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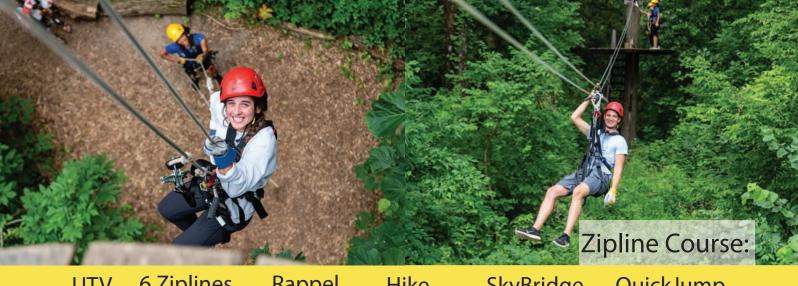


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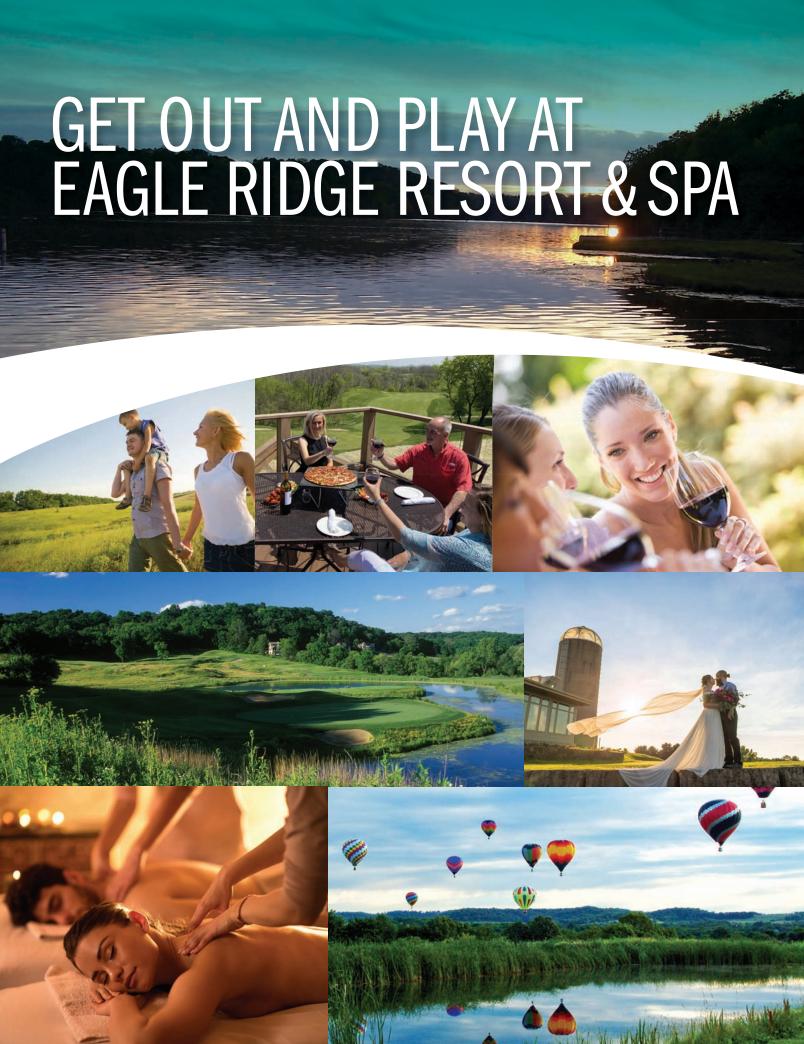
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Scent Workshop

307 S Main St, Galena, 309-530-9786, scentworkshop.com. The Scent Workshop is a fragrance studio where guests experience the art of French perfumery to make custom scented candles, perfumes, colognes, diffusers and more. This is an all-age workshop experience during which guests learn to layer fragrance to create their own scent and transform it into an item of choice. The Scent Workshop experience is perfect for date nights, birthdays, bachelorette and wedding parties or family gatherings. Scent is the first thing someone notices, and the last thing they forget, so come create some memories.

Belvedere Mansion

1008 Park Ave, 815-777-0747, belvederemansionandgardens.com. Built in 1857, this Italianate mansion features an elegant interior and landscaped gardens. Open for tours May-November.

Hoof It Goat Treks

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Haunted Galena Tour Company

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

General Grant Walking Tour

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

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All About a Ghost Tour

230 S Main St, Galena, 815-777-9252. By day, Steve Repp works at the Galena Public Library, combing through historical documents and newspaper clippings. But by night, he prowls the streets of downtown Galena–giving ghost tours. Enjoy the perfect mix of "History and Mystery" on Repp's All About a Ghost Tour. The walking tour takes participants from the DeSoto House Hotel, through downtown, then up onto Bench Street.

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by Emma Eaton

ometimes even the most unexpected obstacles in life have a funny way of working themselves out. At least that was the case for Scent Workshop Galena owner Brianne Van Hemert, who lost her decadelong position as a technology recruiter for a hedge fund in downtown Chicago after the pandemic hit.

She took time with her three young children, and to support small business, purchased a candle-making kit from her college friend, Lindsay Hirth, who owns the Scent Workshop in Greensboro, N.C. Van Hemert and her two oldest daughters created their own candles over Zoom with Hirth and Hirth's daughter. The rest is history.

Hirth encouraged Van Hemert to consider opening a second Scent Workshop store in Chicago, but Van Hemert thought the business would thrive in a more vacation-like destination. After discussing the proposition with her husband, the Van Hemerts decided to move to Galena and get started.

"Galena is special to us," Van Hemert said. "We got married here 12 years ago, and it's always been our little getaway place."

Scent Workshop Galena opened in October 2020. There are few experiences like it in the Midwest. Visitors can work with 70 different oils while learning French perfumery and its various layerings. Van Hemert said scent is the first thing people notice and the last thing they forget, so it is special for them to develop an individualized scent.

"Everything aligned, and we found a storefront on Main Street, and we found a house and were able to move in before the girls started school," Van Hemert said. "It's all fallen into place in a matter of months, so maybe it was meant to be."

Van Hemert hand pours all soy-based candles on site in small batches. The store also has lotions, perfumes and room mists, which she makes on site. Van Hemert plans to expand Scent Workshop's inventory to include wax melts, bath salts and shower gels. However, the business is most known for its candle-making and



Guests get to create their own candles and perfumes during workshops, above, and there is fun for all ages, below.



perfuming workshops. There are three workshops: candle and mini perfume, full perfume/ cologne bottle or just a candle. The candle and mini perfume workshop allows customers to create two signature scents, and it takes around 90 minutes.

"The pandemic makes you realize life is too short," Van Hemert said. "I love being around people, and candles and perfumes and French perfumery are fun and interesting to learn and teach and be around."

Van Hemert said she has been surprised by how many couples come in for workshops. They end up having a wonderful experience, she said, and she anticipates more couples and bachelorette groups stopping by as the spring and summer wedding season hits.



Candle-making and perfuming workshops are the perfect activity during a visit to Galena.

'It's all fallen into place in a matter of months, so maybe it was meant to be.'

Day at the ORCHARDS

Dittmar Farms & Orchard

256 S Grebner Rd, Elizabeth, 815-858-3413, dittmarfarms.com. Jump into fall at this family-owned and operated farm that specializes in producing favorites like apples, sweet corn, and pumpkins. There are also hayrides and corn mazes. Stop by The Orchard Station store on Main Street in Elizabeth for fresh donuts! Open weekends September-October.





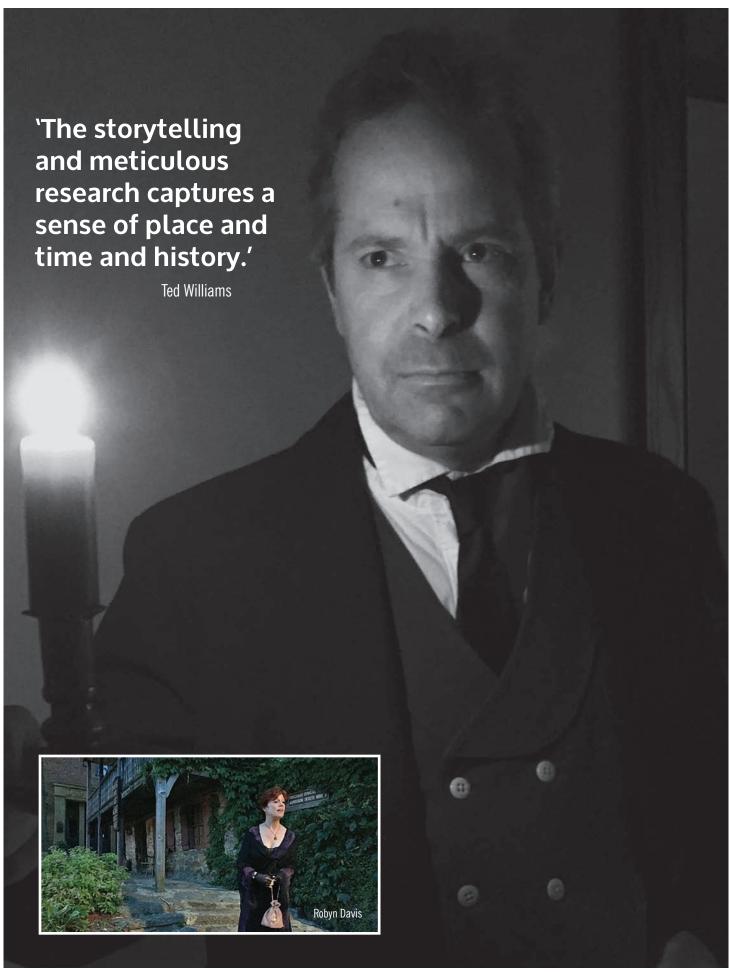
Orchard Landing

6635 W Beaty Hollow Rd, Hanover. Established in 2015, Orchard Landing is open late August through mid-November. The apple farm offers more than just 12 apple varieties. There is also honey, maple syrup, jellies, pumpkins and apple cider donuts. orchardlandingfarm.com

Terrapin Orchard

1063 US 20 East, Elizabeth, 815-202-2180, terrapinorchards. com. If you love apples, Terrapin Orchards is the place for you! There are strawberries to pick in the early summer. Over 5,000 apple trees in six varieties like Honeycrisp, Premier Honeycrisp, Gala, Fuji, Evercrisp and Zestar. The fruit is usually ready by September.





Discover Galena's haunted HISTORY

by Emma Eaton

aunted Galena Tour Company owners and husband-wife duo Ted Williams and Robyn Davis always have something fun and new up their sleeves, and this year is no exception.



Their creative storytelling has earned the company recognition from the River Travel Magazine and a five-star rating on TripAdvisor. Williams said he loved visiting Galena as a child, and he especially appreciated the history. After moving from Chicago to Galena later in life, he began researching Galena's paranormal activity and eventually opened Haunted Galena Tour Company with Davis. Williams said he prides himself in conveying well-researched material.

"That's what makes our tours special," Williams said. "The storytelling and meticulous research captures a sense of place and time and

history.

The highly anticipated Spirits and Spirits Tour will return at the end of April. Visitors can join storyteller Williams as he guides them through a haunted hotel, winery and brewery. The tour price includes one specialty drink at the DeSoto House, Galena Cellars and Galena Brewing Company (three drinks total). The DeSoto House is known for its "Lady in Black" ghost, while the locations of Galena Cellars and Galena Brewing Company are known for previously hosting funeral homes. Williams said working with other Galena businesses has helped Spirits and Spirits succeed. The 90-minute walking tour occurs on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and departs from Haunted Galena's storefront, A Darkness Lovely, at 304 S. Main Street.

"It's perfect timing at the end of the shopping day before dinner," Williams said. "Guests will have a bit of a warm glow by the end of the hour, and the tour with the drinks is just an excellent value."

The Haunted Galena Ghost Walk is a longtime favorite. Trained actors, storytellers and tour guides Williams, Davis, Michael Crawford and Ian Williams lead guests by candlelight through the historic streets of Galena while telling stories of Galena's ghosts and other legends. The Ghost Walk will also begin at the end of April. The 90-minute walking tour runs Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m., as well as 8:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. It departs from the Dowling House and ends at the DeSoto House. Tickets can be purchased online.

"We're so appreciative of the Galena residents and visitors who share their stories," Davis said. "The content of the tours is always changing and evolving."

Haunted Galena Tour Company would also like to thank its partners,



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Haunted Galena Tour Company 304 S Main St, Galena 815-990-7203 hauntedgalenatourcompany.com

Big Bill's, DeSoto House Hotel, Dowling House, Galena Cellars, Galena Brewing Company and the Galena Public Library, for their collaboration especially during the tough times of the pandemic. Williams and Davis said they are grateful to be in Galena and look forward to a long and happy future.

"To do this takes a village, so we've been very fortunate," Williams said.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced Haunted Galena Tour Company to reduce the frequency and size of tours last year. The reopening of tours is both weather and COVID-19 dependent. Williams and Davis said they encourage visitors to book ahead, check the website and call with questions about specific dates or times. The company follows state and federal COVID-19 guidelines and protocols.

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Apple Canyon Lake has the ideal nine-hole course for land lovers. Built in 1972, the 3,280-yard par 72, has only one water hazard, but rolling hills, tree-lined fairways, bunkers and small greens challenge every aspect of your game. The course winds through the hills and canyons of Apple Canyon Lake, providing a view while you play. If nine holes aren't enough, different sets of tees allow for an 18-hole experience. 14A157 Canyon Club Dr, Apple River, 815-492-2477, applecanyonlake.org

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, The General

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

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, East Course

The par 34, 2,648-yard, East Course is a nine-hole course that places a premium on accuracy off the tee with tight landing areas. If you can keep it in play, you will have the ability to shoot some low numbers. There are three different par threes with only one par five. Its size and length make it a great course to play after a morning 18 or to just tighten up your short game play. 100 E Point Dr, Galena, 815-777-5200, eagleridge.com

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, North Course

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

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, South Course

The par 72, 6,762-yard, South Course will put your driving accuracy to the test. The course is cut out of a heavily wooded valley and has numerous tight landing areas. There is a creek that comes into play on 11 of the 18 holes. In 1996, the course was voted one of the top 75 upscale courses in the country. The South may be shorter than the other 18-hole courses on site, but it is still considered the most difficult course. 10 Clubhouse Dr, Galena, 815-777-2280, eagleridge.com



Galena Golf Club

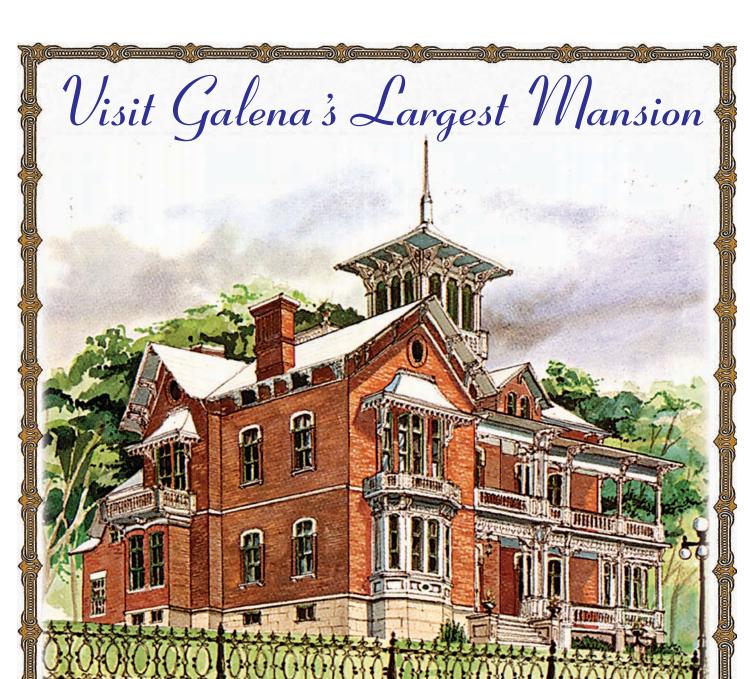
The par 71, 6,623-yard, Galena Golf Club includes two distinctly different nines, testing even the best golfers. The front nine, built in 1927 and recently remodeled, is a par 35 that is more compact, and puts more emphasis on scoring with the ability to shoot low numbers. The back nine, built in 1994,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

Lacoma Golf Course

Located in the wooded hills of the Mississippi River valley only five minutes from Dubuque, Iowa, and 15 minutes from Galena, Lacoma Golf Club features two regulation 18-hole golf courses and a par three course, Lacoma offers a challenge to golfers of all skill levels. The 6,800 yard, par 71 Blue Course provides a good test of golf for experienced players. The wooded and hilly Gold Course is a picturesque and challenging nine hole experience. The original nine-hole Red Course is a more forgiving test of golf and is perfect for families and those learning the game. Foot golf is also offered for quick, inexpensive, group-oriented fun. Groups can combine foot golf and the traditional game as part of an outing. 8080 Timmerman Dr, East Dubuque, 815-747-3874, lacomagolf.com

Woodbine Bend Championship Golf Course

For a true variety of holes packed into one course, visit the Woodbine Bend Championship Golf Course. The 18-hole, 6,755-yard, par 72 course opened in 2002. The links-style course is open, with trees lining some fairways. Moguls thick with tall fescue dot the course, and both sand and grass bunkers force you to be precise. Water comes into play on eight holes. 3500 E Center Rd, Stockton, 815-858-3939, woodbine-bend.com



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Rutherford Refuge at Twin Bridges is the newest Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation property

by Emma Eaton

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation added another spectacular property to its domain, the Rutherford Refuge at Twin Bridges.

The 24 acres of wilderness near Warren, in northeast Jo Daviess County, began as a gift from husband to wife. In 1989,



John Rutherford purchased the land along Clear Creek on East Twin Bridges Road for his wife Barbara. She was a certified naturalist, loved butterflies and birds and taught her family about nature. John and Barbara worked to preserve the refuge until their deaths in 2018, when it was passed along to their four children: Bryn, Jay, Brad and Darcy.

Jay is the only sibling who lives in the area, and it was going

to be difficult for him and his wife, Libby, to maintain the preserve by themselves. John and Barbara had spent years clearing invasive species and planting new prairie and seeds. However, the Rutherford siblings still wanted to honor their parents' conservation efforts and asked JDCF to purchase the land for a public preserve. When JDCF was founded in 1993, John was one of its first board members. JDCF took control of the refuge in December 2020.

JDCF executive director Steve Barg said there are so many decisions that go into acquiring a new property. Jay Rutherford



The late Barbara and John Rutherford



Wet prairie burr oak at the Twin Bridges property.



started the conversation with JDCF in mid-2019, so land transactions may seem straightforward, but they rarely are.

"A land acquisition for a park or a preserve takes 100 cups of coffee," Barg said. "We have certain policies and procedures, while the landowners also have a history and a previous way of doing things."

The Rutherford Refuge at Twin Bridges features Clear Creek, which is one of the cleanest streams in Jo Daviess County, and natural habitats like wet-mesic prairie, sedge meadow, seep, and oak barrens. These are all rare habitat types for the Driftless Area. Barg said JDCF did not expect to find as many rare plant and insect species as it did.

"We've purchased and maintained many properties, but this one may meet qualifications to be designated as an Illinois State Nature Preserve," Barg said. "We will likely go through that process, which would make it an all-star preserve."

The Rutherford Refuge at Twin Bridges is open to the public. Visit jdcf.org for directions to the property.



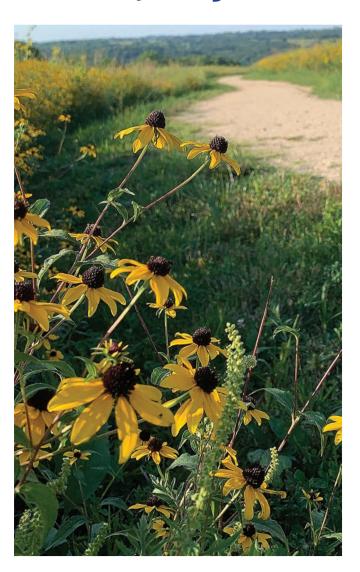
An aerial view of the new Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation property, above, and the showy orchid in bloom at Twin Bridges, at right.

The Twin Bridges property features Clear Creek, one of the cleanest streams in Jo Daviess County



Go exploring at these preserved properties

Since 1993, the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation has worked to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. To learn more, visit jdcf.org.



Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve

870 S Pilot Knob Rd, Galena

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

Galena Gateway Park

9300 W Powder House Hill 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.

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.

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.

Valley Of Eden Bird Sanctuary

5559 E Rush Creek Rd, Stockton

Explore 109 acres of prairie, forest and grassland at the only bird sanctuary in the county, which offers a peaceful environment to watch the sun set. It features six miles of walking trails and two observation decks for bird watching. So far, over 120 species of birds have been identified on site.

Buehler Preserve

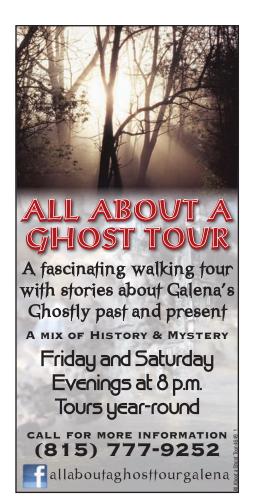
102 Jefferson St, Galena

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.

Schurmeier Teaching Forest

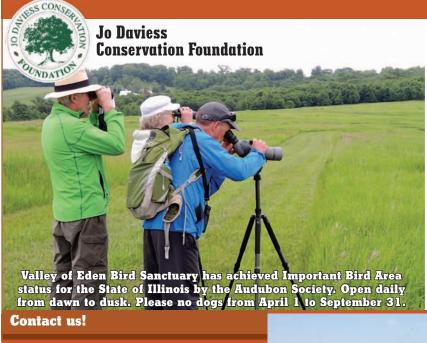
147 E Reusch Rd, Elizabeth

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.



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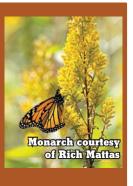
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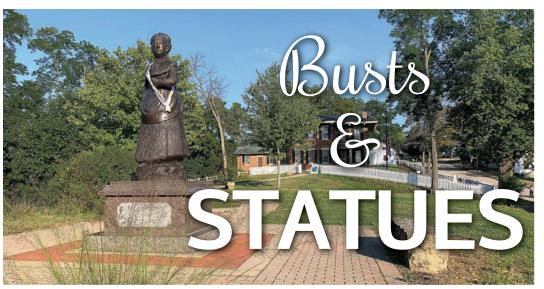






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Julia Dent Grant (1826-1902)

The city of Galena paid homage to Grant's wife, former First Lady Julia Dent Grant, in 2006 with the unveiling of a statue in her likeness. The statue is located on the Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site property. Julia was the first wife of a president to be referred to as "First Lady." She supported women's suffrage before it was mainstream, and brought first ladies to the forefront of politics, rather than behind the scenes. The statue is just over nine feet tall and represents the impact Julia had on her famous husband, as well as the country.

Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885)

A statue of Ulysses S. Grant was constructed as a gift for Galena in 1890, five years after the Civil War General and the 18th U.S. President's death. The bronze statue is eight feet tall and rests atop a 10-foot granite pedestal in the center of Grant Park on Galena's historic east side. Grant was born in Ohio, graduated from West Point and met his wife Julia Dent Grant on her family farm near St. Louis. Grant relocated often before resigning from the army. In 1860, Grant and his family moved to Galena, where he worked at his father's leather goods store. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Grant lent his services to the state. He became the commanding general and led the Union to victory over the Confederacy. Galenians honored him with what is now known as Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site on Bouthillier Street. The war hero was later elected 18th President of the United States.

Ely S. Parker (1828-1895)

A bust emulating Ely S. Parker, the first Native American to be appointed as the U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, joined Julia Dent Grant's statue on the Ulysses S. Grant State Historic Site property. The recently constructed work honors Parker's contributions to the U.S. government and military. Parker, an architect and engineer, became acquainted with Grant while Parker was working on a Treasury Department project, now the U.S. Post Office on Green Street in Galena. He later became Grant's military secretary during the Civil War. The sculpture features Parker in a Civil War uniform to emphasize his importance to the Union and Grant. He paved the way for Native Americans after his appoinmment as U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Elihu B. Washburne (1816-1887)

In 2018, a marble bust of the U.S. Congressman and attorney Elihu B. Washburne was constructed for the small Washburne Garden between South Main and South Water streets in Galena. Washburne also served as a political advisor to Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. He helped form the Republican Party and had eight children with his wife Adele Gratiot Washburne. He was U.S. Ambassador to France and a pallbearer at Lincoln's funeral. The marble slab used to create Washburne's bust was also used for Ely S. Parker's bust, which was unveiled in November 2020.



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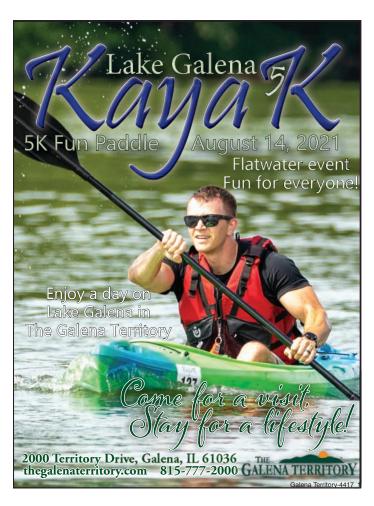
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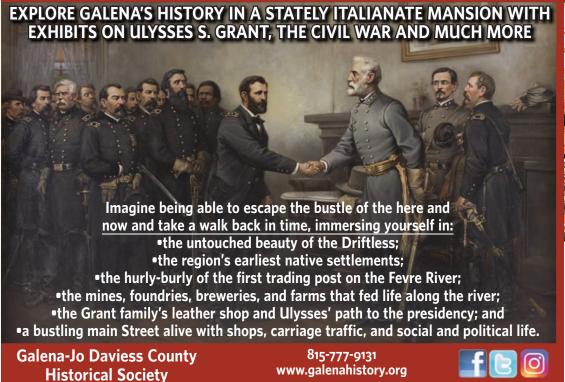




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by Brandon Behlke

he Shenandoah Riding Center has a fresh lease on life with new management guiding the center into a next era. Cathy Wolfenden, who previously worked at Eagle Ridge Inn & Spa, applied for the position with The Galena Territory Association, was offered the job and accepted.

Wolfenden grew up in Galena. Her parents owned several hundred acres of farmland on the west side of town, where Wolfenden spent time with horses, often hopping on one to round up cattle.

After graduating from Galena High School, Wolfenden attended Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn. She met her husband while they were working as counselors at a summer camp. A year or so later, they married in Galena.

"The catch is that Tom is from New Zealand," said Wolfenden. "That plays a big role in my story."

Fifteen years ago, after starting their family in Minnesota, the Wolfendens moved to New Zealand, for what was initially going to be just a short stay.

"Fifteen years later, it was time for us to come home; we were ready to come back," said Wolfenden. "When you look at the states and all the other places in the world that you could live, we chose Galena. It is such a wonderful place. I always say that I am blessed to have two homes."

While in New Zealand, the Wolfendens owned and operated an equestrian facility for 10 years.

"It was not commercial like Shenandoah but we did a lot of planned rides," said Wolfenden. "Horses were a big part of our life."

While in New Zealand, Wolfenden learned that more often than not there is more than one way to do something.

"In the equine industry, there is sometimes a mentality that there is one way you can do things," said Wolfenden. "I realized that there were different ways to meet the same outcome when dealing with horses and people. That carries through my mentality of working at Shenandoah. We accept people where they are. It isn't even just about riding. We have no problem with people being on the ground next to the horse. If that is their enjoyment



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and they are getting something from that, there is a lot of value in that, too."

Wolfenden said that New Zealand's active culture is also something that she hopes to share, even though it was something that was inherently part of her upbringing.

"We live in such a beautiful part of the world here in Galena with the Driftless. That is really something to be intentional about," said Wolfenden.

When Wolfenden was walking through the lobby of Eagle Ridge Inn & Spa and overheard someone mention it was a shame that Shenandoah might be closing, she drove out to the facility, walked around and realized it had become a ghost town.







Leave your burdens at the door, hit the trail and refresh

"I had a crazy idea and held a family meeting at the dinner table. I asked my husband, Tom, and my daughter, C.J., what they thought about us putting our hand up to possibly manage the facility," said Wolfenden.

Tom and C.J. agreed. If they'd done it in the past, they could do it again.

In the past, the Galena Territory Owners' Association leased out the facility. Territory officials, though, decided to bring operations in-house.

"Of course, I am very grateful that they did," said Wolfenden.

The Wolfendens began their management of the property in January 2020 and welcomed the leased horses by February. By March, Shenandoah was closed because of the pandemic.

"We stayed closed until May 29, but were available for our boarders," said Wolfenden. "We worked on training our horses and trying to take care of the facility. The gap time led to it needing some TLC."

Since reopening, the business has flourished as people want to be outside.

"People love the opportunity to get on horses on these amazing trails at the Territory," said Wolfenden. "But you mix that with the pandemic, where people were told to get outside. We were booked two weeks out for every single thing that we offered."

Wolfenden said they were able to hold lessons, lead lines and small groups.

"It has been a whirlwind," said Wolfenden. "It has been absolutely wonderful."

"We hope Shenandoah offers opportunities to bring people up and leave their burdens at the door, hit the trail and refresh," said Wolfenden. "It seemed time and time again that we were able to offer that to people, which is gratifying."

Shenandoah Riding Center is known for its Fourth of July

Rodeo, which was cancelled in 2020. Organizers hope to bring that event back in an even larger fashion in 2021.

Shenandoah provides riding lessons and other experiences for visitors.

"We want to provide a wonderful environment for boarders, a safe environment for their horses and confidence knowing that exceptional care is given," said Wolfenden. "We want to provide an outlet for people that has nothing to do with horses, but want a glimpse of it through our lessons and riding experiences and also want to provide opportunities for people who do have equestrian experience like events, gatherings and fun competitions. We also want to offer opportunities to the community."

Wolfenden is busy planning other sorts of experiences for visitors for this year, including a Pony Car Corral Car Show.

"We were also looking forward to having a walking sculpture garden trail," said Wolfenden. "It has nothing to do with horses, but can support the local arts."

The local arts are important to Wolfenden, and Shenandoah and many items in the center's gift shop are created by local artists and artisans.

Wolfenden is also planning barn dances and other community gatherings to make Shenandoah an integral part of the community and the visitors' experience in Galena and The Galena Territory. One of the newest ideas is bringing orb soccer to Shenandoah.

Wolfenden said that orb soccer is a great family activity and team building opportunity. She plans to offer it to corporate, travel and family groups.

"Shenandoah has no excuse to not be really busy but also be an integral part of the community," said Wolfenden. "Both for the local community here, but also our wonderful and valuable tourist community. We have good plans for this place, but Shenandoah has done this for decades."



Finley Grace's UNIQUE STORY

by Emma Eaton

t Home in Galena, 114 S. Main St., is a perfect example of what it means to be a Galena business. The store is family-oriented, products are made on-site and customers are treated like longtime

friends.



Husband and wife duo Bill and Patti Murphy opened At Home in Galena in 2006, after working in merchandising for 25 years in downtown Chicago. Rent was expensive, and the couple wanted to get away from the intensity of the city. They moved to Galena permanently and sold furniture and home accessories at the store for a few years. Then the birth of their granddaughter, Finley Grace Murphy, changed their lives, and their busi-

ness, forever.

"When our kids had Finley, she has special needs, and our kids were spending \$50,000 a year out of pocket for in-house physical therapy, so we tried to figure out what we could do to help Finley, especially long-term," Bill said.

Finley Grace was born with a rare chromosomal condition called Cri-du-Chat or 5p minus. It occurs when a piece of chromosome five is missing. The abnormality causes delayed development and other complications, so ongoing speech and physical therapy is imperative.

In 2008, the Murphys developed the Finley Grace product line to raise funds for their granddaughter and raise awareness about Cri-du-Chat. It began with revolutionary wickless candles that are created, packaged and labeled on the second level of the store. The Finley Grace line has expanded not only to wickless candles, but also to other candles, personal care products, body butters and essential oils. Currently, there are 500 different products under the Finley Grace name.



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"We understood the wholesale distribution business much better than we did retail, so the candles were more our cup of tea," Bill said. "Finley Grace is a bigger part of our business than At Home in Galena."

The Murphys use the downtown Galena storefront as a test market for new products, ideas, labels and prices. They also have seven traveling salesmen who work with potential retail customers. Bill said 70 percent of sales are from products they manufacture on site.

"More and more items in the store are items we make upstairs," Patti said.

The Murphys said they are excited to release their spring fragrance line, which includes lilac, lily and lily of the valley. There will be 12 products available in each fragrance.

Finley Grace will continue to expand its inventory of personal care items, as it allows the business to be creative. Hand lotions, body butters and essential oils have joined candles as top-sellers.

At Home in Galena will also feature a new product line in honor of Bill's late mother, "Nonny," who passed away in 2020 at the age of 96. "Nonny" attended Ray Vogue Art School in Chicago and drew incredible illustrations that she kept secret for years. "Nonny's Collection" includes three artwork-inspired themes: athletic, sophisticated/elegant and country.

"She was a real character, a real character," Bill said. "We are taking all her artwork and using them as labels and branding for body butters, lotions and potpourri."

As if the products and amazing cause couldn't speak for themselves, At Home in Galena prides itself in superior hospitality.

There is a "Men's Timeout Room," in non-COVID times, for people to

relax and enjoy the Galena experience. The innovative timeout room offers complimentary beverages and activities.

"It's all about giving people a good time," Bill said. "They need to be greeted when they walk in."

In Bill and Patti's eyes, Galena has everything a city has, only it is smaller, safer and less crowded. The community is so unique, and tourism makes



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it better, Bill said.

Galena fits the lifestyle the couple was looking for in their second stage of life after their children graduated college and were completely grown.

"This is how I explain it to people: I wake up every morning thinking I'm on vacation," Patti said. "It can't get any better than that."

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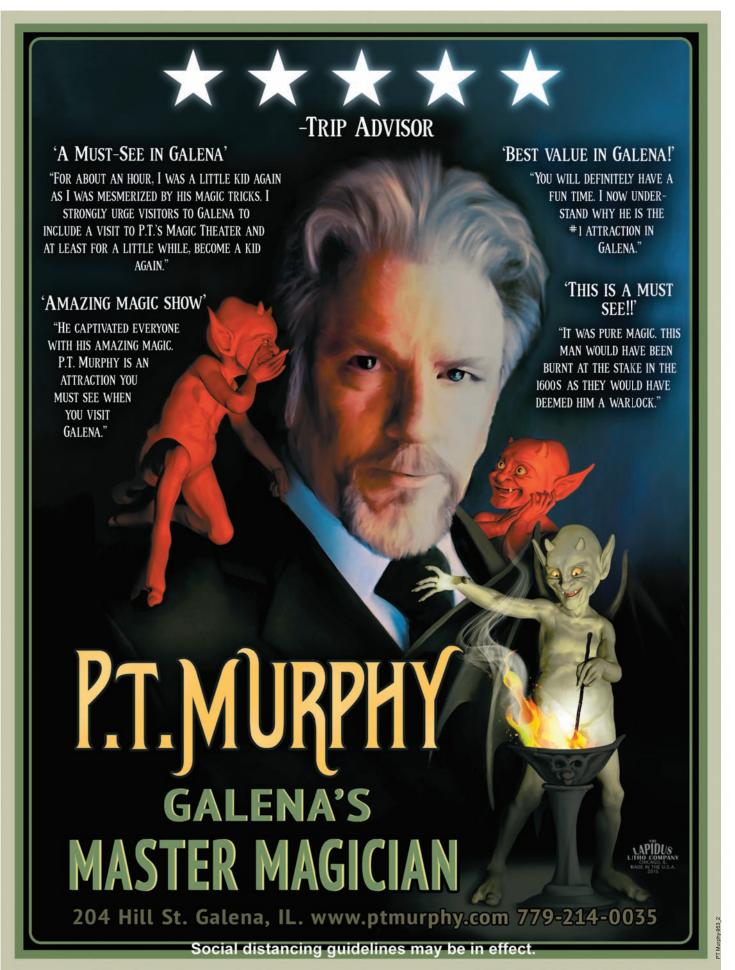






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A Carl Johnson watercolor of South Main Street in Galena.



Carl and Marilyn Johnson in their Main Street gallery during the fall of 2020.

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A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Carl and Marilyn Johnson continue to promote Galena

by Hillary Dickerson

In November 1969, Carl and Marilyn Johnson loaded up their four children and headed for Galena. It was the family's first time in the historic town.

On that visit, the Johnsons were struck by the warm and friendly people, the wonderful architecture and the rich history. By the end of the visit, they were in awe, so much so that the following June, the family relocated from Hinsdale to a residence on South High Street.

"(Galena) was visually just terribly attractive," said Carl, who traded in his work as a graphic designer to paint full-time.

As Galena became their home, the Johnsons, who have known one another for over 80 years and been married for 65, began what they refer to as the second phase of their lives.

They've never looked back as they've worked tirelessly to promote the community and preserve its historic buildings.

Their dedication has not gone unnoticed. The Johnsons are recipients of the 2020 Joe Antunovich Award for Leadership, Lifetime Achievement from Landmarks Illinois.

The Johnsons are certainly humbled by the honor from the state's leading voice for historic preservation, especially since it comes from an organization that stands for so much of what the Johnsons have spent their lives promoting and working toward.

"Our life has been kind of a dream come true," said Carl.

50 years of leading by example

Sitting in the Main Street art gallery they recently reopened, the Johnsons fondly reflect on their 50 years in Galena. All those years together have proven the Johnsons are compatible and bring out one another's best attributes. Carl is forever the optimist, while Marilyn has the great ideas.

"We decided we were destined to move," said Marilyn, recalling that after a trip to Europe, Carl wanted to paint full-time and Galena offered him that opportunity.





Above left, Carl Johnson at work during his early days in Galena. Above right, a Johnson watercolor of irises.

They bought their fivebedroom house on South High Street, where Carl had his first gallery. He bought an old church pew—one that remains in his Main Street gallery today and set it in front of the house with his artwork on display and for sale. Some customers managed to find it that far from downtown.

Carl's first show was at a gallery on Main Street, and by 1972, the Johnsons decided it was time to rent a space on



The Johnsons in 2020.

Main Street. A year later, they bought a Main Street building that for years housed Carl's gallery.

Once the Johnsons settled in Galena, they wasted no time getting involved.

"If you want to accomplish something, you've got to get involved," said Carl.

Not long after moving, Marilyn read an ad in The Galena Gazette about a melodrama at Turner Hall. Carl decided to get involved and ended up the villain. It was his first involvement with the historic Bench Street building, a building that became very special to the entire family. Carl and Marilyn spent five decades working with others to preserve and restore Turner Hall.

"It's just wonderful how things work out if you hang in long enough," he said.

In 1977, Carl wrote and illustrated "The Building of Galena: An Architectural Legacy," a project he greatly enjoyed and now considers one of the highlights of his years in Galena. The book, which is still available at his gallery, features historical photos as well as Carl's watercolors.

Several years after settling in Galena, Marilyn offered to serve as a tourism delegate for the Northern Illinois Tourism Council. Then Carl became president of the Galena Area Chamber of Commerce. Marilyn worked for years to bring train service to the city. Carl got involved on the city's zoning board and served many years. After that, it was the Historic Preservation Commission, on which Carl spent many years as chairperson. He continues to serve as a commission member. Carl served as chairman of the hospital board and the home health program.

And all the while, the Johnsons continued buying and



Carl Johnson's Stillman Mansion watercolor.

restoring properties. After 10 years at their first home, they moved to North Bench Street. They bought the building next door to the gallery on Main Street and then the Old Stockade.

As time passed, their community involvement led to more and more networking in Galena and beyond. Those outside connections benefitted Galena with funding for the pedestrian bridge to Grant Park.

Marilyn and Carl were there when the idea to form The Galena Foundation came about. With no money at first, Marilyn helped send out mailers to Galena High School graduates and others who loved Galena. The response was overwhelming and helped launch the foundation's work in providing financial support for community projects which preserve, enhance or nurture the city's heritage, culture and quality of life.

"It was amazing how many people just loved this town," Marilyn recalled.

The foundation's first project was the fence at the Old City Cemetery, followed by the high school steps.

All in all, Marilyn served 21 years as treasurer for the foundation, during which time she became familiar with Landmarks Illinois.

Marilyn volunteered to serve as a district representative to Landmarks and was eventually asked to serve on the board. For six years, she attended monthly meetings in Chicago to advocate for Galena and the historical preservation work that has been such a part of their life together.

The Johnsons have passed along their commitment to community service to their four children and six grandchildren.

"It's been lovely," said Carl of the life he created with Marilyn in Galena. "It's just been lovely."

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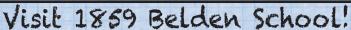
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Ganet WOMEN OF Checker's THE AMERICAS



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or 10 years, Galena artist Janet Checker has been painting her "Women of the Americas" series, which has required extensive research and dedication.

The collection features 20 paintings of women from North, Central and South America, with each woman standing proudly in her native dress. The paintings are four feet tall and two feet wide. Before embarking on a painting for the series, Checker researched the civilization's culture and the history behind the clothes.

"The things you learn about these cultures," Checker said. "I get so excited about it because each is so special."

Checker said she has hosted seven foreign exchange students, and her "kids" from Mexico and the Bahia region of Brazil inspired her "Women of the Americas" series. She still speaks with some of the students to this day.

Checker predominantly works with oils and pastels and prefers to paint figures. The "Women of the Americas" series features Hopi, Panamanian, Bahian, Guatemalan, American, Peruvian, Navajo, Uruguayan, Hawaiian, Seminole, Arapaho, Bolivian and Mexican women, among others. After 20 pieces, Checker is finished with the series; however, she plans to expand the concept to other eastern civilizations.

"When you're working on something like this, you need a break," Checker said. "You do other paintings."



Checker's collection features women from North, Central and South America

She picks up sturdy frames whenever she finds them, and she also restores old paintings and paints portraits. The painting restoration process includes cleaning, touching up the paint and flattening any buckling surfaces using wax paper and an iron.

Checker was born in California, but she grew up in Chicago and immersed herself in art from a young age. She attended the Chicago Art Institute on scholarship for four years when she was just 11 years old. After high school, she worked in fashion advertising and began weaving in her spare time. Checker also attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the American Academy of Art. She continued to work in advertising for many years while teaching fashion illustration, design and figure drawing at Ray Vogue School of Art.

"All my life I've been an artist," Checker said. "It amazes me when I finish a painting, like my girl from Panama, I wonder how it got that way. It's unbelievable, and I love seeing what I've done."

Checker moved to Galena and has lived here for 42 years. Her High Street home is an 1843 Greek Revival, and she keeps her studio in its old servants' quarters. She



said there is something special about having both history and talented citizens in a relatively compact area.

"This town is so unique because of the people that are here," Checker said. "We have all these marvelous artists and writers, and it's really inspiring."

Checker has an exhibit at the Dubuque Museum of Art that will run through April. She teaches private classes, as well as a class at The Galena Territory on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.



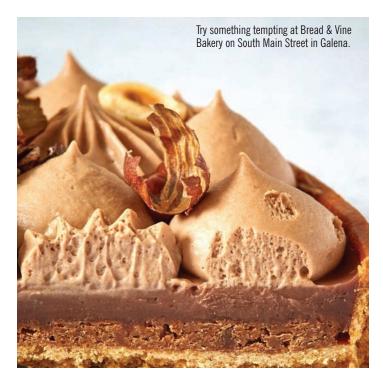
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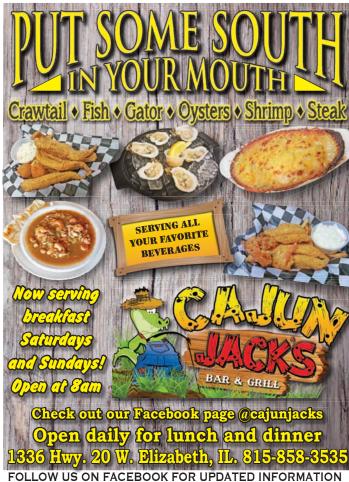
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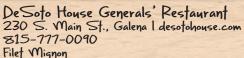
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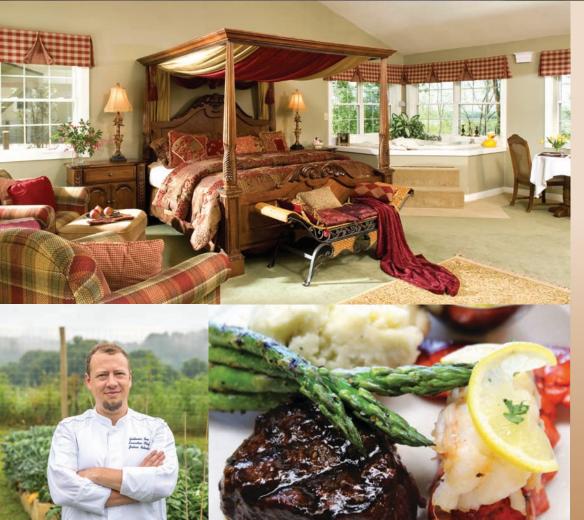
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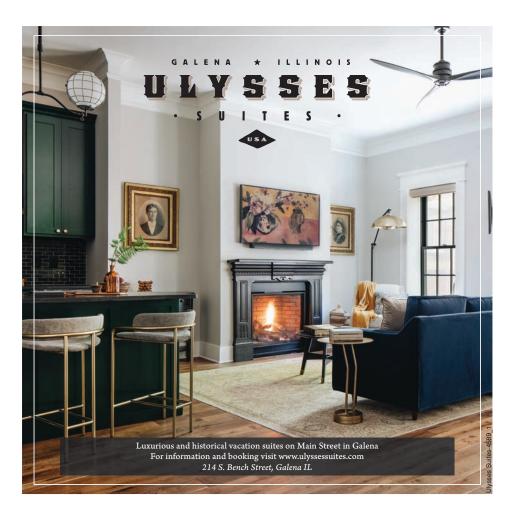
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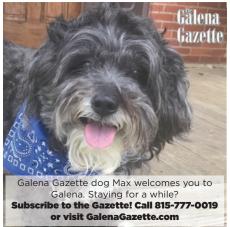
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FYI Spotsie's 403 S. Main St. poopsies.com 815-777-1999 by Hillary Dickerson Spotsie's, located at 403 S. Main St., Galena, is a pretty unique place to shop.

All of the vendor product lines in the store give a portion of proceeds to various causes. Be it the prevention of human trafficking to Alzheimer's and autism research, fighting hunger, fresh water in Africa, empowering women in Third World countries, veterans organizations, orphanages and more, there's a lot of good happening.

"As we like to call it, guilt-free shopping," said co-owner Alana Turner.

Opened in 2020, as an offshoot of its neighbor across the street, Poopsie's, owners Alana Turner and Traci Lyden said they'd tried to focus more and more on giving back in the past few years. They've done a lot for the local community on their own.

But taking that a step further, there were several products in the store that were labeled to let customers know of the causes the products support. At Poopsie's, there simply wasn't enough space to showcase all those products together.

Turner and Lyden felt that they just weren't doing the concept justice at Poopsie's. They needed some more room to spread their wings.

When property became available across the street, Turner and Lyden had their chance, and they jumped at it.

"It happened very fast," said Turner, who explained that the idea came about a month before they opened the doors on the 400-square-foot space. "Customers have been loving it."

The business partners were inspired by the book series that they've carried for years by Kobi Yamada. Opening a new business in the middle of a pandemic, they applied lessons from the books "What Do You Do With an Idea," "What Do You Do with a Problem?" and "What Do You Do with a Chance?" as they launched



their new venture.

The focus is simple: Now, more than ever, the world needs a little extra love, and everyone has the power to create change.

Spotsie's, a play on Poopsie's and featuring the name of the Poopsie's mascot, Spot, features the products of 20 to 25 rotating vendors. There is jewelry, wall hangings, hand bags, toys and all sorts of other gifts from local, regional and international vendors.

Turner said they would like to eventually bring in more regional vendors to keep the money in the area if at all possible.

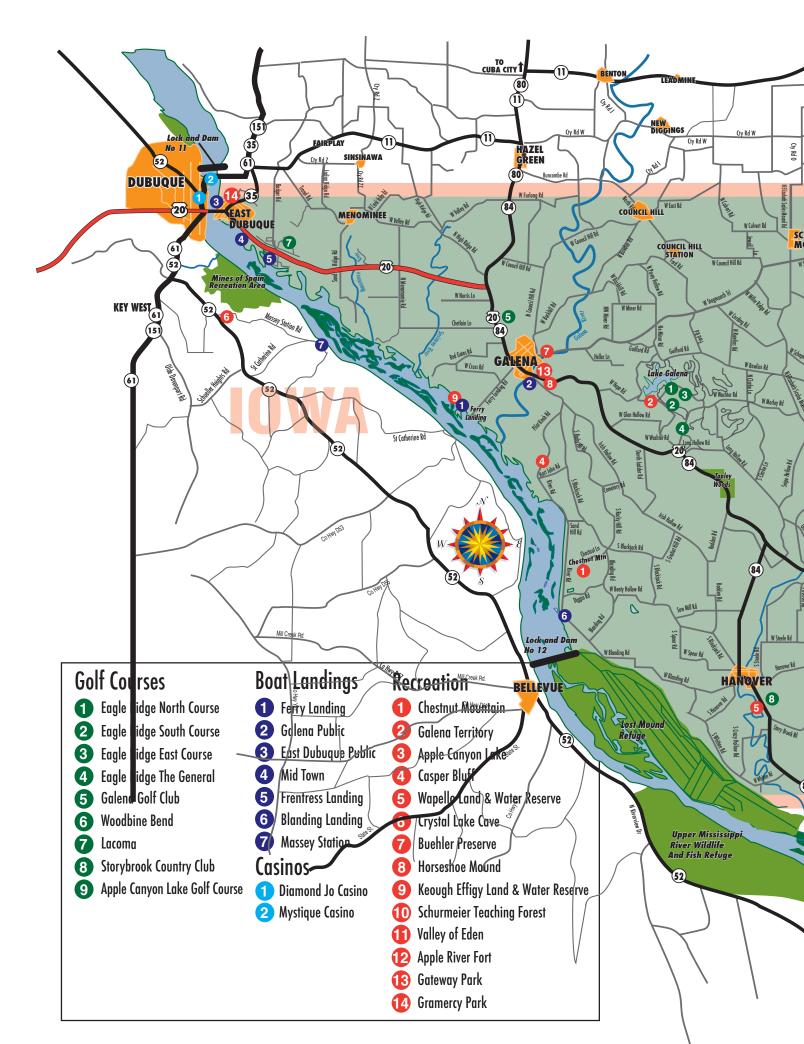
"It's not as easy as you think," said Turner of finding vendors who offer such programs.

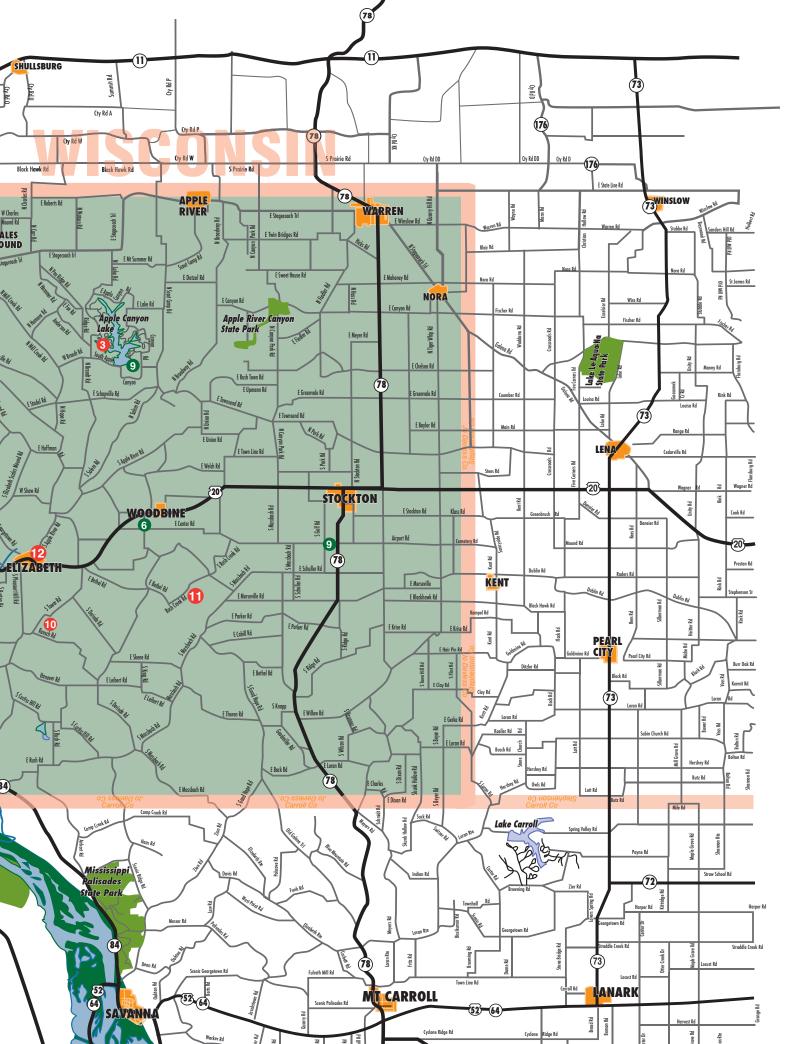
The inventory will constantly evolve, Lyden noted. Spotsie's has an assortment of gifts for all ages. Its tagline, "give hope with every gift," really resonates with shoppers. Vendors will continue to partner with people doing good in the world.

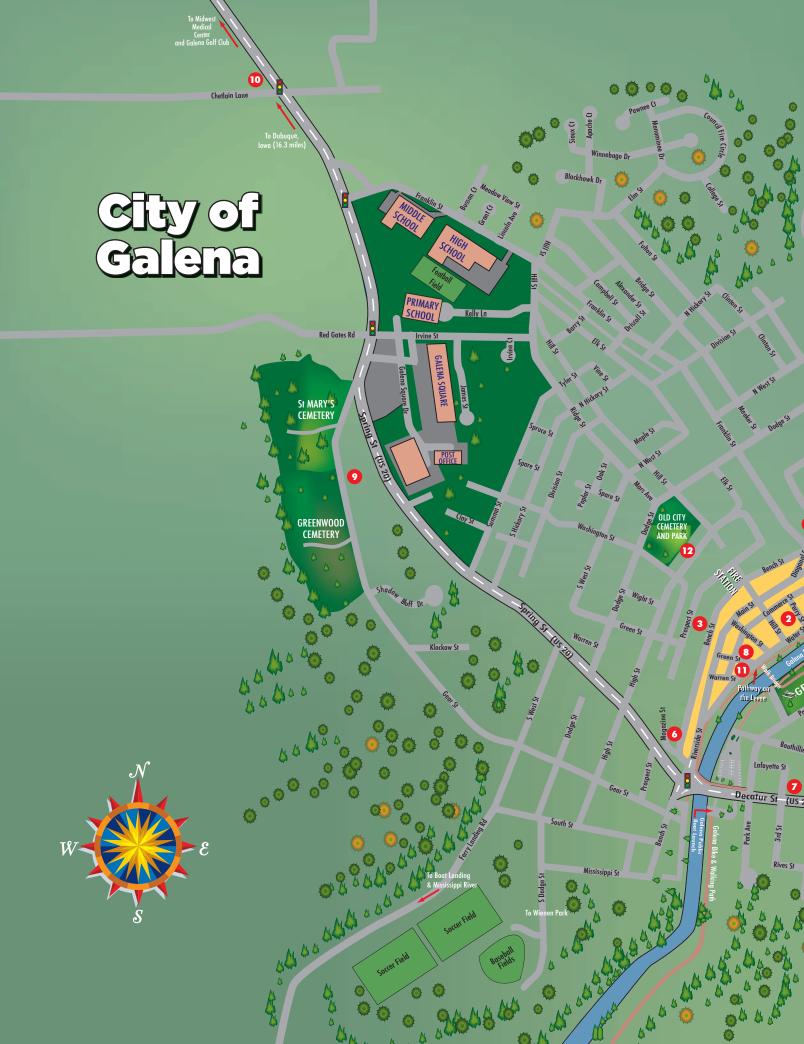
"It's like gifting it forward," said Turner, explaining that when a person purchases a gift for a grandchild, for example, the vendor's cause also benefits. "Customers love knowing that it's giving back."

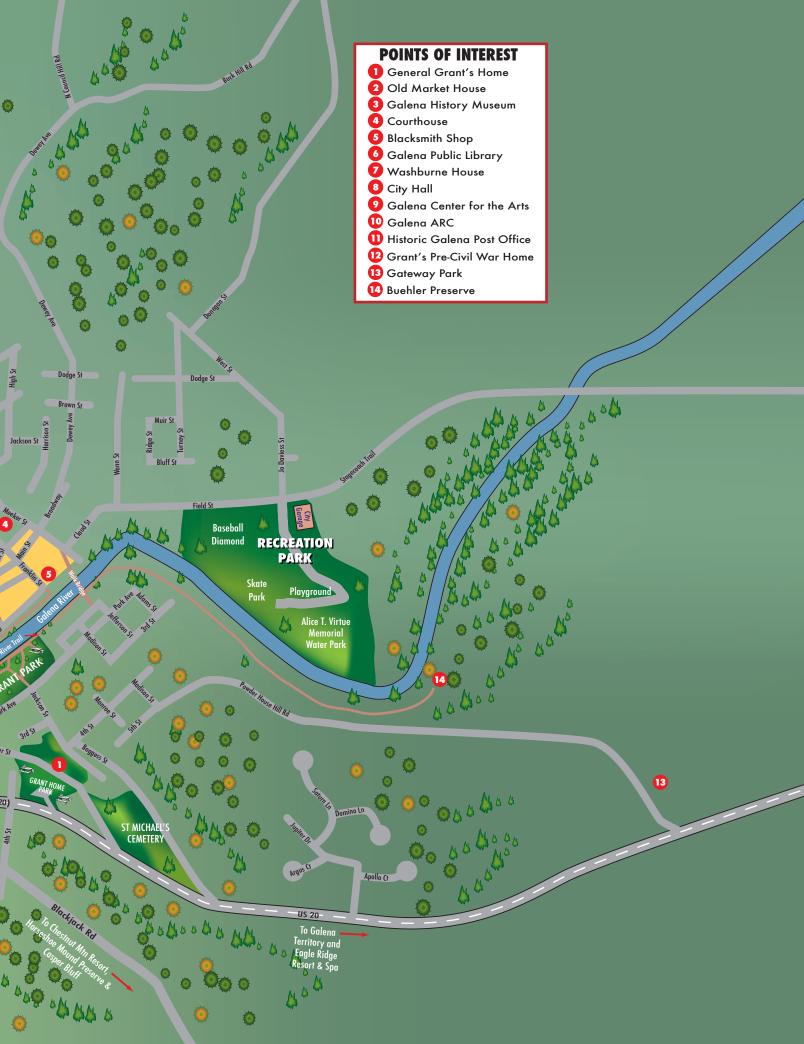
There are even cards available to go with gifts so the gift recipient understands the reach of the gift: "We love that this gift keeps on giving. We hope you do, too."

Spotsie's is open daily. Visit poopsies.com for hours and more information.















If you want to explore the remote areas of Galena alongside a railroad track and the backwaters of the Mississippi River, the nine-plus-mile Galena River Trail is for you. The trail offers the perfect place for walking, jogging, hiking and biking.

You can also partake in activities such as bird watching, geocaching, fishing, kayaking or canoeing on or around the trail, all free of charge. The 3.4-mile Galena Junction Trail segment is the original trail. Originating 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 detailing the history and wildlife of the area are located at various locations along all of the trails. The Galena Junction Trail also offers some of the best bird watching in the region. There are 60 species of birds already identified.

Capture the natural beauty of Galena in various locations along the trails.

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.

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 and 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.

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Murphy began
searching for a way
to raise money for
their now 15-yearold grand-

daughter'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 room on the second floor of their store, At Home in Galena.

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highly scented
Wickless Soy Candles
can be poured in one
day. The small tins of







the first floor of the store.
The Murphys also sell Finley
Grace products through
over 500 retail outlets
mostly in the Midwest and
have been able to network
and market their products
for fundraisers all over
the United States with

customers who visit their Galena store.

Finley Grace Promotions continues to develop new product lines. Nonny's Lifestyle line is the latest complete line addition with candles, soaps, travel candles, body butter, lotions, liquid soaps and shower gels. . .all produced with essential oils.

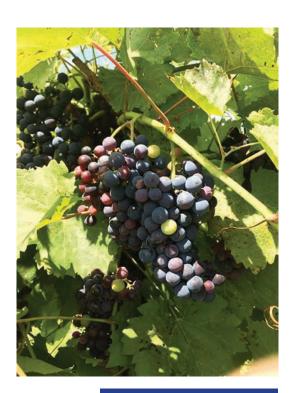
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by Emma Eaton

Massbach Ridge Winery started as owner and winemaker Peggy Harmston's dream to have a family business on the land where she was raising her young children.

Harmston's husband, Dr. Greg Harmston, encouraged her to consider starting a vineyard. They both loved wine, and Peggy had grown up on a dairy farm and knew what it took to cultivate land. In 2000, Harmston opened the vineyard on South Massbach Road, just past Elizabeth, and the tasting room opened in late 2003. Massbach Ridge also has a tasting room in downtown Galena.

Since Harmston was not raised in the winemaking business, she had a lot to learn. VHS tapes were instrumental in her development, she said, as well as mentoring sessions and seminars. When people think Illinois, their first thought is certainly not vineyards and wineries, but Harmston said she wanted to create a local product in the forgotten hills of Jo Daviess County.

"Especially with the pandemic and everything that happened, it was great to see people come out and safely enjoy our wine and the countryside," Harmston said.

Massbach Ridge offers 20 different wines made from eight varieties of grapes. The winemaking cycle occurs from September





to March, beginning with the harvest and ending with bottling. In September, grapes are harvested by hand; grapes for white wine are crushed that day and pressed for juice. Grapes for dark reds are fermented in skins and seeds, and fermenting ends at the beginning of October. Harmston said it is a calendar industry of sorts.

"From there, a winemaker can tweak or blend wines," Harmston said. "That's where the art comes in."

Massbach Ridge's Blushing Pink wine has won gold at the Illinois Wine Competition. Traumen, which is made from Frontenac grapes, and St. Pepin, which is the name of the grape, are favorites among the Harmston family and customers. Harmston said she also takes pride in her winery's customer service, and employees are always out chatting with visitors.

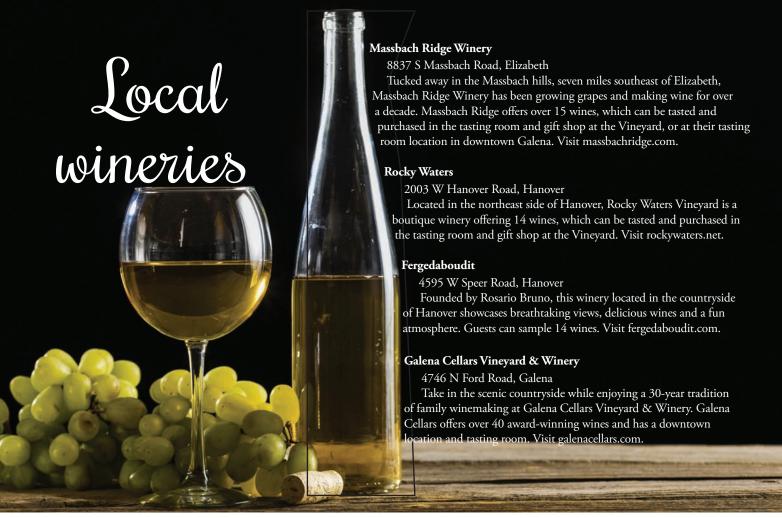
"We are looking forward to inviting people out to enjoy the countryside, vines and 2021 vintage," Harmston said.

Harmston is the Illinois Grape Growers Alliance president and said she wants to stress the fact that wineries in this area support each other. There is a strong surge for more wineries in Illinois, and specifically in scenic Jo Daviess County.

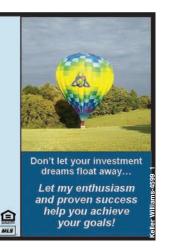
"There is an alliance, and relationships have strengthened, especially after the pandemic," Harmston said. "Feel free to ask any winery for directions to the next winery because we support each other."











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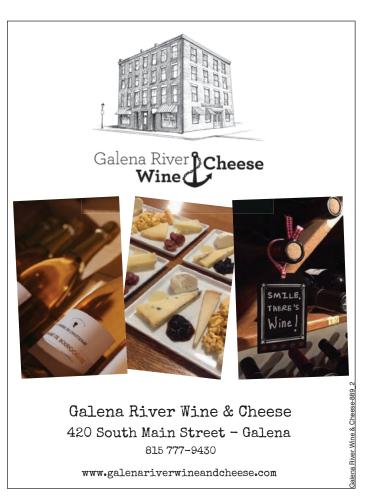
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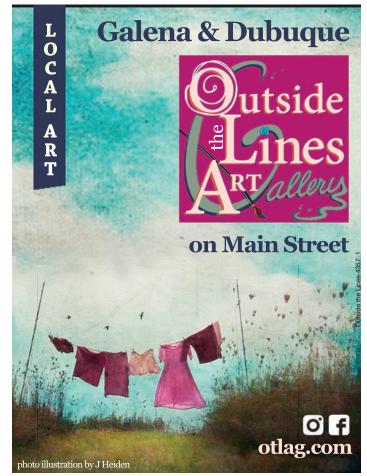


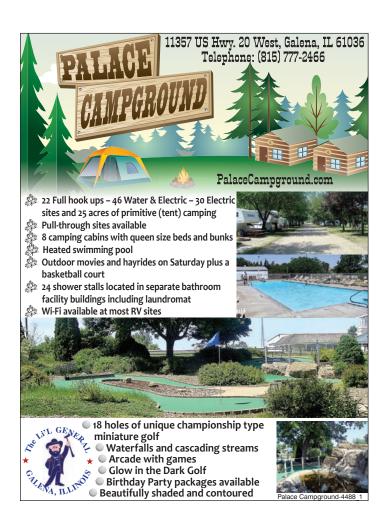
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arts in GALENA

by Emma Eaton

he Galena Center for the Arts has finally found a permanent home, and for supporters of the arts, it's a dream come true.



Carole Sullivan

In January, the Center for the Arts relocated from 219 Summit St. to 971 Gear St., which is the current location of Illinois Bank & Trust. The Center for the Arts had developed a strong working relationship

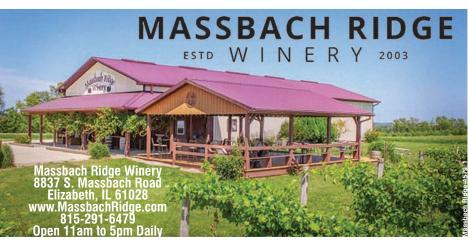
with Illinois Bank & Trust. The bank has been a key financial backer of the Center since its inception, especially with sponsoring radio shows. Libby Miller, former Illinois Bank & Trust Market President, attended the Center's

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major art openings. When the opportunity to purchase the bank building presented itself, the Galena Center for the Arts board members happily obliged.

The Center for the Arts thanks Midwest Medical Center for its years-long partnership while the Center was on Summit Street. The bank building is larger, more stately and easier for visitors to find. The new building has seemingly limitless potential and will be a permanent home for arts in Galena. Illinois Bank & Trust will keep the top level of the building until the end of 2021. Until then, the Center





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When the Galena Center for the Arts reopens in its new location at 971 Gear St., Galena, the talents of local artists will be on display once again for the public to enjoy.



Galena Center for the Arts will be able to grow at its new permanent location

for the Arts plans to find the best possible use for the lower level with public events dependent on pandemic regulations. Adding public and private restrooms is one of the first priorities, as well as finalizing a performance space. Audiences cannot be welcomed until these housekeeping tasks are completed, but the lower level will eventually be transformed into a theater space. The upper level will likely be used to display works from local artists. The Center for the Arts is also considering renting studio spaces, much like what was done on Summit Street.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused the Center for the Arts to cease in-person performances. Its last in-person show,

"Love, Loss and What I Wore," occurred on March 13, 2020. The all-woman, local cast hopes to perform again for a larger audience. During the pandemic, the Center for the Arts pivoted to an online format. Its website features performances from Galena artists. Executive director Carole Sullivan and technical director Jan Lavacek helped songwriters record "COVID-19 Galena, The Story in Song." Furthermore, "The Regifters" was a play that was recorded over Zoom and presented around the holidays in December 2020.

The Center for the Arts will continue to brainstorm more performances recorded and delivered through an online format. Sullivan said she encourages people to check the website and Facebook page for information, updates and videos.

The Galena Center for the Arts was founded in 2013, after a Galena community initiative in 2010.

Community members recognized the need for a permanent home for the arts. Board President Jay Dickerson said he remembers taking his daughters to an unused storefront on Main Street, which was the first attempt at finding a space. Since then, he said his daughters have either presented artwork or performed at the Summit Street location. The new space on Gear Street, he said, will offer new possibilities for further community engagement.

"I look forward to little children now, growing up knowing that there is a place in Galena for them, to present paintings, photography, plays and more," Dickerson said. "This is all due to the work of Carole and Jan."

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Actor, director & writer GALENA'S RONN TOEBAAS

by Emma Eaton

When it comes to theater, Ronn Toebaas has truly done it all. The actor, director and writer has been acting since grade school, has directed 140 productions

and has written three books.



Toebaas was born in the Chicago suburbs, but his family moved to a small town in central Wisconsin when he was 5 years old. He was involved with theater in high school, and he majored in theater and drama at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for a year. After his

parents divorced, his mother became his guardian and moved back to Evanston. Toebaas lost his in-state residency and tuition, which forced him to transfer to Loyola University Chicago and live with his mother. Throughout his time at Loyola and after graduation, he and his future wife, Alice, attended various

The Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society's annual Cemetery Walk will be held in September at Greenwood Cemetery in Galena. Visit galenahistory.org.

performances around the city. The formative stage of Toebaas' career occurred in community theaters on Chicago's North Shore.

"My big break was Tevye in 'Fiddler on the Roof,'" Toebaas said. "That was a key role for me, as well as playing Tajōmaru the bandit in the production 'Rashomon.' Those were two roles that particularly set me off as an actor."

Despite the standout performances, Toebaas said he realized he enjoyed directing almost more than acting. Directing gives a person control of the entire production, and Toebaas said he had an eye for directing and got solid performances out of actors. In Chicago, actors were a dime a dozen; directors were needed, and the job paid well. Directing productions provided







extra income for Toebaas while he was teaching theater at all-girls high schools, Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart and St. Scholastica Academy.

"You don't plan a career in theater unless you really love it because it is so chance-y," Toebaas said. "And you better have a backup plan."

In 1975, Toebaas and his wife purchased an 1853 miner's cottage in Galena. It started as a weekend retreat but became the couple's permanent residence in 1986. Toebaas left St. Scholastica and took a position as a communications teacher for the government. He also started a professional theater company in Galena, the Main Street Players, alongside Alice, Carole Sullivan and Jan Lavacek. The Main Street Players performed at the then-newly renovated DeSoto House grand ballroom.

Toebaas' stint with the Main Street Players lasted just five years, as he was offered the highly coveted and paid position of artistic director for the Theatre of Western Springs back in Chicago. It is the oldest and largest community theater in Illinois. Toebaas and Alice sold their shares of Main Street Players to Sullivan and Lavacek but kept their cottage as a weekend retreat. In 1991, Toebaas began his full-time tenure with the Theatre of Western Springs, which lasted nine years. He worked freelance for a while, even directing light operas, which he said were some of the most challenging productions of his career. Toebaas also continued to teach courses for the government, as well as a theater course for Loyola University Chicago. He said his favorite part about theater is the connections he makes, and teaching reminded him of

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In 2004, Toebaas and Alice finally moved back to their cherished life in Galena. They purchased an 1850s brick home, and Toebaas was asked to direct "A Christmas Schooner" in Door County, Wis. He had played Gustav Stossel, the grandfather, in its first season, but he decided to direct the second season. Alice acted as the costumer, as she did in so many of her husband's productions. Toebaas said he gave "A Christmas Schooner" a lighter, happier tone.

"That was very touching because the people up there were very close to the story," Toebaas said. "They live on the water in the Green Bay area."

After "A Christmas Schooner,"
Toebaas gave writing a try and took over
the Galena Cemetery Walk. The task
included history and theater, which were
two things Toebaas and his wife deeply
cared about, he said. For years, Alice had
been involved with the Galena History
Museum, the organization that hosted
the event.

"I decided it needed to be written by one person rather than several," Toebaas said. "I took on the writing and directing, and I've done so for 14 years. I've gone from actor to director to writer, so now I've really done it all and have made a career out of it."

The Galena Cemetery Walk occurs every June at Galena's Greenwood Cemetery. Actors portray past Galenians and perform near their graves wearing clothing from the period. Each character is heavily researched beforehand, and there's substantial drama already present in history, Toebaas said.

Toebaas combined scripts he wrote for the Cemetery Walk into books titled "Voices from the Grave: Life Stories from Galena's Greenwood Cemetery" and "Voices from the Grave II: Life Stories from Galena's Greenwood Cemetery." The Galena History Museum sells the books and receives any revenue. Toebaas dedicated the books to his late wife, Alice, who passed away in 2011. He said he wanted to honor her involvement with the museum by allowing it to profit from his books. Toebaas' latest work is a memoir titled "My Life in Theatre."

"All you can do is plunge and take in any experience you can, whatever way you can," Toebaas said. "There's no one route to follow, and so much depends on what's available in the area. The nice thing about theater is that you can pick it up at any time in your life. There's not an age that is too old. If you can memorize lines, you can probably do theater."

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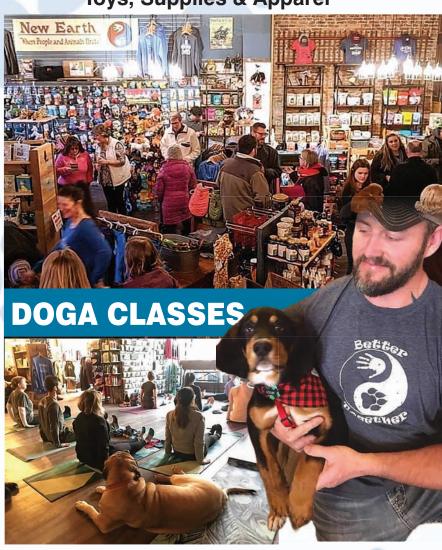
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Elihu B. Washburne House State Historic Site

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.

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.



Apple River Fort State Historic Site

311 E Myrtle St, Elizabeth, 815-858-2028, Appleriverfort.org. The Apple River Fort at 311 E. Myrtle St, Elizabeth, was the site of an important battle during the Black Hawk War. On June 24, 1832, the settlers of the fort turned back an attack by 200 Sauk and Fox warriors led by Black Hawk himself. The war ceased the threat of Sauk and Fox Native American attacks in the area and opened the region to further settlement. Today, the fort has been reconstructed.

Chicago Great Western Railroad Museum

111 E Myrtle St, Elizabeth, 815-858-2343, elizabethhistorical-society.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 the village of Hanover. A recently added exhibit is the Larry Bell, Jr. Collection, featuring 1,000 Native American artifacts. The artifacts have been collected over 45 years, and 70 percent were found just down the road at the Wapello Site.

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GEN. JOHN DUER

John Oliver Duer, who moved to Galena in 1860, had lasting impact on outcome of the Civil War

by Emma Eaton alena boasts nine Civil War Generals, with General and President Ulysses S. Grant being the most notable. The youngest Galena General, John Oliver Duer, spent the least time in Galena, but he had a lasting impact on the outcome of the Civil War.



Gen. John Duer

Duer was born on Feb. 12, 1838 in Baltimore, and he moved to Galena in 1860, just before the outbreak of the Civil War, when he was 22 years old. Duer and his older brother Charles opened a supply store on Perry Street called "Charles Duer and Brother, Groceries and Provisions."

After President Lincoln called for war volunteers In 1861, Duer enlisted in the Washburne Lead Mine Regi-

ment, which was named in honor of Galena Congressman E.B. Washburne. Duer became a Second Lieutenant in the 45th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and rose through the ranks as a First Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel. The 45th Illinois Infantry's most notable battle was the Vicksburg campaign in 1863. General Grant wanted to capture Vicksburg and gain control of the Mississippi. Duer and his fellow Galena soldiers used their experience with lead mining to dig a tunnel under Fort Hill and set a mine. General Grant honored the 45th Infantry's efforts by allowing them to raise the flag on the Vicksburg Courthouse.

On July 12, 1865, Duer was finally brevetted Brigadier General for his exceptional service in the war. When he returned to Galena with the rest of the 45th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment later that month, the General addressed Galenian citizens: "We went forth to fight the battles of our country with the single purpose of doing our duty, and if we have succeeded in convincing



Bob Buman, who portrays Gen. U.S. Grant, greets Gen. John Duer, portrayed

our friends at home that we have never fallen short of this, our happiness is indeed complete," wrote the Galena Daily Gazette in 1865. Duer spent the rest of his life in Monticello, Iowa, where he acted as head of the dry goods firm Duer & Estey. He married Jennie Wonderly, and the couple had five daughters. The General was Monticello's mayor for a time, and he died there on Dec. 11, 1880.

Lasting legacy and portrayal

Now, Galenian Jeff Bishop portrays General Duer for the Galena Generals. His involvement with the Galena Generals began in 2015, when Bob Buman (General Grant) approached Bishop at the Galena VFW saying, "Hey, General John Duer." The likeness between Bishop and Duer was uncanny, and the Generals needed someone to portray Duer. Bishop said he was relatively new to the area and had always been a history buff, so he decided to give the group a try. The Galena Generals were founded in 1961, and members suit up and portray



Galena's nine generals

Augustus Louis Chetlain, John Oliver Duer, Ulysses Simpson Grant, Jasper Adalmorn Maltby, Ely Samuel Parker, John Aaron Rawlins, William Rueben Rowley, John Corson Smith, John Eugene Smith.

the historical heroes at parades, weddings and other events. Bishop said his involvement was meant to be.

"Back in the day, I went to Gettysburg with my dad," Bishop said. "There were people walking around in uniforms, and I thought, 'how neat would it be to do something like that.' Little did I know, years later I'd be walking the streets of Galena."

Bishop grew up in a small town in northern Wisconsin and later worked for years in Chicago. He said he wanted to get back to the small town atmosphere while staying near the city. Galena was a perfect fit, and the Galena Generals helped Bishop get involved with Galena's history and tourism. He said he also values the camaraderie with the other Generals.

"This town is alive," Bishop said. "It has so much going on with tourism, amazing restaurants, interesting people. There's always a new flow of people coming through, and it keeps it vibrant."

The Galena Generals perform in five major parades throughout the year. Their largest responsibility comes around Memorial Day, where they honor fallen soldiers. The Generals wear authentic wool uniforms with few pockets and little ventilation, even in the summer. Honoring General Duer is worth sacrificing a little sweat and discomfort, Bishop said.

"I enjoy meeting the people who come up to me asking about the history," Bishop said. "A lot of people don't know much about the Civil War, but within five minutes I'm able to give them a brief history about the Generals and why we do what we do."



At the Halloween parade, Galena Generals, above, Cory Ritterbusch, left, as Gen. John C. Smith, and Jeff Bishop as Gen. John Duer. Below, Bishop, right, walks in a Galena Fourth of July parade with Kirk Foecking as Gen. John E. Smith.





Galena's story through HISTORY

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 northwest region, the Driftless Area, Grant's leather store and the Port of Galena. Souvenirs, gifts and books are available for purchase in the gift shop.

The Barrows Mansion, home to the Galena & U.S. Grant Museum at 211 S. Bench St., Galena, is a solid, stable, dignified old house that helps tell Galena's story.

Daniel A. Barrows, a Galena entrepreneur, had the house built in 1858, after a fire razed the previous two homes he had constructed on the lot. Barrows also had two Main Street businesses go up in flames.

The building does feature some subtle oddities. For example, the floor on the first story looks like ordinary hardwood, but is actually a sandwich of two wood floors with dry plaster packed several inches thick in between. In theory, if a fire began in the basement and burned through the bottom layer, plaster would fall from the ceiling and smother it. The clever mechanism has never been put to the test.

Barrows used the trimmings of his home to display his status. The tour starts with the parlor, where visitors would have the chance to contemplate his elegance while waiting for Barrows to appear. The ceiling of the room is decorated with panels of pierce-carved poured plaster, designed in remarkable detail with fruit, cabbage roses and fleurs-de-lis. An ostentatious marble fireplace once heated the chamber.

And while the wood used in the door frames and trimmings is not top-quality, Barrows paid someone to paint a rich grain onto it, giving it the appearance of solid oak.

One feature of the house that was unusual for its time is that both children's bedrooms were equipped with built-in closets. A standard amenity today, such closets were rare in the 1850s because homeowners were taxed based on the number of rooms they had, and closets were included.

Most people avoided the taxes by using armoires instead, but Barrows subtly showed visitors that he had money to burn.

His financial success didn't last forever, though. Barrow's lumber business went downhill during the depression after the Civil War, and his other enterprises, including flour milling and whiskey brewing, couldn't make up the difference.

Barrows relinquished the house to S.O. Stillman after defaulting on his mortgages, and Stillman sold the house to John Ross in 1885. The Ross family had an apparently uneventful stay in the home, and John passed the building on to his daughters, Loll and Belle. When Belle passed away in 1922, Loll sold it to the International Order of the Odd Fellows.

The Odd Fellows were responsible for most of the major changes to the building since its original construction. They put in a new front door and tile flooring in the foyer that were sturdy enough to handle heavy traffic from the public. The kitchen at the back of the house was torn off, and replaced with a two-story addition with space for sock hops and sporting events.

The Odd Fellows added a few novelties as well, including a shower built in one of the old servant's quarters on the top story. The group needed a place for young men to wash up after sporting events, so they converted the room by pouring thick concrete and covering it with tile.

Building the addition put the Odd Fellows into \$40,000 worth of debt right before the Great Depression. When the economy collapsed, they became bankrupt. The house went on the auction block in 1938 and was purchased by the city of Galena.

At first, the city offices occupied the first floor and the history museum used the top stories, but as both grew, the city moved out and the museum took over. The servant's quarters, including the erstwhile shower room, are filled with meticulously ordered and catalogued artifacts. The building is owned by the city of Galena.



Old Blacksmith Shop

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

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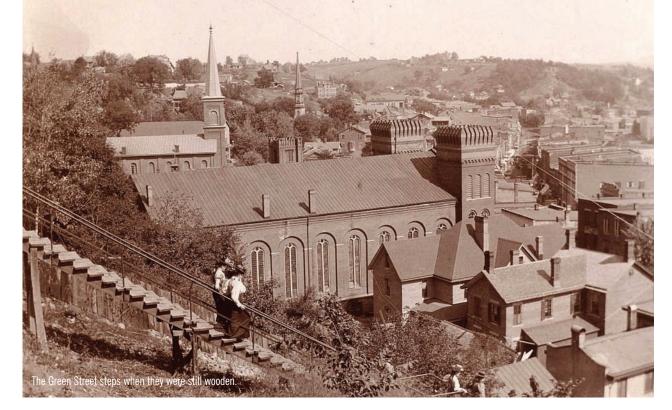
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Galenians take it ONE STEP AT A TIME

The history of Galena's steps

by Steve Repp, Galena Public Library

isitors to Galena find our town interesting in many ways with the numerous styles of architecture and the wall of buildings along Main Street. It is a town definitely in tune with the past.

The numerous stairways and steps also add an interesting look.

Reading through some of the old newspapers at the Galena Public Library also turned up some early references which gave some interesting descriptions.

The Northwestern Gazette and Galena Advertiser for Sept. 18, 1841 reads: "Certainly a more grotesque and comical looking little city never before existed, it looks like a straggling army of volunteers houses, climbing a precipice. Galena is

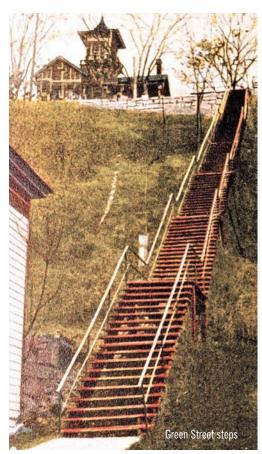
evidently a rising place-growing up edgewise...the streets rise above one another like theater boxes..."

The Galena Jeffersonian of July 1, 1854 reported, "Galena is a town of stairs—steps up and steps down. Nowhere do you proceed on the level."

The many steps of Galena continue to challenge both residents and visitors.

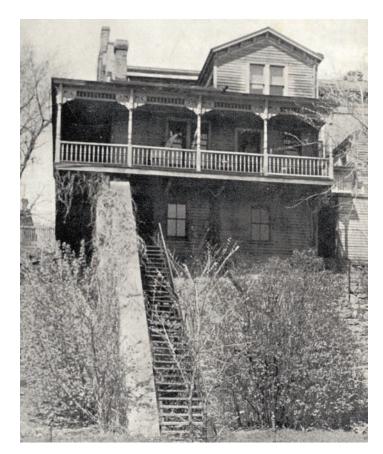
Keep in mind that the early version from the 1800s into the early 1900s were wooden. Standing at the bottom of the stairway at Main and Green streets, take a look at what awaits you. Steps leading up to Bench Street and then all the way up to Prospect Street. That beautiful old building with the clock tower was the old Central School, now better known as Galena Green.

On Bench and Washington





Above, a view of the Washington Street steps between the United Methodist Church and the old fire house. At right, a historic photo of steps leading to a basement off Riverside Drive.



streets there's another stairway. The fire bell steps were named for the old fire house at the base of the stairs. The firehouse dates to 1851.

The steps by the Soldier's Monument on River-

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Washington Street Main to Bench, 37 Bench to Prospect, 158 Prospect and up, 57

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Bench to Prospect, 149

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Library stepsRiverside to Bench, 61
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side Drive lead to the Galena library.

Take a walk on Magazine Street behind the library and you will find a lesser known flight of steps that will also take you to Galena Green.

In April 1890, the Galena Gazette printed a suggestion that an elevator be constructed on some of the hillsides to put residents in "breath economizing communication with the world below." A few years later another idea was suggested: a row of trees be planted

"on the outside of the stairway up to the Central School, so that in a very few years it will be thoroughly shaded and the brains of everyone passing may not be baked by the fierce rays of the sun."

Years ago, Irene Gillette, who worked at the library and also at the Galena History Museum, wrote a short story titled "Stepping Up To The Skies." In it she wrote that "there were about 1,356 public steps... a challenge for you mountain climbers. Pity the Postman you say, well they were used to it, as they seemed



Youngsters climbing the Washington Street steps.

to know all the short cuts to reach the mail boxes."

Gillette also mentioned that the 1,356 steps would be multiplied many times if you counted all the private steps leading to the many residences.

But years ago it was not always like you see it now. Many of the stairways were crumbling and Galena had a difficult time finding the money for repairs. In time, funds were raised and the steps replaced.

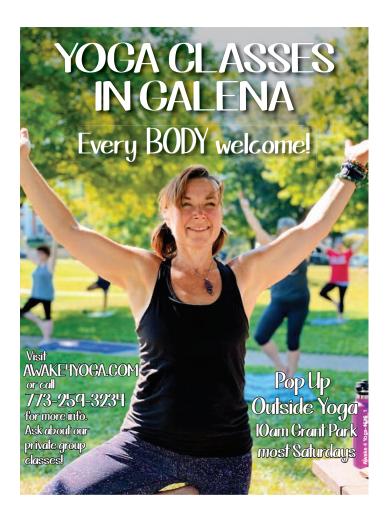
The numerous stairways await you, so take it all in, one step at a time, and you will probably come to the conclusion as many people before you have, that nothing is on the level here.

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The steps off Magazine Street behind the library today, above, and years ago, below.















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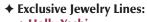




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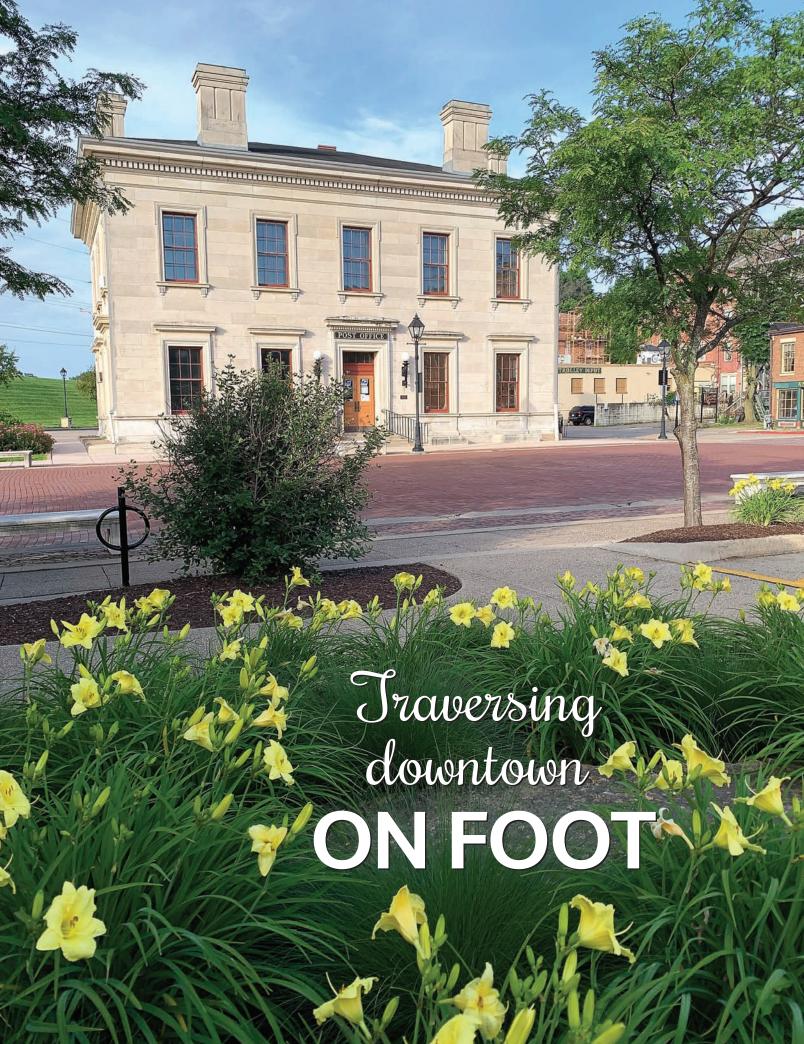
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1856. The original building housed Bradley/ Taylor House hotels and was three stories until it was destroyed by fire in 1876. The new Italianate structure is only two floors and has housed many different businesses from the People's Bank (original 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.

Perry Street: 1888. The stone laid on this street was laid down 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.

1832. Originally home to trader Amos Farrar, during the Black Hawk War this homestead 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 on Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm.

Hempstead Store: 100 N Main St.

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



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

Barrows and Coatsworth Stores: 120-126 S Main St.

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

Schmohl Building: 201 S Main St.

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

DeSoto House Hotel: 230 S Main St.

1855. 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.

Davis Block: 304-310 S. Main St.

1846. 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.

Flood Gates

1951. In 1828, Galena had its first recorded flood. The water was high enough to have steamboats travel in the city streets of Galena. Many more floods followed, and as a result, in 1951, the floodgates were added to connect to the river levee system.

U.S. Customs House/current downtown Post Office: Corner of Green and Commerce streets | 1858.

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.

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This tour is perfect for seeing some of Galena's most historic and iconic buildings and churches. You will see interesting architecture and breathtaking views of the city.

Tour Length: 45 minutes

Tour tips: This tour will involve climbing a large set of steps from Bench to Prospect Street.

Courthouse: 330 N Bench St.

1839. 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: 228 N Bench St.

1859. 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.

Union Baptist: 212 N Bench St.

1854. When this church was first built, it struggled to prosper. In the early 1900s a concrete block porch was added, hiding the original front of the building. Today it is the home to both the Odd Fellows and Masons.

First Presbyterian Church: 106 N Bench St.

1838. 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.

Turner Hall: 105 S Bench St.

1874. 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.

Galena Methodist Church: 125 S Bench St.

1857. 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.

Liberty Engine #1: Bench and Washington

1851. This Italianate structure is the oldest of its type in the state of Illinois. It showcases Galena's original 1855 fire engine which was pulled by horses and pumped by hand.

Daniel A. Barrows Home: 211 S Bench St.

1858. Designed by architect William Dennison, who also designed U.S. Grant's home, this residence was home to Daniel A. Barrows and his



This historic photo of Turner Hall gives one an idea of what Bench Street looked like more than 100 years ago.

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.

St. Michael Catholic Church: 227 N Bench St.

1856. 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.

Old Train Depot: 101 Bouthillier St. **1857.** Old Illinois Central Railroad Depot built in 1857, now the home of the administrative offices for the Greater Galena Marketing Initiative, Inc.





Dr. Horatio Newhall House/ Miller & Steinke Funeral Home: 235 S Bench St.

1848. 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.

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.

Old Galena High School: 411 S Prospect St.,

1905. 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.

Asa Haile House: 209-211 S Prospect St.

1856. This brick home was built by Asa Haile, a prominent bricklayer and building contractor. It was Haile who laid the brick for the five floors of the DeSoto House Hotel in 1854. It was also Haile who removed the top two floors of the hotel in 1880.



Felt House: 125 S Prospect St.

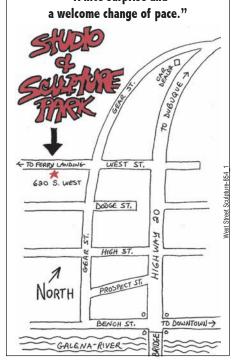
1850. This house was originally built in the 1850s for dry goods merchant Lucius Felt. What you see today, however, is a "new" version, as the house went under major remodeling in 1874. The "new" house was done in the Second Empire style and sports a large dance hall under the mansard roof. The double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

Grace Episcopal Church: Hill & Prospect

1848. This church was built partly from stone quarried at the site. The original 1837 Henry Erben organ has been restored, making it the oldest organ still in use in Illinois.



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Crystal Lake Cave near Dubuque, Iowa, offers visitors a chance to see natural wonders up close

by Emma Eaton

rystal Lake Cave in Dubuque, Iowa, is two million years old, and most of its formations are still growing due to an astounding 99 percent humidity level in the depths of the cave.

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James Rice discovered the cave in 1868, and Bernard Markus opened it to the public in 1932. Julie Rubel owned Crystal Lake Cave, which has been in her family for over 40 years, until her death in February 2021. The cave boasts a collection of crystals including argonite, travertine, satin stalagmite, stalactite and calcareous spar.

Visitors can see these natural wonders on Rubel's guided tour.

"We're exceeding expectations," Rubel said, weeks before she died. "What makes these tours unique are the hundreds of thousands of stalactites. Formations in this cave are still growing, 80 percent are still growing, and that's rare for a cave."

The heaviest known formation in Crystal Lake Cave is called the "Chandelier," and it weighs about five tons. Two and a half miles of the cave are mapped out, and visitors can walk three fourths of a mile. The remaining area is unexcavated.

There's a small, crystal-clear lake in the middle of the cave that can be viewed from an opening.

"When I was young, I would go and sit on the edge and dangle my feet above the water," Rubel said. "I would pick coins out with gloves on."

Rubel and tour guide Andy Benson plan to scoop all existing coins out of the lake to better preserve the water and the cave, as the nickel in the coins is preventing stalagmite growth, Rubel said. In addition to cleaning the already almost pristine lake, Rubel has been working on several new attractions for the site.

Kronk Disc Golf, based in East Dubuque, helped Rubel build a nine-hole disc golf course above the cave. There are also Wild Cave Tours, which require adventurers to spelunk or cave explore on their stomachs, hands and knees through otherwise inaccessible areas. Crystal Lake Cave offers two-hour and five-hour Wild Cave Tours that Benson leads. The most daring of cave dwellers can choose to stay overnight in the cave's flat room. Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups have the option of camping outside the cave. Some

couples even decide to get married in the old miners' chapel in the cave's center, and Rubel is an ordained minister.

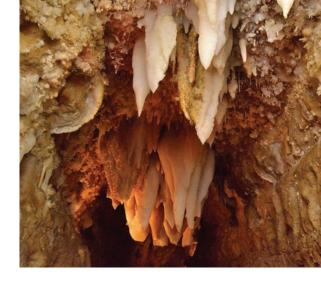
In 2012, Rubel took over ownership from her parents. In 1978, Rubel's father read a news article about Bernard Markus' granddaughter selling Crystal Lake Cave. He asked Rubel's mother if they should purchase it, and she obliged. Rubel's grandfather lent his son 20 cattle for collateral.

"Banks were more trusting in the 70s. I mean, cows as collateral," Rubel said.

Rubel said she is the next generation of her parents' determined spirit. They put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into the place, she said, so she wanted to honor them with a historical information section.

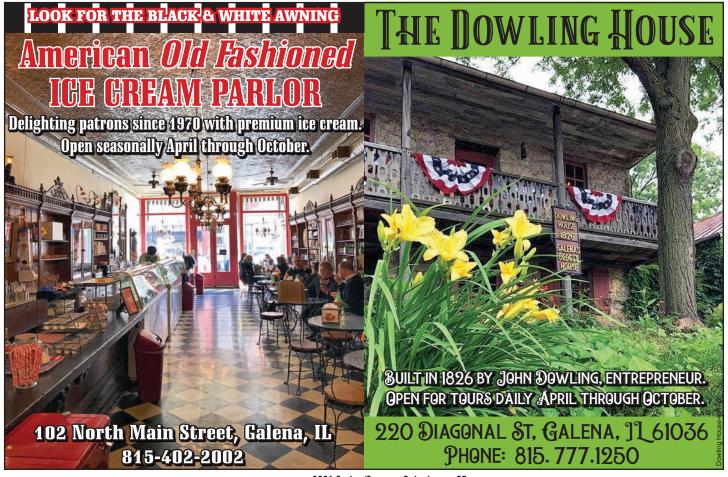
The historical section will include original artifacts from the cave's miners, as well as displays about the natural formations. Rubel said she prides herself in keeping the integrity of the cave.

"People don't want commercialized caves," Rubel said. "I keep it as close to nature as possible. I am a passerby of this cave, and I want to protect it."



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Julie Rubel, who owned Crystal Lake Cave until her death in February 2021



Suites fit for a PRESIDENT





The restored Schmohl building from Main Street.

by Hillary Dickerson

Sitting on the couch of the Presidential Suite, the largest suite of the newly opened Ulysses Suites in the J.G. Schmohl building off Bench Street, Joan Raymond can't help but feel a sense of accomplishment. She's surrounded by beauty and hundreds of small details that set this space apart.

It's been a long, sometimes daunting, journey to get to this point, but the end results of the extensive renovation to the historic 1859 building speak for themselves. There are seven suites in all—three two-bedroom, two bath; two one-bedroom, one bath; and two studios—that Raymond and her husband, Doug, began renting out at the end of July 2020.

The Raymonds, who lived in Boulder, Colo., and had a vacation home on Park Avenue, looked at properties from time to time when they're in the area. Such was the case in the spring of 2017, when Joan Raymond, who grew up in Hazel Green, Wis., followed her real estate agent, Shelly McCoy, whose shop, Isabella's, has a Main Street storefront in the building, through the Schmohl.

"It just made me sad," recalled Raymond of the years of neglect mixed with the important history. Raymond became the self-described "crazy lady who said let's do it."

For Raymond, there are many fond childhood memories of Galena. Her grandparents lived on a farm on Heller Lane just outside town. She remembers staying the summer with them and driving into town with her grandpa to visit the Ben Franklin store on Main Street.

She'd accompany her grandma to bingo at the church. Restoring this Main Street building was a way for her to maintain that connection to her past.

The Raymonds purchased the building in April 2017 and then spent six months clearing it out. The upper floors of the building had long ago become apartments, which were by 2017 condemned.

The Schmohl building was built in 1859. Until the late 1800s, it served as storefronts on Main Street and offices in the upper levels. John Schmohl, who was once mayor of Galena, bought the building in the late 1800s and opened his dry goods store on Main Street. Upstairs became the 40-room Hotel Grant, which operated until 1933.

During demolition, Raymond said, the crew found the business card of the hotel manager in one of the walls. After the hotel closed, the upper levels were converted to seven apartments, most likely in the 1940s. Another treasure from years past, Raymond said, is a tobacco tin, in perfect condition, discovered as the building was cleared. The date was July 12, 1940.

Community members have been encouraging throughout, Raymond said. She's met several women who have recalled that the Schmohl building was their first apartment after marrying. And other people have closely followed the process, asking how work is coming along as they pass by. Local spoon carver Paul Pendola salvaged some wood from the building during demoli-





Joan Raymond, above, inside the Presidential Suite on the third floor of the J.G. Schmohl building in downtown Galena. At left, a one-bedroom suite has the original 1895 skylight still in place.

tion and transformed it into some beautiful candle holders that Raymond has on display.

When the pandemic hit, it became more and more difficult to get in shipments of items she needed to open. Finally, by the end of July, Raymond was ready to welcome the first guests.

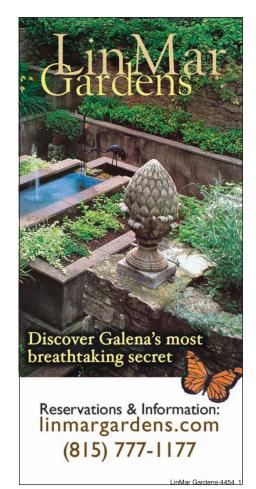
Raymond is proud of all the details the new space includes. The lobby off Bench Street offers a sense of community that Raymond insisted on incorporating into the space. One of the units has the original 1895 skylight, which was installed in the building when the facade was added to the front

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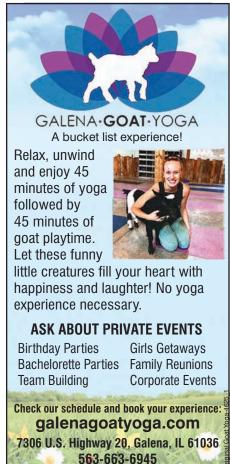
of the building. And all of the suites feature artwork by local artists and antique pieces that Raymond acquired in the area.

Raymond has a knack for putting all the pieces together. She maintained the history while freshening it up so the Ulysses Suites will be a place people will want to stay.

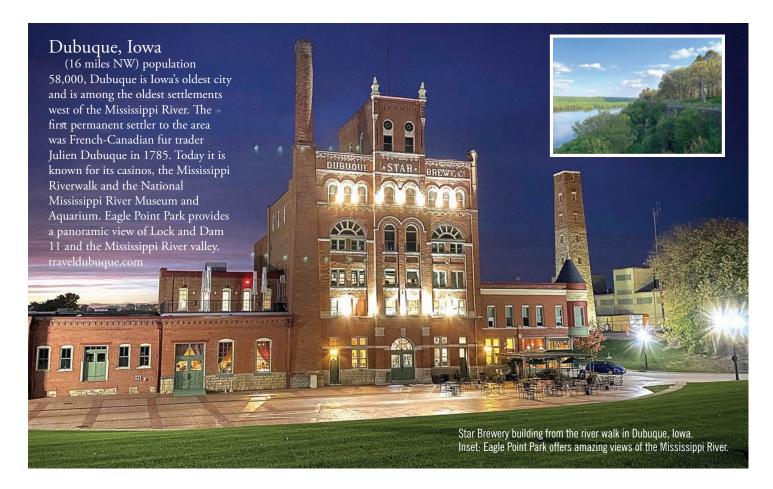
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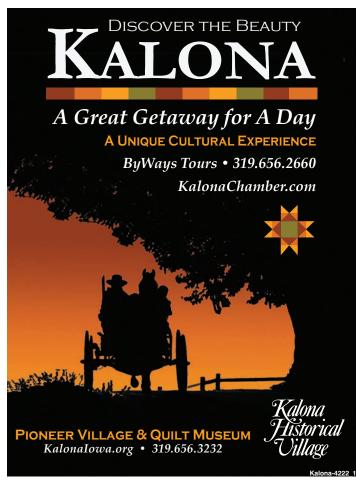




PLATTEVILLE, WISCONSIN

(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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(22 miles N) is known as the City of Presidents. Drive through this community of 2,012 and you can't help but see shields lining its Main Street honoring each of our presidents. Also lining the Main Street are a number of local businesses. The first name of the community was Yuba, but was later changed to Cuba and then Cuba City. cubacity.org

HAZEL GREEN, WISCONSIN

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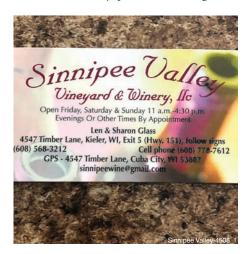
first permanent settlement in Wisconsin in 1825 and is part of the region's mining heritage. In 1831, Lucias Lyon began surveying two miles south of Hazel Green. This "Point of Beginning" is the basis for all descriptions on all property deeds in Wisconsin. This "Point of Beginning" is featured on a historical marker just south of the community. villageofhazel-green.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. He opened a school which was staffed by the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters. The church has been restored by the local Knights of Columbus.

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



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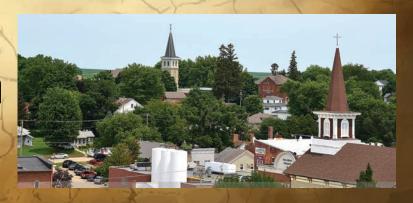
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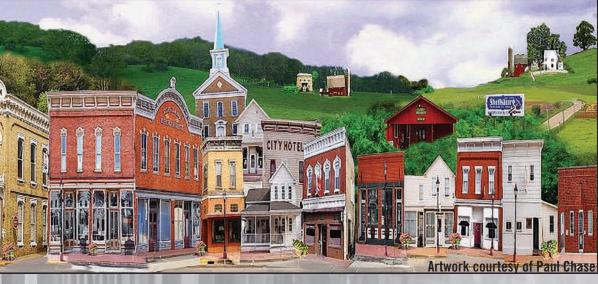
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SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN

(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. Today, Shullsburg features a restored downtown on the National Register. experienceshullsburg.com

SINSINAWA, WISCONSIN

(12 miles NW) Sinsinawa is an unincorporated community one mile north of the border with Illinois, just north of Menominee. The town is known for being the mother house of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, founded by Father Samuel Mazzuchelli. Sinsinawa Mound hosts numerous events throughout the year and runs a bookstore and art gallery which is open to the public. sinsinawa.org

HANOVER, ILLINOIS

(18 miles S) is home to Wapello Land & Water Reserve, a park boasting premiere prairie restoration. The Apple River runs through the center of Hanover and plays an important role in the economic history of the town. Hanover is the Mallard Duck Capital of the World, being home to Whistling Wings duck hatchery. In September they celebrate Mallardfest, a weekend of events including a parade, food, music, a duck-calling contest and fireworks. Hanover is also home to two award-winning vineyards, Rocky Waters Vineyard & Winery and Fergedaboudit Vineyard & Winery.

THE GALENA TERRITORY, GALENA

(9 miles E) was founded in 1973 by the Branigar Organization. The Galena Territory, which encompasses 6,800 acres, is home to Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa and numerous outdoor activities including Shenandoah Riding Center and Lake Galena. thegalenaterritory.com

WARREN, ILLINOIS

(27 miles NE) population 1,600, grew with the arrival of the Illinois Central Railroad. Alexander Burnett and Freeman Tisdel founded Warren in 1853 and named it after Captain Burnett's first son. Pumpkin Festival is the last full weekend of September. Visit the community's historic downtown. villageofwarren.com



ELIZABETH

estled 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 early 1800s, white settlers were drawn to the area as the lead-mining rush began. They began a settlement, which resulted in the Black Hawk War of 1832. Native Sac and Fox warriors attacked the Apple River Fort, 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 renamed Elizabeth.

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

There's also the Chicago Great Western Railway Depot Museum, which sources an extensive library and knowledgeable exhibits in a former Chicago Great Western Railway station. Brush up on Elizabeth's history by



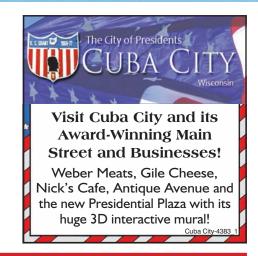


The Golden Knights drop from the sky during Freedom Fest, above, and interpreters tell the story of the Apple River Fort, at left.

visiting the Elizabeth History Museum, and explore the 1876 Banwarth House, filled with period furnishings. Antique collectors will find a haven of treasures as they explore northwestern Illinois' largest antique mall, the Elizabeth Grand Antique Co. Set in an old school building, each room is full of special finds and gems.

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

In non-pandemic times, watch as the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute jump from helicopters during the second annual Freedom Fest in July. Or, spend a full day taking in all the fun at the annual Elizabeth Community Fair.











Daviess County and was established as a result of the 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. When

the glaciers came to Stockton, they halted.

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? Check out Woodbine Bend.

July offers tons of fun for the whole family with musical performances at Willow Folk Festival and regional fine art, food and live jazz music at the NW IL Art and Jazz Fest.



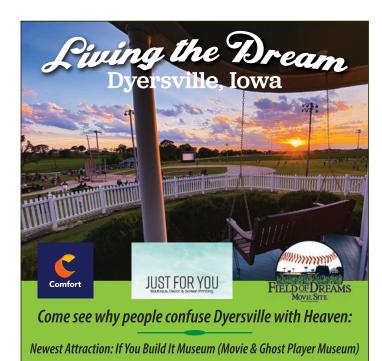


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SAVANNA, ILLINOIS

(32 miles S) population 3,000, is known for the Army Depot, established in 1918. The depot was used for munitions-related purposes, including manufacturing, testing and storing. The site's military use was gradually phased out and the depot closed in 2000. It is now the Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge. Visit Palisades State Park and the Great Mississippi River Bike Trail. savanna-il.gov

APPLE CANYON LAKE, ILLINOIS

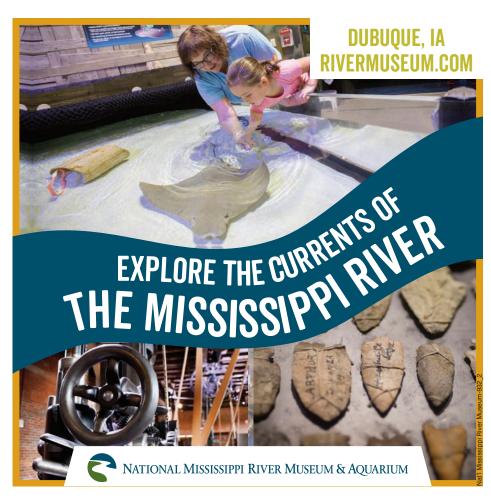
(18 miles E) was developed in 1969. The dam, which created the lake, was constructed in 1975. Activities include water sports, camping and golfing. applecanyonlake.org

APPLE RIVER, ILLINOIS

(21 miles NE) population 366, Apple River grew along with the Illinois Central Railroad in 1854. The town was known as a farming community and a shipping mecca for minerals.

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 and Charles Mound, the highest point in Illinois. scalesmound.com





EAST DUBUQUE

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

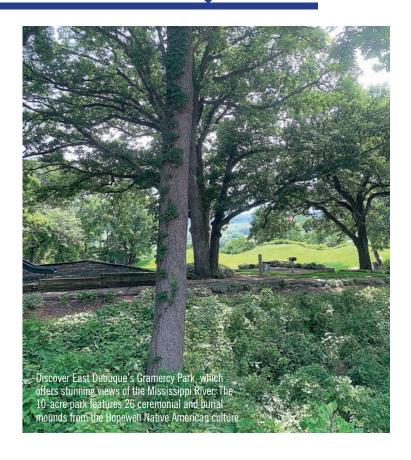
East Dubuque's history is quite an interesting one, featuring Hopewell Indians, railroad tycoons, ferryboat kings and even Al Capone. Stop at the East Dubuque District Library for artifacts on Sop-Ho-Kab, locally known as Indian Kate. She was a full-blooded Sauk who escaped the Battle of Bad Axe, a battle between the Sauk and Fox tribes and the Illinois militiamen.

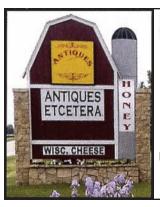
Visitors can also walk in the footsteps of history while visiting Gramercy Park. The 10-acre city park is an Illinois Natural Heritage Landmark, and is home to 26 ceremonial and burial mounds from the Hopewell Native American culture. It has views of the Mississippi River bluffs and Port of Dubuque.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

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

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

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





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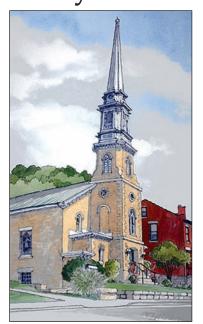
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ALL SEASONS

Spring



s soon as the weather starts to warm, April ushers in family fun. There's the annual Grant's Birthday weekend celebration, hosted by the Galena/Jo Daviess County Historical Society. In May, try the Ups & Downs bike ride through the countryside. June brings the Elizabeth Spring Fling, the Cemetery Walk and Corkless wine festival.



Summer

he summer months are typically jam-packed with activity, starting with the Fourth of July holiday. Galena, Hanover and Stockton all host community festivals, complete with food, fun and fireworks. The Freedom Fest in Elizabeth drops excitement from the sky with the Golden Knights air show. Turner Hall in Galena comes alive with a wide variety of performances during the Festival of the Performing Arts. And don't forget the NW IL Art Fest in Stockton. In August, turn your attention to Garlic Fest and the Market House Art Festival. September offers the opportunity to honor history with the Heroes for History stair run.





Fall

Besides simply going for a drive to take in the stunning scenery and fall colors, fall offers unique events such as the Tour of Historic Homes, Oktoberfest, Twenty Dirty Hands Pottery Tour and Country Fair, all in Galena. There's Mallardfest in Hanover and Warren's Pumpkin Festival. Visit an apple orchard and pumpkin patch. Galena's Main Street plays host to the Halloween Parade, the last Saturday of the month, and in November, there's Nouveau weekend. Santa arrives at the end of the month.



Winter

fter Santa's arrival during Thanksgiving weekend, December ushers in some popular annual events. Be sure to check out Christmas in Elizabeth. In Galena, fireworks light up the sky during the holiday Fire in the Sky. The Galena ARC hosts a Take the Cake auction and Cookie **Walk**, offering a little something sweet for everyone. Galena's Main Street storefronts come alive with holiday scenes and music during **Living Windows**, and that same evening, over 5,000 luminaries line the streets, sidewalks and steps of the historic community for Night of Luminaria. There's plenty to do outdoors between downhill skiing at Chestnut Mountain, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing and more, weather permitting.













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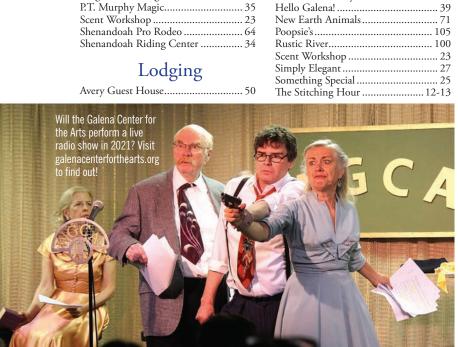
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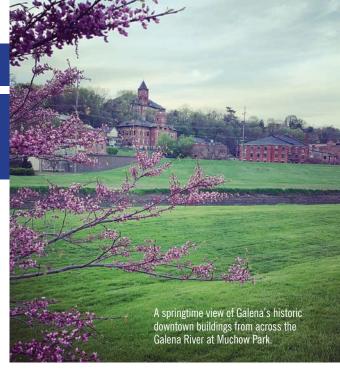
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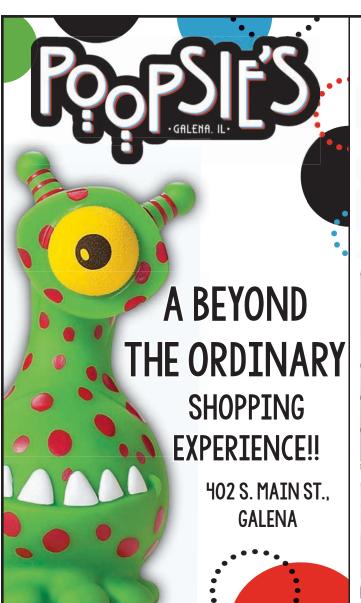
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