930s, Galena fell on rough times financially and turned the home over to the state. It is now open to the public for tours and operates as a state historic site.

The house didn't need many, if any, renovations after the Grants gifted it to the city. The house features about 90 percent of the furniture original to when the Grant family called the house their home.

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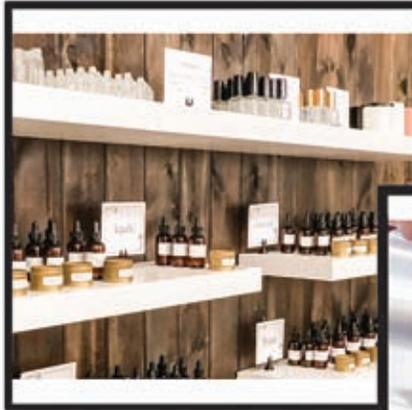
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Elihu B. Washburne House State Historic Site

908 Third St, Galena, 815-777-3310, granthome.org. 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.

Apple River Fort State Historic Site

311 E Myrtle St, Elizabeth, 815-858-2028, Appleriverfort.org. The Apple River Fort 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 for visitors to take a step back in time.

Stockton Heritage Museum

107 W Front Ave, Stockton, 815-947-2220. Learn more about the history and heritage of Stockton by paying a visit to the Stockton Heritage Museum.

Galena & U.S. Grant Museum

211 S. Bench St, Galena, 815-777-9129, GalenaHistory.org. 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 north-west 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 Market House State Historic Site

123 N Commerce St, Galena, 815-776-9200, granthome.org. 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.

1876 Banwarth House & Museum

408 E Sycamore St, Elizabeth, 815-858-2014, banwarthmuseum.com. Step back in time to 1876, and enjoy a tour of the Banwarth family home. Experience first-hand what life was like in America's centennial year.



Old Market House

Chicago Great Western Railroad Museum

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.

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 Hanover. A recently added exhibit is the Larry Bell, Jr. Collection, featuring 1,000 Native American artifacts collected over 45 years with 70 percent found at the Wapello Site.



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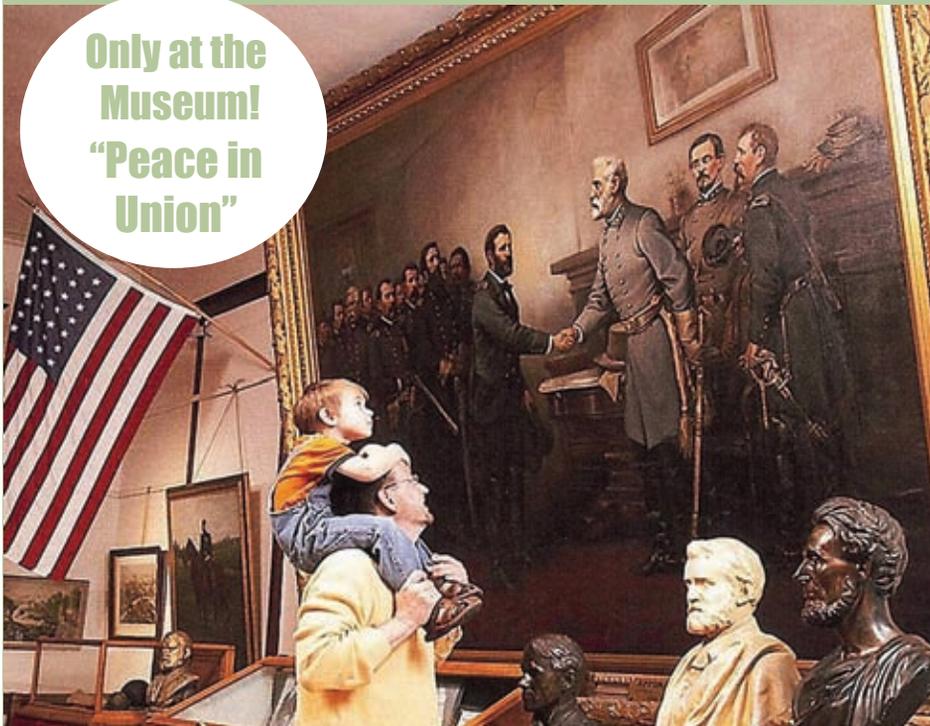


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Civil War General JASPER MALTBY

The memory of the nine Galena Civil War Generals is kept alive by volunteers. Lynn Pehlke portrays General Jasper Maltby.

by Maya Dickerson

As visitors learn about Galena's history, they will find that Galena is known for its nine Civil War generals. Even though the Civil War ended over 155 years ago, the memory and legacy of these generals lives on through the Galena Generals, a group of local men who portray the historic figures.

Lynn Pehlke is General Jasper Maltby, who served with the Union Army and was injured multiple times throughout his service.



Maltby's history

Maltby was born in Kingsville, Ohio, on Nov. 3, 1826, and had two sisters and two brothers. Both brothers fought for the South during the Civil War. Maltby attended

school in Kingsville, and eventually enlisted in the U.S. Infantry at the age of 20.

Maltby trained as a private in the Army, until Sept. 20, 1847, when he was injured in battle, during the Mexican-American War. He was honorably discharged from the service and moved to Chicago. After living there

for about a year, Maltby moved to Galena, where he owned a gunsmith shop. Maltby invented one of the first telescopic rifles and sold guns manufactured in London, labeled as "Maltby Rifles."

In 1852, Maltby married Malvina James, and in 1855, their only son, Henry, was born.

When the war broke out in 1861, Maltby enlisted once again as a private in the 45th Illinois Infantry. The same day he enlisted, he was elected the regiment's lieutenant. Shortly after enlisting and being promoted, Maltby was injured in battle and sent back to Galena to recover.



After recovering, Maltby became a colonel, fighting with General U.S. Grant in the Battle of Vicksburg. Maltby sustained injuries to his internal organs, ribs, and head. Following the battle, he was promoted to brigadier general and took command of the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division of the Army in Tennessee.

In 1864, Maltby received a surgeon's certificate and was sent to Galena to recover with his family. A year later, in 1865, he returned to service for three months before retiring. In 1867, Maltby served as the Vicksburg Military Governor, until he stepped down due to illness. Ten days after stepping down, Maltby died of cardiac arrest on Dec. 22, 1867. He was only 41. His body was brought to Galena and buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

Becoming a general

This year, the Galena Generals are marking 60 years in the community, and Pehlke is proud to be part of the group dedicated to sharing history.

Lynn Pehlke and his wife, Linda, started out just visiting Galena and attending events in town. And that's when he saw the Galena Generals. One day, he stopped and talked to Bob Buman who plays General U.S. Grant.

"I indicated that this seemed like it would be a fun thing to do," Pehlke said.

FYI
The annual Generals' Ball is set for the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Check the Generals' Facebook page for updates.



Above: Four of the nine Galena Generals, from left: Gary Jobgen as Gen. John Rawlins, Kevin Melancon as Gen. Augustus Chetlain, Kirk Foecking as Gen. John E. Smith and Lynn Pehlke as Gen. Jasper Maltby. At left: Lynn and his late wife, Linda, who passed away in early 2020, at a Generals' Ball.

After a parade, Kirk Foecking, who plays John E. Smith, invited Pehlke to a meeting even though Pehlke hadn't moved to Galena yet. At the time he lived near Aurora. He worked as a watchsmith, while his wife was a real estate agent. Location didn't stop him from portraying Maltby.

"The first few months I commuted up here on meeting nights," said Pehlke. "We had a long commute but I knew we'd be moving up here."

In 2016, the Pehlkes bought land in The Galena Territory and built a house. Pehlke started to work part-time for The Workshop as a transit driver. He regularly attended the Generals' meetings as well as parades, celebrations, events, and the annual Generals' Ball.

From the start, the Generals have been a good fit for Pehlke. He enjoys being part of the group.

His favorite memories of portraying Maltby include helping educate kids during the annual Boy Scout Weekend and Memorial Day of 2020. During that Memorial Day, the Generals each recorded videos and posted them on Facebook. It was a way to reach people even though the usual events were cancelled because of the pandemic.

"As a group we wanted to do something. We all created little three- to five-minute videos," Pehlke said. "I started out at Maltby's grave and took the camera up a few hundred yards where soldiers from Galena who enlisted in the Civil War were buried. It touched me then, and it's touching me now."

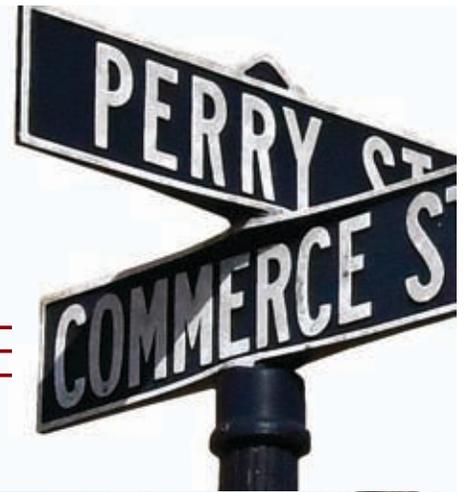
Simple things that the generals do are also very memorable for Pehlke.

"Just walking up and down the streets sometimes (is memorable). Meeting the people and stopping and talking to them and answering their questions is always a fun little thing," Pehlke ended.



Lynn Pehlke portraying General Jasper Maltby catches the spy during Grant's birthday weekend.

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Flat Iron Building « 222 N. Main St.

The original building housed Bradley/Taylor House hotels and was three stories until it was destroyed by fire in 1876. The new Italianate structure is only two floors and has housed many different businesses from the People's Bank (original safe still there) to a Justice of the Peace.

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. Several businesses now welcome customers here.

Perry Street

The stone laid on this street was originally as a deterrent to erosion, not a paving stone. However, maintaining control of horses and wagons on steep hills was a constant concern in the early days of Galena.

Old Stockade « 208 Perry St.

Originally home to trader Amos Far-rar, during the Black Hawk War this home-stead was transformed into a refuge for women and children. It never had to be used. The home has been remodeled since its days as a stockade and now welcomes visitors.



Hempstead Store « 100 N. Main St.

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. Today it's the Galena Kandy Kitchen.

Newhall Drug Store « 101-103 S. Main St.

The Newhall Drug Store was built in 1843 by Galena physician and pharmacist, Horatio Newhall, a Yale graduate, who also published Galena's first newspaper, the "Miners Journal." His most notable work was treating cholera victims in the 1832 and 1848 outbreaks. The observations he made about the disease and its spread were considered some of the best of that period. The addresses are now home to Outside the Lines Gallery and Strawberry Lane.

Barrows & Coatsworth Stores « 120-126 S. Main St.

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 same store where U.S. Grant worked from 1860 to 1861.

Schmohl Building « 215-217 S. Main St.

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.

Davis Block « 304-310 S. Main St.

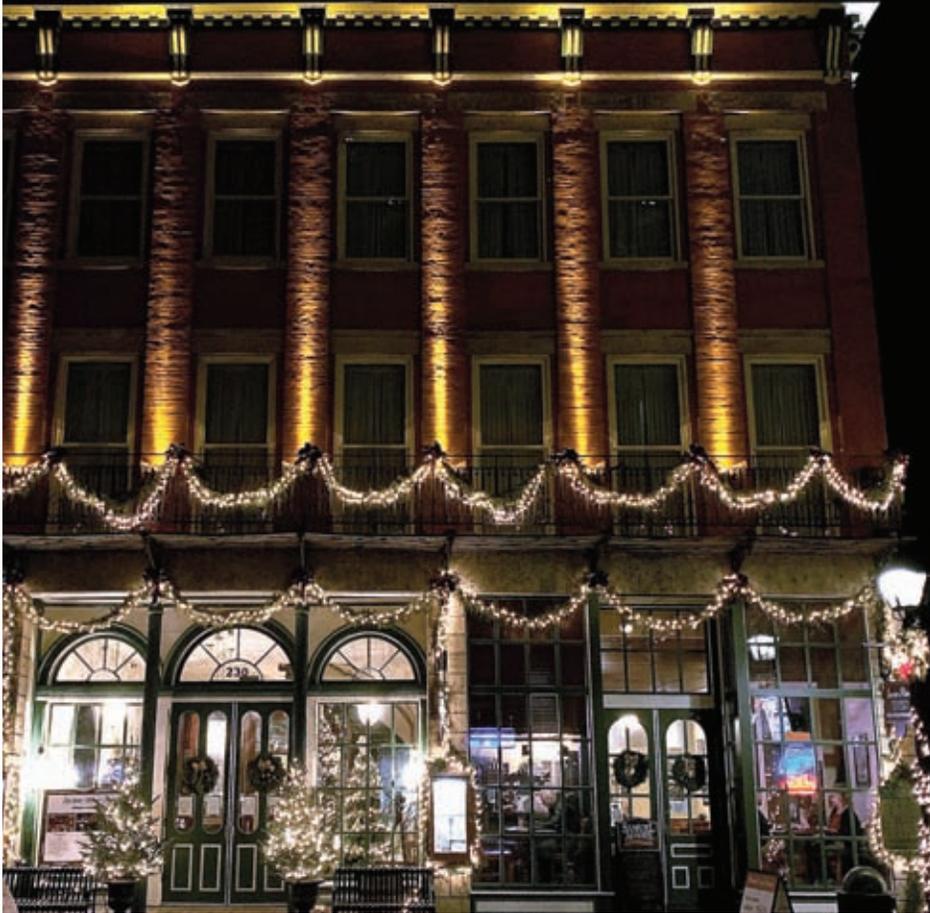
This was the very first all-brick block in Galena. Consisting of five stores, the block housed a jewelry store owned by Civil War general John E. Smith, and office to controversial lawyer M.Y. Johnson.



Barrows & Coatsworth Building



Hempstead Store



DeSoto House Hotel « 230 S. Main St.



Named after the discoverer of the Mississippi River, the DeSoto House Hotel 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 on the hotel's balcony on separate occasions. The hotel also served as the venue of Ulysses S. Grant's

reception ball and celebration after his homecoming from the Civil War. His presidential campaign headquarters were also housed in the DeSoto in rooms 209 and 211. The historic DeSoto House Hotel now offers 55 guest rooms with private baths, three dining areas, a ballroom, conference and banquet rooms, specialty shops and a private parking garage.



U.S. Customs House/ Post Office « Green & Commerce

The U.S. Post Office and Customs House is still the second oldest continuously owned and operated post office in the United States. The Renaissance Revival style used by architect Ammi B. Young was the first standardized style to be used throughout the country by the U.S. government.

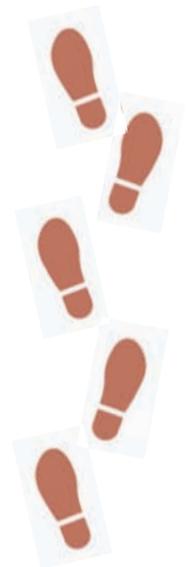
The superintendent of construction was engineer Ely S. Parker, a Native American with the Seneca nation who was raised on a reservation in western New York State. The post office sits at the corner of Green and Commerce streets in Galena. Parker would go on to become a brigadier general in 1867 and then be appointed U.S. commissioner of Indian affairs in 1869 by President Grant.



Dowling House « 220 Diagonal St.

Galena's oldest house, Dowling House, was built of limestone by John Dowling in 1826. At one time, the house was the only trading post in the city and was equipped with primitive living quarters and hosted many fur traders in years past.

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Old Galena High School

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Felt Manor « 125 S. Prospect St.

This house was originally built in the 1850s for dry goods merchant Lucius Felt. What you see today, however, is a “new” version, as the house went under major remodeling in 1874. The “new” house was done in the Second Empire style and sports a large dance hall under the mansard roof. The outside double stairway cost thousands of dollars and was for many years known as “Felt’s Folly.”



Old Galena High School « 411 S. Prospect St.

This massive structure dominates Galena’s skyline. Built after the previous school burned, the new building features a square tower with four circular openings, each nearly seven feet in diameter. In 1980, the school was sold and converted to condominiums.

Old High School Steps « 106 N. Bench St.

This stairway, originally wooden, has been in this location since the 1850s. In addition to hilltop residents, these stairs serviced hundreds of students who attended the Old Galena High School, which overlooks Galena on the top of the hill.



Dr. Newhall House « 235 S. Bench St.

This building served as the home of Galena’s foremost physician, Dr. Horatio Newhall. Its use as a funeral home goes back over 80 years.



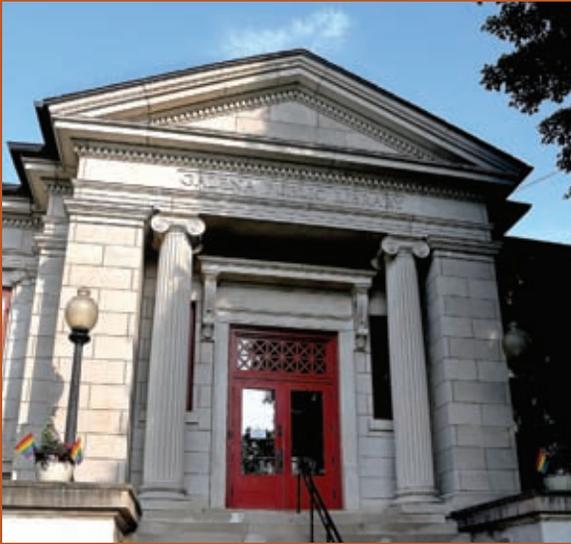
St. Michael’s Catholic Church « 227 N. Bench St.

The current church was built after the previous building burned down. The building was designed and the parish was established by Father Samuel Mazzuchelli. St. Michael’s Parish was made up largely of Irish working-class families.

History Museum « 211 S. Bench St.

Designed by architect William Dennison, who also designed U.S. Grant’s home, this residence was home to Daniel A. Barrows and his family. Barrows was a prominent businessman, owning a confectionery store, distillery and lumber yard. Barrows was also a Republican and Lincoln supporter, which led to his front window being smashed by rocks during a Democratic rally on Bench Street in 1864. In 1938, the city purchased the building and used the front two rooms as city hall until 1967. Today, the building houses the Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society & U.S. Grant Museum.





Galena Public Library « 601 S. Bench St

The Galena Public Library's story starts in 1892. Galenian Benjamin Felt's goal was to establish a free public library in the city, and that goal became reality with the dedication and opening of the South Bench Street building on July 4, 1908. Felt donated \$28,500 of the funds, while Andrew Carnegie gave \$12,500 for the neoclassical revival building. The cornerstone of the building is dated April 27, 1907.

Today the mission of the Galena Public Library is to "inspire lifelong learning, advance knowledge, provide cultural and recreational opportunities, and strengthen our community."

The library is open six days a week and closed on Sundays. The library features a historical collections room as well.

To learn more about the Galena Public Library, visit galenalibrary.org or call 815-777-0200.

Galena United Methodist Church « 125 S. Bench St.

The original structure, built in 1832, burned in January 1838. The present church building was dedicated in 1857. General U.S. Grant attended church here with his family. The Grant pew is marked with a U.S. flag.



Turner Hall « 105 S. Bench St.

Constructed by the local Turner Society, Turner Hall was to serve as a public hall for lectures, theater, rallies and events. In 1926, the hall was gutted by fire but then rebuilt. Many famous visitors have been to Turner Hall including William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt.

First Presbyterian Church « 106 N. Bench St.

The architectural style of this church comes from the East Coast, specifically the New England area. The steeple is said to be copied from the Old South Church of Boston.

St. Rose Academy « 228 N. Bench St.

Designed and built by Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, the St. Rose Academy was an all girls Catholic school also known as "the Academy." From 1868 to 1875, the building was used by the German Lutheran Church as a part of Wartburg College.

Jo Daviess County Courthouse « 330 N. Bench St.

The construction of the Jo Daviess County Courthouse began in 1839 and took five years to complete due to shortages of materials, labor and finances.



St. Rose Academy



First Presbyterian Church



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



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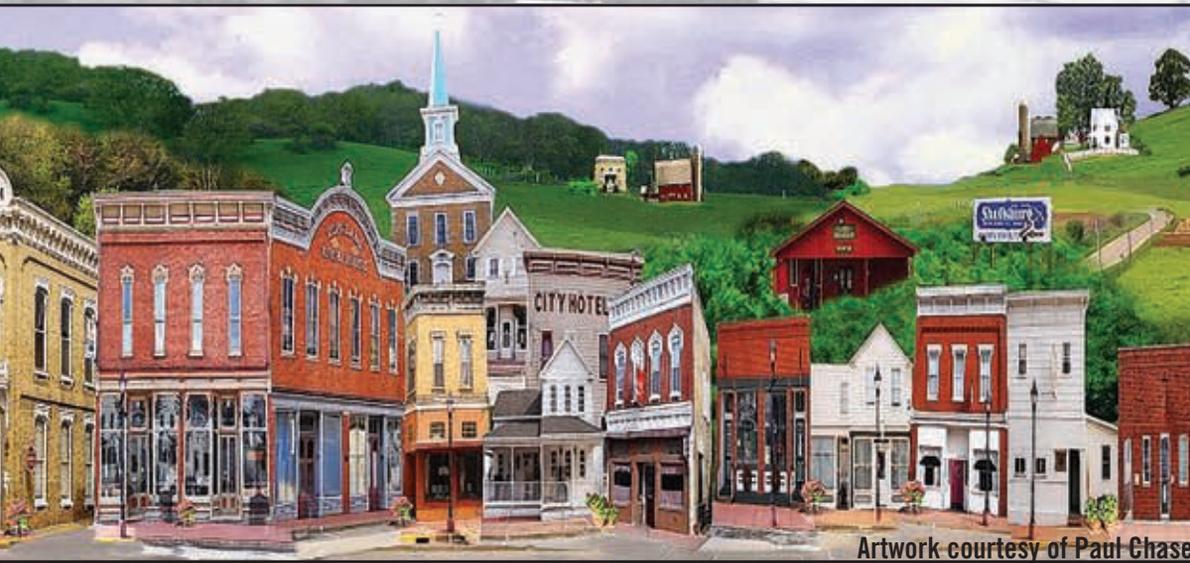
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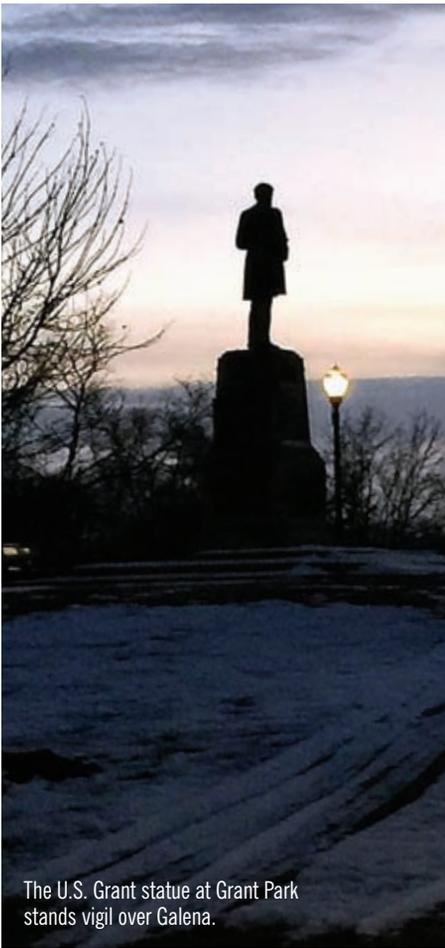


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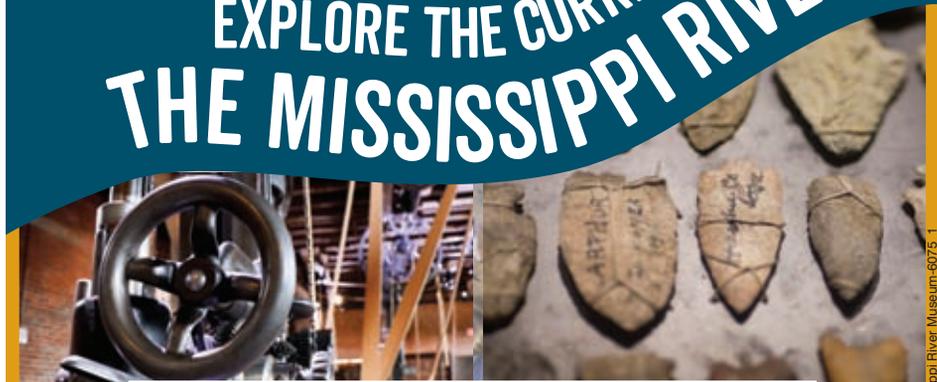


The U.S. Grant statue at Grant Park stands vigil over Galena.



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Sinsinawa Mound FAITHFUL TRIP

Art, history and religion are intertwined at a countryside stop in southwestern Wisconsin

by *Brandon Behlke*

Visible for miles in many directions, Sinsinawa Mound is a picturesque spot in the Driftless region landscape. Seven-and-a-half miles from Dubuque, Iowa, and less than 10 miles from Galena, the Mound has been a beckoning call to travelers for over 150 years.

Father Samuel Mazzuchelli is well known in the region as a pioneer priest who founded many local parishes and designed buildings that still stand today.

In 1844, Mazzuchelli purchased 800 acres of land, 450 of which are home to Sinsinawa Mound. During that year, Mazzuchelli also built the stone building that still stands on the property and houses retired Sisters and those working in congregation offices.

The history of Mazzuchelli is featured in one of the exhibits at Sinsinawa Mound, which includes the only contemporary portrait of Mazzuchelli from 1827.

Visitors interested in seeing the exhibits as well as the chapel or the art gallery are asked to check in at the front desk before entering the building. Sisters are available to give a detailed tour of the exhibits upon request. The tours can be self guided as well.

Sister Priscilla Wood, promoter of arts and cultural heritage, leads tours and is impressed by Mazzuchelli's many accomplishments.

"His journey was remarkable," said Wood.

Mazzuchelli, who is one step away from being canonized as a saint in the Catholic church, is an important figure in the region. Wood believes his importance would only spread if he were to be canonized.

The artifacts in the Mazzuchelli exhibit include his scientific instruments, which even Smithsonian experts find intriguing as Mazzuchelli ordered many of them in the 1850s to study electricity and other scientific phenomena.

The history of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters stems back to 1847 when the order was founded. The Sisters' history is intertwined with Galena as the first college established by the order was located in Galena. This building, designed by Mazzuchelli, is still standing at the corner of Bench and Franklin streets.

A second exhibit at the Mound details the history of the



Sinsinawa Dominicans, Mazzuchelli was an advocate for education, especially among women on the frontier.

"His vision was education for women, which included the sciences," said Wood. "That was not typical for that time. Students would take Latin, botany, astronomy, trigonometry and many other courses. It was quite extraordinary."

Along with the historical exhibits, visitors can also stop in the Queen of the Rosary Chapel, built in 1964. The chapel includes a large pipe organ and beautiful stained glass windows that were designed by Sister Teresita Kelly. Windows depict St. Dominic, Moses and Abraham and other biblical scenes.

The Mounds' visitor complex also includes an art gallery which features the work of local artists and members of the congregation.

"We love to have people visit," said Wood.

Another popular stop in the visitor center is the gift shop, which features bakery items which have become a local staple, as well as cards and gift items. The products are made at Sinsinawa Mound with best-sellers being the caramel rolls, cinnamon bread, Sin-A-Mound and zucchini bread.

The visitor experience at Sinsinawa Mound isn't only indoors. Sinsinawa Mound also offers trails, giving visitors an opportunity

FYI

Sinsinawa Mound Center, home to the Sinsinawa Dominicans, is located at 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, Wis. To learn more, call 608-748-4411 or visit sinsinawa.org.



to explore the flowers, plants and trees that also call Sinsinawa Mound home.

Sinsinawa Mound officials are also working on an oak savanna restoration and have a collaborative farm on the property.

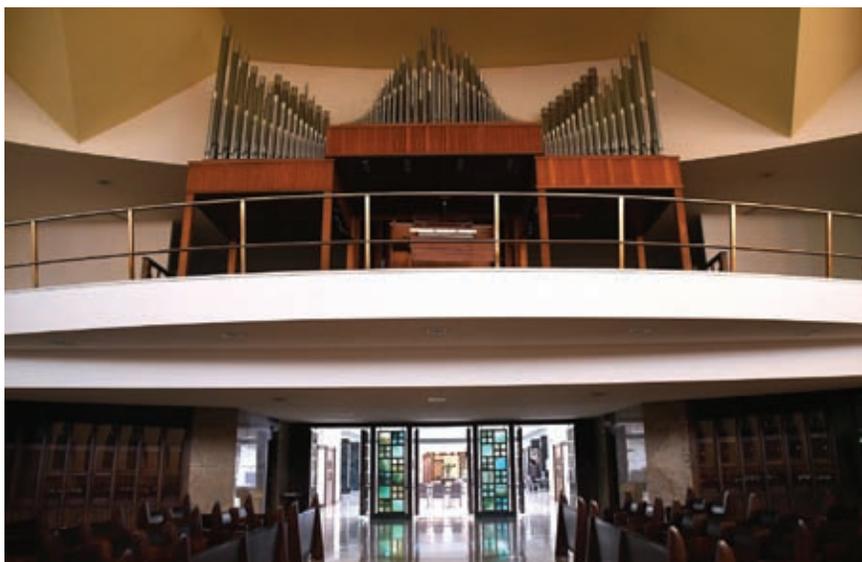
Events occur regularly throughout the year and are available in-person or on Zoom during the fall and winter seasons.

Some of the upcoming events include: Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change (Native American History), Sept. 11; Yoga retreat, Oct. 2-3; Canvas Painting Classes, Oct. 5, Nov. 9 and Dec. 7; and a Dan Schutte Concert, Oct. 15.

Sinsinawa Mound is a place where people can find something that suits their passion, whether it is attending a religious service, visiting an exhibit or art gallery, purchasing caramel rolls or going on a hike.

The greatest attraction, though, is the panoramic view of the tri-state region. No matter the season, the view is stunning.

“It has attracted people for over a century,” said Wood. “We are blessed to enjoy it every day.”



OH, THE PLACES TO GO

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 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 the settlement was named Elizabeth.

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.

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!



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 County 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.



East Dubuque

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.

Visitors can 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.

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.





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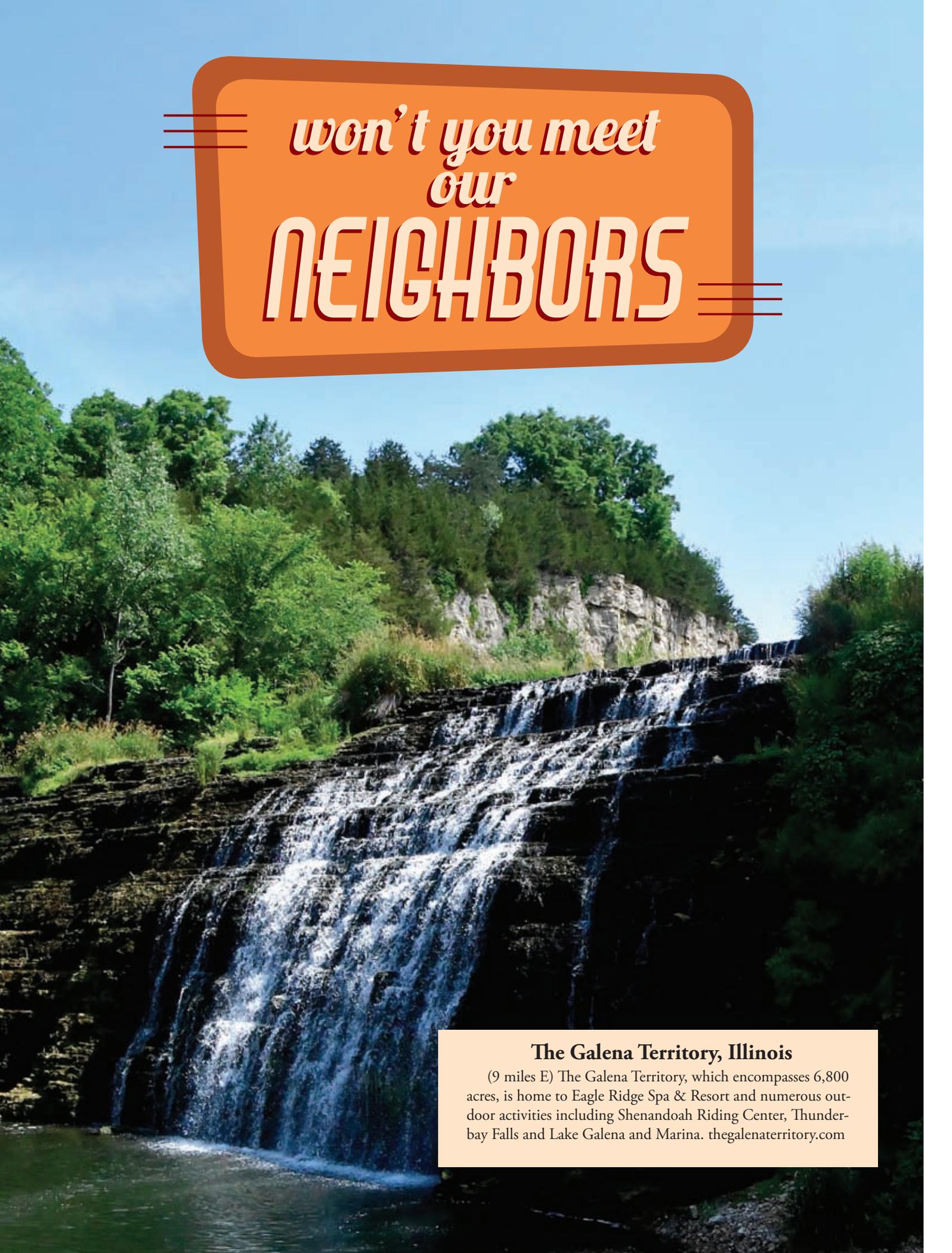
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Dubuque, Iowa

(16 miles NW) population 58,000, Dubuque is Iowa's oldest city and is 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 a panoramic view of Lock and Dam 11 and the Mississippi River valley. traveldubuque.com

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.

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

Apple Canyon Lake, Illinois

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

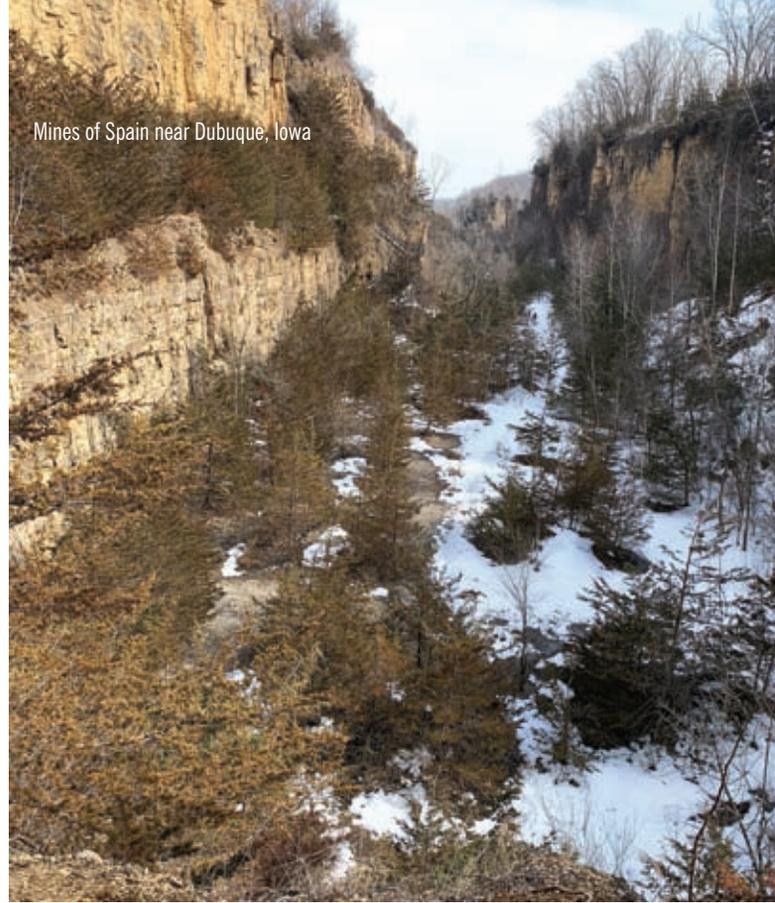
Apple River, Illinois

(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

Mines of Spain near Dubuque, Iowa



Mallardfest, a weekend of 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 it 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

Warren, Illinois

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

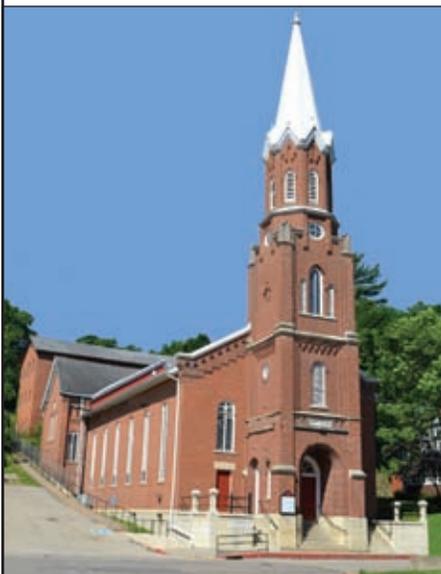
Platteville, Illinois

(25 miles N) population 11,244, surrounded by rolling topography, the area around Platteville hosts some of the most breathtaking sights in the state. Besides being home to a University of Wisconsin campus, Platteville 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 university's mining history. platteville.com

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Get out & EXPLORE

by *Brandon Behlke*

Former Galena educator Paula Schonhoff has spent the past five years adding information to her Galena Tours app. Since its inception in 2016, the app has expanded to include more stops and more information for each stop. This year, the app features a new tour, “Ghost Legends.”

“It has been really fun to add that because people have been sharing their ghost stories with me,” said Schonhoff.

Schonhoff said she is continuing to add more of what people have requested. Schonhoff began researching and looking for information and has also received assistance from Daryl Watson, former historical society director. She has his permission to use stories he compiled in his book, “Ghosts in Galena.”

Schonhoff has added newspaper articles from the 1890s to add more information to haunted locations.

“One of the biggest changes is that I am constantly adding things to posts that I have already made,” said Schonhoff.

Schonhoff has used information from local historians Terry Miller and Tim Doser for background information on many of the locations throughout the community.

“They have been wonderful about sharing things,” said Schonhoff. “Terry has given me permission to use anything that he puts on Facebook. Tim Doser has added newspaper articles and he lets me use them.”

Schonhoff is amazed by how the app has grown.

“It is turning out to be more of a community project, which I love, from all of the people providing me with information,” said Schonhoff. “Terry



Cole has given me permission to use photos, as well as Craig Albaugh, who has given me photos and information. For example, when we were talking about the Stanley Theater he told me that Mr. Stanley would buy shoes for the kids. Nancy Buening also provided information on Mr. Stanley, and I asked her permission to use that.”

Schonhoff said that one example of the community feel for the app is the information she has about St. Mary’s School.

“Mary Hartman and Cindy McCarthy were telling me about when they were cheerleaders there and they gave me permission to use that story,” said Schonhoff. “It has been a lot of fun.”

Schonhoff said she is grateful to the people who have shared information, photos and support.

Andy Willis has also been a major support for Schonhoff as he provides tech support. Willis has taught Schon-

FYI
The Galena Tours app can be found at galenailtours.com or downloaded from Google Play or the App Store.

hoff how to add her own pictures and articles to the app, which she enjoys.

“It is still growing and it is still changing,” said Schonhoff.



Schonhoff is always learning new things as well.

“I am learning things that I never knew,” said Schonhoff. “One thing I never knew was that a building was supposed to be built for a community center where Washington Park is now. It is also fun when I get to add pictures of my family.”

Schonhoff said that one of the spots on the ghost legends tour is her grandmother’s house.

Galena history has always fascinated Schonhoff and was something she made a point

of teaching in her fourth-grade classroom. A bulletin board in her classroom included many photos of Galena. Students spent weeks learning about Galena’s past.

History in the classroom is still important to Schonhoff, who serves as a substitute teacher in area schools. Schonhoff serves on The Galena Foundation board and connects classrooms to tour opportunities and also gives presentations to students.

“It has been fun for me,” said Schonhoff. “Galena history has always been a passion of mine.”



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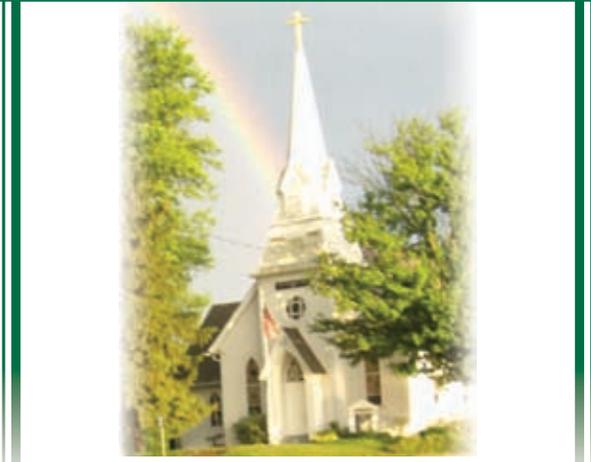
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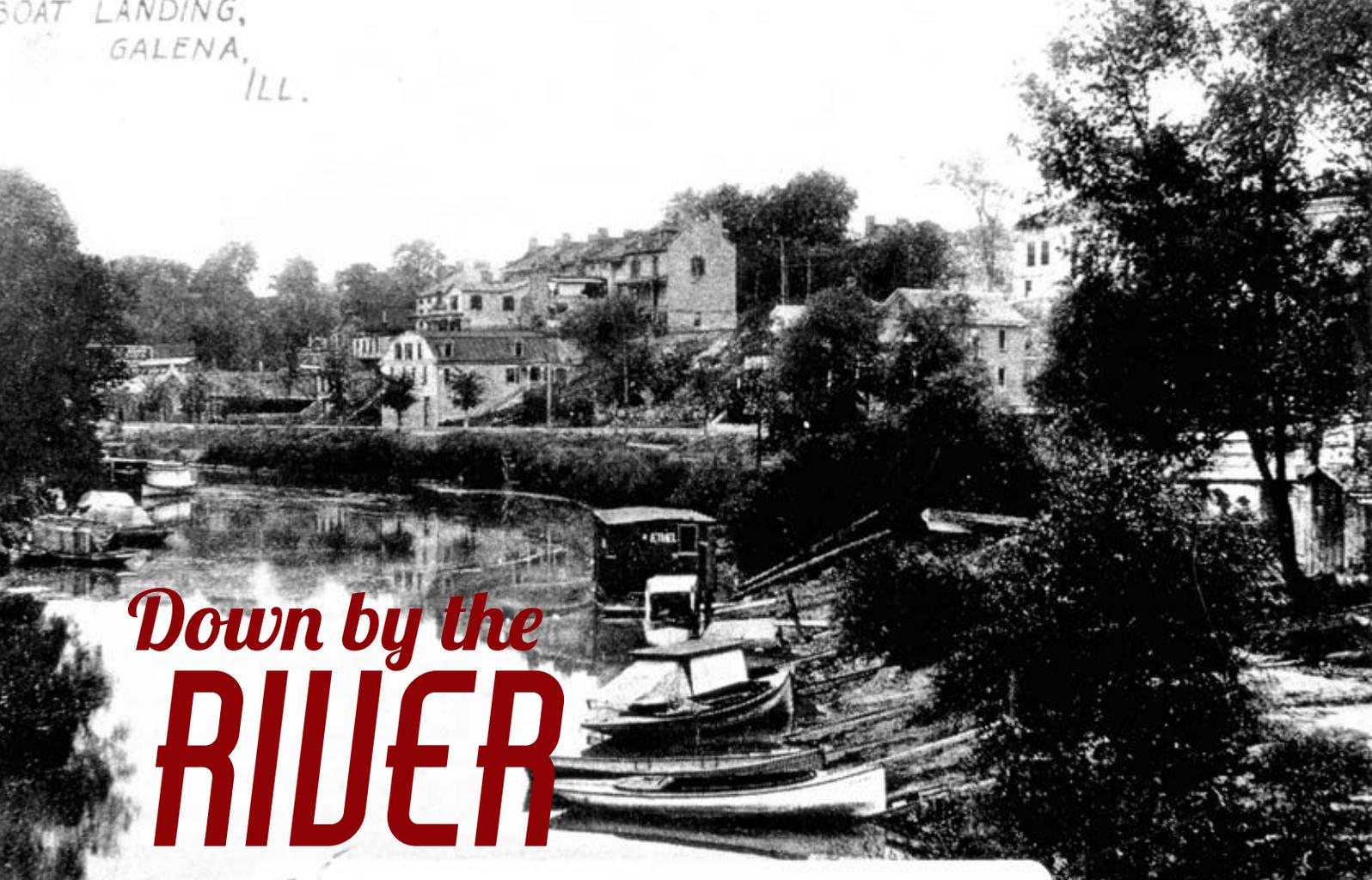
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Down by the RIVER

The levee has always been a hub for riverfront activity

Researched by Steve Repp, Galena Public Library

Galena was a very busy river town during its early years, beginning in the 1830s. Although Galena is located several miles from the Mississippi River, its close access to the Mississippi put Galena in contact with the outside world, which helped with its early development and settlement. Without the river, Galena might not have been settled until later years when railroads expanded westward.

It might be hard to believe, but the Galena River during those early years was approximately 265 feet in width as river boats made daily visits to Galena, stopping along the levee which is now known as Riverside Drive.

The Galena Daily Jeffersonian of Oct. 2, 1854 reported, "The Levee presented a scene of great activity. The arrival of seven boats, in quick succession, each with a large load put porters, drayman, ticket agents, butchers and bakers in a flurry from which they have not recovered."

From research it appears that the levee began near the present day location of the stoplights by the U.S. 20 bridge and continued to a bit past the present floodgates where Main Street numbers began. Numerous business locations along the levee were given street numbers like the Louisville House, which was a hotel located at 7 Levee and present day 601 Riverside Dr.



During the late 1800s and into the early 1900s, most river traffic consisted of lumber, gravel and sand for use in paving streets and for construction purposes. But it was also during this time that numerous launches and pleasure boats offered a very popular form of recreation as people would take a boat ride out to the islands on the Mississippi where camps were built and people could spend a day or weekend. There were all sorts of fun activities like playing tennis, picnics and there was even a bowling alley on one of the islands.

In 1908, an effort was made to change the name of what had been known as "the levee" to Riverside Drive. Since it had been paved, trees planted and several nice houses built, some people

THE LEVEE, GALENA, ILL.



FYI

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felt the roadway would sound a bit more “dignified” with the new name.

Looking back on Galena’s river history, it went from one extreme to another. Silting narrowed the river and there have been many floods, the one in 1937 being the worst.



The most important thing that took place during the years from 1948-51 was the construction of the flood control project and the floodgates. It took both federal and local funds, as well as the hard work of local officials and the Army Corps of Engineers out of Rock Island, to make it all

happen.

During the 1950s and 1960s, boat races became popular along the old levee as “River Days” attracted many people. The Veteran’s Memorial was constructed in 1960 to honor local people who served during the more recent wars.

Years ago, Bob Bainbridge shared his recollections: “A man by the name of Paul Fisher, who was a brakeman for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, put ducks in the river back in the 1920s. I don’t know where he got them, maybe from the Mississippi, but he took care of them for a long time until he died.”

As the years passed, local people took care of the ducks and fed them for quite a number of years. During the flood of 1993, there was a sign along Riverside Drive which cautioned drivers about the “Duck Crossing.”



What was known as the levee for years continues to be a source of enjoyment for local residents and visitors. The “scene of great activity” lives on. The Galena River contributed to a way of life and remains an important part of local history.

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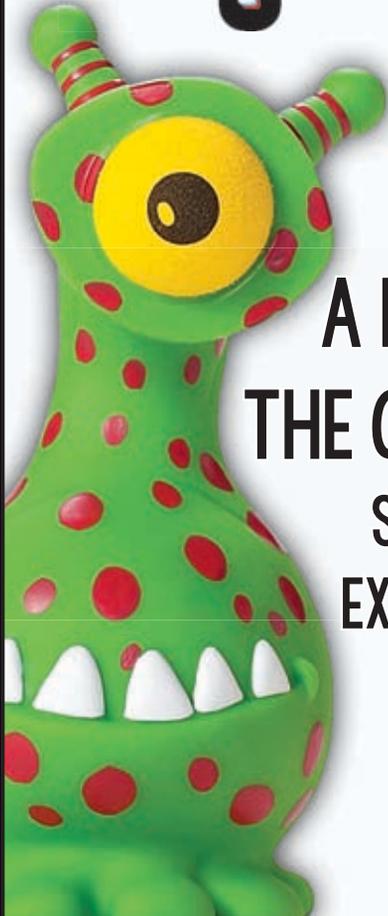
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