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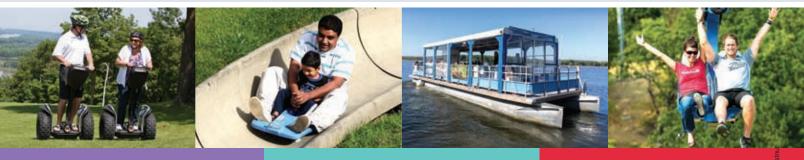
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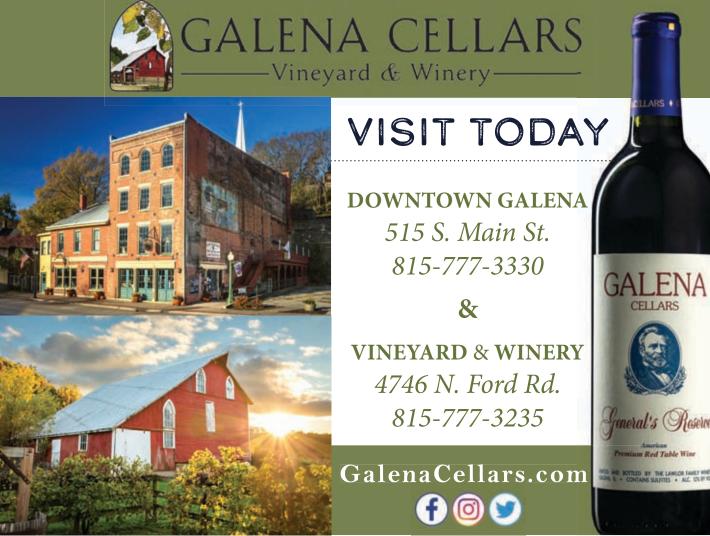
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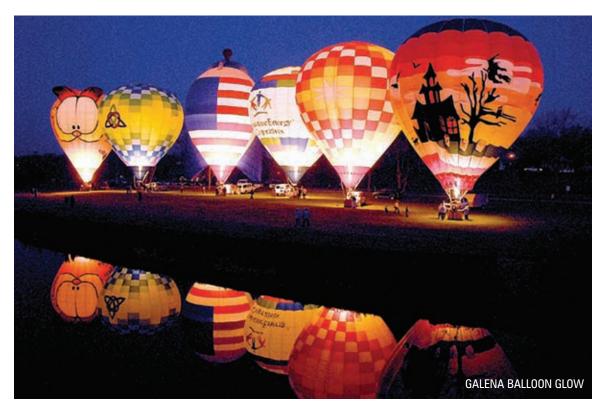
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Galena is calling your name! Find relaxation, romance and recreation in the fall and winter months. Many activities and events are scheduled September through March, making your getaway a true adventure.

## Check out visitgalena.org for a full list of all the fun.



## SEPT 2019

Ladies Getaway Weekend SEPT 6-8, 10 AM-10 PM Galena facebook.com/ladiesgetawayweekendgalena

Heroes For History Stair Challenge SEPT 7, 8:15 AM Green Street Plaza, Galena. galenahistory.org

"Dr. Bibfeldt Encounters God," by Gary Arms SEPT 10, 7 PM Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

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Exhibit: Fashionable Art SEPT 13-OCT 26, FREE Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

Art That Stands Out in its Field–Fashionista Scarecrows SEPT 20-OCT 30, FREE Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

Women of Courage & Commitment: Fabulous First Ladies Performance SEPT 21, 3 PM DeSoto House Hotel, Galena. desotohouse.com

Small Art–Big Impact SEPT 21, FREE Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

Fever River Adventure Triathlon SEPT 14, 9 AM-3 PM Galena River, Galena Feverrivertriathlon.com Warren

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OCT 2 AND 3, 7:30 PM

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SEPT 28-29, 9 AM-5 PM

Songwriter's Showcase SEPT 19, 7-9 PM, FREE Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

Tales of Terror SEPT 20, 3:30 & 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbg.edu/heritagecenter* 

Mallardfest SEPT 21, 9 AM-10 PM Hanover Visitgalena.org

Guided Tour of Horseshoe Mound SEPT 21, 11 AM, FREE Horseshoe Mound, Galena *jdcf.org* 

Warren Pumpkin Festival SEPT 27-29 Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, lowa *dbq.edu/heritagecenter* 

### Women of the World OCT 5, 7:30 PM

Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbq.edu/heritagecenter* 

Midwest Health & Fitness Fun Run/Walk OCT 5, 9-11 AM Depot Park, Galena *Call 815-777-4960* 

Oktoberfest OCT 4, 6-10 PM OCT 5, NOON-10 PM Depot Park, Galena Galenalions.org

"Caroline Herschel and Queen of Night," by Gary Arms OCT 8, 7 PM Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

Guided Tour of Horseshoe Mound OCT 12, 11 AM, FREE Horseshoe Mound, Galena *jdcf.org* 

Autumn Craft Fair OCT 12-13, 9 AM-4 PM River Ridge High School, Hanover *Call 815-858-9005* 

Galena Country Fair OCT 12-13, 10 AM-5 PM SAT, 10 AM-4 PM SUN Grant Park, Galena. galenacountryfair.org

Scarecrow Festival OCT 12-13, 9:30 AM-5 PM, FREE Elizabeth *elizabeth-il.org* 

Shaun Boothe & the Unauthorized Biography OCT 14, 3:30 & 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbq.edu/heritagecenter* 

The Doo Wop Project OCT 18, 8 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbg.edu/heritagecenter* 

Songwriter's Showcase OCT 17, 7-9 PM, FREE Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED ON PAGE 12





### Why were these five homes chosen for the tour? Is there anything that connects them?

SHELBY MILLER curator, Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society

**Q & A** 

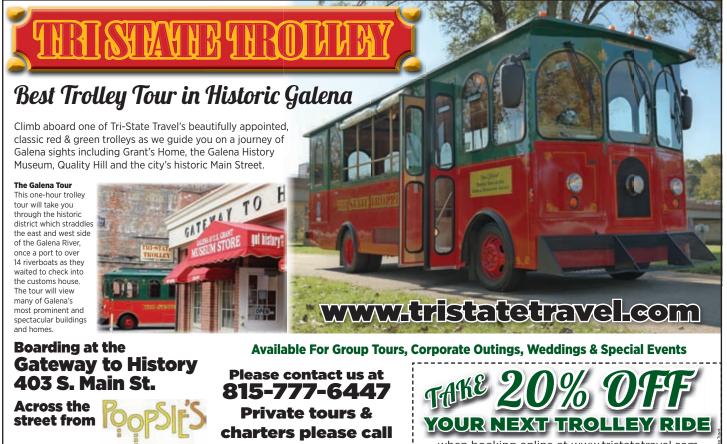
"This year we have five very different homes (with a) variety of architecture styles and history. It allows visitors to see Galena through the eyes of Galena booms and busts—the big, grand mansions of the 1840s and 1850s when Galena was at its peak, to the smaller, more modest homes of the later 1800s, when Galena was suffering."

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Various locations twentydirtyhands.com

Women of Courage & Commitment: Men Behind the Women OCT 19, 3 PM DeSoto House Hotel, Galena Tickets at desotohouse. com

"Heisenberg," by Simon Stephens OCT 22, 7 PM Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

B2wins from Brazil OCT 25, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbg.edu/heritagecenter* 

**Ghoulish Gala OCT 25, 6-11 PM** Galena ARC, Galena galenachamber.com

Galena Balloon Glow OCT 25, 6:30-8 PM, FREE various locations in Galena visitgalena.org

Halloween Parade OCT 26, 6:30 PM, FREE Downtown Galena *Galenachamber.org* 

## NOV 2019

The Passing Zone NOV 1, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbq.edu/heritagecenter* 

Upfront Art of Paul Chase NOV 1-DEC 28, THU-SUN 11 AM-4 PM, FREE Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

**Dinner Date with History NOV 8, 4:45-8 PM** Galena B & Bs Call 815-777-4100

Holiday Radio Show Play: "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge" NOV 14-17, 7 PM Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

HIPLET Ballerinas NOV 15, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbg.edu/heritagecenter* 

Women of Courage & Commitment: Christmas Traditions NOV 16, 3 PM DeSoto House Hotel, Galena *Tickets at desotohouse.com* 

Jungle Book NOV 17, 2 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbq.edu/heritagecenter* 

Songwriter's Showcase NOV 21, 7-9 PM, FREE Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

All Church Holiday Bazaar NOV 16, 9 AM-1:30 PM Hanover Park District Gym, Hanover *Call 608-201-1860* 

Nouveau Weekend NOV 22-23 Various Galena locations nouveauweekend.com

The Generals Christmas Ball NOV 23, 7-11 PM DeSoto House Hotel, Galena *Tickets at desotohouse.com*  Catch the Train in Galena NOV 29-DEC 15, THU-SUN, 11 AM-4 PM, FREE Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

Warren Festival of Trees NOV 30-JAN 5, 10 AM-8 PM, FREE Warren

Holiday Kick-Off NOV 30, 1-8 PM, FREE Downtown Galena and at the Old Market House State Historic Site visitgalena.org

Festival of Trees NOV30,11AM-4PM,FREE DeSoto House Hotel, Galena galenaarc.org

## PEC 2019

The Sound of Christmas DEC 6, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbq.edu/heritagecenter* 

Stockton Christmas Walk DEC 6-7, FREE Downtown Stockton *Call 815-947-2080* 

John Erickson Trio DEC 6-7, FRI 7:30 PM, SAT 2 & 7:30 PM DeSoto House Hotel, Galena Tickets at desotohouse.com

Take the Cake DEC 6, 6 PM DeSoto House Hotel, Galena galenaarc.org

Holiday Market DEC 7, 8:30 AM-1:30 PM Galena Territory Owners' Club Call 815-777-2000 Christmas in Elizabeth DEC 7, 9 AM-3 PM Downtown Elizabeth *elizabeth-il.org* 

Christmas at the Fort DEC 7, 10 AM-3 PM, FREE Apple River Fort, Elizabeth appleriverfort.org

Mistletoe Stroll DEC 7, 1-4 PM Various Galena B & Bs Bestofgalena.com

Holiday Fire in the Sky DEC 7, 6-7 PM Grant Park, Galena

A Christmas Carol DEC 8, 2 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbq.edu/heritagecenter* 

Cookie Walk DEC 7, 9 AM DeSoto House Hotel, Galena galenaarc.org

Big Band Holidays DEC 9, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbg.edu/heritagecenter* 

Tree of Love Lighting Ceremony DEC 11, 6:30 PM, FREE



Living Windows & Luminaria DEC 14, 4-9 PM Downtown Galena *Visitgalena.org* 

Luminaria Dinner DEC 14, 5-8 PM DeSoto House Hotel, Galena *desotohouse.com* 

Breakfast with Santa DEC 15, 9 AM-NOON DeSoto House Hotel, Galena desotohouse.com

A Celtic Christmas Concert With Ring of Kerry DEC 15, 2 PM Turner Hall, Galena galenafpa.org

"The Gift of the Magi" DEC 17, 7 PM, THU-SUN, 11 AM-4 PM, FREE Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

New Year's Eve DEC 31, 5-11 PM DeSoto House Hotel, Galena *desotohouse.com* 

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Litfest JAN 19 DeSoto House Hotel, Galena *visitgalena*.org

Songwriter's Showcase JAN 16, 7-9 PM, FREE Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

Pinocchio JAN 25, 10 AM & 2 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbg.edu/heritagecenter* 

Galena Whiskey Weekend JAN 25, 1 PM Turner Hall, Galena galenawhiskeyweekend.com Comedian Tom Cotter JAN 31, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa dbg.edu/heritagecenter



Shesh Besh FEB 1, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbg.edu/heritagecenter*  Special Olympics FEB 4-6 Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena. soill.org

The Princess and The Pea FEB 9, 2 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbq.edu/heritagecenter* 

Play Reading FEB 11, 7 PM Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

The Office, Musical Parody FEB 11, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbg.edu/heritagecenter* 

Neil Berg's 50 Years of Rock & Roll FEB 15, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbg.edu/heritagecenter* 

**"We Shall Overcome" FEB 18, 7:30 PM** Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa

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Mardi Gras FEB 21, 5-11 PM Downtown Galena visitgalena.org

The Siberian State Symphony Orchestra FEB 27, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Jowa

of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa dbq.edu/heritagecenter

Golden Dragon Acrobats FEB 29, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dba.edu/heritagecenter* 



Galena Goes 50s Weekend MARCH 6-7 Turner Hall, Galena Galenabrewery.com

"Love, Loss, and What I Wore" MARCH 14, 15, 16, 7 PM Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

Shamrock Shimmy MARCH 14, 8 AM Downtown Galena galenaarc.org



**St. Patrick's Day Parade MARCH 14, 4 PM** Main Street, Galena

The Norm of Greatness MAR 16, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbg.edu/heritagecenter* 

Songwriter's Showcase FEB 19, 7-9 PM, FREE Galena Center for the Arts galenacenterforthearts.com

Dueling Pianos, Piano Fondue MAR 20, 7:30 PM Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa *dbg.edu/heritagecenter* 

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The tour takes place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19 from 10 am to 6 pm, as well as Sunday, Oct 20 from 10 am to 5 pm. Find more information on the participating clay artists at twentydirtyhands.com and on Facebook.

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## OKTOBERFEST

Hit the dance floor for polka lessons, enter your wiener dog in a race or have your hand at the beer stein endurance contest at the 13th annual Galena Oktoberfest, hosted by Galena Lions Club.

Since 2007, Oktoberfest has been offering local beer, food, live polka music, polka dancing and wiener dog races in Galena Depot Park. The event is possible with the help of almost 130 volunteers.

Last year, over 4,500 people and 100 wiener dogs attended the 12th annual German beer fest. Not to mention, almost 90 kegs of beer were consumed over the course of the one-day event.

This year, you catch all the action on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-5. The festival begins on Friday, Oct. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m., with a night of live music, food-truck eats and craft beer, followed by an outdoor screening of the Field of Dreams movie at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

On Saturday, from noon to 10 p.m. at Galena Depot Park there will be plenty of fun. The event

kicks off with the tapping of a keg by mayor Terry Renner. Listen to live music from Backseat Betty, Goodtime Dutchmen and Jim Busta Band, or try your hand at the beer stein endurance contest.

There will be five food and beverage tents, offering local beers from Potosi and Galena breweries. Taste German classics like brats and beer from Galena Elks, or bite into sweet apples from Orchard Landing. Kids will have fun in the bounce house or decorating pumpkins.

All wiener dogs are welcome to participate in the races occurring from 1-4 p.m. Trophies made by local artist Charles Fach will be awarded to the winning dogs. There is no entry fee for all dogs pre-registered. Pre-register wiener dogs online at galenalions.org. Prior to the races, check out the wiener dog parade and best dressed competition.

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## **Q & A KERRY SHEL** Executive director

## What sets Galena's Halloween parade apart from other parades?

"What's remarkable is not just the sheer amount of people, but where they come from and how they hear about is astounding. It's not just a local event. The parade continues to grow and expand to different demographics."

#### What are you most looking forward to?

"The creativity that people bring. Every year the floats become more detailed and complex. A crowd favorite are the hot air balloon floats. Our parade has become a force to reckon with because we've become so popular."

## How have you been involved with the parade through the years?

"I've been involved with it every year since its start in 1978. I've been on both sides of the parade, participating and watching. . . When I was a kid, I remember we all just lined up at the post office. There were only 40 kids with pillow cases and homemade costumes." Watch in amazement as people dressed in elaborate costumes parade down Main Street in Galena. Glowing hot air balloons illuminate the historic half-mile filled with mystifying floats and haunting music from marching bands.

Kerry Shelke, executive director of Galena Area Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the event, spills all the details on the 41st year of Halloween festivities in Galena. The parade will begin on the corner of Main and Franklin streets at 6:30 pm on Saturday, Oct 26.

Before the parade on Saturday, make sure to stop by the Halloween Festival beginning at 2 pm on Washington and Perry streets. The festival will have music, food and drinks and will last until the parade starts at 6:30 pm.

To accommodate the high volume of pa-

rade goers, there will be four shuttles operating between noon-10 pm, except during the parade. Shuttle parking and pickup will be at the Walmart parking lot. The Chamber encourages parade goers to come downtown early in the day with the shuttle, as streets are closed for parking at 3 pm and traffic at 5 pm.

To kick off the Halloween festivities, the Ghoulish Gala costume party will return for its second year on Friday, Oct 25 from 6-11 pm. The event will be held in downtown Galena. Come dressed up for the costume contest and enjoy light snacks and drinks.

If you are interested in participating in this year's Galena Halloween Parade, pre-register by Oct. 21 at galenachamber.com, or by contacting the chamber office at 815-777-9050.



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8. Galena, Desoto House Hotel, 230 S. Main Street

- 9. Galena, Dillon's Pizza, 701 Franklin Street
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- 20. The Galena Territory, Shenandoah Riding Center, 200 N. Brodrecht Rd.

- 21. The Galena Territory, Woodstone Restaurant, 109 Eagle Ridge Drive
- 22. Hanover, Apple River State Bank, 215 Jefferson
- 23. Hanover, River Ridge High School, 4141 Hwy. 84
- 24. Kieler, WI, Birchwood Golf Course, 3976 Eagle Point Rd.
- 25. Menominee, JM's Tap, 7625 Menominee Road
- 26. Scales Mound, Apple River State Bank, 510 N. Main Street
- 27. Stockton, Casey's General Store, 150 S. Main Street
- 28. Stockton Travel Center, 601 E. North Ave, #2
- 29. Warren, Apple River State Bank, 135 E. Main Street
- 30. Warren, Casey's General Store, 113 W. Main
- 31. Warren, Pecatonica Beer Company Taphouse, 136 Main Street
- 32. Warren, 7989 Route 78 South (Tisdell Avenue)
- 33. Warren, Smiley's Pub, 105 E. Main Street
- 34. Warren, Warren High School, 311 S. Water Street

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# NOUVEAU

Nouveau is based on the Old World French tradition of celebrating the first wine of the fall harvest. Galena Cellars Vineyard does the same, producing Le Beaujolais Nouveau, a light and fruity wine from their 2019 fall harvest. You may even indulge in Nouveauinspired meals and entertainment around Galena. Main Street restaurants, including Fried Green Tomatoes and Market House Restaurant, offer their own unique twist on hardy dishes like beef stew to be served with the wine.

On Friday, Nov. 22, catch the horse-drawn wagon making its way down Main Street for your own fresh bottle of Le Beaujolais Nouveau 2019! The parade will kick off the 35th annual Nouveau Weekend festivities at 1:30 pm in downtown Galena. Wine tours and

tastings will also be offered throughout the weekend at area vineyards and restaurants.

Galena Cellars Vineyard will be open all weekend for wine tastings and vineyard tours from 11 am to 6 pm on Friday and Saturday and 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Among many acres of rolling farmland, Galena Cellars grows 22 different specialty grapes, creating 60,000 gallons of wine per year in 40 wine varieties.

Galena Cellars Main Street Tasting Room and Gift Shop is open Monday through Wednesday, 10 am to 6 pm, Friday and Saturday 10 am to 8 pm and Sunday 10 am to 5 pm through December.

For more information, check out nouveaugalena.com, or call Galena Cellars at 815-777-3330.

## WHISKEY WEEKENP



With one ticket, you have the opportunity to taste over 100 ultra-premium bourbons and whiskeys, many not offered at other whiskey events. On Saturday, Jan. 25, attend one of two tastings, the afternoon tasting from 1-3:30 pm, or the evening tasting from 5-7:30 pm, at Turner Hall in Galena, 115 South Bench St.

There will be a comprehensive tasting booklet with numbered table assignments, making it easy for you to find all of your favorites. Blaum Brothers will be debuting its new rye whiskey at the event. Fried Green Tomatoes will offer a whiskey tasting seminar the night before. For tickets and more information, visit galenawhiskeyweekend.com.



## APR 2020

#### **Grant's Birthday Weekend APR 12-13**

Various events are planned downtown Galena to mark the 197th birthday of U.S. Grant, Galena's Civil War hero and 18th president. galenahistory.org

#### **General Grant Homefront APR 25-26**

A two-day battle in Depot Park. tristatehistoricalpresentations. blogspot.com

## **JUN 2020**

#### **Cemetery Walk JUN 6-7**

Former Galenians present compelling stories in live theater format at Old City Cemetery in Galena. galenahistory.org

#### **Great Galena Balloon Race** JUN 19-21

A weekend of live music, balloon rides and nightly balloon glows at Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa in Galena. greatgalenaballoonrace.com

### **Corkless in Galena** JUN 27, 12-7 PM

A festival of unique wines produced by family-owned northern Illinois wineries at Depot Park in Galena. greatgalenaballoonrace.com

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Join us in the spring and summer for many more exciting events and activities.



## **JUL 2020**

#### **Galena Festival of the Performing Arts TBD IN JULY**

Musical performances of genres from Broadway to brass at Galena Turner Hall. galenafpa.org

### Fourth of July Celebration **JULY 4**

A day full of family fun events at Galena Rec Park. Head

downtown Galena for a parade at 6 pm and fireworks at dusk. kiwanisclubofgalena.org & galenaarc.org

### **Shenandoah Pro Rodeo JULY 5-6**

lt's wild, it's western, it's pro rodeo competition at its best! Cowboys and cowgirls compete in bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, barrel racing and bull riding at Shenandoah Riding Center in Galena Territory. theshenandoahridingcenter.com

### **Elizabeth Community Fair JULY 17-19**

Check out one of only two community fairs remaining in Illinois at Terrapin Park in Elizabeth. Parade at 11 am on Saturday. elizabeth-il.org

### NW IL Art & Jazz Festival **JULY 18-19**

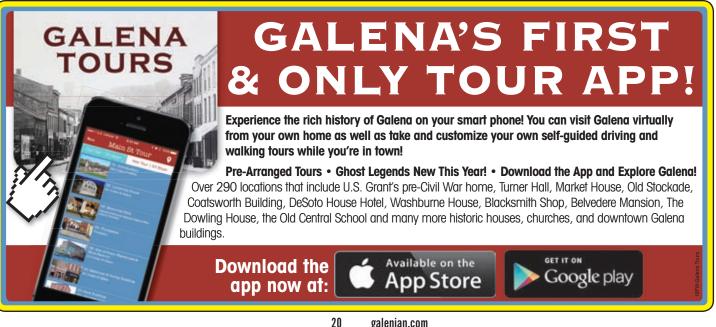
Local art, music and food all

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bundled up into one weekend at Stockton Lion's Memorial Park. visitgalena.org

## AUG 2020

#### **Midwest Garlic Festival** AUG 8-9, 10 AM-8 PM A celebration of garlic that supports local farms and brings naturally grown garlic to the table. midwestgarlicfest.com



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CHECK OUT PAGES 62-63 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AREA COFFEE.

## **ELLE & BECKS**

Find a picture perfect coffee at Elle & Becks. They have freshly brewed drip coffee and lattes, complete with foam tulip art. Alongside their classic coffee, Elle & Becks offers gelato, as well as floral and fresh female clothing. 205 S Main St, Galena

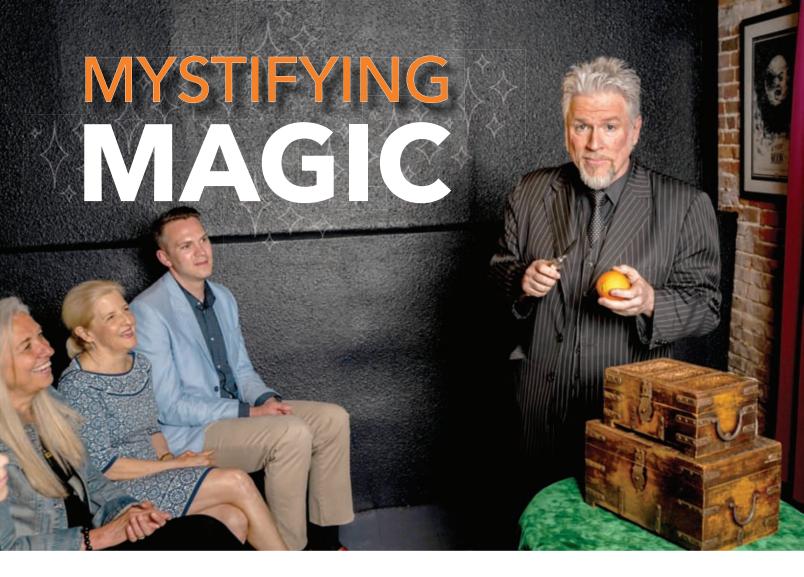
## E-TOWN COFFEE

Finding a nice spot to stop in a rural area can be hard, but E-Town Coffee has got you covered. The little shop in Elizabeth offers fabulous frothy mochas and always changing delicious lunch specials every day. 141 N Main, Elizabeth

## KALADI'S

Your taste buds will thank you for the smooth and warm flavors found at Kaladi's Coffee Bar. Stop in for freshly roasted and ground coffee prepared to your delight. Drink it black or with whipped cream. Their white chocolate mocha will not disappoint. Pair your beverage with a freshly baked artisan pastry or dessert hand kneaded by a local German pastry chef. 309 S Main St, Galena





## Galena magician P.T. Murphy has been mystifying crowds with his masterful magic since 2013.



T. MURPHY

urphy's passion for magic has been around for as long as he can remember. "The first memory of magic I have is watching a magic show on TV. I received a magic set for Christmas when I was 7, and I received a new one every year after that. . . Then, when I was 14, I performed magic shows at birthday parties," said Murphy, a Chicago native.

Murphy took a hiatus from magic to attend Columbia College for acting. It wasn't until he got a part-time job at Magic Incorporated in his mid-30s that Murphy revisited magic.

He said, "My urge to perform was rekindled there."

In 2005, Murphy opened "Magic Chicago," a magic show in downtown Chicago. After the success of his first show, he later opened another Chicago-based show called "The Magic Cabaret."

In 2013, Murphy ventured out of Chicago with his wife and son to open P.T. Murphy Magic Show in Galena. He was looking to downsize from 50-60 seat shows in Chicago and thought Galena would be a great place, especially with its rich history of small town travelling magicians, including well-known magician, McDonald Birch.

"I talked to my friend in Galena about my plan to move to Galena, and he told me that another magician was already doing a show in Galena. I was like, 'Oh no, really!? He's crushing my dreams!"

He continued, "So, I (went) to see the magic show, and (the magician) told me he was only doing the show for the summer. I was relieved. He paved the way for magic in Galena. After he moved away, I moved to Galena and opened PT Murphy Magic show, and the rest was history," said Murphy, who owns P.T. Murphy Magic Theater on 204 Hill St. in Galena.





PT. Murphy magic shows take place in an intimate 24-seat theater. Murphy's goal is to create an interactive and up-close experience for his visitors. And with his current theater on Hill Street, he can do just that. His theater is loosely modeled on the closeup magic room at the Magic Castle in Hollywood.

"My goal was to have a space similar in size (to the Magic Castle) so that the people could have a similar experience, where the magic is happening up close. It's happening right before their very eyes, and most of the time, the magic is happening in their hands. The goal was to provide an experience that most people don't often get to have," Murphy added.

Most magic shows are about big and extravagant performances, but Murphy takes his show to a whole new level with a small venue and interactive show. He loves meeting and interacting with people from all over the world who come to Galena and see his show.

Murphy explained his interactive shows, "I interact with everyone in the audience. I learn everyone's names, and. . . I may bring up four or five audience members on stage to assist with certain tricks.""

Murphy keeps it classic with his tricks. He stays away from rude language and violence, making his shows family-friendly.

"I try to keep my classic, big tricks that are remembered, and that have left an impression on people. And my smaller tricks change up for something different in every show."

Night and matinee shows are offered year-round at P.T. Murphy Magic Theater, located at 204 Hill St. in Galena. Tickets can be purchased online at ptmurphy.com or by calling the box office at 779-214-0035.



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#### **ORIGINAL GOAT YOGA**

7306 US 20, Galena, 888-992-4628, galena.goatyoga.net. Part yoga, part animal-assisted therapy, all fun. Goat Yoga focuses on disconnecting from stress and finding happiness within oneself. During class, which takes place in a climate-controlled barn, goats may hop on your back during a pose or snuggle next to you on your mat. Each class is 45 minutes followed by a happy hour for pictures and an opportunity to hold the precious goats. Perfect for private events like bachelorette parties, wellness retreats or team building. Baaamaste!

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#### **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 12 pm, May through October. Pet-friendly and runs rain or shine from the historic DeSoto House Hotel lobby.





From haunted walks to magic shows, Galena dishes out entertainment for everyone! Check out the popular attractions that make Galena special.

#### **BELVEDERE MANSION**

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

#### P.T. MURPHY MAGIC

204 Hill St, Galena, 779-214-0035, ptmurphy.com. Galena's #1 attraction-Trip Advisor 2013, 2014. The setting for this intimate encounter with illusion is P.T. Murphy's private 24-seat theater located in the heart of historic downtown. Matinee and evening performances available. Call for show times.

### **TRI-STATE TROLLEY**

Tri-State Trolley, 403 S Main St, Galena, 800-779-4869. Climb aboard these beautifully appointed, classic red and green trolleys as a guide takes you on a journey of historic Galena sights including Grant's Home, the Galena History Museum, Quality Hill and Galena's historic Main Street. Tours begin at 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm, 4 pm daily.

### ALL ABOUT A GHOST TOUR

227 S Dodge 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. A mix of "History and Mystery," as he likes to call it, Repp's All About a Ghost Tour is a walking tour that takes participants from the DeSoto House Hotel, through downtown, then up onto Bench Street. Steve's stories are all heavily researched and carefully curated.

#### HAUNTED GALENA TOUR COMPANY

535 S High St, 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 courthouse, the Dowling House and the Old Market House are just some of the spooky stops on this 90-minute walking tour.

#### **HOOF IT—GOAT TREKS**

616 S Devil's Ladder Road, Galena, 563-663-6944, hoofit-galena.com. Here, it's all about the fun, the laughter, and the pure joy of walking with goats through native prairies and forest. Lace up your shoes and get ready to hoof it! All guides, a.k.a. trekkers, have an inherent knowledge of the land and the animals. They have grown up on the property, raised their families there and are excited to share it with you. Enjoy the goats in multiple settings with different packages, including Goat Trek and Goat Trek with Bonfire. When weather doesn't cooperate for the regular treks, try Porch Play, which offers fun with goats under a covered porch.







## WINTER WONDERLAND

Sun-soaked skies, powder-covered hills and the icy Mississippi beckon to be discovered this winter.

### SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

Release your inner daredevil at Chestnut Mountain Resort, Illinois's premier ski resort and lodge. There are 19 trails of various difficulties that overlook the majestic Mississippi River and kid-friendly instructors to help get any novice started. The farside area is perfect for tricksters looking for ramps and rails. Ski, snowboard and apparel rental available. *8700 W Chestnut Mountain Rd, Galena* 

## HOT CUP OF COCOA

Worn out from a long day

in the cold? Relax and sip a warm beverage at Kaladi's Coffee Bar and Big Bill's Sandwich Shop in Galena, or try E-Town Coffee in Elizabeth. Many Galena restaurants serve hot chocolate as well, so bundle up and take a stroll down Main Street to discover something delectably sweet.

### **SNOWSHOE**

Pull out those snowshoes from storage and head over to the Galena River Trail for a workout with a view. There's little skill required. If you can walk, you can snowshoe. Rent a pair at Fever River Outfitters, downtown Galena. 527 S Main St, Galena

### WARM MUG OF SOUP

There's nothing quite like a bowl of soup on a chilly winter day. DeSoto House Hotel in downtown Galena has got you covered with options made from scratch like bleu cheese and chili. Or try one of their daily specials and stay for live music and cocktails. 233 S Main St, Galena

### **ICE FISHING**

Who said fishing was only for the summer? Lake

Galena in the Galena Territory and the backwaters of the Mississippi are two prime locations to ice fish. Don't forget to wear your hat and gloves; it's cold out there!

### **NORDIC CENTER**

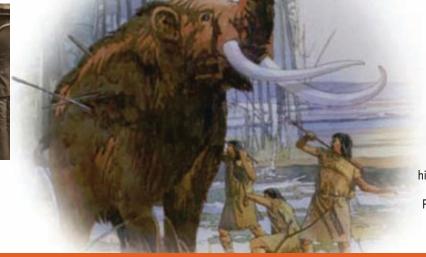
Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa and Fever River Outfitters have teamed up to create the Nordic Center, which has a plethora of winter activities. Ice skate on the 1.5-acre pond, explore 7 miles of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails, and sled down the infamous 18th hole. 444 Eagle Ridge Dr, Galena

## DRIFTLESS AREA & FIRST PEOPLES EXHIBIT

The History Museum's interpretive exhibit tells the story of this amazing land and the Native American inhabitants who first lived, hunted and mined around Galena and the Driftless.



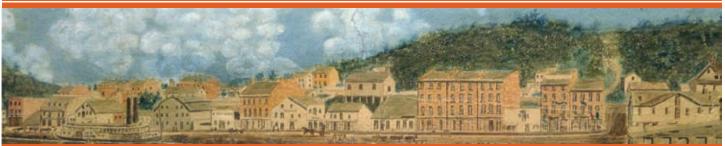
Fight for Suffrage A special temporary exhibit honors the fight for women's right to vote. Visit the Fight for Suffrage through 2020.





**Play Ball!** A temporary exhibit highlights regional baseball, including the Rockford Peaches. Play Ball! is open through 2019. Image courtesy of Midway Village Museum of Rockford

## **HISTORY COMES TO LIFE!**



## PORT OF GALENA: 1858

Have you ever captained a steamboat on the Galena River? You can at the Port of Galena: 1858 exhibit. Learn about the circumstances and history that made Galena a frontier boomtown just before the Civil War with this interactive experience.

## **Galena & U.S. Grant Museum** 211 S. Bench St. Open daily 9am-4:30pm Located one block up from Main Street

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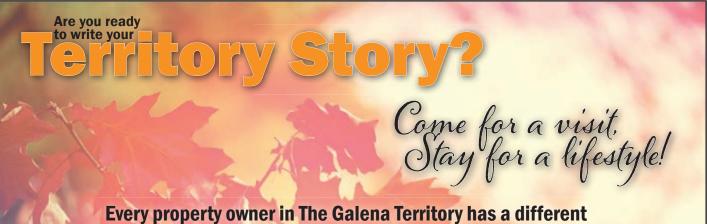
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**APPLE RIVER CANYON STATE PARK** Take a walk along the Apple River while being surrounded by limestone bluffs and deep ravines in Apple River Canyon State Park. Enjoy the scenery and relax. The 2,000-acre site is full of wildlife, which is perfect for a day of fishing. 8763 E Canyon Rd, Apple River

**CASPER BLUFF LAND AND WATER RESERVE** The last known intact Thunderbird Effigy Mound in Illinois can be found at Casper Bluff Land And Water Reserve, where visitors can also find 51 Native American Burial Mounds. The bluff sits right over the Mississippi River, and the views are breathtaking, especially during a September sunset. 870 S Pilot Knob Rd, Galena

**CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RESORT** Between the alpine slide, Segway tour and Soaring Eagle zipline, Chestnut Mountain Resort has something for everyone during the fall months. The 19-slope mountain overlooks the Mississippi River, and the rolling green hills are the ideal spot for a photo-op. 8700 W Chestnut Rd, Galena

EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & GOLF COURSES Golf on four championship golf courses and see various birds flying high above Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa.

During the annual Fire and Ice show, Galena On The Fly will brighten the night sky with hot air balloons flying above Lake Galena, located behind the resort. 444 Eagle Ridge Dr, Galena

**GALENA GATEWAY PARK** Watch the fall leaves change at one of Illinois' most scenic spots, Galena Gateway Park, which overlooks historic downtown Galena and the surrounding mounds. This is a prime destination for outdoor activities like hiking, biking and bird watching. The natural prairies have an everchanging population of flowers that should not be missed. 9300 W Powder House Hill Rd, Galena

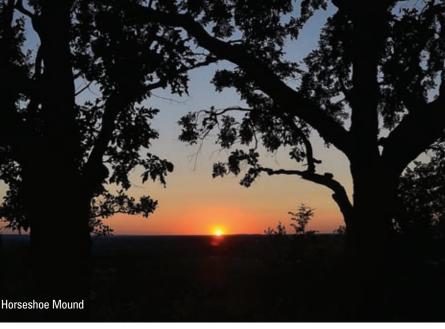
**GRAMERCY PARK** This 10-acre site is rich in Native American history, as there are 26 ceremonial and burial mounds from the Hopewell Native Americans. The park offers walking trails, a playground and educational signage, which is great for a little day trip in the fresh air. 190 Beecher St, East Dubuque

**GRANT PARK** Travel back in time to the Civil War era at Galena's historic Grant Park, which features a statue of General U.S. Grant and a Civil War monument. With views of downtown Galena and the Galena River, visitors can pack a picnic

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and relish a nice fall breeze. Follow the walk bridge from the park across the river to downtown Galena, or play on the recently renovated playground and basketball court. 625 Park Ave, Galena

**HORSESHOE MOUND PRESERVE** See panoramic views across the tri-state area of Illinois, lowa and Wisconsin from the Horseshoe Mound Preserve. The preserve has a central gathering area that includes a stone compass, as well as viewing scopes. It's the perfect place to go for a hike or some priceless peace and quiet as you watch the sun set on a cool fall night. 1679 Blackjack Rd, Galena

**VALLEY OF EDEN BIRD SANCTUARY** Explore 109 acres of forest at the only bird sanctuary in the county. The Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary has walking trails that stretch for up to six miles and two observation decks for bird watching. Over 120 species have been identified on site. 5559 E Rush Creek Rd, Stockton

WAPELLO LAND & WATER RESERVE The meeting point of the Northern Woodland and Southern Mississippian Native American Tribes, Wapello is located just south of Hanover. It is referred to as the "John Chapman Archaeological Site" by the National Register of Historic Places and features walking trails around mounds and barred villages. 8642 Illinois 84 South, Hanover

**BUEHLER PRESERVE** Get active on a brisk fall morning at the Buehler Preserve, which includes hilly woodlands, prairies and the Galena River Trail. Visitors can hike, bike and walk dogs on the trail that extends from the Meeker Street footbridge.

**SCHURMEIER TEACHING FOREST** Venture out on a self-guided tour at Schurmeier Teaching forest, the only teaching forest in Illinois. The rugged hillside property is completely wooded and has deep ravines, a picnic area and prairie plants. The forest provides the perfect scenery for a reflective autumn walk. 147 E Reusch Rd, Elizabeth **MISSISSIPPI PALISADES STATE PARK** Located near the intersection of the Mississippi River and Apple River, the Mississippi Palisades are rich in Native American history. The 2,500-acre park has camping spots and hiking trails, which put visitors in touch with the past, as they will trace the footsteps of people who lived nearly a thousand years ago. There are also places for fishing, geocaching, cross-country skiing and picnicking. 16327A Illinois 84, Savanna

**LONGHOLLOW SCENIC OVERLOOK** Get a spectacular view of Jo Daviess County's country-side and the rolling hills of the Driftless Area from the Longhollow Scenic Overlook, located just north of Elizabeth.

**LONGHOLLOW CANOPY TOURS** Check out Longhollow Canopy Tours for a bit of excitement, where one can zipline through Tapley Woods or tread across a sky bridge. Thrill seekers will jump at the opportunity to rappel off platforms in the middle of a forest. 3247 W Longhollow Rd, Elizabeth

## G Finley Grace At Home in Galena...it's all about Family!



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**Finley Grace** 

T's been eleven years since Bill and Patti Murphy began searching for a way to raise money for their now 13-year-old granddaughter's trust fund. Finley Grace was born with a rare and incurable genetic deficiency called Cri du Chat syndrome, or 5P minus for short. Their perfect business opportunity turned out to be in the form of a scented Wickless Soy Candle.



Launching the business in 2008, the Murphys began manufacturing the air fresheners in a room on the second floor of their store, At Home in Galena. Nearly 1500 highly scented Wickless Soy Candles can be poured



in one day. The small tins of soy wax "super saturated" with fragrance will cover 200 square feet of space and give off a delightful scent for up to 15 weeks. At any given time there are 50-60 different fragrances displayed on the first floor of the store. The Murphys also

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



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

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

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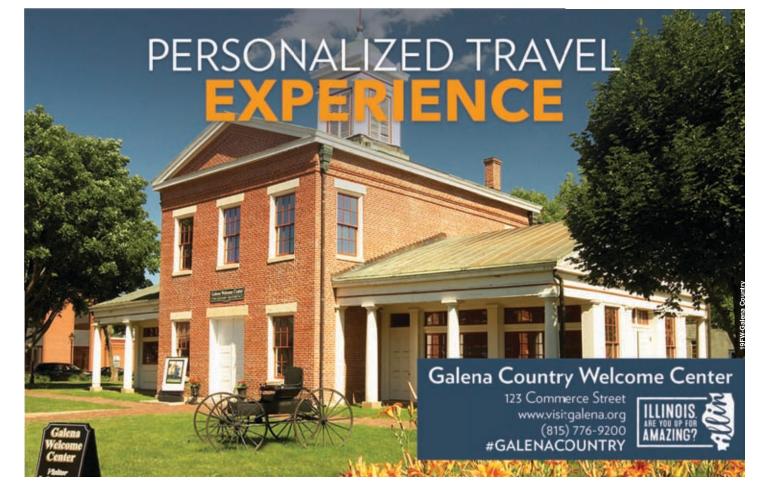


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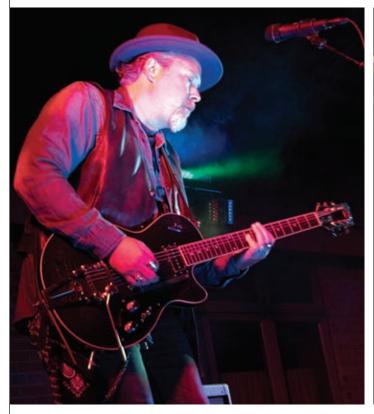
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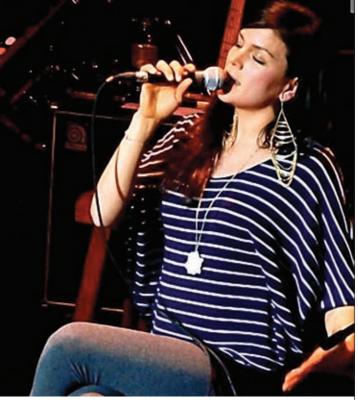




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To become the ski resort it is known as today, Chestnut underwent massive developments through the years.

#### **HISTORY**

In 1959, Chestnut Mountain Ski Lodge was built atop the hills overlooking the Mississippi River. The following year, Chestnut opened a few slopes, including Banana Hauler, equipped with a chair lift and rope tows. 1960 also marked the first year of its ski school.

Apache ski trail, along with a new triple chair lift, was added to the existing trails in 1969. Chestnut expanded its resort the following year with the construction of a new lodge.

In 1978, more trail lights were installed for night skiing and two more trails, Main and No. 3, were reconfigured to widen and remove dips and rough areas from them. No. 3 was categorized as an expert level slope. With the addition of the two trails, Chestnut had 14 slopes.

Due to the demand for various levels of group and private lessons, Chestnut expanded its ski school in 1978. The school offered hour-long lessons for children, but as the demand grew for longer lessons, it expanded to include a full day of lessons. Chestnut Ski School has grown to include more than 100 instructors.

By 1987, Chestnut had added two more chair lifts, including a triple chair lift and a quad lift, as well as two more trails, Eagle and Fox. A children's Ski Wee program was introduced as part of the ski school around that time.

Snowmaking pipeline improvements in 1993 allowed for more snow to cover even more trails. Snow is made by air pressure breaking up the fine mist

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**1959 1969 1978** 



of water supplied by machines. The fine mist crystallizes into snow and forms a snowflake slightly larger and heavier than Mother Nature's.

By 1995, Chestnut had constructed two new ski trails, Crazy Horse and Warpath. A new quad chair lift also replaced Apache's triple chair lift. The new lift coupled with the two previous existing lifts could carry 9,000 skiers an hour.

The old ski school building was torn down and a new skier services building was built beside the lodge at the top of the slopes, proving 1997 to be a big year for Chestnut. It was also during this year that Farside Terrain Park, Bunny Trail and Rookies Ridge were added, bringing the total number of slopes to 19. Rookies Ridge and Bunny Trail are ski slopes designed for beginners.

The following 20 years brought a vastly expanded snowmaking operation with 55 tower snowmaking guns, as well as a few ski lifts on popular slopes including Rookies Ridge and Bunny Trail.

# First year-round ski jump in the U.S. TERRAPIN RIDGE SKI JUMP

Chestnut Mountain was not the only opportunity for skiers in Jo Daviess County.

Once declared the largest ski jump in Illinois and the first yearround ski jump in the United States, Terrapin Ridge Ski Jump in Elizabeth offered ski jumpers a steep slope to plummet off year-round.

In 1964, Terrapin Ridge ski jump was constructed on a 40-acre plot, located just off Derinda Center Road in Elizabeth. The 60-meter jump was built with plastic mats for its chute and a landing area for year-round use.

It stood 90 feet tall and 195 feet long. Four starting gates were installed to regulate skier's take-off speed. Runs ranged from 1,200 to 1,600 feet, allowing for a maximum vertical jump of 230 feet.

On a clear day, the vista northward from the top of the jump gave skiers a view of Charles Mound, the highest point in Illinois, and even Wisconsin, which was almost 18 miles away.

For its first winter season in 1964, Terrapin Ridge ran three rope tows and a snow-making machine as part of the ski jump operation. On the ridge, there was a little house with the tow ropes and mechanical equipment to pull you back up the hill. Jumpers had to walk up steps to get to a point where they could ski down the hill. Plans for an alpine ski lodge at the base of the ski jump and runs were promised to be constructed. The lodge was projected to contain a lounge, snack bar, restrooms and a ski rental shop.

However, the lodge, along with two other motels on US 20, never came to fruition, and townspeople were disappointed. The lodge and motels would have supported the crowds of people soon to be flocking to the jump for winter and summer events.

The Freeport Journal Standard even said that world-class competitors and up to 50,000 spectators would be flocking to the jump, as it was "the only summer training area for jumpers in the U.S."

The jump never attracted that many spectators, but a large crowd at a competition in February 1965 proved to surpass the population of the village of Elizabeth. The 1965 competition attracted 50 midwestern competitors and over 2,000 spectators. It was at this event that Elizabethan John Balfanz set a Terrapin record for his longest jump of 181 feet.

Terrapin Ski Jump only lasted through the late 1960s due to warm winter weather and a lack of funding. But you can still check out the amazing views today from Terrapin Ridge along U.S. 20, east of Elizabeth.

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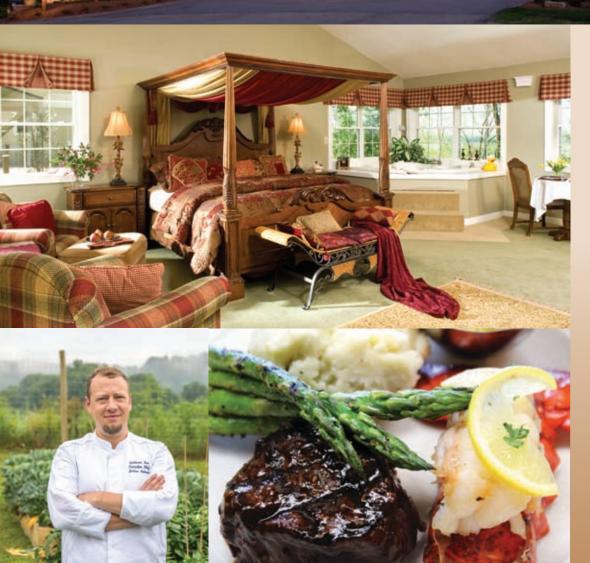






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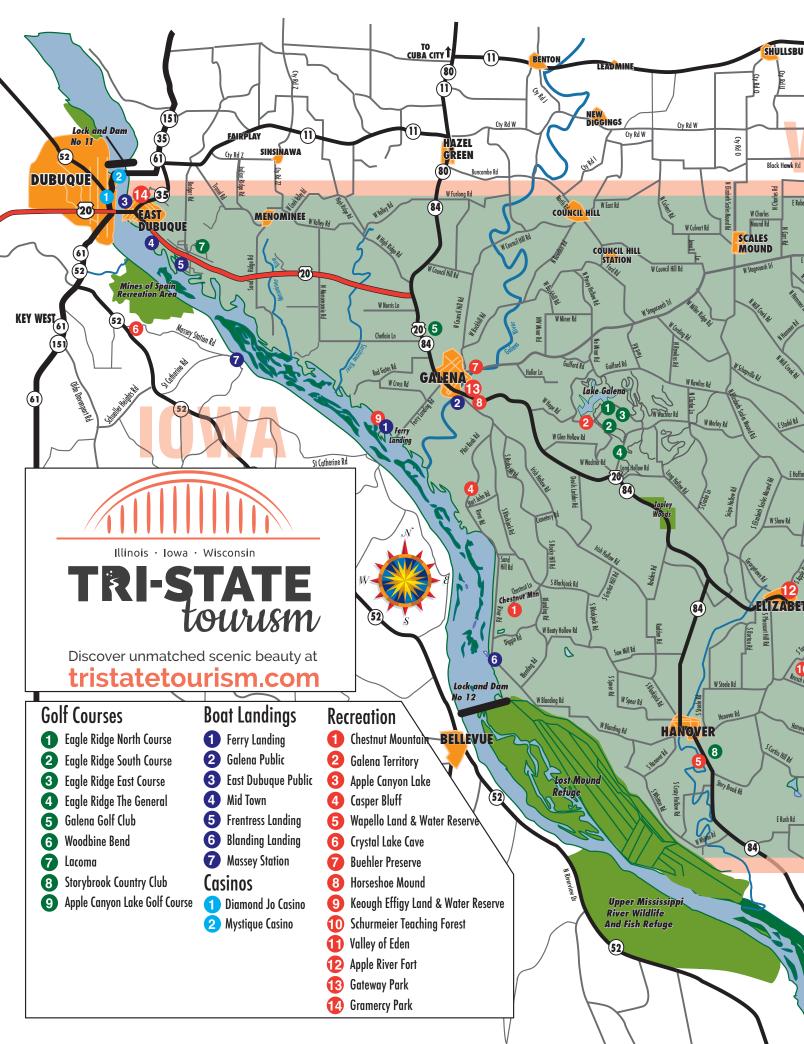


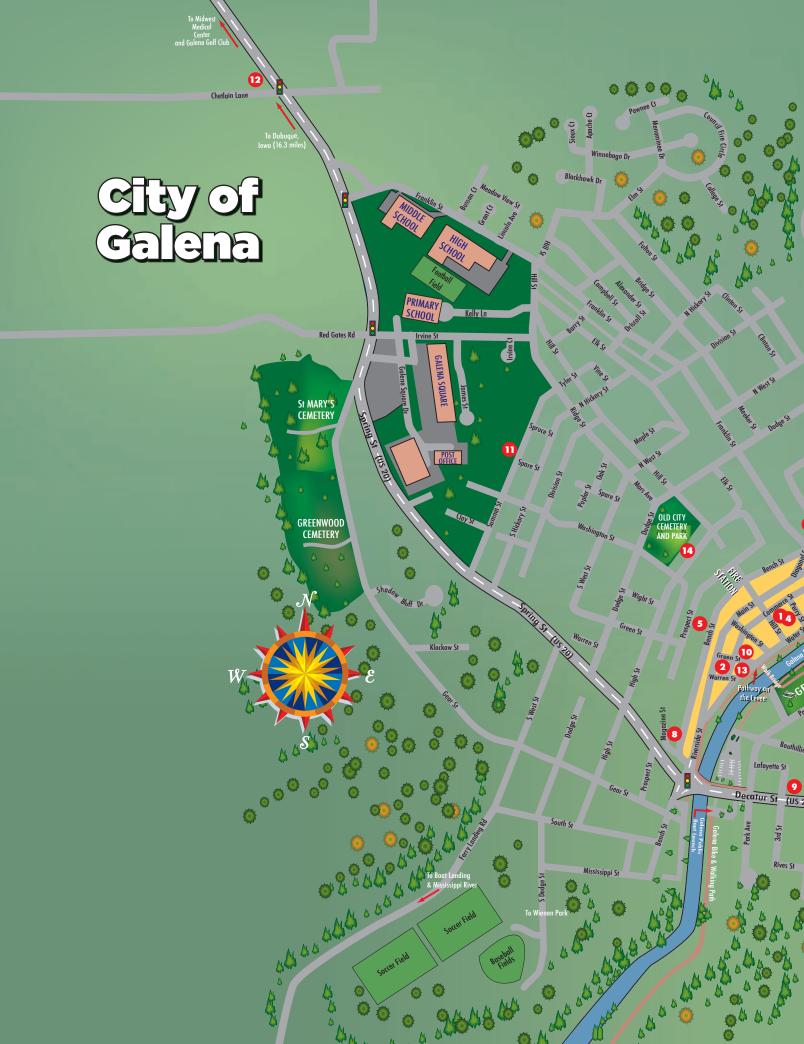
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Interpretive signs detailing the history and

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.

Capture the natural beauty of Galena in various locations along the trail. The downtown portion 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. Another trail to enjoy is the Recreation Park Trail that covers 1 mile from the trailhead to Recreation Park. From there, bikers and runners can relax on the swings or enjoy the shade and picnic areas.

Donated fitness equipment line the sides of the Muchow Park and Depot Park parts of the Galena River Trail. The fitness equipment is designed to target a variety of muscle groups, allowing users to incorporate interval training into their workouts.



# CITY RUNS

#### Heroes For History Stair Challenge 5K Saturday, Sept 7, 8:45 am

This event commemorates the 18-year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks while also honoring the brave, selfless first responders who serve and protect their community day after day. The 5K competitive run/fun walk features Galena's iconic Green Street staircase as the defining and most challenging portion. Options include 5K seven-lap stair challenge or one-lap fun run/walk. Dress as your favorite hero. Register at runsignup.com

#### Fever River Adventure Triathlon Saturday, Sept 14, 9 am

The Fever River Adventure Triathlon is a novice/intermediate kayak, bike and run triathlon course through the beautiful Galena countryside. The funds raised for the triathlon will solely benefit Kreider Services and its mission to serve the individuals of Jo Daviess County. Register at frtriathlon.com

#### Midwest Health & Fitness Fun Run /Walk Saturday, Oct 5, 9 am

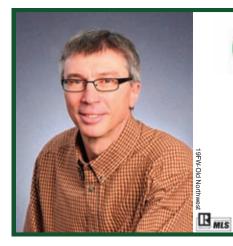
An event for the whole family! Pets and strollers are welcome on this 5K fun run or walk along the Galena River Trail. Register at midwest-medicalcenter.org

#### Galena River Fall Half Marathon and 8K Saturday, Oct 26, 8 am

This is a fast, flat half marathon along the scenic Galena River Trail. A 5K race option is also available for those looking or a shorter race. Register at runsignup.com

## FOR BICYCLISTS

A popular self-guided ride is the **Tour of Elizabeth**, a 52.09-mile tour of beautiful Jo Daviess County that features hilly terrain, spectacular ridge top panoramas and long valley views. The ride starts in Elizabeth and takes you through Schapville to Apple River and back to Elizabeth. Ascend a total of 3260.35 feet on this ride, which has a maximum elevation of 1,106.82 feet. For more on this and other rides, search Elizabeth, Ill. on mapmyride.com/routes/search.





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# MADE IN GALENA COFFEE







# GALENA ROASTERS

# Calling all coffee lovers! Satisfy all of your coffee dreams with warm, freshly brewed specialty coffee from Galena Roasters.

## FYI

Check out flavor profiles for all of the specialty coffee blends offered by Galena Roasters at galenaroasters.com. Sip on Galena Roasters' fresh, handcrafted roasts and supreme signature blends. Each roasted batch has single origins and packs a ton of flavor for an extraordinary coffee experience.

In early 2018, Earl Thompson listened to his wife, Kimberly, when she asked him to create a signature coffee blend for her store, Grateful Gourmet.

"At first, I was hesitant because I'm a contractor, but then I started reading stuff about (coffee and roasting), and it was cool," Thompson said.

He got started right away, experimenting with different blends.

"Every morning at home, I would try making different blends, and everything I tried, I wrote down their percentages," he said.

Thompson even took a three-day course at a roasting school in Minneapolis, Minn., where he learned everything about coffee, from importing to roasting.

Galena Roasters offers more than 15 signature blends, including the special Grateful Blend.

Thompson describes the profile of Grateful Blend, "It is very smooth, with hints of black currant and a long cocoa finish."

He continued, "My favorite is Guatemalan medium roast. This is a new organic and fair trade Ethiopian coffee. It is fruit forward with a milk chocolate finish."

Thompson's go-to for brewing coffee is pour-over. This process consists of an 18-1 water to coffee ratio.

As far as roasting, Thompson uses a drum roaster with multiple temperature sensors hooked up to his laptop.

"I believe I'm the only one profile roasting to control the heat of roast to the degree that I do," Thompson added.

Thompson uses special software on his laptop to control the temperature at which beans roast.

He said, "By using this software to heat the beans, I can control their flavor, acidity and body."

Thompson intends to educate people on how specialty coffee is created, from the grounds to the glass.





"Coffee is following a similar curve to craft beer, just 10 years behind. People are coming to know more and more about coffee. And part of the craft of coffee is learning the roast profile."

Galena Roasters offers cupping for groups upon request.

"I do regular cuppings to taste and evaluate coffee. I figure out how to roast the beans to extract their flavor in the best way," Thompson said.

Coffee cupping is the practice of tasting coffee to take in its aromas and determine a flavor profile. Throughout the cupping process, roasters take notes on each coffee blend to identify its flavor, aroma, body, balance, acidity and sweetness.

During an official cupping, there is a group of people tasting the coffee in silence. Individually, they rate each coffee on a scale from one to 10, with 10 being the best tasting. After tasting the coffee, the group partakes in calibration, where all group members discuss what they taste in the coffee to determine the flavor profile of a particular blend of coffee.

Thompson added, "The flavor of coffee changes as it cools, so many times people will just keep tasting the coffee as it cools. . . The coffees that hold onto their sweetness as they cool are considered great."

You can find single cup brewing pouches of Galena Roasters' Grateful Blend in all rooms at the Irish Cottage hotel. Thompson is even working on a special blend for hospitality.

"We are pushing out, looking to supply coffee shops, restaurants, hotels and bed and breakfasts," he said.

Thompson also created Artful Awakening, a special blend for Galena Center for the Arts. For every bag of Artful Awakening sold, Galena Roasters donates \$1 to Galena Center for the Arts. Find Galena Roasters coffee at Jo Daviess County stops, including Elle and Becks, Galena Territory General Store, Irish Cottage, Victory Cafe, Galena Center for the Arts, Thriving Thistle Market and Grateful Gourmet.

# TALK LIKE A ROASTER

# CUPPING

Cupping is the practice of tasting freshly brewed coffee to take in its aromas and determine a flavor profile. It helps roasters understand the characteristics and qualities that coffee displays.

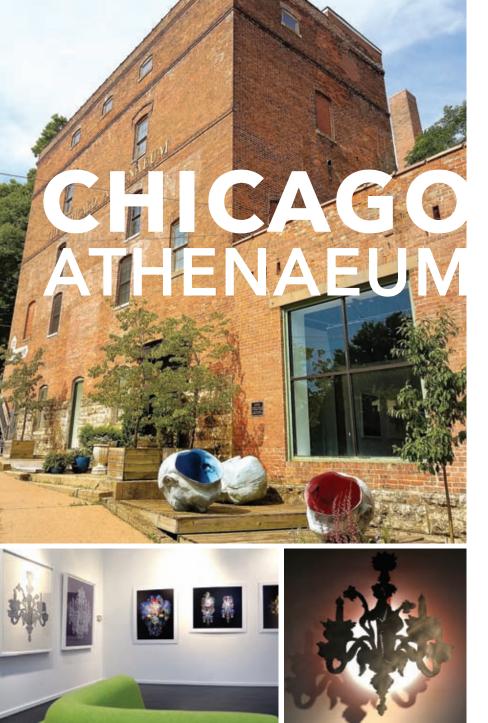
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### **HOW IT WORKS**

- Dry nose each coffee blend by sniffing grounds, starting with the lightest roast and ending with the darkest.
- Brew the coffee by adding hot water to the grounds via your favorite method, such as the pour-over method.
- A crust of the grounds forms on the surface of the coffee, trapping all of the aromas. At 4 minutes, break the crust with a clean spoon and take in the aromas of the hot coffee.
- Skim off the rest of the crust. At 12 minutes, begin tasting by slurping, and continue until the coffee gets cold.



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#### Museum of architecture and design delivers spectacular artfocused on "good design"

Since 2004, The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design has been dishing out everything from architecture to sculptures and photography. The Athenaeum's mission is educating the public about "the value of good design and the effect of good design on the human environment."

The Galena Athenaeum is a satellite location for the international art museum, largely based in Chicago. As an International Museum, The Chicago Athenaeum maintains offices and operations in Chicago and Schaumburg, as well as Ireland, Greece and Germany. The museum is supported by memberships, grants and sponsorships from corporations, foundations, and local and national government agencies.

Primarily an architecture museum, The Athenaeum was first established in a small home on Bench Street in Galena before moving into the historic building where it resides today. Prior to housing the athenaeum, the historic 1850 brick building was home to Fulton Brewery and Galena Brewing Company. The building also was a Kraft Cheese factory from 1914 until 1940, when a fire destroyed most of the building.

The Chicago Athenaeum is a collecting museum with two stories of art, featuring seasonally changing exhibitions. It offers a floor solely dedicated to 19th-century design archives.

"We provide a space to honor art and architecture heroes of Galena," said museum President Christian Narkiewicz-Laine, who's been involved with The Chicago Athenaeum for 30 years.

Sacred Threads, the art of Navajo rug by women, will be on display at the museum through Dec. 24. The exhibition will showcase the museum's rare archive of 19th and early 20th-century Navajo textiles from the Charlotte Narkiewicz-Laine Collection.

Narkiewicz-Laine loves learning about Galena history and area artists. He said, "Every day at the museum is a discovery."

One of Narkiewicz-Laine's favorite Galena architects was Mazzuchelli. The 19th-century architect and priest built numerous well-known structures in Galena including the city courthouse, St. Michael Catholic Church, St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Rose Academy. Over his lifetime, he built 30 churches along the Mississippi River.

### FYI

The Chicago Athenaeum, located at 601 S. Prospect St. in Galena, is open Friday-Sunday from 12-5 pm. For more, call 815-777-4444 or go to chi-athenaeum.org.



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# MADE IN GALENA SOUVENIRS

Each trip to Galena is unique. So it makes sense that the souvenirs you pack in your suitcase be just as special.





#### GABBY'S GIFTS

Ouirky and fun gifts are great for a pal, significant other or child. Gabby's Gifts in Galena features products like clothing, games, soaps and jewelry, which makes it a one-stop shop for all holiday necessities. And don't forget their new "Leaf Seedpodz" can provide colorful conservation to backyards with non-GMO annuals and perennials. *117 S Main St, Galena* 

**GRATEFUL GOURMET** 

#### KANDY KITCHEN

There's nothing quite like a kid in a candy store, but Galena's Kandy Kitchen is a treat for adults too. From delectable hand-dipped chocolates to their famous Pecan Georgies, the oldest candy store on Main Street has something for everyone. *100 N Main St, Galena* 

#### POOPSIE'S

Whether you're looking for toys, trinkets or other novelties, Poopsie's in Galena is sure to make you laugh. The perfect shop for gag gifts and silly card games also has educational books. Poopsie's is beyond ordinary in the best way. 402 S Main St, Galena

#### AT HOME IN GALENA

At Home in Galena sells Finley Grace wickless soy candles that are manufactured right at home in the Galena store. With clever names such as, "Smells Pretty Good," "Manly" and "Better Than Pee," the fragrances last up to 15 weeks. Better yet, the store has a "guys area" complete with a TV and free refreshments. *114 S Main St, Galena* 

#### GALENA RIVER WINE & CHEESE

Located in one of Galena's oldest commercial buildings, Galena River Wine and Cheese has something for every foodie. There are cheeses from Wisconsin, England and Ireland, as well as various wines, olive oils, jams, dips and seasonings. Try them out! *420 S Main St, Galena* 

#### **GRATEFUL GOURMET**

Find all your cooking essentials at the Grateful Gourmet in Galena. Their wide selection of teas, honey, aprons and gadgets can make great gifts for family and friends. And while you're there, try their delicious dips and special coffee made by Galena Roasters. 204 N Main St, Galena

# **SACRED THREADS** The Art of the Navajo Rug



# August 30-December 24, 2019

# The Chicago Athenaeum Museum of Art + Design Galena

The Historic Fulton Brewery Building 601 South Prospect, Galena, Illinois 61036

> Exhibition Hours Friday-Sunday 12:00 Noon-5:00 PM

The Museum's Rare Archive of 19th and Early 20th-Century Navajo Textiles from The Charlotte Narkiewicz-Laine Collection. Above: Navajo Crystal Storm Pattern Rug, 1920.

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## Galena actors share their story of falling in love

STAGE

heater is a mode of entertainment that can connect people of various walks of life, and also one that can whisk people away to a far away place. For some, theater is where their connections are formed. Ben and Meggie Jenkins met in high school theater, and that has led them to life as a married couple back in their hometown, where they're still involved in theater. Meggie is a 2010 graduate of Galena High School, and Ben graduated from Galena High School in 2012.

> Ben tells their story differently than Meggie does. "We first really met when I was in fifth grade, in Annie Jr. She doesn't remember me, but I remember her."

> "I was the head butler and she was one of the maids," said Ben.

"I was the lead maid, but I don't remember him," recalls Meggie.

"The first time I remember him is in high school when we were in 'Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge," said Meggie.

Ben and Meggie have both been involved in theater for most of their lives. Ben grew up in theater. Ben's father, Ron Jenkins, is the long-time director for Galena High School productions. His mother, Tracy, has also directed various community theater shows, as well as serving as assistant director for the high school theater program.

"My first production was in middle school when I was in one of Mr. (James) Brady's murder mystery plays, in sixth grade, I don't think he realized how large the part was that he gave me," said Meggie.

Galena High School drama performances have been cutting edge, and memorable for their creativity in sets and scripts. "My favorite play was 'Metamorphoses.' It was a good, dramatic retelling of Greek myths and it was around a real swimming pool that we built in Turner Hall," recalled Ben.

Meggie agreed, "That was my favorite, too. We had a very tight group, and it was a really fun, challenging play to do." "It was a cool theater experience to have the pool, too," added Ben.

"My favorite performance that I did, though, was when I was Joe in the stage adaptation of the Tom Hanks film 'Joe versus the Volcano," recalls Ben.

"I remember this stunt that we had to do, when we had to go to the top balcony in Turner Hall and jumped into the 'volcano.' I think about that all the time because it was a dangerous stunt, and it was memorable to me that we just did that," said Ben

Meggie and Ben both performed throughout their high school careers. While in college at University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Meggie directed the Galena Middle School theater program for three years.

"I think the most rewarding part of what I have done in theater is when I directed the middle school plays and seeing the kids have fun with it," recalls Meggie.

"Also while in college, I got involved in the local women's group 'Women of Courage and Commitment,' and they do reenactment-style drama productions," said Meggie.

Meggie has portrayed Clarissa Emily Gear Hobbs, a Galena native and a Civil War nurse, and has also portrayed Sarah Edmonds or Frank Thompson, a Civil War soldier.

Meggie majored in history and it is that love of history that has drawn her to the group.

"I get to research people and their stories and then get to share them in a way that doesn't happen a lot," said Meggie.



"Acting has very much impacted our life, that's basically how we fell in love, through acting and plays."

#### **Ben Jenkins**

Ben and Meggie moved back to Galena in July 2018. Ben works as a professional trivia writer, and Meggie is an admissions counselor at Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa. Carole Sullivan, executive director of the Galena Center for the Arts reached out to Meggie in August of that year and asked if she would be interested in being involved.

"My first production with them was a table read called '4,000 miles,' so we don't fully act it out," said Meggie.

"It's a really interesting way to do it, and a good way for the community to get to see plays

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# The Cocktail Hour A Comedy by A. R. Gurney

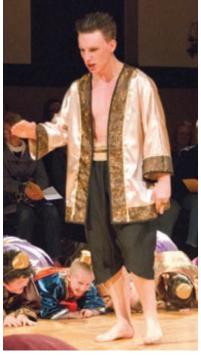
Featuring Meggie, Ben, Tracy and Ron Jenkins



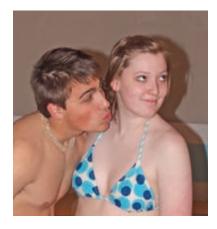


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Meggie Jenkins, on studying for a role for Women of Courage and Commitment



Above: Ben in "The King And I." Below: Meggie in the pool in "Metamorphoses."





Meggie and Ben in "Greetings."

that don't normally get put on."

She reached out to the Jenkins again for "Greetings" in December. Ben and Meggie participated in the Broad Ideas program. They also participated in "The Cocktail Hour" with Ron and Tracy Jenkins, Ben's parents, which allowed for theater to once again be a family affair.

"People really respond, and I think people take things away from the table reads," says Meggie.

"The plays that they do are nice for the audience. They have a discussion session after

the table reads, and they talk about themes. It's dissecting the theater a little bit more than what normally happens," said Meggie.

"Acting has very much impacted our life; that's basically how we fell in love, through acting and plays," said Ben.

"My job currently, I have to be able to talk to people all the time, and be outgoing, and in a sense put on a show for people; it's basically a performance in and of itself. It gives us the ability to speak in public, and also gets us involved in the community," says Meggie.

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"I think it's great that we have the Center for the Arts, because we don't have other theater production companies in town," said Meggie.

"I just encourage people to get involved in theater in the community, or if you are a child, get involved in the school productions, because it's very rewarding," said Ben.

Theater can build many bridges and tie together many people, but for some, theater is woven into the fabric of their lives, and for Ben and Meggie Jenkins, their lives are intertwined with their love for theater and for each other.



**KELLI MAY-KRENZ** 

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Hand-stitched mixed media journals, uplifting greeting cards, high-end fabric designs and quirky fabric dolls are only a taste of the fine art Kelli May-Krenz hand crafts with love every day.

"My mission is to continue making art that reflects my core belief that all great things are possible. It's all about positive affirmation," said Kelli May-Krenz, who has been running a design and art studio out of her Jefferson Street home since 2015.

Prior to moving to Galena in 2015, May-Krenz, an Iowa State graduate, worked in marketing and design all over the country, in places such as Dallas, Texas, Minneapolis, Minn., and Cincinnati, Ohio. She has even partnered with large corporations like Target, Estee Lauder and Wall Street Journal to create logos and other promotional designs.

While working in Dallas, May-Krenz realized she dreaded working for corporations. At age 27, she branched out on her own and worked full-time as a free-lance artist and designer.

"I started not liking going to work. I would wake up, and I would cry on my way to work and on my way home from work. . . Then, it hit me one day, I could just work for myself. I didn't have to work for a corporation. . . I decided I would make greeting cards and sell them to people," May-Krenz said.

In 2015, May-Krenz showed a line of 100 cards, made of found mixed media materials, at the National Stationery Show in New York City. It was at this show that Trader Joe's struck a deal with May-Krenz to sell prints of one of her cards. Her cards were an instant hit.

She elaborated on her deal with Trader Joe's: "I got the best li-

censing deal (with) Trader Joe's. They printed and sold one of my cards for 99 cents. I wasn't sure how much money I was going to make. I got my first royalty check for just that one card, and I was like 'OMG, I sold 2,200 cards!' So I showed it to my husband Dan and he was like, 'That says 22,000!'"

May-Krenz has a special place in her heart for crafting mixed-media greeting cards, of which she has created hundreds. Her Spirit Warrior card collection emphasizes "living a heart-centered life" and her drive to live a life of authenticity, love and truth."

Last year, she started creating online classes for mixed-media art. Her authentic, unedited videos offer step-by-step tutorials for projects such as slow-stitched journals, an indepth class on stitching your story with found materials.

"You do not have to be an artist to take this course. It is all about storytelling and discovering your path, your voice and listening to what you love," May-Krenz said.

May-Krenz teaches nine online classes, accessible at any time online at kellimaykrenz. com. For each class, students have a lifetime subscription to over 10 hours of downloadable instructions and designs. Each class also provides a private online Facebook page for support and suggestions from May-Krenz and other students.

"I am just blown away and humbled with all of the beautiful art being created. . . I have some people that have taken all of my classes. I have people from all over the world, from Australia, Africa and the United Kingdom," she added.

Today, you can find May-Krenz working

on an array of fine art in her studio with her sidekick and muse, Pearl Button, a Jack Russell Terrier.

"I tell stories one stitch, brush stroke and design at a time," she said.

Her new stationery line, Pearl Button's World, recently debuted at the National Stationery Show, where two designs were selected as finalists for Best in Show.

Currently, May-Krenz is working with Free Spirit to launch her first high-end fabric line, focused on her spirit warriors. The 13 skew fabric line will launch in spring 2020. Pearl Button, a novelty fabric line of dog designs, is also in the works.

Check out Kelli May-Krenz and all of her whimsical creations at kellimaykrenz.com, or call her studio at 952-449-9231. You can register for her online classes at kellimaykrenz.com.





#### A Bushel And A Peck

1009 E Schapville Rd, Elizabeth, 815-823-5678 Browse two floors of antiques, repurposed furniture and locally made country fare.

#### Antiques, Etc.

841 E North Ave, Stockton, 815-947-3173 Antiques, Etc. recycles great things from the past to create an inventory of retro and vintage antiques.

#### **Common Cents Resale**

136 N Main St, Elizabeth, 563-583-5414 Find great prices and freshly repurposed goods at Common Cents Resale. They also have cool furniture and estate pieces.

#### **Dusty's Closet Antiques**

401 Tisdell Ave, Warren, 815-291-3556 Feel at home in Dusty's Closet Antiques, an antique shop housed in an 1856 brick house.

#### Elizabeth's Grand Antique Co.

300 West St, Elizabeth, 815-858-9477 This 28,000 sq. ft. antique and flea market is housed in the old Elizabeth High School.

#### **EZSELLUSA**

201 N Commerce St, Galena, 563-543-5201 Galena's largest estate consignment store. Estate liquidations, jewelry, art, books and collectibles.

#### **Galena Antique Mall**

8201 US 20 W, Galena, 815-777-3440 The mall features 55-plus dealers, as well as jewelry, furniture and vintage toys.

#### Grammy's Attic

421 S Main St, Galena, 480-612-1115 The attic features antiques, jewelry and garden items in a country store setting.

#### Gustafson & Grey, Ltd.

301 S Main St. Galena, 815-777-3525 Find elaborate handmade antiques, jewelry, and consignment at Galena's Gustafson & Grey.

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504 S Main St, Elizabeth, 815-858-3815 Explore glassware, pottery, and primitives

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#### Sullivan's Antiques

114 Jefferson St, Hanover, 815-591-9000 An array of antiques and collectibles in the 1894 building that housed Sullivan's Hardware store.

#### Tin-Pan Alley

303 S Commerce St, Galena, 815-777-3535 Antiques offered span the centuries from 1800s Victorian to art deco.

# LOCAL MARKETS





Elizabeth Terrapin Park off US 20 Fridays through October, 3 pm-6 pm

#### Galena

Historic Market House, Commerce St Saturdays through October, 7 am-noon

#### Hanover

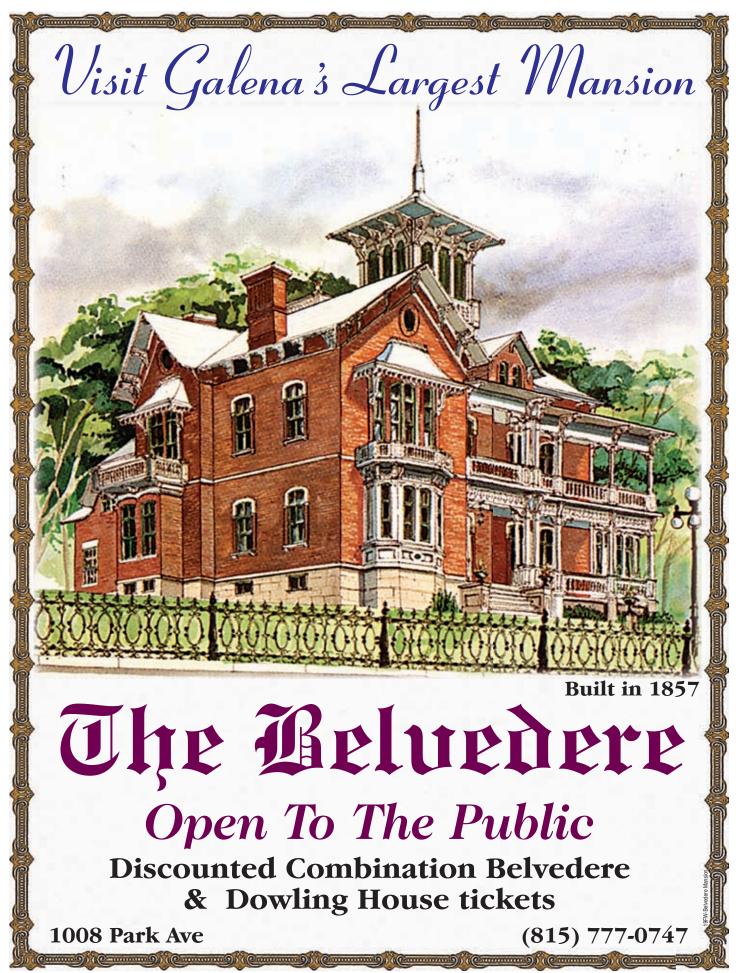
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Galena Territory 2000 Territory Dr Sundays until October, 8 am-noon

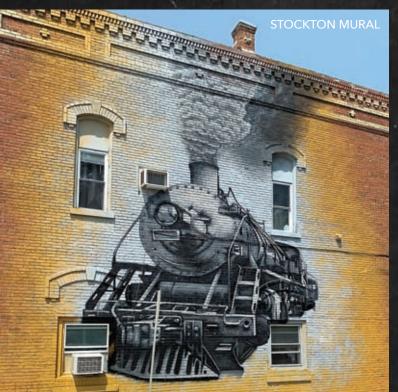
Warren 110 W Main St Saturdays through October, 8 am-noon



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The Galena area art scene features all sorts of one-of-akind masterpieces.

## MADE IN GALENA ARTWORK



RVER BEND GALLERY

#### SKIDMORE ART GALLERY

Owner Mark Skidmore specializes in acrylic painting. He also dabbles in oil painting, airbrushing, pyrography, word art and illustration. Wander to the back of Skidmore's gallery, where you can find him creating another masterpiece 319 S Main St, Galena

#### MANGELSEN GALLERY

Limited edition photography of worldrenowned wildlife and nature photographer Thomas D. Mangelsen can be found at Mangelsen Images of Nature Gallery. Check out Mangelsen's gallery for fine art photography, posters and art cards. *421 S Main St, Galena* 

#### WEST STREET SCULPTURE PARK

John Martinson offers two wooded acres scattered with colorful welded steel sculptures, including unique signs, humorous assemblages and giant tinker toys, a local favorite. The park is open dawn to dusk year round, and there is also an on site studio where you can watch Martinson create his next large-scale sculpture. *620 S West St, Galena* 

#### **HELLO GALENA**

Hello Galena! is an artists cooperative featuring a variety of unique gifts and artwork made exclusively by Galena area artists. They now feature the works of over 60 regional artists in their store. *121 N Commerce St, Galena* 

#### RIVER BEND ART GALLERY

River Bend Art Gallery is owned by photographer Geoffrey Mikol. Though he was born with Down syndrome, Mikol has found a special connection with photography, and produces stunning and technically difficult pieces, especially in moments of elusive light that cameras often miss. *313 S Main St, Galena* 

#### **STOCKTON MURALS**

Stop and take pictures in front of one of Stockton's four murals located on various downtown buildings in Stockton. Get up and close with the paintings, which feature a Native American in headdress, a "Welcome to Stockton" sunset, a blooming rose and a train.



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#### **CHRISTINE WARNER ART STUDIO**

219 Summit St, Galena, 815-275-4133. Christine Warner's studio features her large-scale acrylic paintings that explore the themes of identity and authenticity.

#### DEJAWOOD

121 N Main St, Elizabeth, 815-777-9625. Laszlo Marton transforms logs, barn wood and discarded wood into useful household items to be cherished forever. dejawood.com

#### **ESHELMAN POTTERY**

238 N Main St., Elizabeth, 815-858-2327. Pottery by Paul Eshelman is contemporary, and functional. Various cups and platters are presented elegantly. eshelmanpottery.com

#### **GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

219 Summit St, Galena, 779-214-0261. The Galena Center for the Arts is a non-profit elevating and celebrating regional arts. galenacenterforthearts.com

#### **GALENA CLAY WORKS**

704 Dewey Ave, Galena, 815-978-7765. Galena Clay Works features pottery by Kent Henderson. His clay works are all made and fired on the premises. galenaclayworks.net

#### **HELLO GALENA!**

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#### **IMAGES OF NATURE**

421 S Main St, Galena, 815-777-4277. Images of Nature features the photography of wildlife and nature photographer Thomas D. Mangelsen. mangelsen.com

#### **JANET CHECKER STUDIO**

115 S High St, Galena, 815-777-2277. Janet Checker Studio offers visitors a chance to see Checker's original works using oils, pastels and small paintings. janetcheckerstudio.com

#### MARIE'S WOOD CARVING

106 S Main St, Stockton, 563-543-4276. Marie McDonough carves custom woodworks of wildlife. Marieswoodcarvings.com

#### NORTHWEST DESIGNS GLASS STUDIO

13493 E Blair Hill Rd, Stockton, 815-947-2983. Pennie Groezinger's studio features local artists using fusing techniques to create jewelry and wine stops. nwdglassstudio.com

#### **PINDER POTTERY & GALLERY**

236 N Main St, Galena, 815-291-0618. Joe Pinder brings his unique pottery and 29 years of experience creating wheel-thrown, stoneware pottery to Galena. pinderpottery.com

#### **RIVER BEND GALLERY**

313 S Main St, Galena, 815-281-9199. Geoffrey Mikol is a photographer who owns River Bend Gallery with his family. riverbendgalleries.com

#### **OUTSIDE THE LINES GALLERY**

101 S Main St, Galena, 815-776-9166. Owned by Connie Twining, Abby Schrup and Stormy Mochal, it features handmade items from over 140 artists. otlag.com

#### SKIDMORE ART GALLERY

319 S Main St, Galena, 815-777-1500. Offering original artwork from professional artist Mark Skidmore, the gallery features a wide variety of artwork. skidmoreart.net

#### **SPOON CARVER COTTAGE**

306 S Prospect St, Galena, 224-209-6409. It is an artist residence, a working studio, a pop-up gallery and retail shop. thespooncarvercottage.com/home

#### **STONED ART STUDIO**

284 N Snipe Hollow Rd, Elizabeth, 708-565-7967. Photographer Henry Matthiessen offers guided photography tours and private workshops. stonedartstudio.com

#### **STONE HOUSE POTTERY & GALLERY**

418 Spring St, Galena, 815-777-0354. Featuring work by Charles Fach, Stone House Pottery & Gallery has a variety of artwork. stonehousepotterygalena. com

#### SEAGRAVES SCULPTURE

3522 S Ebys Mill Rd, Elizabeth, 815-858-3684. Bronze, stone and wood sculptures made by David Seagraves. davidseagraves.com

#### WEST STREET SCULPTURE PARK

620 S West St, Galena 815-777-9591. The West Street Sculpture Park offers large, welded metal sculptures made by artist John Martinson. weststreetsculpturepark.com

#### WOODBINE GLASS MUSEUM

3799 E Woodbine St, Stockton, 815-947-3904. Displaying 4,000 pieces of hand-blown glass, the museum represents 200 modern studios.

## GEOFFREY MIKOL'S **RIVER BEND GALLERY** 313 S. Main Street + Galena, IL + 61036 + 815-281-9199 www.riverbendgalleries.com

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GEOFFREY MIKOL is a professional artist who owns RIVER BEND GALLERY with his family, in historic Galena, Illinois. As a person born with Down syndrome, Geoffrey has found a special connection



with photography as a means of expressing himself. His work is stunning, catching elusive light that the eye sees but that cameras often miss. He has a talent for capturing moments in nature that still the soul & quiet your senses. Now in his mid twenties, Geoffrey has studied and practiced his photography for a decade, with spectacular results!

# THE BEAT GOES

## MONTHLY SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE AMAZES AUPIENCES WITH MUSIC

Classic rock, bluegrass and blends such as Americana folk-rock are only a few of the music genres showcased over the past five years at Songwriters Showcases. In 2014, the Galena Center for the Arts debuted Songwriters Showcase, an event for local and regional musicians to perform their original music. Held the third Thursday of each month, except December, the showcases encourage artists to share original songs and the stories behind their songs.

"We first held the showcases upstairs, but it only took two or three (showcases) to figure out that not all the people could fit in here. We worked on a larger space downstairs and soon, we were filling up that space, " said Carole Sullivan, director of Galena Center for the Arts.

Lenny Wayne, a performer and booking agent for

the showcases, sparked the idea for the Songwriters Showcases. He approached Sullivan out of frustration with the copyright laws required for performers to perform others' songs. With original music, artists do not have to worry about those laws.

Wayne said, "We are happy to, month after month, offer original music that people have not heard before. It's been amazing to see all the amazing musicians and music that has come through for such a small town. It's a great facility here."

Over the years, the center has hosted more than 80 musicians. It has even held special showcases including A Night of a Dozen Roses, 12 female artists on stage together, and Broad Ideas, an all-women arts festival. The third annual Broad Ideas Songwriters Showcase will be held during March.

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This past summer, Music de la Fete premiered as a music extravaganza where musicians and audience members play together.

"This event started out with three children who play bluegrass, and then Jim Manty came out and people brought their instruments out. Everyone was playing and singing along to the music. It was like a jam session," Wayne noted.

At the showcases, the audience gains an opportunity to hear carefully crafted lyrics and harmonies that singers create within their own music.

"One artist is so different from another. After each performance, I always ask myself, 'How can we find anyone better?' The talent has been amazing. I think for an artist who has taken a lot of time to carefully craft their lyrics, it means a lot to them to be with an audience that listens and can laugh when things are funny and be moved to tears when something is sad," said Sullivan.

L.A. Suess, another organizer and participant, explained the effect of the center's intimate atmosphere on songwriters at the showcases. "As an artist, (the intimate venue) gives you the opportunity to take your music to a new level. River Glen is an lowa artist who has played here twice. The second time he played here was one of the best live concerts I have ever witnessed. He could not do wrong because of the level he was at mentally and emotionally. It's all because of the energy of this place."

For the artist, the series offers a listening audience and an opportunity to try out new songs.

Suess noted, "We are an equal opportunity event. One month, we might have a professional artist who has been on the road for months. The next month, we may have a new artist who is experimenting with their music and finding their sound, who only has four or five songs."

He continued, "There is a time when the artists on stage get everyone in the crowd all feeling the same thing. It's a sense of community-the audience supporting the artist on stage."

There is no charge for the concert, but donations are welcome to support the artists.

For more information or to participate in an upcoming showcase, visit Songwriters Showcase on Facebook or call Galena Center for the Arts at 779-214-0261. See the full list of Songwriters Showcases and other events on galenacenterforthearts.org.

Galena Center for the Arts, located at 219 Summit St in Galena, is open Thursdays-Sundays from 1-4 pm.

## MORE ON GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

For the past five years, the Galena Center for the Arts has been a focal point in the community, striving to elevate and celebrate regional arts and artists by offering high-quality art in an atmosphere and presentation expected of larger institutes and theaters.

The not-for-profit organization has welcomed over 15,000 guests to the center and has shown the work of over 130 exhibiting artists since it started in 2013.

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

#### EXHIBITS

The center features a special exhibits gallery, a feature artists gallery, pop-up gallery and regional artists' gallery, with the work presented in those galleries changing on a regular basis. Opening receptions are held for the exhibits in the special exhibits gallery.

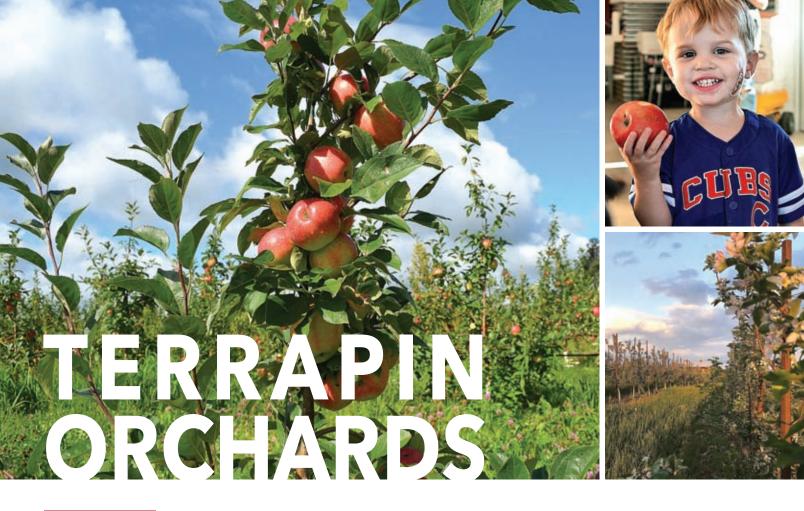
#### CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Maybe you feel like yoga. Or perhaps you'd rather try your hand at embroidery or figure drawing. The Galena Center for the Arts has a variety of specialized classes and workshops, led by professionals and are suitable for all ages and levels.

#### PERFORMANCES

The Galena Center for the Arts hosts high-quality performances including theatrical productions, radio shows, table readings, film viewing opportunities, educational presentations and music events, many of them featuring the talents of local residents.

Check out the center's haunting holiday radio show "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge" Nov 14-17 at 7 pm.



## FYI

Terrapin Orchards is located at 1063 US 20 E in Elizabeth. Find more information about Terrapin Orchards and their growing practices online at terrapinorchards. com or call them at 815-202-2180.

#### Find Terrapin Orchards nestled in the rolling hills of Elizabeth. Terrapin offers over six varieties of apples and 6,000 dwarf apple trees available for picking throughout the fall season.

ou don't have to reach far for apples at Terrapin Orchards.

"The dwarf trees are short enough that a 3-year-old can reach up and pick apples right off of them," said Matthew Meade, who owns and operates Terrapin Orchards with his wife, Ashley.

Matthew opened Terrapin in 2016 to make a business out of his dream of "growing things." He grew up in a family of grain farmers, but after studying agronomy technology in college, he decided to pursue niche farming instead of grain farming.

"I have always loved growing things, and I wanted to continue farming on my own. . . It's not as common to see an apple orchard these days. It was common for families 30 or 40 years ago, but they disappeared because of the physical work and labor required," Matthew said.

At Terrapin Orchards, visitors can pick apples during the fall season and strawberries during the summer season. You can even get a discount on your picks if you bring your own container for picking.

After getting married to Matthew last year, Ashley joined the business. You can find her at the register or out in the field picking apples and strawberries with Matthew.

She said, "It's nice to spend time with Matt working toward something together. His dream of growing things has turned into my dream. . . Matt has a soft spot for apples, and I have a soft spot for the strawberries."

In addition to their land in Elizabeth, Terrapin Orchards works

with Rolling Hills Progress Center, a workplace for individuals with disabilities in Lanark. Matthew manages another orchard on their property, allowing Terrapin to sell even more varieties of apples and even a few varieties of pears.

Matthew and Ashley strive "to produce better quality fruit and yield more every year." They pick apples in their peak months, waiting for the fruit to be fully mature to ensure that your eating experience is second to none.

He explained, "We are taking something Mother Nature made and turning it into something everyone can enjoy."

Matthew especially loves the growing side of the business because he gets to watch his crops blossom into beautiful fruit, season after season. However, his favorite part of the business is watching people experience his fresh fruit.

"I get to see the consumers of my apples. I get to watch people pick apples, and they tell me the apples that I grew are the best apples they have ever had. It's a statement and a testament to how good our product is," Matthew said.

The number of repeat customers has been astounding. Some weeks, Matthew said they see the same customers twice, picking apples for hours.

"The volume of product some people will buy is surprising," Matthew added.

Terrapin focuses not only on selling their products, but selling an experience.

"We tell people about our growing practices and try to make their experience educational. It's a great experience for the

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kids. They are amazed that food comes out of the ground. . . We hope that by the time visitors leave our orchard, they will know what apples they have and how the apples have (been) grown," Matthew said.

Matthew prides himself on his all-natural and sustainable growing practices. His goal is to grow the highest quality and best tasting produce possible, while being environmentally friendly.

Matthew focuses on integrated pest management and biodynamic systems. Integrated pest management monitors and scouts crops to ensure clean, quality produce. This process minimizes the need for crop protection sprays and creates a smaller carbon footprint. Biodynamic systems are non-chemical processes used for managing pests.

"We teach patrons how we turn soil, sun and sapling into something sweet," Matthew said.

Terrapin sells more than 20 types of apples, offering an apple for everyone. Sweet and tart Zestar apples are an orchard favorite.

In September, aromatic Galas, known for their deep apple flavor, are ripe. Around the same time, sweet and refreshing Honeycrisps are ready to be picked. Terrapin grows more Honeycrisp apples than any other variety. October brings a bounty of Fuji, Jonagold, Evercrisp, Red Delicious and Blushing Golden apples at the orchard.

Terrapin also offers homemade apple cider donuts and caramel apples. Matthew and Ashley recently invested in a commercial kitchen, where they hope to create more baked goods for sale at the orchard.

#### **DITTMAR FARMS & ORCHARD**

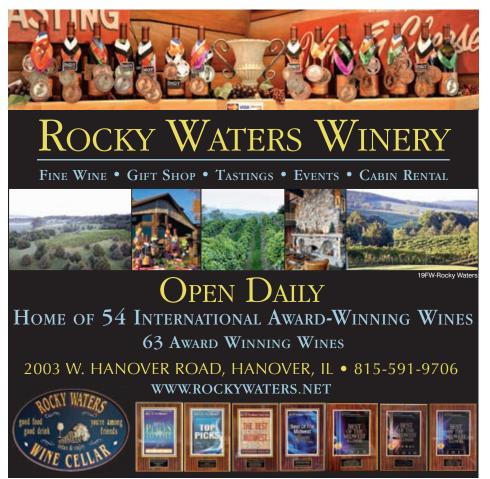
At Dittmar Farms and Orchard, you can pick your own apples like the ones the Dittmars use in their apple cider donuts (shown left). The orchard, located at 256 South Gerber Road in Elizabeth, boasts over 10 varieties of apples. Find more than 800 trees spanning 10 acres, from Honey Crisp to Ginger Gold and every variation in between. U-pick apples are offered as first come, first serve until the supply is depleted. Enjoy live entertainment while exploring their 65 acres of farmland and orchard, or catch a hay ride tour of the property to learn all about the history of the Dittmar family, their farmland and their planting and harvesting of apples, sweet corn and pumpkins.

Dittmar Farms and Orchard is open every weekend in September and October for u-pick apples and pumpkins, Saturday 10 am-5 pm and Sunday 11 am-4 pm. For more info, call 815-858-3413 or visit dittmarfarms.com.

#### **ORCHARD LANDING**

Yummy doesn't begin to describe this extraordinary farm stand experience Orchard Landing has been serving up since 2015. It's not only a visual treat with a 1,400-tree orchard and a grass runway for planes, but it's also loaded with flavorful fall goodies such as homemade apple cider donuts, home-grown honey, fresh apple cider, and sweet jams and jellies. Take a short drive (or flight) out of downtown Galena, and you will find pumpkins and 15 varieties of apples as they come into season. Ruby Mac, Candy Crisp, Super Red Fuji and Pink Lady are only a few of the apples you can pick up at the orchard.

Located at 6635 West Beaty Hollow Road in Hanover, Orchard Landing is open fall weekends August to mid-November, Saturdays 10 am-4 pm and Sundays 11 am-4 pm. You can also find their apples and homemade treats at fall events like Mallardfest and Oktoberfest. For more, call 815-281-0773, or visit orchardlandingfarm.com.



**Solution Solution Solution Devour your way** through JDC one Dittmar donut at a time.

> Sink your teeth into sweet, pillowy donuts at Dittmar Farms Orchard Station. Apple cider, pumpkin and maple pecan are just a few of the freshly-made donuts offered every day at the station.

bout five years ago, Jonna and Mike Dittmar noticed people were buying frozen donut dough and baking it, rather than making their own donuts from scratch. They decided to create their own apple cider donuts with specialty apples hand-picked from their orchard in Elizabeth.

Jonna spearheaded the apple cider donut operation, and she included her whole family. They were her official taste testers. Jonna's children especially enjoyed tasting all the donuts and giving their opinions on which ones they did and did not like.

"The recipe (for the apple cider donuts) was a trial and error. We researched many recipes and called other orchards to see how they were making theirs," Jonna said.

The apple cider donuts were an instant hit at Dittmar Farms and Orchard. As the demand for Jonna's apple ci-

der donuts grew, they had to find more space to make large quantities.

For two years, Jonna and her mother-in-law, Peg Dittmar, made the apple cider donuts in the basement of St. Mary's Church in Elizabeth, but the church's kitchen became too small for their growing operation. In early 2017, a larger space became available on the main drag in Elizabeth, on the corner of U.S. 20 and Diagonal Street, and the Dittmars bought it.

"It's a great stop along the highway," Jonna added. "When this building was up for sale, we knew it had a lot of the kitchen equipment we needed for making the donuts because it used to be a burger restaurant."

They also purchased donut equipment, allowing Jonna to fry eight dozen donuts in only 25 minutes. Her dad helped set up the donut machine by adjusting it to make sure it flipped the donuts at the correct time and cooked them perfectly.







She said, "He tweaked the donut machine to get the timing of the donuts just right."

Just in time for the 2017 fall season, Dittmar Farms Orchard station opened for business as a sales outlet for Dittmar Farms and Orchard. At the station, they sell pumpkins, apples, sweet corn and wildflower honey, all harvested on the Dittmars' farm and orchard. They even partner with local business to offer more handmade goods and locally-grown produce at the station.

"This is grab and go station. People stop in for a dozen donuts and take them to work," Jonna said.

The Dittmars have expanded their freshly baked donut offerings. They added maple pecan, s'mores, lemon, strawberry, pumpkin, vanilla-frosted and chocolate-frosted donuts, among many other decadent donuts.

"I like the vanilla-frosted donuts with peanuts," Jonna added.

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variation in between. U-pick apples are offered as first come, first serve until the supply is depleted.

"We did not intend to make a donut business. (The station) was just supposed to be a store for the farm and orchard, but it turned into so much more with the donuts," Jonna concluded. "Everyone loves a freshly-made donut."

Drop by Dittmar Farms Orchard Station, located at 106 Diagonal Street in Elizabeth, for homemade goods and fresh produce, seasonally Thursday-Monday, 7 amnoon. Dittmar Farms and Orchard, located at 256 South Grebner Road in Elizabeth, is open every weekend for u-pick apples and pumpkins in September and October, Saturday 10 am-5 pm and Sunday 11 am-4 pm. For more information, call 815-858-3413 or check out dittmarfarms.com.

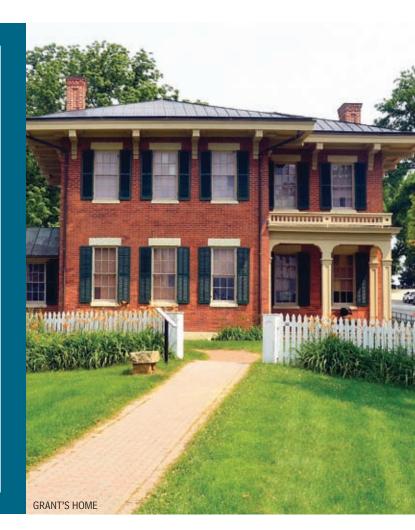




# HOME to HISTORY

#### TOUR THE HISTORIC HOMES THAT HAVE STOOD THE TEST OF TIME

When you visit Galena, you also receive a history lesson. With multiple historical sites located within the county, many just a short walk from downtown Galena, visitors can truly experience life in the late 1800s and early 1900s by visiting these sites.



#### **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. Open 9 am to 4:30 pm daily

#### **OLD BLACKSMITH SHOP**

#### 245 Commerce St, Galena, 815-777-1893, May through October

The Old Blacksmith Shop is a museum, but there are forges that operate and blacksmiths are on duty during the season. Check out the well-stocked gift shop filled with things made by our blacksmiths and also the local foundry. They do beautiful custom work as well. Come watch the sparks fly at the Old Blacksmith Shop! Open 10 am to 4 pm Friday through Monday

#### **GATEWAY TO HISTORY**

#### 403 S Main St, Galena, 815-777-6447

The Main Street location features a museum store and also sells tickets to Galena and Jo Daviess County attractions at a 5 percent discount. Trolley tours leave from Gateway throughout the day as well. The store has Galena and U.S. Grant souvenirs, books and artisan gifts. Discounted tickets to major historic attractions/tours including Galena & U.S. Grant Museum. Open 9:30 am to 5 pm

#### **APPLE RIVER FORT**

#### 311 E Myrtle St, Elizabeth, 815-858-2028, Appleriverfort.org

The Apple River Fort at 311 E. Myrtle St, Elizabeth, was the site of an important battle during the Black Hawk War. On June 24, 1832, the settlers of the fort turned back an attack by 200 Sauk and Fox warriors led by Black Hawk himself. The war ceased the threat of Sauk and Fox Native American attacks in the area and opened the region to further settlement. Today, the fort has been reconstructed and is open for self-guided tours from May through October, 9 am until 5 pm.

#### CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY DEPOT

111 E Myrtle St, Elizabeth, 815-858-2343, elizabethhistoricalsociety.com

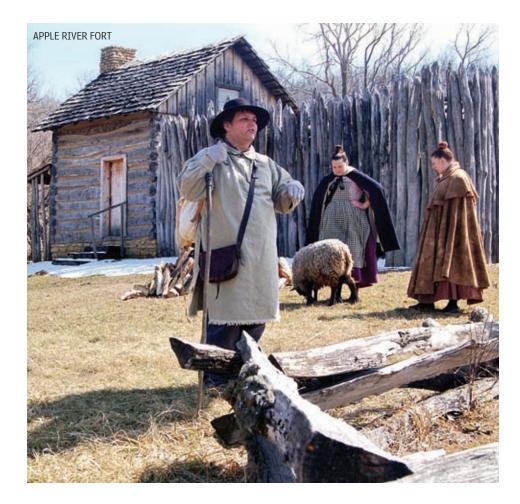
Located in a former Chicago Great Western Railway station, the Chicago Great Western Railway Museum in Elizabeth focuses on the railroads of northwest Illinois. The museum houses thousands of railroad artifacts, and also gives visitors the opportunity to step into a full-size Milwaukee Road caboose. The railway depot is open May-October on weekends from 11 am to 3 pm.

#### **ELIHU B. WASHBURNE HOUSE**

#### 908 Third St, Galena, 815-777-3310

This handsome Greek revival home once belonged to Elihu Washburne and his family. Here lived a future mayor of Chicago, a friend to Abraham Lincoln and U.S. Grant and a U.S. Congressman whose efforts assisted in the Union success. The Elihu Washburne House was constructed in 1843, three years after Washburne came to Galena and became a partner of a successful law firm. The home that was constructed at this time was one third of the size it is today.

On the eve of U.S. Grant's election in 1868, Grant went to Washburne's house to await the election results. At 1:30 am, the telegraph announcing the final election results came through, naming Grant the president of the United



States. It is open May through October, on Fridays and Saturdays, 10 am to 1 pm.

#### STOCKTON HERITAGE MUSEUM

107 W Front Ave, Stockton, 815-947-2220 Learn more about the history and heritage of Stockton by paying a visit to the Stockton Heritage Museum. Open Saturday 10 am-2 pm, May-Oct.

#### HANOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

The Hanover Historical Society provides an indepth 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. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30-10 am.

#### **OLD MARKET HOUSE**

123 N Commerce St, Galena, 815-776-9200

The Old Market House, erected by the city of Galena in 1845-1846, served for 65 years as the city market during the decades of Galena's greatest prosperity as a river port, lead-mining center and commercial hub. The Old Market House also served as the seat of Galena government and for years had two jail cells. Open daily from 9 am-5 pm.

#### **U.S. GRANT HOME**

500 Bouthillier St, Galena, 815-777-3310

The U.S. Grant Home was built in 1859-60. When Gen. Ulysses S. Grant returned to the city in 1865 as a Civil War hero, he was presented with the house. Grant used the home as his official political and voting address, living there with his family during his 1868 presidential campaign, and then for a few brief periods during his presidency (1869-1877) and retirement. The restored U.S. Grant Home is a two-story brick structure, decorated and furnished to represent the mid-1860s, primarily with family heirlooms.

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

#### **1876 BANWARTH HOUSE & MUSEUM**

408 E Sycamore St, Elizabeth, 815-858-2014, banwarthmuseum.com

Step back in time to 1876, and enjoy a tour of the Banwarth family home. Experience first-hand what life was like in America's centennial year.





### **HISTORY EVENTS**

#### HEROES FOR HISTORY STAIR CHALLENGE September 7

The Heroes for History Stair Challenge is a 5K competitive run/fun walk with Galena's iconic Green Street stairs as the major obstacle on the event route. The "Heroes for History" competitive course measures out to five kilometers, but this is unlike any 5K you've ever run. Competitors will be doing 7 laps – that's up the Green Street steps starting at Bench Street, turning right and running along Prospect Street to Hill Street, back down to Bench, and south back to the Green Street steps. Repeat six more times! Register at runsignup.com.

#### TOUR OF HISTORIC GALENA HOMES September 28 & 29

Live in the past for a weekend, when owners of Galena's historic buildings open their homes to the public. Five property owners offer up their homes for touring, giving lovers of history, quality American workmanship and even quirky ingenuity the opportunity to see why Galena's 19th-century architecture and interiors are second to none. Homes are open on both Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm. Tickets at galenahistory.org.



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#### Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation

JDCF is a member-supported, local non-profit whose mission is to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. JDCF owns several beautiful and unique preserves that are open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking such as community favorites Casper Bluff and Horseshoe Mound Preserve. No tax dollars are used for the acquisition, restoration, or maintenance of JDCF preserves. We currently have over 950 acres open to the public for FREE outdoor recreational activities. We also host a series of educational and recreational events for people of all ages. For more information about JDCF, our 2019-20 events, our preserves, and our volunteer programs, please visit our website at www.idcf.org.



of Rich Mattas

Fall & Winter events **Experience Horseshoe** Mound-A Walking Tour Sept. 21 & Oct. 12 11-Noon The walk will take place along mowed trails over rolling terrain. Meet in the parking lot at the top of the lane.

**RSVP**s are not required. Contact us for more information.

**Extreme Weather Events** Saturday, November 9, 1 to 4 pm Woodbine Bend Golf Club 3500 E. Center Rd, just west of Woodbine, IL. The impacts to our region and our pocketbooks. A panel discus<u>sion.</u> **Free and RSVPs** not needed.

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Email info@jdcf.org

Telephone 815-858-9100

See our website for events and programs throughout the season

#### www.jdcf.org



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## **2** Great Reasons to Visit ELIZABETH IL.



## ELY S. PARKER You can't visit Galena and leave without seeing one of our nine Civil War generals. The Galena Generals take pride in portraying the lives of all nine Galena Civil War generals. For

the past 57 years, the group of area men has been promoting Civil War history at Jo Daviess County events.

The Galena Generals would not be the group they are today without one unique man by the name of Ely S. Parker.

Galenian Ben Allen-Stewart was asked by Galena General Kirk Foecking to take on the role of Parker, a Seneca Indian, in 2011. Allen-Stewart was a tad hesitant.

"Someone told me I'd have to grow a beard for the role, but I didn't think my wife would approve," he said.

Once he got the "okay" from his wife to take the job, Allen-Stewart started learning everything he could find about the Seneca Indian and Civil War General.

While studying Parker, Allen-Stewart learned that he and Parker shared similar characteristics.

"We are the same height and we both are men of color, but I'm a bit darker than him," he said

Allen-Stewart shares fond memories of Galena events where he brought Parker to life.

He said, "I enjoyed the Peace and Union play we did for the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. . . I also have enjoyed the Boy Scout Pilgrimages. They give young kids an opportunity to learn about these nine very important generals. Today, kids don't learn about all they did in school."

Allen-Stewart steps back into the 19th century to tell the life of General Parker, a progressive Galenian general and "warrior of two worlds."

#### A WARRIOR OF TWO WORLDS

Jena General

Civil War Gen. Ely Samuel Parker was a determined man.

Parker was born in Genesee County, New York, in 1828. Many oppressed Senecas had shifted their practices to the ways of whites in hopes of improving their situation. One of those Senecas was Parker, who was determined to not only live in a white world, but succeed in a white world.

Throughout his childhood, he was well educated at the best schools a Native American could attend.

Allen-Stewart said, "To know his personality is to know his family. His parents were pro-

Ben Allen Stewart as Gen. Ely S. Parker

88 galenian.com gressive, and they were keen on education, so they sent him to parochial schools as a child." He later studied law in college, but was denied admission to the New York Bar because Native Americans were not considered U.S. citizens, and non-U.S. citizens could not sit for

the Bar. "Discrimination played a role in his career. He wasn't allowed to practice law even though

he had a degree because he was an Indian," Allen-Stewart added. Parker then turned his attention to something new. He pursued engineering, mastering his

craft while working on projects such as the Erie Canal. Allen-Stewart further emphasized Parker's determination to create a successful life despite ongoing challenges as a Native American. "Parker was told time and time again that he

couldn't do what he wanted, so he went in a different direction to accomplish greatness." In 1857, Parker came to Galena to superintend the construction of the Marine Hospital and U.S. Post Office and Custom House. He also oversaw the construction of the Dubuque Post Office. Parker was also noted supervising mason John C. Smith, who later became a general and the governor of Illinois. Parker went on to engineer many buildings along the Great Lakes, granting him a well-known reputation.

Parker was not allowed to join the Union Forces because of his Native American heritage. Later he was promoted to military secretary to Ulysses S. Grant in August 1864.

Allen-Stewart added, "Grant and Parker formed a great friendship when they met. And when Parker was denied rights to help in the Civil War, Grant later got him in."

On April 9, 1865, Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox. Parker, as military secretary, wrote the surrender documents for Lee and Grant to sign and then wrote three more copies, one for Grant and one for himself.

Also in April of 1865, Parker brevetted Brigadier General (USV), and in March 1867, he brevetted Brigadier General (USA).

Parker served as Grant's aide de camp. While in Galena, Parker met and became friends with Grant. Because of their friendship, Grant intervened when Parker was denied entrance into the Union Army, personally asking Lincoln to appoint Parker as an engineer to Grant's headquarters staff.

Parker married socialite Minnie Sackett on Dec. 25, 1867, with Ulysses S. Grant as his best man. He and Minnie had one child. Meanwhile, Parker served as Commissioner of Indian Affairs during the Grant Presidency.

Allen-Stewart said, "He was a tribal diplomat, trying to save the land being taken from the native people."

In 1870, there were charges brought against Parker, and a trial took place in the House of Representatives. Parker then worked as a clerk for the New York Police Department for two years until his death. He died in Fairfield, Conn. on Aug. 30, 1895, and was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, N.Y.

"Parker's mom had a dream that he would be a great man. And I believe he fulfilled that [dream] with his incredible career," Allen-Stewart concluded.





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# PUT ON YOUR WALKING SHOES

St. Michael Church Turner Hall, constructed in 1874, holds town events such as concerts and weddings.

#### Step back in time as you follow the same paths of past Galenians on a walking tour of Main and Bench Streets in downtown Galena.

### TOUR 1: BENCH STREET

Make sure you wear good walking shoes because this tour involves climbing a large set of steps. For more history on each building along the route, download the Galena Tours app. The tour is 45 minutes.

#### Courthouse

330 N Bench St.

Galena Public Library

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 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, it was gutted by fire but then rebuilt. Many famous visitors have been to Turner Hall including William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt.

#### **Galena United 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 & Washington streets

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 family. Barrows was a prominent businessman, owning a confectionery store, distillery and lumber yard.

He 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 S 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 workingclass families.

#### Dr. Horatio Newhall House/Miller 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.

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- Territory Farmers Market May October
- Belden School Open Houses June October
- Woodland Fairy Garden Walk in June
- Territory Garage Sales in June
- Shenandoah Pro Rodeo in July

- Farm Fun Day in July
- Kayak 5K Fun Paddle in August
- Farm to Table Dinner in September
- Firemen's Pork Chop Dinner in October
- Holiday Housewalk in December (even years)
- Holiday Market in December

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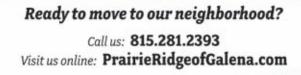


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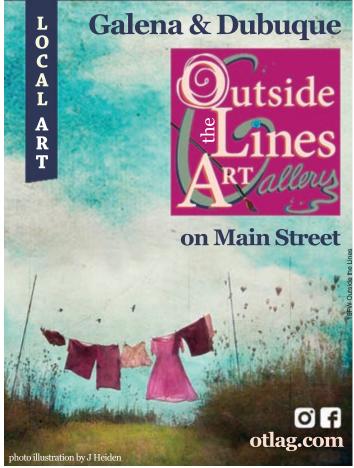


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#### **Old High School Steps**

South Bench Street

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 has 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 underwent 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-more than the house itself-and was for many years known as the "Felt's Folly."

#### **Grace Episcopal Church**

#### Hill & Prospect Streets

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.

### TOUR 2: MAIN STREET

This can be enjoyed from either side of Main Street. Find European-inspired architecture and scenic views of downtown and the Galena River from Bench Street. This tour is 30 minutes.

#### **Flood Gates**

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

#### **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.

#### **Newhall Drug Store**

101-103 S Main St

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

#### **Hempstead Store**

100 N Main St

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

#### **Old Stockade**

208 Perry St

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

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### Flat Iron/Diagonal Building

222 N Main St

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.

#### **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.

#### DeSoto House Hotel

230 S Main St

1855. Named after the discoverer of the Mississippi River, the DeSoto House Hotel was opened in 1855 at Galena's economic peak. The hotel was billed as the "Largest Hotel in the West," and was built to service the many people arriving in Galena.

Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas spoke from the hotel's balcony on separate occasions. The hotel 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 rooms 209 and 211.

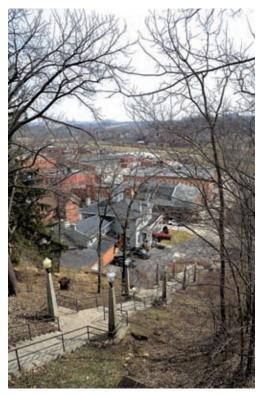
#### **Davis Block**

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.



Old Galena High School overlooks downtown, Galena River and surrounding bluffs. Below: The view from the top of Old Galena High School steps.





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#### << CUBA CITY, WISCONSIN

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

#### << HAZEL GREEN, WISCONSIN

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

#### << NEW DIGGINGS, WISCONSIN

(12 miles N) provides a look back at another day and age. St. Augustine Church was founded by Father Samuel Mazzuchelli in 1835 and built in 1844. He opened a school which was staffed by the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters. The church has been restored by the local Knights of Columbus. New Diggings also boasts two well-preserved bars.

#### << 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

#### << 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

#### << 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.

#### << 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 keep the history alive. A visit to Gravity Hill is a must. Today, Shullsburg features a restored downtown on the National Register. experienceshullsburg.com

#### << BELLEVUE, IOWA

(38 miles SW) population 2,172, is nestled along the Mississippi River straddling Lock and Dam 12. The city offers historic sites, lodging and dining opportunities and plenty of small-town hospitality. bellevueia.com



#### << DUBUQUE, IOWA

(16 miles NW) population 58,000, Dubuque is Iowa's oldest city and is among the oldest settlements west of the Mississippi River. The first permanent settler to the area was French-Canadian fur trader Julien Dubuque in 1785. Today it is known for its casinos, the Mississippi Riverwalk and the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. Eagle Point Park provides a panoramic view of Lock and Dam 11 and the Mississippi River valley. traveldubuque.com

#### << THE GALENA TERRITORY, ILLINOIS

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

#### << SCALES MOUND, ILLINOIS

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

#### << WARREN, ILLINOIS

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

#### << APPLE CANYON LAKE, ILLINOIS

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

#### << SAVANNA, ILLINOIS

(32 miles S) population 3,000, is best known for the Army Depot. The depot, established in 1918, was used for several munitions-related purposes, including manufacturing, testing and storing of different types of weapons. The site's military use was gradually phased out and the depot closed in March 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 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. Three churches built in the 1870s–Methodist, Catholic and Presbyterian–still stand.



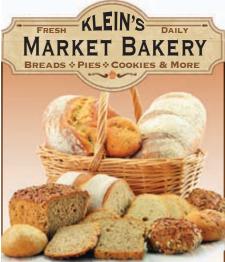


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# EAST PUBUQUE

#### A community with breathtaking views

Located on the eastern side of the Mississippi River, opposite of 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 Thursdays 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.

# OUICK FACTS POPULATION: 1,704 FOUNDED: 1853 ATTRACTIONS: Gramercy Park Dunleith Park District Downtown area



# ELIZABETH

#### A village with something for everyone

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

In the 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, and the battle lasted for about an hour.

Legend states that three women, all named Elizabeth, stood shoulder-to-shoulder with their husbands, assisting in successfully defending the fort. It was in their honor that the settlement was 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 Planetary Studies Foundation Earth and Space Science Museum, which features an array of artifacts including dinosaur bones, fossils, and moon rocks, and 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 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!



#### QUICK FACTS

POPULATION: 761
<b>FOUNDED:</b> 1868
ATTRACTIONS:
Apple River Fort
Chicago Great Western
Railway Depot Museum
Elizabeth History Museum
Earth & Science Museum
1876 Banwarth House

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# HANOVER

#### Village is known as the Mallard Capital of the World

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The Apple River runs through the center of Hanover and plays an important role in the economic history of the town. In the early 1820s, settlers came to farm the area and found that a natural drop in the Apple River made an ideal location for a mill and dam site. The first mill was built in 1829 by James Craig. This later lead to the Hanover Woolen Mill in 1863, which operated for 86 years.

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#### QUICK FACTS

- **POPULATION:** 1,862
- **FOUNDED:** 1890

#### ATTRACTIONS:

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Stockton is the youngest community in Jo 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.





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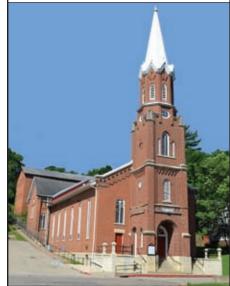


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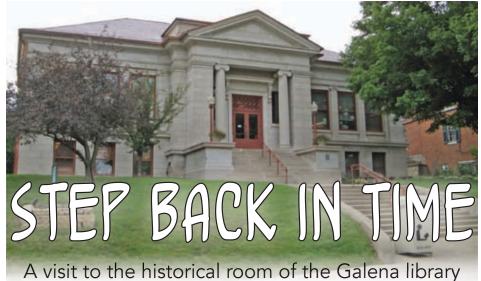
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by Steve Repp Galena Public Library Whether you are a visitor to Galena or a resident of the area, stop in and visit the Alfred Mueller Historical Collections Room of the Galena Public Library.

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There are books and maps, city directories, census records, as well as cemetery records and tax books that prove helpful to many people wanting to know about our local history.

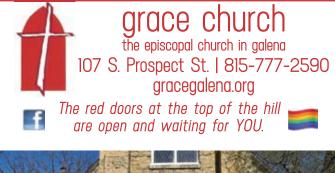
As an example, if you have old photographs of family members and you are not sure of a time period, we have information on many local photographers.

Knowing when the photographer was in business or had a partner or changed locations are clues to helping you solve the mystery.

If you really want to go back in time, you have a chance to see some of the old Galena newspapers that are on permanent loan from the Galena Gazette. They date back to the year of 1834. An issue of each newspaper was saved and later bound into book form and you can have a look at them for your visit with the past.

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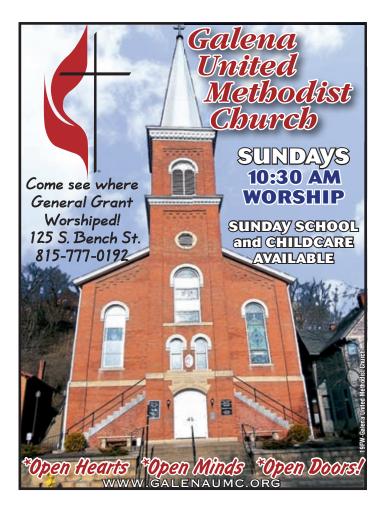


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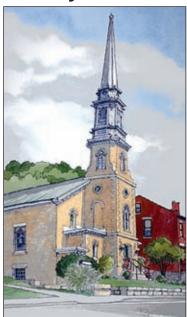
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# WINTERS OF LONG AGO

#### Even though it was snowy and cold, people found ways to enjoy the season

by Steve Repp, Galena Public Library After a five-day trip by sleigh through the snow, a visitor to Galena noticed in 1834, "short sudden hills, the bluffs of the prairie beyond, partly wooded and partly faced with rock, the town of Galena lay scattered along the broken outline, as if some giant had pitched a handful of houses against the hillside and the slimy mud, for which the streets of Galena are noted, had caused them to stick there."

That's one of the earliest accounts of winter life in Galena and Jo Daviess County.

Newspaper accounts during the winter season recalled that when steamboat navigation stopped, things became quiet, almost dull, but that was the way things were for river towns. Since people were not able to travel about as much back then, they looked forward to the occasional lecture tour or other social gathering.

There were two famous visitors to Galena during the winter months, Ralph Waldo Emerson, the poet and lecturer, visited Galena in January 1856. During his short stay here he also wanted to visit a lead mine and as he was lowered down into the mine, he saw many beautiful stalactites of pyrites of iron and cubes of galena. Samuel Clemens also made a visit to Galena in January 1869, and it was reported that he kept his audience in fits of laughter for over an hour. Lecture tours during the winter season were always well attended.

A February 1861 Galena Daily Courier story, "Snowballing," was interesting.

"Snowballing is fun. So we judge by the way it has been carried on for the past two days. Little boys go into it, big boys go into it, clerks go into it and sedate merchants are provoked into it, for there is a general melee. Clerks get sick of yard sticks and ledgers and gently take to snow balls. Merchants have nothing to do and go to the door to see the fun, sometimes they get a crack on the head from a snow ball and determined to seek the offender, they pitch in. Every store produces a clerk, and every clerk is armed with a snowball and woe to every one who passes. Hats



are knocked off and pipes are smashed. In one case, a good humored merchant is hit and stooping down for a snow ball, a vulnerable part of him receives a volley of hard snowballs and he finds himself propelled by circumstances into the snow."

Once the river froze over, ice skating became a popular sport for a number of people. The local newspapers mentioned how skating from Galena to Bellevue, lowa, was quite the event, as well as the sleigh rides between local towns.

The Jan. 20, 1875, Galena Daily Gazette reported, "A sleigh load of ladies from Bellevue arrived in this city this forenoon, and after dining at the DeSoto House, left for home in high glee."

Also a "sleigh load of Elizabethians, to the number of twelve couples arrived in town this afternoon and will dine this evening at the residence of J. B. Brown, of the Gazette, after which the party will return home by moonlight."

And winters of long ago also had periods of extreme cold as reported in February 1875: "There doesn't seem to be any let up as old Sol has completely lost his power over the atmosphere. Mercury on Gear Street



this morning was 32 degrees below zero."

But despite the bad weather there always seemed to be dances and plays as well as other entertainments at Turner Hall as well as Schreiner's Hall on Franklin Street.

"The Schreiner's Band furnished the music and about fifty couples were present and everybody had a good time and enjoyed the exceptionable supper that was also given."

Taking things into the 1900s, a former resident of Galena, Eunice Fitch, who grew up in the 1920s and 1930s remembered, "When the hills were covered with their white blanket of snow out came the sleds and toboggans. Prospect Street was closed off for sleigh riding, and it wasn't just the kids that gathered at the top for the run down one hill and up the other. Their number was matched with adults. Does anyone in Galena yet experience the hilarious exhilaration of getting dumped off an upturned sleigh into a huge snow bank while coasting down Prospect Street? And skating for hours in sub-zero weather then warming ourselves around fires built in discarded metal drums. The holidays contained all the joy of the emphasis on Christ's birthday through our church activities, and the love of our families shown with a few simple gifts, most of them homemade as these were depression vears. But the food was abundant delectable almost beyond description. The finest cooks in the world were in Galena kitchens!"



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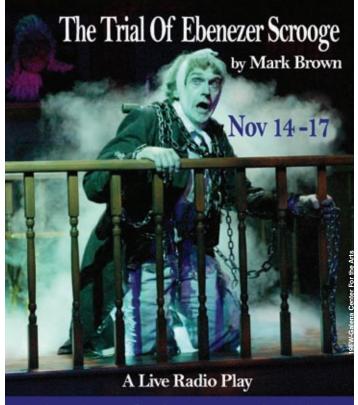
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