Convenient Care Vs. Emergency Care
The Right Choice Makes a Difference

When to Use CONVENIENT CARE?

Convenient Care offers patients health care for minor, non-emergent injuries and illnesses. Some of the benefits that come with Convenient Care include:

- Appointment-Free
- Economical
- Short Wait Times
- Convenient Hours
- Access to Basic Laboratory Testing and X-Rays

Conditions Treated at Convenient Care:

- Allergies
- Athlete’s Foot and Ring Worm
- Bladder Infections
- Bug Bites
- Cold Sores
- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
- Coughs and Congestion (Cold Symptoms)
- Diarrhea
- Earaches
- Fever
- Minor Cuts (That May Need a Few Stitches)
- Minor Injuries
- Mild Vomiting/Flu Symptoms
- Physicals
- Rashes (Poison Ivy, etc.)
- Sinus Infections
- Sore Throat (Strep Testing Available)

... and More

Note: If greater care is needed, our staff will direct patients to the appropriate healthcare provider. In a true emergency, we will transfer patients directly to the ER.

What is Considered an EMERGENCY?

When you need immediate medical treatment for serious illnesses and injuries, CALL 911. Symptoms that require Emergency Care include:

Symptoms of a Heart Attack:
- Chest Discomfort
- Discomfort in Other Areas of the Upper Body (Such as in One or Both Arms, the Back, Neck, Jaw, or Stomach)
- Shortness of Breath
- Other Signs May Include Breaking Out in a Cold Sweat, Nausea, or Lightheadedness

Symptoms of a Stroke:
- Drooping or Numbness of One Side of the Face
- Weakness in One Arm
- Speech Difficulty or Slurred Speech

Other Urgent Symptoms:
- Severe/Sudden Onset of Headache
- Severe Abdominal Pain
- Difficulty Walking
- Head, Neck, or Back Injury
- Fracture
- Deep or Large Wound
- Large Burn
- Poisoning
- Pregnancy-Related Problem
- Convulsions or Seizure
- Coughing Up or Vomiting Blood
- Sudden or Unexplained Loss or Altered State of Consciousness
- High Fever with Stiff Neck, Mental Confusion, or Difficulty Breathing
- Infants Under 8 Weeks with a Fever

St. Margaret’s Health
St. Margaret’s Hospital
SMP Health System
600 East First Street  |  Spring Valley

St. Margaret’s Health
Midtown Health Center
SMP Health System
(815) 223-6843
M - F: 8am - 9pm
Weekends/Holidays: 9am - 1pm
1650 Midtown Road | Peru

(815) 915-8748
M - F: 8am - 9pm
Sat: 9am - 2pm
1916 N. Main Street
Princeton

aboutsmh.org
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | 2-20
Developing the Illinois Valley 4-5
Finding Success in Every Industry 8-9
Business – On the Move 10-11
What’s Your Story - Member Spotlights 12-15
Agriculture 16-19
The Chamber 20

LIVING | 21-41
Education 21-25
Healthcare 26-33
Neighborhoods 34-35
Churches, Organizations, & Clubs 36-37
Shopping 38-39
Dining 40-41

COMMUNITIES | 42-49

THINGS TO DO | 50-62
Calendar of Events 50
For the Love of the Arts 51
Tourism 52-61
Farmers Markets 62

MEMBER DIRECTORY | 64-75
ILLINOIS VALLEY AREA - AT A GLANCE

TIME ZONE: Central Standard

CLIMATE

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE:
Low 13° F
High 85° F

PRECIPITATION:
Low 1.31”
High 4.40”

Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development

1320 Peoria St
Peru, IL 61354
P: 815.223.0227
F: 815.223.4827
ivaced.org

ESTIMATED POPULATION
JULY 2015 BY THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU:

Total 150,564
LaSalle 111,333
Bureau 33,587
Putnam 5,644
In the Illinois Valley, there is room to grow your family, your business and your future here.

With constant growth and expansion in Dekalb, Kendall and Grundy Counties, the suburban sprawl will continue its movement toward the Illinois Valley area. The Illinois Valley, which consists of portions of LaSalle, Bureau, and Putnam counties, has experienced steady growth over recent years and it is likely that trend will pick up speed as the surrounding communities exhaust their open spaces and their building potential. When a county begins to reach its max, not only is building limited, but profits as well. Expansion becomes a necessity.

With the estimated population in 2015 at 150,564 for the entire Illinois Valley, this area is sure to meet that need. In the hustle and bustle of modern life, people in society begin to yearn for some room to breathe, spread out, relax and dream bigger dreams for the future. Don’t you? Everyone needs a bit of space and the chance to build something that not only sustains, but also outlasts and thrives into the next generation.

“Small businesses are the backbone of the Illinois economy. We need to cultivate and celebrate our state’s small businesses and we can do that together.”

- Todd Maisch
President and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce
DEVELOPING THE ILLINOIS VALLEY

Are you looking for a great place to grow your business? The Illinois Valley is a thriving combination of small businesses and large corporations, including both start-ups and long-standing establishments. Besides the beautiful scenery, the quick commutes, and the successful revitalization of many downtown districts, there are many advantages and incentives for your business here in the Illinois Valley.

Throughout the decades, the area has consistently experienced a stable, diverse economy. Its rich soil and natural resources, expansive waterways, and easily accessible railroads and interstates – along with the Illinois Valley’s central location – put the area at the forefront for prime expansion and development. Since its inception, the region’s economy has been propelled by manufacturing, agriculture, retail trade and services.

The Illinois Valley offers a number of Enterprise zones and TIF Districts that provide a variety of tax credits on building and construction costs for the developer. This locale hosts the Illinois Valley, LaSalle County and Bureau County Enterprise Zones with TIF Districts existing in each of the larger communities within the region.

One of the Illinois Valley’s most obvious assets is its proximity to Chicago and its suburbs. This allows both businesses and residents to take advantage of the abundance that the city has to offer, while allowing for a lower cost of living, a higher quality of life, and easy access to a wealth of natural resources.

The land in the region is teeming with valuable resources. Sand and gravel production are profitable industries for the area and are extremely beneficial to the production of concrete, aggregate building materials, and road and surface coverings, as well as brick, tile and glass product manufacturing. The richness of the soil also makes the acreage an important resource in the Illinois Valley. Much of the area is surrounded by rural farms that have been doing everything from cultivating corn and soybeans to raising hogs and cattle for generations. The abundance of agricultural products and land provides an enormous potential for industries that process raw agricultural products and consumable foods and beverages for both human and livestock consumption.
In the Illinois Valley, manufacturing doesn’t end with consumable products. Machine manufacturing in the Illinois Valley is comprised of a wide array of equipment used in agriculture, mining, construction, and manufacturing, with an emphasis in the production of tools, structural components, and parts that are sold as finished products or are incorporated into other manufactured goods. With manufacturing as a key component, education and training is imperative.

The Illinois Valley boasts the Illinois Valley Community College – a two year accredited community college serving eight counties. Serving area students since 1924, IVCC offers not only career, technical programs, and transfer programs, but also continuing education and adult education courses. As attendance has gained more than 4,200 students annually, expansion and improvements have been the focus at IVCC. The new Peter Miller Community Technology Center, an 80,000 square foot state-of-the art facility, opened its doors in 2014. The technology center houses 11 career and technical programs.

Skilled workers are just a part of what the Illinois Valley can offer your business. The region is well-established in its ability to provide ideal locations, as well as the means to move your products. There are various industrial, logistic and technology parks in the Illinois Valley. Ottawa boasts the Ottawa Industrial Park which contains 536 acres with sites up to 100 acres available two miles south of Interstate 80 and 13 miles from Interstate 39 with land adjacent to CSX Rail and ADM Terminal Services. Also, the City of Princeton features the Bailey Industrial site which offers over 116 acres for development along with a technology park. In addition, Seneca has two heavy industrial zoned parks, which are both located in the Seneca Regional Port District, one consists of 185 acres and the other 68 acres. At the crossroads of 2 major interstates, Utica retains the I-80/I-39 Logistics Park. Furthermore, the Hennepin Industrial Complex is located in the rural community of Hennepin, home of the former Arcelor Mittal steel mill. The Village of Hennepin also contains over 2,000 acres of available property with Rail Accessibility, Dock Facility/River Access, Crane Loading Facility, Main Substation Power, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Water Treatment Plant, Water Recirculating /Cooling Tower, Boiler House, and Gas Generation Plant. Industrial parks are also located in Peru, Mendota, LaSalle and Seneca. Finally, Spring Valley hosts the Wolfer Industrial Park where the Walmart Distribution Center is located.

With logistics in mind, the Illinois Valley is also home to three port districts. Located in the very heart of the Illinois Valley is the Illinois Valley Regional Port District, supporting all of Putnam County, the townships of LaSalle, Peru, Utica, Eden and Dimmick in LaSalle County, and Hall, the townships of Selby and Leppertown in Bureau County. The Ottawa Port District is a supporter for legislation to assist the attraction, maintenance, and growth of businesses within the district by developing and enhancing the area’s railway system, river barge terminals, highway infrastructure, and airport services for the shipment of cargo, material, and goods. The Seneca Regional Port District in Seneca is a 555-acre business park and 465-acre rail port with two industrial parks and three industrial TIF Districts.

With manufacturing being a key industry in the area, Illinois Valley Community College also offers Manufacturing & Industrial Career Programs, including the Certified Production Technician program, which is a nationally recognized certificate. In order to ensure that students are properly prepared for positions and to help keep current employees’ knowledge and skills up to date, local manufacturers joined IVCC in the design of this program.
The Illinois Valley is home to many distribution/logistic, manufacturing, education and health care firms. The major employers in the region include:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>BUSINESS</th>
<th>TYPE</th>
<th>LOCATION</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Walmart Distribution Center</td>
<td>Distribution</td>
<td>Spring Valley</td>
<td>1000+</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peru Mall</td>
<td>Retail</td>
<td>Peru</td>
<td>775</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OSF, Saint Elizabeth Medical Center</td>
<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>730</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. Margaret’s Health</td>
<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>Spring Valley</td>
<td>640</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois Valley Community Hospital</td>
<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>Peru</td>
<td>614</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois Valley Community College</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>Oglesby</td>
<td>536</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pet Smart</td>
<td>Distribution</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monterey Mushrooms, Inc.</td>
<td>Mushroom Production</td>
<td>Princeton</td>
<td>500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clover Technology Group</td>
<td>Imaging</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>450</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HR Imaging</td>
<td>School Photography</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>425</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc</td>
<td>Food Processing</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>394</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eakas Corporation</td>
<td>Automotive Trim</td>
<td>Peru</td>
<td>365</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Super Wal-Mart</td>
<td>Retail</td>
<td>Peru</td>
<td>365</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advantage Logistics</td>
<td>Distribution</td>
<td>Oglesby</td>
<td>345</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JC Whitney</td>
<td>Distribution</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
<td>313</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Color Point</td>
<td>Agricultural</td>
<td>Granville</td>
<td>280</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SABIC Innovative Plastics</td>
<td>Plastics</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>275</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kohls Distribution</td>
<td>Distribution</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>270</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carus Chemical</td>
<td>Chemical Production</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
<td>264</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mennie’s Machine Co.</td>
<td>Machining</td>
<td>Mark</td>
<td>248</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>James Hardie Building Products</td>
<td>Fiber Cement</td>
<td>Peru</td>
<td>241</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LaSalle County Veteran’s Home</td>
<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
<td>200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HCC, Inc.</td>
<td>Farm Equipment</td>
<td>Mendota</td>
<td>200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seattle Sutton Healthy Eating</td>
<td>Food Processing</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>170</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mitsubishi Belting</td>
<td>Belt Manufacturing</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>168</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pilkington Industries</td>
<td>Glass Production</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>157</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liberty Village</td>
<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>Peru</td>
<td>150+</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois Cement</td>
<td>Mining/ Bulk Cement</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
<td>148</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>American Nickeloid</td>
<td>Prefinished Metals</td>
<td>Peru</td>
<td>146</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U.S. Silica</td>
<td>Sand Mining</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>130</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Heritage Health</td>
<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>Peru</td>
<td>124</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Del Monte Corporation</td>
<td>Food Processing</td>
<td>Mendota</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ROADS
Strategically located at the crossroads of Interstate 80 and Interstate 39, which is part of an interstate system that stretches from Winnipeg, Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

RAIL
CSX, BNSF, IL Railnet, Norfolk Southern, Iowa Interstate Rail, and locally-owned Peru Rail.

RIVER
Barge Transport on the Illinois River
Approximately 2 million tons of commercial cargo is shipped through the Starved Rock Lock and Dam each month.

RUNWAY
A municipally-owned, cross-wind runway airport with corporate hangar, maintenance facility and tie-down space for 60 aircraft. Local air transport includes two lighted, paved runways, one designated 18/36 and a second designated 7/25.

SHIP TO 2/3 OF THE COUNTRY IN 2 DAYS OR LESS.

FINDING SUCCESS IN EVERY INDUSTRY
Since here in the Illinois Valley there are a good number of businesses that are over a century old, others that have been around for years, and new businesses that are continually making a new home in the area, the Illinois Valley is a favorable market. The businesses established here not only take pride in what they do, but also in serving the community.

RETAIL & HOSPITALITY

Retail is an important aspect of business in the Illinois Valley. Peru Mall is a 460,000 square-foot shopping center with fifty-five stores, including national chains such as Bath & Body Works, Victoria’s Secret, Maurices and Famous Footwear, as well as, locally run stores. The mall is anchored by Bergner’s, Marshall’s, JC Penney and Sears. Other stores in the area include: Target, Home Depot, Menards, Super Wal-Mart, Kohl’s, PetSmart, MC Sports, Hobby Lobby, and a number of strip malls, as well as fantastic and charming downtown shopping districts within each community.

With three state parks and a variety of attractions, tourism and hospitality are also big. There is a wide array of accommodations in the region to host those coming into the Illinois Valley for business or for pleasure. Hospitality ranges from hotels and motels to bed and breakfasts and vacation rentals to lodges and cabins. A number of these locations have meeting rooms available as well for your convenience.

Whether you are here to visit or here to stay, there are also many dining options to suit your palate and craving – from upscale and gourmet to comfort food and fast food. If you are a foodie or you just love to eat out, then the Illinois Valley is a great place to be.

SERVICES, MEDIA & DISTRIBUTION

Services are an integral part of a strong and healthy commerce. The Illinois Valley is bustling with service-oriented industries including CPAs, law firms, real estate agencies, insurance agencies, automotive shops, medical facilities, contractors, advertising agencies, and so much more.

There are thirteen local radio stations featuring a variety of music formats, covering community news and events. Cable television receives networks from Chicago, Peoria, and the Quad Cities, which provide a wide variety of movie, entertainment, and news channels. The Illinois Valley has two local newspapers and a few smaller publications that serve the area as well.

Distribution and call centers are also found throughout the area. These businesses are an asset to the community; these include Advantage Logistics, Wal-Mart, Kohl’s, and PetSmart Distribution Centers, JC Whitney & Company, OfficeMax, Marmon/Keystone, and more.

MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRY


AGRICULTURE

Agriculture and agri-business also play an important role within the framework of the Illinois Valley. There are approximately 2,822 farms in production in LaSalle, Bureau, and Putnam Counties with corn and soybeans being the main crops. Also in the area, several large grain terminals maintain elevators and ship thousands of tons of grain by barge and truck to many parts of the country and it is also exported all over the world.
With the Illinois Valley being considered a Micropolitan area, it certainly measures up quite nicely to larger cities in the arena of infrastructure. When location, time, availability, and convenience are of utmost importance, the means to accomplish this can be found right here in the Illinois Valley.
Getting products and resources moving is vital to success. Since the Illinois Valley falls directly in the crossroads of Interstate 80 and Interstate 39, the primary means of transportation in the area is roadway. This puts the Illinois Valley less than 60 miles from five major metro areas and within 50 minutes of Rockford, Quad Cities, Joliet, Peoria, and Bloomington-Normal.

The Interstate 80 and 39/55 corridor enables easy access across the United States. I-80 extends to the coasts from California to New Jersey; while I-39/I-55 stretches from Northern Wisconsin to the Gulf of Mexico. Additionally, the region has several other important roadways, such as Interstate 180, US Routes 6 and 52, and more.

To augment the area's roadways, railways are predominant in the area as well. Just outside of the Chicago suburbs, the Illinois Valley has four Class I railroads, one of three regional railroads and two short line/local railroads. The area's railways include four interchanges for moving commodities and products. The region is perfectly located since Chicago takes the lead for freight rail traffic and second to New York in passenger trains. More rail lines emanate from the Windy City than from anywhere else in the country. For public travel, Amtrak has two stations in the three county area – one in Mendota and the other in Princeton. Amtrak provides multiple trips per day to the Chicago Metro Area, St. Louis and Champaign.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In the 1950's, the AASHO Road Test Site, that was used to study the effects of traffic on various pavements, was created. It extended between Utica and Ottawa just north of US Route 6. The test track consisted of six loops and short-span bridges with various surfaces - a portion of which is still visible from I-80 today. The results of this AASHO study were used in the creation of a pavement design guide in the 1960's and are still referenced today.

With the Illinois River running through the region, waterways are also important for shipping in the Illinois Valley. The Illinois River is connected to the Great Lakes and Mississippi River through barge terminals, which extend the shipping capability to the Gulf of Mexico and into Atlantic Ocean. Every year, cargo moving through the locks at Marseilles and Starved Rock exceeds 16 million.

Logistics wouldn't be complete without airport accessibility. Being in close proximity to Chicago, the region provides convenient access to six major airports. O'Hare International Airport, one of the largest airports in the world, is less than 90 miles from the Illinois Valley. Midway International Airport in Chicago is an additional location with international reach. Regional airports in the area include Central Illinois Regional Airport (50 miles), Greater Rockford Airport (60 miles), Greater Peoria Regional Airport (60 miles), Quad Cities Airport (65 miles), and Illinois Valley Regional Airport. The Illinois Valley Regional Airport, located in Peru, can accommodate any corporate aircraft. It includes two lighted, paved runways, one designated 18/36 with an asphalt surface measuring 6,000 by 100 feet and a second designated 7/25 with an asphalt surface measuring 4,000 by 75 feet. Hangar space is also available for long or short-term aircraft storage.

---

**FUN FACT:** I-80 is the Interstate highway that most closely resembles the historic Lincoln highway – the first road to stretch across the country. Construction of Interstate 80 began in the 1920's in San Francisco, California was completed in 1986 in Teaneck, New Jersey.
Back in 1848, Abraham Lincoln was just a young man. It would be many years before he became the nation’s 16th President. The Illinois & Michigan Canal had just been dug by mostly Irish immigrants – fellow Irishman Samuel Nesbitt Maze decided that year to open his own lumberyard along the banks of the beautiful Illinois River in Peru. The river and canal transportation enabled the fledgling lumberyard to become so successful; it was brisk business. A love for the Illinois Valley has kept five generations of Maze family members in the area for over a century and a half. Today, Maze Lumber is the oldest lumberyard in the state of Illinois – still selling top-quality building materials to the areas’ highly-skilled contractors and discerning homeowners.

In the late 1800’s, Maze Lumber was providing cedar shingles for most of the roofs around town; however, the nails were not dependably rust-resistant and shingles were blow-
Advantage Magazine

in the Illinois Valley. Carefully crafted Production Technician programs — designed jointly between IV Community College and local industry — are helping to train and retain the critical labor needed for the various area manufacturers. With these positive influences, Maze Nails is proud to boast that all their products are 100% Made in the U.S.A in Peru, Illinois.

Many manufacturers and industry associations recommend Maze Nails for use with their building products because of their superior rust-resistance and quality performance in the field. Maze STORMGUARD® nails are double hot-dip galvanized, have a thick coating of zinc for maximum corrosion-resistance, and meet and exceed the ASTM A-153 specification for hot-dip galvanizing. Maze also manufactures a complete line of stainless steel nails for marine and coastal applications.

Maze Nails are manufactured within all OSHA and EPA guidelines for the safety of Maze associates and the community. Maze Nails are made from high carbon steel to produce nails that are stronger and eliminate breaks and bends. They are certified environmentally friendly because Maze Nails are manufactured from recycled, re-melted steel — unlike import nails, which use a significant amount of mined ore in the production of nails. Architects and builders appreciate the fact that Maze Nails qualify for LEED® points and certification, so they can design and build “green” structures for homeowners and businesses. With over 168 years in the manufacturing and retail business in the Illinois Valley, Maze Company looks forward to many successful decades ahead.
Established in 1976, Ficek Electric & Communication Systems, Inc. is a full-service electrical and low voltage contractor providing design and build services for residential, commercial, industrial, and healthcare customers. Our highly-skilled construction and management teams allow us to specialize in projects of all sizes and complexities.

With a solid reputation and extremely high customer performance ratings, we deliver our projects on time and on budget. We continue to uphold a reputation for quality sales and service throughout the industry. As a certified female-owned business, we are committed not only to our success, but more importantly to yours.

Our services cover everything from the installation of voice/data network cabling infrastructure, fiber optics, unified communications, video surveillance to card access and door entry systems. Ficek is also a state of Illinois licensed alarm contractor and provides security and fire alarm systems.

All of our divisions offer the most innovative technology, allowing you to put the critical job of keeping your wiring infrastructure and systems in the skilled and capable hands of our certified installers and designers. While our business has progressed with technological advancements over the years, some things haven’t changed – we remain a family-owned business operating on family values. You will find us to be a customer-oriented company with a staff dedicated to exceptional customer service.

Our approach is to provide an experienced team in designing, constructing, and maintaining our customers’ electrical needs with focus on safety and quality assurance. As a long-standing member of the National Electrical Contractors Associations and the IBEW, we are your single point of contact for the following electrical and low voltage needs:

- Electrical
- Outside Plant Work Including Directional Boring
- Voice And Data Low Voltage Cabling And Design
- Avaya Business Telephone Systems Including VoIP
- Fire Alarm Systems
- Security And Intrusion Systems And Design
- 24 Hour UL Alarm Monitoring

Global Ideas
Local Service

Proudly Serving the Illinois Valley For over 40 Years
We provide design and build services for commercial, industrial, healthcare, governmental and residential customers.

Electrical • Voice and Data Cabling and Design • Security and Intrusion Systems • Business VoIP Telephone Systems • Fire Alarms

12 Gunia Dr.
LaSalle, IL 61301
Phone: 815-223-2775
Collect: 800-444-4902
ficekelectric.com
THE FARMING INDUSTRY

CULTIVATING THE ILLINOIS VALLEY
I am excited for the coming year as an Illinois Young Leader. We have a lot to be proud of with our nationally recognized members and programs and I look forward to being part of this continued excellence. One area I hope that we can expand upon in 2016 is gathering more support and involvement with FBACT and our legislative impact. It is the Young Leaders’ careers that will be forced to deal with the fallout of damaging legislation, so it is imperative that we be vocal with our representatives.

The end of January offered me quite an experience. The state committee and I hosted the largest attended Young Leader Conference ever. There were over 500 active and engaged young leaders in attendance. They took part in break-out sessions ranging from Global Ag Perspectives and Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy to Farm Bureau activities. They had time to network and were inspired by keynote speakers and Vice President Erickson. They did all of this in an effort to become better farmers and advocates for agriculture. A few days after the conference, I was able to attend the 100-year celebration in Bloomington. The event was filled with past presidents, staff, and the IAA board. President Guebert and affiliate company leadership spoke on the successful 100-year history of ILFB.

After being inspired by the immensely capable and qualified young leaders, I was able to witness the exceptional current and past leadership of ILFB. As we look forward to the next 100 years and what the future of the organization will hold, I am comforted and energized knowing we have so many young leaders ready to continue the great legacy that has been built before us.

**SPOTLIGHT: EVAN HULTINE**

I am this year’s Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader State chairman. I am a graduate from the University of Illinois with a degree in Horticulture. I live outside Princeton in Bureau County where I farm with my father. We are a corn and soybean and custom operations farm. We also have sold fruits and vegetables at the Princeton Farmers Market for the last two years. I am the fourth generation Hultine to farm in America. My Great-grandpa Hultine moved to the U.S. in 1906 from Sweden as a 16-year-old and started farming. My Grandma Hultine’s family has a longer lineage in America and allows me to be a sixth generation farmer. We still farm on land that was owned by my Great-great-great-grandpa over one hundred years ago.

![Image of Evan Hultine and his family]

I am this year’s Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader State chairman. I am a graduate from the University of Illinois with a degree in Horticulture. I live outside Princeton in Bureau County where I farm with my father. We are a corn and soybean and custom operations farm. We also have sold fruits and vegetables at the Princeton Farmers Market for the last two years. I am the fourth generation Hultine to farm in America. My Great-grandpa Hultine moved to the U.S. in 1906 from Sweden as a 16-year-old and started farming. My Grandma Hultine’s family has a longer lineage in America and allows me to be a sixth generation farmer. We still farm on land that was owned by my Great-great-great-grandpa over one hundred years ago.

**FARMING AT A GLANCE**

Illinois’ top commodities are soybeans and corn.

- **CORN**: 400,000-449,999+ acres per year in the IL Valley at 324-275 bushels per acre per year.
- **SOYBEANS**: 325,000-449,999+ acres per year in the IL Valley at 185-210+ Bushels per acre per year.

- Nearly 80% of the land in Illinois is farmland. The 76,000 farms in Illinois consist of more than 28 million acres.
- Food processing is the state’s #1 manufacturing activity, adding almost $13.4 billion annually to the value of Illinois’ raw agricultural commodities.
- Illinois is ranked number one in ethanol production through the use of corn. Each year in Illinois, 274 million bushels of Illinois corn generates approximately 678 million gallons of ethanol.
- Illinois ranks second nationally in the export of agricultural commodities with nearly $4 billion worth of goods shipped to other countries each year.

As consumers seek locally grown produce and locally sourced products, farmers are responding to meet the demand. Each year, the number of farmers markets continues to increase.

88 percent of all farms in the U.S. are small family farms. 97 percent of Illinois farms are still family-owned and support their local economies.
For millennia, the rich black soil of the Illinois Valley region has attracted settlers looking to farm and raise livestock. Farming is an integral part of life and commerce in Illinois and the state is a leading producer of corn and soybeans. According to the USDA’s Census of Agriculture in 2012, there were 2,822 farms in LaSalle, Bureau, and Putnam Counties with a total acreage of 1,112,546 with the market value of crop sales at $1,612,297,000 and $68,831,000 in livestock sales.
Monterey Mushrooms has been family-owned and operated since it began in 1971 in Royal Oaks, California. The business has since expanded to 10 farms in the United States, including one in Princeton, Illinois, with an additional location internationally. Monterey Mushrooms grows a large variety of mushrooms including White and Portabella, along with specialty mushrooms such as, Shitake, Baby Bellas, Oyster and more.

The company is a leader in the organic market and maintains a thorough traceability program, so that each package can be traced from start to finish. Also, Monterey is environmentally friendly and committed to the production and delivery of fresh, safe, and quality products to the consumer.

As one of the largest geographic area districts, Bureau Valley Community Unit School District #340 spans more than 340 square miles of north-central Illinois farmland. The district’s $280,000 meal program for its 1,100 students currently obtains food products from outside of the region. Wanting to change this policy and obtain locally-sourced products for farm to table menu items, the school board is seeking state funding to implement the Department of Public Health’s Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) program. The efforts of Bureau County could inspire and motivate other districts in the area to work to implement this approach in their schools as well.

Farmers are in the business to feed families with their own in mind as they work to provide quality products. If the demand is there in local school districts, area farmers will adapt to meet the need, since it does not take much land to grow enough produce to accommodate the schools in the Illinois Valley.
THE CHAMBER: SUPPORTING MEMBERS AND JOB CREATION

Since 1911, the Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development has been working to further the interests and opportunities for local businesses. It is our mission to promote the Illinois Valley economy by attracting new jobs and enhancing existing business while valuing quality of life. With more than 350 member companies, the Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development is the area’s largest business association. IVAC serves as an economic development authority and partners with supporting organizations to promote job creation and business advocacy for the community.

As a Business Association, we can help you:

- **Make business connections.** Take advantage of more than 50 opportunities a year to build business connections, including: Business Breakfast Seminars, monthly IVAC Connect Networking events, monthly Business After Hour Events, Annual Legislative Luncheon, State of the Cities Luncheon, development programs/seminars, Job Fair, Business Expo and more.
- **Boost marketing efforts.** Every day the Chamber receives calls from individuals and businesses looking for potential vendors, support and information. We only recommend Chamber Members and only list Chamber Members on our searchable online businesses directory which draws more than 40,000 hits per year.
- **Save your company money.** Chamber members are eligible to receive exclusive discounts on a wide array of office supplies, insurance policies, web design, accounting services, and more.
- **Chamber membership enhances your credibility in the community.** Being a Chamber member sends the message to consumers that you are a reputable company who actively participates in the local business community.

- **Affordable and effective ways to market your business and/or events.** Opportunities to market your business include, email blasts, Hot Deals, online business directory, print directory, community calendar of events, social media exposure and a variety of sponsorship opportunities tailored to your budget.
- **Interactive website allows you to control what is included in our online member directory.**

As an Economic Development Organization, we can help grow your business by:

- **Support existing industry.** The Chamber serves as a liaison between companies and public officials in solving issues and providing assistance through advocacy, resource collaboration, and site location, developing alternative financing resources, and communicating local business climate issues.
- **Supporting workforce development and education.** The Chamber partners with local educators in efforts to enhance local workforce preparation including support of STEM curriculum, assisting Illinois Valley Community College with marketing campaign for its Certified Production Technician program. The Chamber also partners with B.E.S.T. (Business Employment Skills Team) and NCI Works, to facilitate informational seminars for local employers to assist in job placement. IVAC is also a partner with Boy Scouts of America to help facilitate job shadowing and internship programs with Career Cruising. Career Cruising is used by more students, parents, educators, and libraries than any other career development program in North America.
- **Partner with North Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation.** Economic Development Corporation of North Central Illinois (EDCNCI) represents more than 150,000 people and 2200 square miles of the tri-county region. The public/private collaboration has created a spirit of cooperation and a philosophy of working together for the greater good of the people of the tri-county region. To attract both public and private investment to facilitate new growth and while maintaining current assets of the community.

JOIN the TALK . . .

"Maze Company has been a member since 1945. We are a frugal company and feel our modest dues combined with other members’ dues have a real impact in the Illinois Valley."

Roelf M. Loveland - President
Maze Nails - Peru

"Our longstanding membership indicates that we consider belong a worthwhile investment."

Mike Stariha
President & General Manager
American Nickeloid Company - Peru

Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development
Join us! 815-223-0227 · ivaced.org
ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (IVCC)

Illinois Valley Community College offers associate degrees and certificates in an eight county district. Associate in Applied Science degrees and certificates prepare students for employment upon completion of the program. Associates Degrees in Arts, Sciences, Engineering Sciences, and General Studies are available for students wishing to transfer to a four-year institution. Besides the programs of study, IVCC provides student services, including counseling, free tutoring, an open computer lab, and an on-campus bookstore.

STEM EDUCATION

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics is an education principle and curriculum choice used in schools throughout the Illinois Valley to improve competitiveness in science and technology development. STEM focuses on these areas together, not only because the skills and knowledge in each discipline are essential for students’ success, but also because these fields are deeply intertwined in the real world and in how students learn more effectively. It has implications for workforce development, national security concerns and immigration policy.

IVCC CERTIFIED PRODUCTION TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

CPT Program can be completed in one semester at IVCC. MSSC has developed 4 standards based assessments to evaluate the core competencies of entry-level production workers. IVCC offers the training courses, which combine interactive online training with instructor-led material. Individuals will learn the basic skills and knowledge required for manufacturing jobs and will be prepared to pass the national certification test to become a Certified Production Technician. CPT is endorsed by 16 area manufacturers as the preferred credential for employment with their companies. Average local wage for a technician is $15.85 an hour and most companies offer increases after 90 days as well as healthcare and other benefits.

ILLINOIS VALLEY ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES CLASS

IVEO is a business run by a select few students from various high schools throughout the Illinois Valley area and based in Peru. The mission of the IVEO class is to prepare youth to be responsible, enterprising individuals who become entrepreneurs or entrepreneurial thinkers and contribute to the economic development and sustainability of the Illinois Valley.
“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

BUILDING THE FUTURE

Northview School, Peru

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The curriculum for PreK-8th in the Illinois Valley is centered on mathematics and literacy skills in writing and reading, while also incorporating science and social studies. Schools in the area blend the subject matter with PE, health, art, music and technology for a well-rounded education. Schools also emphasize pillars of good character such as respect, self-discipline, and caring.

Students at Northview School, Peru
HIGH SCHOOLS

The Illinois Valley is home to many excellent high schools, which teach the necessary educational skills needed for immediate placement into the workforce after graduation and prepare individuals for further education. Most schools offer dual credit courses, so that students can start working toward a college degree while in high school. Marquette Academy in Ottawa offers students and even bigger jumpstart by making graduating high school with an associates degree a possibility. LaSalle-Peru Township High School (L-P) is the area’s largest high school, serving students from LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby, Tonica, and surrounding communities. St. Bede Academy, founded in 1891, and LaSalle-Peru Christian High School are two private schools available in the area.

PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS

- LaSalle-Peru Christian
  lpchristian.org
- Marquette Academy
  marquetteacademy.net
- St. Bede Academy
  st-bede.com
Natural Science Laboratory Instructor LeeAnn Johnson is reviewing the digestive organs of a torso model with a student in preparation for a lab practical.
Illinois Valley Community College recently marked the 92nd anniversary of the creation of its predecessor, La Salle Peru Oglesby Junior College, and later this month will celebrate its 50th commencement.

“It’s hard to believe that 92 years ago we had seven instructors and 32 students. Today we’ve grown to more than 386 employees – of which 81 are full-time faculty – serving more than 8,000 students,” said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran.

Corcoran said the genesis for IVCC’s success stems from the quality of those first instructors: Florence Crocker, Katherine Reinhard, William Mulvey, E.G. Marshall, Miles Hartley, Don Dailey, Bertha Danheim, and Dr. Thomas J. McCormack – as well as the employees who joined IVCC in the ensuing years.

In April, IVCC hosted its 21st Making Industry Meaningful in College (MIMIC) Fair and over 60 employers participated in the 25th Annual Job Fair.

“Many hours of preparation and commitment go into these important events benefitting students, staff and the community,” said Corcoran, IVCC’s 10th President, now in his eighth year. “That’s what IVCC is all about – working hard and responding to the needs of the community we serve.”

IVCC owes its success to committed faculty and staff, many of whom have dedicated their professional careers to the college. At the April 29 employee recognition event, eight employees were honored for 25 years of service, six for 30 years, and one for 35.

IVCC serves a 2,000-square-mile district made up primarily of three counties: LaSalle, Bureau and Putnam, and small parts of five others.

Today IVCC offers students over 50 career degrees and certificates, 46 transfer degrees, 40 students clubs and organization and 10 National Junior College Athletic Association sports including men’s and women’s soccer coming this fall.

Six years ago, IVCC opened its first full-service satellite campus, Ottawa Center, at 321 W. Main St. The Center has provided a convenient higher education option for thousands of residents on the east side of the district.

In 2014, IVCC opened the 80,000-square-foot Peter Miller Community Technology Center to prepare students for, among other careers, the manufacturing and alternative energy jobs of the future.

Specifically, the CTC is home to Electronics Technology, Certified Production Technician (CPT), Industrial Maintenance, Computer Numerical Control (CNC), Drafting and Computer Aided Design (CAD), Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Computer Networking, Industrial Electricity, Machinist and Tool & Die, and Renewable Wind Energy Maintenance.

In addition, the CTC houses critical student services including counseling in the William and Dian Taylor Student Development Commons, financial aid and admissions as well as community-strengthening programs such as Continuing Education and Adult Education.

In January, IVCC opened a Student Center in counseling’s former home and a cyber café in the main lobby. The renovations were part of the final phase of a $30.1 million construction project.

That’s what IVCC is all about – working hard and responding to the needs of the community we serve.

-Jerry Corcoran
IVCC President

Illinois Valley Community College
815-224-2720 | ivcc.edu

**UNIVERSITIES**

Advanced education within a 60-mile radius includes Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, and Bradley University in Peoria. Vast educational resources are also available at the University of Illinois in Chicago and Urbana-Champaign, which are approximately 90-120 miles away.

- Bradley University
  309-676-7611 | bradley.edu
- Illinois State University
  309-438-2111 | illinoisstate.edu
- Illinois Wesleyan University
  309-556-1000 | iwu.edu
- Northern Illinois University
  815-753-1000 | niu.edu
- University of Illinois at Chicago
  312-996-7000 | uic.edu
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  illinois.edu | 217-333-1000
Quality healthcare is important in the Illinois Valley. A healthy community is essential to a healthy and thriving business industry. The area is served by two well-equipped hospital – St. Margaret’s Healthcare and Illinois Valley Community Hospital – and various joint or private facilities that provide specialty care for cancer treatment, veteran care, therapeutic needs, and more.

**VALLEY REGIONAL CANCER CENTER**

Imaging and Lab Services are provided by Valley Regional Health Services, a joint venture of Illinois Valley Community Hospital and St. Margaret’s Hospital. Together, their diagnostics and lab services includes state-of-the-art PET/CT technologies and extensive laboratory diagnostic services.

Valley Regional Health Services uses their on-site GE Discover ST 16-slice PET/CT scanner, which incorporates some of the most advanced imaging technology available today. This new technology assists the physicians in the staging of cancer and aids in surgical and radiation treatment planning.

Valley Regional Cancer Center offers a wide variety of cancer treatment services from diagnostics to recovery. Cancer is an elusive disease therefore one or more types of treatments may be necessary to produce the most optimal outcome. During the initial consultation, our care team discusses treatment options and offers treatment-specific educational materials so that patients and their families can better understand the care process. By combining the experience of our highly-trained medical and radiation oncologists within one practice, we offer greater resources, treatment options and technologies, while surrounding the patient in an environment of wellness and compassionate care.

valleyregionalcancercenter.com

**ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME AT LASALLE**

The Illinois Veterans Home at LaSalle opened in December of 1990. The facility provides nursing care for 184 veterans, which includes 40 special needs patients – those veterans suffering from Alzheimer’s or dementia. The home’s staff consists of medical, nursing, social service and activity personnel and offers a full range of therapeutic services through specialists in the community in order...
to help the veterans to enjoy a high quality of life and do as much as their health will enable them to do.

CITY CENTER REHABILITATION
City Center Rehab is an Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinic in Peru, IL. They have been providing personalized, one-on-one care to patients in the Illinois Valley for the last 11 years.

Their Staff Includes:
- A Highly Skilled Manual Therapist
- Advanced Trained Therapists Who Are Also Certified In Geriatrics
- Two Physical Therapist Assistants Certified In ASTYM Since 2006
- 5 Certified Athletic Trainers

They have a private deep water therapeutic pool with private changing areas and showers. The pool is warm and is also handicap accessible.

City Center Rehab provides a variety of services to help reduce pain and stiffness and to improve and restore your range of motion. Services provided by City Center include: Physical Therapy, Aquatic Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Industrial Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine, Athletic Training, ASTYM, Arthritis Aquatics Classes, Sports Enhancement, and Balance/Vestibular training.

Their slogan is: It’s your choice where you go for therapy! Choose The Best, Choose City Center!

citycenter-rehab.com
St. Margaret’s Health operates a 57-bed, acute care facility located in Spring Valley, Illinois. The hospital includes a medical/surgical unit, a 6 bed ICU, a Level II nursery with 6 LDRP rooms, a state-of-the-art surgical center, and a newly renovated and expanded emergency department. The hospital treats approximately 11,000 patients in its emergency department and performs over 5,000 surgical procedures annually.

Nestled by the banks of the Illinois River, St. Margaret’s currently has an active, courtesy, and consulting medical staff of over 100 physicians, and a network of primary and specialty physicians. With almost 700 employees, St. Margaret’s Health is one of the top employers in the area.

The hospital has well-developed ancillary services, including a full time MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, cardiopulmonary, & digital mammography. They provide comprehensive rehabilitation services – including physical, occupational, and speech therapy – and both cardiac and pulmonary rehab programs. They also offer a Medicare-certified hospice program. Some of the state-of-the-art diagnostic services offered include: MRI, spiral CT scanning, FDA-approved mammography, 24-hour laboratory services including microbiology and pathology, and picture archiving and computer system (PACS). The nuclear medicine department has recently been updated with a beautiful waiting room, technologist area, and a larger testing room to accommodate the new SPECT-CT machine. St. Margaret’s also partners with another local hospital to offer regional cancer care in a neighboring community. St. Margaret’s is also the only OB unit in the
area that guarantees expectant mothers board certified OB/GYN care by a medical doctor from the beginning of the pregnancy all the way through postpartum visits.

St. Margaret’s was recently rated as a “Top Hospital for Surgery” in the September 2013 issue of a leading consumer magazine. Since then, a new surgery center was recently created and now includes six large operating rooms, the Esophageal and Colon Cancer Prevention Center, special procedures, pain clinic, same day surgery, sterile processing, and 32 new pre/post bays.

Since 1903, St. Margaret’s Health, a flagship member of the SMP Health System, has provided quality healthcare with a personal touch. Part of their mission also includes keeping up with the latest in healthcare trends and assessing the needs of patients as the landscape of healthcare services changes. While the hospital itself consists of almost 200,000 square feet, St. Margaret’s also reaches out to areas not close enough for routine and emergency healthcare with a system of both community health clinics and urgent care, walk-in facilities.

Two urgent care facilities are located in adjacent communities to both the east and west of Spring Valley. St. Margaret’s Midtown Health Center is located across from Hyvee in Peru. St. Margaret’s Center for Family Health is located in the old Sullivan’s building in Princeton. Both provide a full range of primary care for all ages, including walk-in care for minor injuries and illnesses, expanded lab services, and diagnostic testing – including digital x-ray services. One also provides comprehensive obstetrical and gynecological care for women and OB sonograms.

Along with these facilities, St. Margaret’s Health also includes a network of seven community health clinics, a women’s health center, an ear, nose, and throat center, a 10,000 square foot outpatient physical rehab facility, and a neurology clinic. There are two orthopedic centers located within the hospital, each with its own board certified, fellowship provider trained surgeon on staff.

All of St. Margaret’s clinics share the electronic medical records with the hospital, allowing patients access to important medical information through a secure patient portal. “MyCare Patient Portal” is a completely secure, online tool that allows patients to: securely message the medical provider’s staff, view appointments, review lab results, view other reports, update personal information, view history and discharge information, and much more!

St. Margaret’s is continually updating its facilities and technologies as they strive to keep providing consistent quality healthcare services. For more information regarding the healthcare network of St. Margaret’s Hospital and clinics, please visit www.aboutsmh.org or find us on Facebook.
Illinois Valley Community Hospital is a 49-bed acute care hospital located at 925 West Street in Peru. Founded as People’s Hospital in 1914, the hospital gained its current name in 1975 when People’s merged with St. Mary’s Hospital in LaSalle to form IVCH. The LaSalle building closed in the late 1970’s.

IVCH is the only nonsectarian hospital in the area that has an obstetrics unit and a team of obstetrician/gynecologists and certified nurse midwives who can deliver a full spectrum of women’s health care services, including reproductive healthcare. The IVCH obstetrics unit was the first in the area to offer nitrous oxide to women in labor for pain relief and is the only local OB unit that offers water birth as a birthing option.

IVCH is also the only area hospital along the Interstate 80 corridor between Joliet and the Quad Cities that offers hyperbaric oxygen therapy as an option for patients who need treatment for wounds with serious infections, bubbles of air in the blood vessels, and wounds that won’t heal as a result of diabetes or radiation injury. The IVCH Wound and Hyperbaric Center opened in 2014 with two hyperbaric oxygen chambers.

The IVCH Center for Physical Rehabilitation and Aquatics (located in the same building as the Illinois Valley YMCA) offers comprehensive physical therapy, sports rehab and aquatic therapy for all ages with services and equipment not often found at hospitals outside larger metropolitan areas. The rehab center features:

- A spacious two-story 15,000 sq. ft. facility
- A 1,500 sq. ft. warm water therapy pool with hydraulic lifts and railings
- A canopied, drive-up front door entrance with no steps
- Large, wheelchair accessible exam rooms
- Close-by parking
- An open treatment area
- 30 pieces of specialized physical therapy equipment
- A de-weighting system that allows patients to exercise when they can’t walk or are severely impaired

In the forefront of bringing modern medical care to the LaSalle-Peru-Oglesby-Utica area, IVCH opened a spacious new obstetrics unit in 2011. IVCH was the first hospital in the area to open a walk-in retail health clinic in 2010 followed by the opening of an urgent care center in 2011. The hospital’s emergency department is the largest in the Illinois Valley.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>The IVCH Medical Group of physicians and mid-level healthcare providers has offices in LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby and Utica.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Here’s the list:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Women’s Health Care Center (Peru and Princeton)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• LaSalle Medical Clinic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Hygienic Institute (LaSalle)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Oglesby/Utica Medical Clinic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Peru Medical Clinic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Peru Primary Care Clinic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Illinois Valley Orthopedics (Peru)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• IVCH ENT &amp; Allergy Center (Peru)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• IVCH Infectious Disease Clinic (Peru)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• IVCH Sleep Center (Peru)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• IVCH Wound &amp; Hyperbaric Center (Peru)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The IVCH Medical Group also has two offices in Streator. IVCH has two walk-in clinics that are open seven days a week. IVCH FastCare, located inside the Peru Walmart, is for minor ailments. The IVCH CareToday urgent care clinic located next to the Illinois Valley Y is for more serious injuries and illnesses that are not life-threatening. For the most serious conditions, the IVCH emergency department is staffed 24 hours a day by board-certified emergency medicine physicians.

IVCH is an independent not-for-profit hospital governed by a volunteer board of directors. The hospital’s mission statement affirms its promise to patients to provide exceptional care through a commitment to clinical excellence and compassion for every patient, every day. IVCH’s goal, as expressed in the hospital’s vision statement is to be known as the hospital where patients want to receive care, physicians want to practice and employees want to work.

You can learn more about IVCH by going to the hospital’s web site at www.ivch.org.
Valley Regional Cancer Center

Here at Valley Regional Cancer Center we provide comprehensive and innovative treatment and lab services in a non-hospita setting. Our experienced Medical and Radiation Oncologists are ready to support you and your family on your journey to hope.

We offer a wide variety of cancer treatment options including chemotherapy and radiation. By combining the experience of our highly trained medical and radiation oncologists within one practice, we offer greater resources, treatment options and technologies closer to home.
Butterfly Landing Medi-Spa has been helping local people transform their lives since it opened in 2003. What began as a simple mom-and-pop operation has morphed into a multi-faceted wellness center that is unique in Illinois Valley through consolidation, innovation, and diversification.

Dr. Robert and Meg Kinsella

Meg Kinsella, Executive Director of both the medical practice of Dr. Robert Kinsella and the Medi-Spa, has been the business manager since its opening on July 7th, 2003. The Medi-Spa originally opened as a laser hair removal, laser spider vein treatment, aesthetic skin care, and massage therapy facility. While it continues to provide all of these same services, it is now an integrated wellness center, which provides women's healthcare, both medical and non-medical weight loss treatment, facial rejuvenation with Botox and Juvederm, and life coaching.

The blessing of an excellent staff, including esthetician Susie Stang – who has been there since the beginning – and nurse Luann Martyn, has allowed Butterfly Landing to be innovative and able to continually expand the high-quality services provided. The collaborative efforts of a skilled and friendly office staff, nurses Kathy Ryan and Leslee Marincic, top-notch massage therapist Terri Damas, and skilled esthetician Lia Papas enables the Medi-Spa’s clients and patients truly emerge transformed.

In 2010 the addition of a weight loss protocol has helped thousands of local people transform their bodies and self image, emerge less at risk of diseases related to obesity, and decrease their dependence upon prescription medication.

Our most recent is the addition is Life Coaching. Meg Kinsella is now a Certified Life Coach and is helping clients transform their lives by finding their inner joy.

Butterfly Landing Medi-Spa has been working diligently to help clients and patients live healthier and happier lives for over a decade and they invite you to achieve health and wellness, so that you too can emerge transformed.
CLASSIC & HISTORIC
TO NEW & MODERN

Neighborhoods
No matter your personality and preference, the Illinois Valley offers a wide variety of homes to fit your family, style and budget. If downsizing and buying less so you can experience more is your heart’s desire, there are options from apartment rentals to small homes with a fantastic price tag. If you love older homes with character, there are many historic homes with stories to tell of days gone by and things yet to be discovered. Just starting out? The Illinois Valley has everything from apartments to duplexes and townhomes to affordable single-family homes. If you need room to grow, there are plenty of medium to large homes to meet your needs and reasonably priced to fit your personal budget. Getting older and wanting to reduce the maintenance that comes with home ownership? There are neighborhoods like Liberty Village that are popping up throughout the area that cater to senior citizens.Seniors can choose to live with the level of independence and support that they need and desire. Each area is unique and can vary based on when the neighborhoods were established.
A VARIETY OF FAITHS IN THE ILLINOIS VALLEY:

Assemblies of God
Baptist
Christian
Christian Science
Congregational & United Church of Christ
Eastern Orthodox
Episcopal
Evangelical
Foursquare
Jehovah’s Witness
Lutheran
Nazarene
Non-Denominational
Presbyterian
Roman Catholic
Synagogue
United Methodist
The Illinois Valley is home to an array of faiths and denominations. The religious leaders and communities work together to help those in need, provide guidance, and lead others into a deeper faith. A sense of togetherness, compassion, and respect is encouraged.

The area is also well-equipped with a variety of civic clubs and organizations that promote the arts, community, charity, recreation, and more.

Diversity, respect, and compassion are at the heart of what the area strives for as community joins together in faith or for an activity or cause. You can find a place in the Illinois Valley that corresponds with your concept of community and that helps you learn and grow.

Here are just a few of the organizations and clubs in the area:

American Legion
Catholic Daughters of America
Cedar Point Sportsman’s Club
DePue Men’s Club
Habitat For Humanity
Illinois Valley Jr. Women’s Club
Illinois Valley Sunrise Rotary
Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra
Illinois Valley Toastmasters
Illinois Valley Woman’s Club
Illinois Valley Youth Choir
Illinois Valley Youth Symphony
LaSalle Rotary
Lostant Ladies League
Ottawa Noon Rotary
Peru Rotary
Spring Valley Boat Club
Starved Rock Cycling Association
Starved Rock Audubon Society
Starved Rock Runners, Ltd.
Utica Garden Club
VFW
Watham Curling Club
YMCA
Zonta Club of LaSalle-Peru
Shopping the downtown districts of the Illinois Valley is a true delight. The unique details and craftsmanship of the historic architecture are a testament to the area’s dedication to quality and to the heart of the people that reside here. In the Illinois Valley, there is a charm that is often lost in new construction and big cities. Just a stroll down the numerous downtown streets will reveal that many areas are working diligently to restore and revitalize the building facades and downtowns to their former glory and vitality and to infuse the area with beauty through plantings and green spaces.

However, the experience is not meant to stop there. Beyond the thresholds are bountiful treasure troves of unique and beautiful things to acquire, delicious food and drinks to consume, fun experiences to be had with friends and family and so much more.
Scout is one of the newest additions to Downtown LaSalle's shopping district. They offer a variety of clothing, shoes, and equipment for enjoying the great outdoors. The decor, built-in displays, and classic feel of the store are reminiscent of days gone by when high quality was the standard.

If you are looking for gifts with a vintage flair, check out Old Glory in Peru. The shop also carries a wide variety of unique Americana, home décor, and gifts. Old Glory also carries a fantastic selection of holiday and seasonal decor that is sure to enhance your festivities.

Girlfriends is a specialty lingerie shoppe in Peru that offers bra fitting services and carries a full range of bras from petite to very full. They also carry swimwear, bras for nursing, post-surgical and prosthesis, camisoles, and shapewear.

In the market for new furniture? Peru is home to the Illinois Valley's oldest family-owned furniture store. Steinberg's Furniture was founded in 1888. Their current location contains 300,000 square feet of furniture and home decor from brands you trust for quality, durability, and style.

Good health is important. Yoli's health and wellness program can help you live your best life possible. Yoli, which means "to live," offers a variety of supplements and drinks to enable you to transform your health: physically, emotionally, and financially. The supplements help to provide optimal nutrition, balance pH levels, increase energy and mental clarity, and more. These products are available at Advanced Chiropractic in Peru.

Vlastnik's Menswear carries a great selection of casual and dress clothing and shoes for men in a broad range of styles, brands, and sizes – many of which are made in America. Since alterations are free with every purchase, you can be sure that you will look and feel great in your new clothes.
Dining out in the Illinois Valley is a pleasant experience for every palate. The variety of options is an eclectic mix of traditional, ethnic, specialty, and gourmet with the choices of atmosphere from casual and laid back to upscale and fancy. Whether you want a tasty brunch, a gourmet meal, or just a great glass of wine or craft brew, there is a perfect choice for you.

If you love Kansas City style BBQ, then Tony’s Butt Shack BBQ and Catering is the place to be. Tony Vaccaro’s dream to open a restaurant began on a trip to Kansas City in November of 2012. He serves everything from smoked brisket, pulled pork, smoked ham, smoked brats, and pork sausage to sweet potato pie and – what seems to be everyone’s favorite – fried potato salad. The homemade sauces are served on the side, so you can add as little or as much as you like.

Looking for something that isn’t your everyday faire? At Cajun Connection, Cajun food is a love that Ron McFarlain set out to share with the Illinois Valley in 1995. Growing up near Lake Charles, Louisiana, Ron was raised to love creating home cooked and Cajun food. They often cooked what they brought home from the swamps. From the boudin and fried alligator to red beans and rice and jambalaya, you are sure to find something that will keep you coming back for more.

Mark Allen’s American Kitchen is owned and operated by seasoned chef Mark Weisbrod and his wife Ann. Ann’s fun, interactive art can be found throughout the restaurant. At Mark Allen’s, they serve traditional American cuisine and the menu changes seasonally, so there is always something new to try. Looking for a caterer? Mark Allen’s also hosts private events and offers a delicious and beautifully displayed catering menu for your special event as well.

If you are looking for a great place to eat that is easy on the budget, check out 9th Street Pub. They not only offer dine-in and catering, but also take-out and delivery. To keep you entertained, they have pool tables, a shuffleboard, and live music and you might even encounter Mrs. Sonnenburg’s ghost while you are there.

For that special treat, don’t forget to stop by Christy’s Kitchen in Peru. Co-owner Christie Pasieka offers a variety of custom cakes, breakfast pastries, desserts, wedding cakes and dessert tables, and a catering menu.
Don’t forget after-dinner drinks. If award winning wine is on the menu, then you will enjoy the variety and quality from August Hill Winery and Illinois Sparkling Co. in Utica. August Hill Winery is owned by Mark and Teri Wenzel. Mark discovered that Illinois is well-suited for growing French-hybrid grapes that are excellent for creating sparkling wines. Mark chose to create his wines the same way that the French have created their champagne for generations. Mark has been named “Wine-maker of the Year” multiple times by the Illinois Grape Growers & Vintners Association and his wines have received awards, such as “Best of Show” in Illinois State Fair Wine competitions.

All of the Illinois Sparkling Co. wines are handcrafted in its Peru facility using grapes that were grown in Illinois.

You can try the various wines in the Tasting Room in Utica, which includes the tasting bar, 3-season patio and August Hill Winery’s new lounge, which includes tables for 2 or a group, club chairs and love seats. Plates with foods that pair nicely with the wines are also available for purchase.
Spring Valley is located on the banks of the Illinois River. It features Barto Landing, a deep lagoon for launching from the ramps, as the only calm-water public access to the Illinois River for forty miles. For 30 years it has been the first stop on the Cabela’s MWC Tournament Schedule, the biggest Walleye competition in the state, drawing fishermen from all over the United States. In addition to the MWC, several other fishing tournaments are held here annually. The landing provides free public access for excellent boating, fishing and water sport opportunities.

Spring Valley also offers several other recreational opportunities, including Spring Creek Golf Course, Echo Bluff Nature & Recreational Area, two indoor shooting ranges, Coal Miners Park and Fishing Pond and several public parks. The 3rd Annual Outdoors Expo on June 25th highlights its local and regional supporting businesses and provides family entertainment and activities. This year’s event will feature a Triathlon Competition. Test your skills in the fields of shooting, casting, and archery for the opportunity to be named Spring Valley’s Outdoors Challenger of the Year.

Visitors can also enjoy learning about the town’s local, coal, business and cultural history at the Spring Valley Historic Association Museum. Another special stop should be the Illinois Valley Fallen Bikers Memorial Wall, which is located at Uncle Stewy’s RoadHouse in Spring Valley. The wall was put in place as a memorial tribute to those bikers who have passed while driving their motorcycle.

The City’s Ethnic Heritage can be found in its unique dining opportunities. Verucchi’s Ristorante has been an Italian favorite for more than 100 years. Pizza, paninis, gyros, sandwiches and other entrees can be found at Angelo’s Restaurant, Alfano’s Little Sicily and J’adore’s. Valley Bar and Grill serves up American favorites while you enjoy the unique gas pump memorabilia décor. You don’t want to miss the Golden Mine Restaurant’s strawberry waffles for breakfast, one of their homemade soups, or their other daily offerings. El Real Taco I & II will provide you with authentic Mexican favorites. Top off your tour with an ice cream treat from the Tastee Freez - now celebrating its 66th anniversary in Spring Valley.

While visiting Spring Valley don’t forget to include shopping at our unique businesses. Valley Roundhouse is a mecca for the model railroader, while Valley Coin Jewelry Pawn offers expertise and a substantial collection of currency. IL Valley Outdoors has the largest selection of boats in the region, along with fishing gear and other outdoors related items. Blue Collar Bikes has everything motorcycle, while Mean Metal Guns is all things firearms. Gifts and collectibles can be found at Valley Flowers & Gifts, Johnson’s Pharmacy and St. Margaret’s Hospital Gift Shop. If you are looking for trendy and affordable apparel and accessories, Amia Boutique and Dept. #2 are two stores you won’t want to miss.
The village was of Utica was founded in 1852. With the ease of waterway transportation and trade, the north bank of the Illinois River was the ideal place to settle. With the I and M canal to the south nearby, local businesses and community members elected to redevelop the town along the new waterway in order to avoid the recurring flooding of the river. Many had already had been working in that location for contractor and businessman James Clark who had worked on the I and M canal and had established a lucrative cement business. In 1848, he constructed the Canal Warehouse Building, which was used as a warehouse and general store for his employees and other locals. Moving the town to this location seemed to be an ideal and natural step. This new community was called the Village of North Utica. Today, it is still officially called North Utica – most people know it as Utica – and the old Canal Warehouse is the LaSalle County Historical Society’s museum.

Natural resources were an integral part of the village and the canal was an important component for logistics. Utica was ideally located as a shipping hub for the major cities of St. Louis and Chicago. Also, with the abundance of natural resources, cement manufacturing was a significant part of commerce for Utica, along with brick making. Clay, sand and hydraulic limestone were main commodities. Lumber and grain were also important cargo for the area.

Today, sand mining is still the main economic asset. This area of the Illinois Valley contains some of the best sand used in the production of glass and silicates. With three state parks nearby, tourism is another important factor in the area. Starved Rock, Matthiessen, and Buffalo Rock bring well over 2 million visitors through the area. Being just off of 1-80, Utica is the gateway that many pass through as they make their way into the area for fun and outdoor activities. While North Utica may be a small town community, it is home to a variety of delightful shops, charming boutiques, great restaurants and wineries, and historic attractions that draw people back every year. Utica is still a great location for business and recreation.
Hennepin is located among the scenic, thickly wooded areas along the Illinois River in northwestern Putnam County. It was incorporated in 1837 and is the county seat of Putnam County. Dating back to 1817, settlement began with the construction of 2 trading posts by Beaubien, a Frenchman, and Thomas Hartzell with permanent settlers moving into the area by 1828. The area has been home to everything from large herds of buffalo to waterfowl – the prairies there were abundant with life.

For much of the 20th century, the 2,600 acres of river floodplain were drained for farming. However, in 2001, the Wetlands Initiative began work to restore the land to its former glory. The pumps were turned off and soon thereafter more than 1,000 acres of lakes began to reappear as they filled with ground water and precipitation. Now, native plants and animals are thriving with the Initiative’s continued restoration work at the Dixon Waterfowl Refuge at Hennepin and Hopper Lakes. The land also helps to protect the adjacent Dore Seep, which is a rare wetland where ground water surfaces. The Refuge, with the new 2.7-mile Marquis Oak Ridge Trail, is a great place to hike and bike. The trail leads from the north end of the refuge into the interior and loops back. The refuge is daily open to the public for activities such as birdwatching and paddling as well.

Hennepin also offers great opportunities for business. Centrally located in the center of key areas, including Rockford, the Quad Cities, Galesburg, Peoria, and Bloomington-Normal, it is also within 100 miles of the major metropolitan areas of Chicago, Champaign-Urbana, and Springfield. Being on the Illinois River and near major interstates with rail accessibility, Hennepin is in a prime location for manufacturing and industry. Today, Hennepin hosts industries such as Dynegy, Washington Mills, and Marquis Energy.
In 1673, Louis Joliet and Jacques Marquette, both linguists and chosen to lead the expedition that included several others, set out to explore the Mississippi and its tributaries. The Illinois River Valley was one area that they charted and explored. Marquette was amazed at the fertility of the Valley, the landscape and the wildlife as he had seen nothing quite like it before. Besides the fertile land and abundant wildlife, Joliet and Marquette discovered coal seams in the bluffs along the river in the Illinois Valley – the first discovery of the resource on the North American continent. That discovery played a role in the development of Peru and its surrounding areas. Though coal mining was an important industry, harvesting and shipping ice, and boat building and repair were also big business for Peru, which was incorporated in 1851.

Peru has been home to businesses that have been thriving for over a century. American Nickeloid, a supplier of continuous coil products, began in 1898. Maze Nails, one of America’s last nail manufacturers, opened in 1898, while Carus Chemical, the largest manufacturer of Potassium permanganate in the world, started in 1915.

The City of Peru is one of the few in the state maintain a municipally-owned Hydro Electric Green Power Plant, which provides significant cost savings to the community. The city has upheld a commitment to owning and operating its own electric generation, transmission, and distribution system since 1891. Besides providing saving on electricity, Peru continually works with businesses to meet the needs of the particular project. Peru also offers three TIF Districts and two enterprise zones. Because of this commitment to the community and to business, Peru’s retail and manufacturing industry are continually expanding.
Originally established on the south bank of the Illinois River, Ottawa had been a key town in the Illinois Valley and it was designated the county seat early on. The city is rich in history with many historic sites, including the Reddick Mansion and the John Hossack House. Throughout history, the city has stood for freedom and equality and is well-known for the extrication of runaway slave Jim Gray. John Hossack is one of three civic leaders who helped him escape to Canada and later went to jail for violating the Fugitive Slave Law. Ottawa is also famous for being the site of for the first great debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas in 1858. The site of this historic event took place in what is now Washington Park in Downtown Ottawa.

Sand and glass products have been top commodities for more than a century because of its high-quality silica sand deposits. Today, Pilkington Glass Works is still one of its largest employers. While glass products are still an important part of the economy, industry in Ottawa has expanded and the Industrial District includes a variety of manufacturers and distribution centers, such as SABIC Innovative Plastics, PetSmart and Kohl's Distribution Centers, HR Imaging, Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating, U.S. Silica, and Mitsubishi Belting.

Touches of beauty can also be found all throughout Ottawa’s downtown district and riverfront from mosaics and murals to plantings and parks. Ottawa prides itself on being a city in bloom. There are riverfront parks and a riverwalk to enjoy and located on a bluff just down the river is Buffalo Rock State Park. Experience the expanse of the river atop the bluff, hike the trail among the earthen sculptures of the Effigy Tumuli, visit the two resident Buffalo, and more.
With its exposed limestone and coal, Oglesby's roots began in coal mining. However, the cement industry quickly took precedence. Originally named Portland for the similarities in the cement manufactured there to Portland cement, it was later renamed Oglesby after Governor Richard Oglesby. The cement industry in Oglesby has been continuing to expand and adapt since it first began over a century ago. The Marquette Cement Company that began in 1898 is still active; today it is a distribution terminal and operates under the name of Buzzi Unicem USA.

To help prepare workers to meet the needs of the community and businesses, Oglesby is also home to the Illinois Valley Community College. IVCC offers a wide variety of certificates and associate and transfer degrees from nursing to manufacturing.

Oglesby is well-known for its beautiful parks. McPhedran Park, Oglesby's latest addition, features a beautiful pond with a 1/3-mile track encircling it. The pond is complete with a fishing pier and is stocked with fish. Along the track are six workout stations. There is also a fun playground for the kids and it is a dog-friendly park. Also, with three rivers and three state parks just minutes from the heart of Oglesby, there is always something fun to do outdoors. There is a boat launch area nearby for those who enjoy fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and even a little white water rafting.

Not only is Oglesby a great place to play, but also a great place for business. With its location just off of Interstates 39 & 80, Oglesby is a prime location for business and distribution with many sites available for development and some with buildings and infrastructure already in place. Enterprise Zones, TIF Districts, and low taxes are just a few benefits that are available in Oglesby.
ARLINGTON
The area coal mines drew residents and businesses to the area. Originally called Lost Grove, the town was renamed by its mayor after a town in New York. Much of the area today is agricultural, since much of the town was destroyed in a tornado in the 1950s.

CHERRY
In 1909, the town was devastated by a fire in the coal mine that killed 259 of nearly 500 men and boys who worked in the mine. Twelve of the men who had escaped returned to the mine in an attempt to rescue their co-workers still in the mine. These heroes saved many, but lost their lives in their 7th trip back to the surface.

DALZELL
Located just south of Cherry, the town was home to many miners. Dalzell was named after the coal magnate Sam Dalzell.

DEPUE
Originally named Trenton, DePue was named after the French fur trader. Today, DePue is known for the Lake DePue Pro National Championship Boat Races that are held every year by the Depue Men’s Club.

HOLLOWAYVILLE
This former coal mining site is one of the oldest villages in Bureau County. Mainly a farming community for most of its history, Hollowayville has one of the lowest state sales tax rates.

LADD
Incorporated in 1890, Ladd was a coal mining town. After the mine was sold to the Illinois Third Vein Company, the business invested $100,000 to improve safety in the mine and it became one of the safest in the state.

LAMOILLE
Originally named Greenfield, the town was renamed after Vermont’s Lamiolle River.

PRINCETON
Elijah Epperson was the first settler in the area in 1829. Princeton originally was part of Putnam County. In 1837, Bureau County was created out of Putnam County and Princeton was named as the county seat.

SEATONVILLE
The village, incorporated in 1889, was called Seatonville after an early settler named W.A. Seaton. Back in the day, it was thought to be one of the best mining towns in the area.

GRANVILLE
The Village of Granville was named after Granville, Massachusetts and was a coal mining town. Hall of Fame pitcher Charles “Red” Ruffing was born in Granville.

MARK
Named after the son of the farmer who donated the land, Mark was incorporated in 1905. Today it is home to Mennie Machine Shop, a female-owned company.
MCNABB
The I, I & I Railroad purchased County Judge J. M. McNabb's farm in order to build a station in Magnolia Township. The town that grew around it was called McNabb.

STANDARD
F. W. Sucher founded Standard and many of the lots were sold built up in the early 1900's. The town, being very close to Granville, could almost be noted as its suburb.

LASALLE COUNTY

CEDAR POINT
The Cedar Point Mine was in operation for 18 years in the early 1900's. Today, Cedar Point is home to Cedar Creek Ranch and The Gunsmoke Grill.

LASALLE
LaSalle got its name from Robert de LaSalle, a French Explorer who explored the region in 1678 and it is the furthest western point of the Illinois Michigan Canal. The canal enabled businesses to expand their market more readily. In recent years, LaSalle has been experiencing revitalization and development of its downtown district.

LOSTANT
Lostant is unique in that it is one of the few places that is named after a female. Its name is derived from the wife of the French Minister to the U.S., the Countess of Lostant.

MARSEILLES
The first settlers in the area were William Richey and his son in 1829. He wanted to establish a trade depot and a farm. Kimball, who platted the town, named the area Marseilles in hopes that it would be a center for industry like the established French town.

MENDOTA
In November of 1853, the Chicago and Aurora Railroad merged with the Illinois Central Railroad. The station that was built there was named Mendota, which is an Indian name meaning “where two trails meet.”

SENeca
Seneca was originally named Crotty Village for Jeremiah Crotty who mapped out the proposed town. In 1858, Seneca was incorporated as a village.

STREATOR
Originally named Hardscrabble, which means struggle, was later named Unionville during the Civil War. When it was incorporated in early in 1867, the town became Streator after Dr. Worthy L. Streator, who funded the early mining operations there.

TONICA
The Village of Tonica was named after an Indian Chief that founder A.J. West had known in New York. Many of the original streets also have Native American names.

TROY GROVE
The village was named after an early settler and is known as the birthplace of Wild Bill Hickok, a famous American Army scout and lawman.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Events</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| January| Starved Rock - Winter Wilderness Weekend  
|        | Starved Rock - Eagle Watch Weekend  
|        | Hennepin - Natural Lands Area Cross Country Skiing                     |
| February| Matthiessen - Cross Country Ski Weekend  
|        | Hennepin - Natural Lands Area Cross Country Skiing                     |
| March  | Spring Valley - Cabela's Walleye Tournament                           |
| April  | Starved Rock - Wildflower Pilgrimage  
|        | Spring Valley - Illinois River Walleye Classic                         |
| May    | Starved Rock - Spring Migratory Bird Hike  
|        | Ottawa - Midwest Morel Fest                                            |
|        | Peru - Kids Fishing Expo                                                |
|        | Utica - Canal Market                                                    |
| June   | Ottawa - 2 Rivers Wine & Jazz Festival  
|        | Celebrate LaSalle Summer Festival                                      |
|        | Utica - Garden Club Faire & Walk                                       |
|        | LaMoille - Buffalo Days                                                |
|        | Spring Valley - Boat Club Shipwrecked Weekend                           |
|        | Spring Valley - Annual Outdoors Expo                                   |
|        | Starved Rock - Art in Motion Annual Art Show & Sale                    |
| July   | Marshall-Putnam Fair and 4-H Fair                                      |
|        | DePue Pro National Championship Boat Races                            |
|        | Oglesby - Summer Fun Fest                                               |
|        | LaSalle County 4-H Fair                                                 |
|        | Bureau County 4-H Fair                                                 |
|        | Utica - Canal Market                                                    |
|        | Cajun Connection - Mardi Gras in July                                   |
| August | Ottawa - Riverfest                                                      |
|        | Skydive Chicago's Summerfest                                           |
|        | Mendota - Sweet Corn Festival                                          |
|        | Tri-County Fair                                                        |
|        | Bureau County Fair                                                     |
|        | Spring Valley - SVFD Music on Main                                     |
|        | Hennepin - Community Picnic & Pig Roast                                 |
|        | Peru - Maud Powell Arts Celebration                                    |
| September | LaSalle - Music Festival  |
|        | Matthiessen - Vintage Illinois Wine Festival                           |
|        | Ottawa - Scarecrow Festival                                            |
|        | Starved Rock - Mega Hike                                               |
|        | Starved Rock - Autumn Migratory Bird Hike                              |
|        | Starved Rock - Valley Carvers Woodcarving Expo                         |
| October | Utica - Burgoo Festival & Car Show                                     |
|        | Oglesby - Harvest Fest, Scramble & Zombie Pub Crawl                     |
|        | Starved Rock - Fall Colors Weekend                                     |
| November | Utica - Veterans Day Parade & Air Show                          |
|        | Spring Valley - Christmas in the Valley                                |
| December | LaSalle - Miracle on 1st Street                                       |
|        | Starved Rock - Breakfast with Santa                                    |
The Illinois Valley values the arts. There are a variety of organizations that promote and support fine art, music, and the performing arts.

There are arts organizations, such as the Ottawa Art League and the North Central Illinois ARTworks, that work to engage the community with the arts, foster art and creativity, sponsor shows and other events, provide lessons, and more.

The Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra (IVSO), under the direction of conductor Lucia Matos, plays a wide variety of orchestral work from Baroque to Contemporary. Performances include the annual Pops Concert and the bi-annual Nutcracker Ballet in which both local and international soloists have performed.

Engle Lane Theatre in Streator and Stage 212 in LaSalle host several full-scale plays or musicals throughout the year, along with individual acts and traveling shows. The theaters are open to all age groups and skill sets to audition. Volunteers assist with the background and technical work that it takes to put on the productions. Some shows on the docket include: Little Shop of Horrors, Mary Poppins, and Funny Girl.

Music Suite 408 is a community-based program that enriches the community through music, art, creative writing, community workshops, performances, and more. Music Suite 408 offers individual or group instruction, encourages a love of the arts, and helps students thrive.
Nowhere in the Midwest can one find such picturesque scenery as the canyons and cliffs at Starved Rock which sees millions of visitors each year. Starved Rock State Park has been named one of the Seven Wonders of Illinois, #1 Fan Favorite, and #1 attraction in Illinois by the Illinois Office of Tourism. The thirteen miles of trails at the park include breathtaking views atop of cliffs that look over Lover’s Leap, Wildcat, and Starved Rock Canyons as well as Pulpit Rock and various other bluffs and vantage points along the Illinois River. Fourteen of the eighteen canyons canyons have seasonal waterfalls. The best times to see them are in the spring or after heavy rainfall. In winter, there are beautiful icefalls and American Bald eagles to see. Both are quite amazing and majestic.

When you need to rest your feet, the park and lodge also offer various activities throughout the year. Besides the guided hikes, there are live music and shows, trolley tours, boating, dining, shopping and much, much more.

Just a few minutes from Starved Rock is Matthiessen State Park. While smaller in size, it also has several great seasonal waterfalls, magnificent canyons and dells, as well as five miles of hiking trails, six miles of cross-country skiing trails, and nine miles of trails for mountain biking and horseback riding. For those who like to rough it, the park also offers several primitive camping sites. Several times a year the park is closed to visitors and opened up to turkey and deer hunting. Ski rentals are available December through March on-site for cross-country skiing as well.

For the extra touch of beauty, the Vermilion River flows through the park, while colorful wildflowers dot the landscape in spring and a wide variety of brightly colored songbirds are sure to delight those who catch a glimpse of them.

A Baltimore Oriole in Matthiessen
© Paula Guttilla
Giants Bathtub © Tom Gill
3. **BUFFALO ROCK STATE PARK**

Buffalo Rock State Park is a 298-acre park along a bluff on the Illinois River between Ottawa and Utica. The park was home to the Illinois Indians and who used the rock as a “blind canyon” to capture American buffalo that once roamed the terrain by the hundreds of thousands. Now, two can be seen daily within a fenced section of the park. Three primitive campsites exist in the park along a section of the I & M Canal towpath.

Buffalo Rock is also home to earthen sculptures called “Effigy Tumuli.” They were inspired by the great Native American burial grounds and created by artist Michael Heizer. Heizer created five sculptures: a snake, a turtle, a catfish, a frog and a water strider – all of which are native to the Illinois Valley.

4. **LOCK 16 CENTER & LASALLE CANAL BOAT**

The Volunteer offers hour-long narrated, mule-pulled boat tours on the I&M Canal. The I&M Canal State Trail along the canal also offers a well-traveled tow path for 61 miles of hiking and biking from LaSalle to Rockdale, near Joliet.

Near the LaSalle Canal Boat is the Lock 16 Visitor Center and Café & Gift Shop. The old building used to house a horse buggy business. The Visitor Center and Café hosts a variety of activities, lectures, afternoon teas and cultural programs.

For more information, visit lasallecanalboat.org.
The Red Covered Bridge just north of Princeton is one of just 5 left in Illinois and is a historic treasure. Built in 1863, the bridge is still open to traffic and is well-maintained. The 149-foot bridge spans over Big Bureau Creek. Nearby is a park with picnic tables if you want to spend a bit more time in the area.

Not too far away is another historic gem – Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park. The Hennepin Canal State Trail was completed in 1907 and has mainly been used for recreational purposes for much of its existence. There are plenty of activities to do year round within the Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park. Hiking, biking, and horseback riding are favorite things to do along the 155-mile trail that parallels the canal. Boating is another common activity on the canal. It is quite common to see wild turkey and waterfowl in the park. If you plan on spending the day there, the Hennepin Canal State Trail is a great place to bring along a picnic lunch or dinner. There are picnic tables where you can stop to eat along the way. Winter activities include cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. There are approximately 155 miles of hiking trails, 91 miles of surfaced bike paths, and about 90 miles of snowmobile trails. Between April and October, you can bring your horse and enjoy approximately 73 miles of trails designated for horseback riding in the park as well.

The towpath runs from the Illinois River to the Rock River and is a great place to fish as well. For more information about the Hennepin Canal, State Trail, and things to do, visit the Visitor Center in Sheffield.

Call 815-454-2328 for more information.

Photos © Tom Gill
DePue Pro National Championship Boat Races

Tens of thousands of visitors gather every year to watch the Pro National Championship Boat Races on Lake DePue, which is hosted by the DePue Men’s Club. Attending the races is a tradition for many in the area. Whether there is too much water or too little water, the community pulls together to remedy the situation and make the races happen. There is a small admission fee and the event also includes live music and beer gardens.

For more information, visit depuemensclub.org.

Cabela’s Walleye Tournament

Cabela’s Masters Walleye Circuit Tournament is a fishing competition where teams compete for almost one million in cash and prizes. One location for this circuit is in Spring Valley. The best walleye anglers will be named the MWC State Champions or the World Walleye Champions. The mission of the Spring Valley Walleye Club and the MWC is to teach and instill a love for fishing and to protect and conserve fisheries.

For more information, visit masterswalleyecircuit.com and spring-valley-walleye.org.
The Dixon Waterfowl Refuge at Hennepin and Hopper Lakes is a 3,100-acre wetland that had been previously drained by local farmers who began farming the land. In 2001, The Wetlands Initiative, a non-profit ecological restoration agency, began restoring 2,600-acres to their former glory. Soon after turning off the pumps, backwater lakes, wetlands, fens, and seeps began to reappear. They worked diligently to bring the area back to life with flora and fauna originally native to the wetland and prairie there. Amazingly, the sago pondweed and other aquatic vegetation began to sprout and thrive once again as the water returned. As the habitat began to be restored, the native wildlife continued to return to the area. Today there are tens of thousands of ducks and other species that can be seen at the peak of both Spring and Fall migration, which you can observe from the observation tower. You can also spend time canoeing, hiking, and biking. There is a new 2.7-mile trail that loops from the north end of the refuge into the interior.

For more information, visit wetlands-initiative.org.

Photos courtesy of the Wetlands Initiative
10. **HEGELER CARUS MANSION**

Located in LaSalle, the Hegeler Carus Mansion was built for Edward C. Hegeler, a partner in the Matthiessen Hegeler Zinc Company. The Second Empire style mansion was designed by architect William W. Boyington, the architect of the Chicago Water Tower. It was completed in 1876.

The interior has remained untouched since August Fiedler originally designed it with its parquet floors, handpainted ceilings, and even its own gymnasium. The home not only housed the Hegeler Family, but is also was home to his publishing company for which Paul Carus was the managing editor. It remained as the family’s home until 2004, when its sole resident Alwin Carus passed away.

The home has been designated a National Historic Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information, visit hegelercarus.org.

11. **LASALLE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM CAMPUS**

The LaSalle County Historical Society’s museum located in Downtown Utica, is comprised of five facilities: the 1848 Canal Warehouse, the 1865 One-Room School House, the Heritage Center, the Blacksmith Shop and the 1875 Barn. The buildings house a variety of local artifacts, pioneer furnishing and other period pieces, antique equipment and 20th century military artifacts. The Blacksmith Shop has been in operation with a forge and smith since it first opened in 1892.

For more information, visit lasallecountyhistoricalsociety.org.
12. **SUNSET RIDGE MX**

Sunset Ridge MX is a family-owned Moto-cross and ATV track near Walnut, Illinois. The facility consists of a track that is about 1.6 miles in length and includes both natural and man-made obstacles. Track practice memberships are available as well for a fee. Concessions are available on site. Safety is a top priority; Sunset Ridge EMS is on hand to provide care and transport to riders free of charge.

For a schedule of races and GPS information, visit sunsetridgemx.com.

13. **BOATING ON THE VERMILION**

Canoe the Vermilion and Vermillion River Rafting provide canoes, rafts, or kayaks, instruction, and transportation for a trip on the Vermilion River. The pace is up to you. The rapids are rated as Class III–IV depending on the water level.

Canoeing is also available on the Fox River through various LaSalle County businesses.

For more information on boating on the Vermilion, visit: canoethevermilion.com or vermillionriverrafting.com.

14. **Z-TOUR BIKE RIDE**

The Z-Tour Bike Ride is a fundraiser for the Zearing Child Enrichment Center, which is a non-profit agency that provides educational childcare for ages 6 weeks to 12 years. The ride begins and ends in Zearing Park in Princeton and winds through low traffic roads that have a beautiful view with some rolling hills. There are 5 different routes to meet various skill levels, endurance and ages. This is not a race, so the pace is up to you. A post-ride meal is provided for all riders.
EXCLUSIVELY FOR IVAC MEMBERS

Term Life to Age 100

Guaranteed Issue - Unless not actively at work or previously diagnosed as HIV positive • Retirement and investment protection • Totally Portable • Covers dementia and Alzheimer’s • Quality of Life Rider turns 75% of life benefit into long term care • Covers both War and Terrorism • Covers spouse at 50% of employee benefit • Pays 30% of benefit upon terminal illness.

Our other benefits include Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability, and Critical Illness.

For more information on Discounts, Benefits, Limits, and Guarantee Issue, Contact Mike Meatheringham at

815-795-6769
meatheringh@aol.com

In partnership with A.J. Gallagher, Paul Verkoulen, and Joe Gotfryd.

Some of our Services Include:

• Ultrasound
• Digital X-Ray
• Orthopedic Surgery
• Laser Therapy
• Canine Physical Rehabilitation
• Laser & Soft Tissue Surgery
• Cat Condos
• Doggie Daycare
• Canine Boarding Suites

Visit us at www.ancarevet.com
or Like Us on Facebook!

AnCare Veterinary Hospital
2400 Chartres St. LaSalle
815.223.1000
Open 7 Days a Week

AnCare Veterinary Clinic
1205 6th Ave. Mendota
815.539.3844

AnCare Veterinary Clinic
1301 U.S. RT. 6 Spring Valley
815.664.4616

Feline and Canine Boarding Suites in our LaSalle Location!

We Treat your Pet like Family!
15. WINTER FUN

Winter brings another set of outdoor activities to enjoy. Hiking in the state parks during the winter is filled with amazing scenery. Waterfalls within Matthiessen and Starved Rock freeze during the cold weather months. The detail in them is just as unique and complex as a snowflake. When conditions are favorable, Starved Rock allows certified climbers to scale select waterfalls. Please note that rock climbing in the parks is strictly prohibited. For more information on ice climbing or to get permission to climb, call 815-667-4726.

You can cross-country ski in Matthiessen State Park and along the Hennepin Canal State Trail. Ski rentals are available in Matthiessen. If you enjoy snowmobiling, trails are accessible from Buffalo Rock’s I&M Canal Access Point and on snowmobiling trails in Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park.

Right: An icefall at Starved Rock State Park

Connecting Point Computer Center has been providing managed computer services to their customers since 1966. Located in Downtown Peru since 1982, Connecting Point offers complete IT solutions for every sized business. Whether your need is Managed IT to insure your company’s network is up and running 24x7x365 or a proposal to replace and implement new PCs/servers/printers Connecting Point is your one stop shop. Our 8 industry trained service engineers allow us the flexibility to dispatch an onsite service call within 24 hours and a person on the end of the line immediately when you call for help.

For Connecting Point Computer Center customer satisfaction has always been and continues to be the primary focus of our company. Our motto “We Provide Solutions” is the promise we make to our customers so they know we will give them the best solution for their IT needs.
16. **GOLF COURSES**

Illinois Valley offers many golf courses in the three county region from nine-hole courses for the novice to 18-hole tournament quality club houses. Here are some of the options available:

- Chapel Hill Golf Course | Princeton
- Dayton Ridge Golf Course | Ottawa
- Deer Park Country Club | Oglesby
- Edgewood Park Golf Club | McNabb
- Green River Country Club | Walnut
- Hidden Lake Country Club | Sheffield
- Hunter’s Ridge Golf Course | Princeton
- Indian Hills Golf Club | Tiskilwa
- Mendota Golf Club | Mendota
- Pine Hills Golf Course | Ottawa
- Senica’s Oak Ridge Golf Club | LaSalle
- Senica’s Deer Park Golf Club | Oglesby
- South Bluff Golf Course | Peru
- Spring Creek Golf Course | Spring Valley
- Tall Oaks Country Club | Toluca
- Twin Creeks - Eastwood | Streator
- Wyaton Hills Golf Course | Princeton
LASALLE FARMER’S MARKET
Tuesdays | 3 - 6PM | June - September
Hegeler Park | LaSalle
Farm-raised meat, baked goods, fresh produce

OGLESBY FARMERS MARKET
Thursdays | 3 - 6PM | July - September
Walnut Street | Downtown Oglesby
Vegetables, fruit, baked goods, flowers, plants, homemade crafts and a variety of other items

SPRING VALLEY FARMERS MARKET
Wednesdays | 4 - 6PM | June - September
Heart Land Bank & Trust parking lot | Spring Valley
Homegrown, natural, and homemade food, crafts and products | Weather permitting

MENDOTA FARMERS MARKET
Saturdays | 8AM - Noon | June - October
Main Street | Downtown Mendota
A variety of fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants and garden specialties | Rain or shine

STREATOR DOWNTOWN FARMERS’ MARKET
Saturdays | 9AM - 1PM | June - October
100 N Park Street | Streator
Rain or shine

OLD TOWN FARMERS MARKET
Saturdays | 8AM - 12:30PM | May - October
Washington Square Park | Ottawa
Vegetables, fruits, baked goods, jams, jellies, soaps, coffee

ENJOY FRESH PRODUCE AND FLOWERS AND SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS
ACCOUNTANTS

Abacus Tax Service, Inc.
815.664.3290 | Spring Valley

Clifton, Larson, Allen, LLP
815.875.4541 | Princeton

Jay Baxter, CPA
815.883.3500 | Oglesby

Leonard Racine, CPA
815.223.6646 | Peru

Miller, Shevokas, Mason
Accounting Group, Inc.
815.223.8808 | Peru

Raymond W. Weber, CPA
815.223.5606 | Peru

ADVERTISING/MARKETING/MEDIA

Key Outdoor, Inc.
815.224.4742 | LaSalle

Mendota Broadcast, Inc.
& LACO Radio
815.224.2100 | Peru

NewsTribune
815.223.3200 | LaSalle

Ning Communications, LLC
815.875.8014 | Princeton

Reaska Media
309.532.7285 | Magnolia

The Times
815.431.4011 | Ottawa

WCMY/95.3
815.434.6050 | Ottawa

WLPO, WAIK, WOLF
815.223-3100 | Oglesby

AGRICULTURE

Pioneer - A DuPont Company
815.667.5133 | Utica

Utica Terminal, Inc.
815.667.5131 | Utica

Growing & Serving the entire Illinois Valley Area

815-875-3333
www.central-bank.com
Member FDIC · Equal Housing Lender

Justin Lamboley
Linda Hessenberger

250 Marquette Street
La Salle, IL 61301
815-223-0700

1300 13th Avenue
Mendota, IL 61342
815-539-5656

101 N. Columbia Avenue
Oglesby, IL 61348
815-883-3354

2959 Peoria Street
Peru, IL 61354
815-223-9400

Safe and Secure... Just like the last 130 years.

www.eurekasavings.com
Apply for a loan the same way you shop for your home.

MORTGAGE LOANS => hbtbank.com
**MEMBER DIRECTORY**

**BANKS & CREDIT UNIONS**

- **Central Bank**  
  815.875.3336 | Princeton

- **Centrue Bank**  
  815.224.4848 | Peru

- **Eureka Savings Bank**  
  815.223.0700 | LaSalle

- **Financial Plus Credit Union**  
  815.223.6602 | Peru

- **First Federal Savings Bank**  
  815.434.3500 | Ottawa

- **First State Bank**  
  815.224.4484 | Peru

- **Heartland Bank and Trust Company**  
  815.223.7500 | Peru

- **Hometown National Bank**  
  815.223.7300 | LaSalle

- **Illinois Valley Credit Union**  
  815.224.2666 | Peru

- **LaSalle State Bank**  
  815.223.8800 | LaSalle

- **Midland States Bank**  
  815.220.7130 | Peru

- **Peru Federal Savings Bank**  
  815.223-4300 | Peru

- **Spring Valley City Bank**  
  815.663.2211 | Spring Valley

**BEAUTY SALONS/SPAS MEDICAL**

- **Butterfly Landing Medi-Spa**  
  815.220.8460 | Peru

- **Soderstrom Skin Institute**  
  815.224.7400 | Peoria

**BUILDING SUPPLIES**

- **Maze Lumber Co.**  
  815.223.1742 | Peru

---

**FARFIELD INN & SUITES**

**A healthy outlook on travel.**

- Spacious guest rooms with microwave and refrigerator
- Free hot breakfast
- Free WiFi
- Indoor pool and hot tub
- 24 hour fitness center
- Onsite guest laundry
- Wheel chair accessible

**Fairfield Inn & Suites®**  
**Peru**  
4385 Venture Drive  
Peru, IL 61354  
815.223.7458  
marriott.com/sqipr

---

**DAKOTA STREET INSURANCE**

**Finding Solutions. Building Relationships.**

**Business, Life, Health, Home, and Auto Insurance**

**815.663.9905**  
**120 E. Dakota Street, Spring Valley**

---

**Professionals In Insurance and Risk Management**

**Brennan & Stuart Inc.**  
**Professionals in Insurance & Risk Management**

222 Bucklin Street, LaSalle, IL 61301  
815-223-0137  
brennanstuart.com

---

**MEMBER DIRECTORY**

**BANKS & CREDIT UNIONS**

- **Central Bank**  
  815.875.3336 | Princeton

- **Centrue Bank**  
  815.224.4848 | Peru

- **Eureka Savings Bank**  
  815.223.0700 | LaSalle

- **Financial Plus Credit Union**  
  815.223.6602 | Peru

- **First Federal Savings Bank**  
  815.434.3500 | Ottawa

- **First State Bank**  
  815.224.4484 | Peru

- **Heartland Bank and Trust Company**  
  815.223.7500 | Peru

- **Hometown National Bank**  
  815.223.7300 | LaSalle

- **Illinois Valley Credit Union**  
  815.224.2666 | Peru

- **LaSalle State Bank**  
  815.223.8800 | LaSalle

- **Midland States Bank**  
  815.220.7130 | Peru

- **Peru Federal Savings Bank**  
  815.223-4300 | Peru

- **Spring Valley City Bank**  
  815.663.2211 | Spring Valley

**BEAUTY SALONS/SPAS MEDICAL**

- **Butterfly Landing Medi-Spa**  
  815.220.8460 | Peru

- **Soderstrom Skin Institute**  
  815.224.7400 | Peoria

**BUILDING SUPPLIES**

- **Maze Lumber Co.**  
  815.223.1742 | Peru

---

**= Years of IVAC Membership**
Advantage Magazine

LEAVE THE CLEANING TO US...

So You Have Time For What Matters.

ivcleanteam.com
815-228-5273

Providing Services in LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Lee, Ogle, Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Whiteside Counties

- Business Services
- Career Planning
- Training Solutions

www.best-inc.org • www.nciworks.org
BEST, Inc. is an affiliate of NCI Works!
EO Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

CABINS/CAMPGROUNDS
Hickory Hollow Campground
815.667.4996 | Utica
Kishauwau Country Cabins
815.442.8453 | Tonica

CARPETS & INTERIORS
Carpet Weavers of Peru
815.410.4999 | Peru
DJ’s Carpet Outlet, Inc.
815.223.5000 | Peru
Fran Szott’s Carpet & Flooring Outlet
815.220.0411 | Peru

CHURCHES
Crossbridge Community Church
815.434.3794 | Peru

CIVIL ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN
Advanced Engineering Associates, Inc.
815.224.8500 | Peru
Basalay, Cary and Alstadt Architects, Ltd.
815.434.0108 | Ottawa
Chamlin & Associates, Inc.
815.223.3344 | Peru
HR Green
319.841.4000 | Cedar Rapids
Kmetz Architects, Inc.
815.223.3252 | LaSalle
McCleary Engineering
815.780.8486 | Peru
Midwest Testing Services
815.223.6696 | Peru

CLEANING SERVICES
Illinois Valley Clean Team, Inc.
815.228-5273 | LaSalle

Debo Ace Hardware
1713 4th St.
Peru, IL 61354
815.223.0461
www.acehardware.com

Store Hours
Monday - Thursday 7 - 5:30
Friday 7 - 6
Saturday 7 - 5
Sunday Closed
BUILT TO DO THE HEAVY LIFTING.

Moving any job forward is what Cattani and Barnhart does. Whether your job requires Crane Service, Specialized Rigging, Heavy Transport or Machinery Moving, Cattani and Barnhart are up to the challenge.

815.894.2348 // barnhartcrane.com

RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL
Restoration & Cleaning
815.434.5353 Ottawa

STANLEY STEEMER
815.431-9940 | Ottawa

CLOTHING/SHOES

Girlfriends Bra Specialists
815.780.8151 | Peru

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES
815.220.1003 | Peoria

VLASTNIK'S
815.223-0695 | Peru

WAL-MART
815.224-2396 | Peru

COLLECTION

Collection Professionals, Inc.
815.223.0804 | LaSalle

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

American Red Cross
815.223.0922 | Romeoville

B.E.S.T., Inc.
815.224.7930 | Dixon

Heritage Corridor Convention & Visitors Bureau
815.588.7940 | Romeoville

Horizon House
815.223.4488 | Peru

Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living
815.224.3126 | LaSalle

Illinois Valley Food Pantry
815.224.3658 | LaSalle

Illinois Valley PADS/Lily Pads
815.224.3047 | LaSalle

Knights of Columbus
Calvert Council 792
815.223.0412 | LaSalle

MEMBER DIRECTORY
OUR SERVICES:

- Geotechnical Reports
- Subsurface Investigations
- Geotechnical Analysis
- Foundation and Pavement Design Recommendations
- Subgrade Modification and Reinforcement
- Construction Inspection

Terry McCleary
MCCLEARY ENGINEERING
3705 Progress Blvd., Suite 2
Peru, Illinois 61354
(815) 780-8486 Office
(815) 830-6405 Cell

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

LaSalle Business Association
815.223.2341 | LaSalle

LaSalle County C.A.S.A.
815. 434.2620 | Ottawa

March of Dimes
Heartland Division Illinois
815.223.3221 | LaSalle

North Central IL Council of Governments
815.433.5830 | Ottawa

North Central Illinois ARTworks
815.228.1128 | LaSalle

March of Dimes
Heartland Division Illinois
815.223.3221 | LaSalle

Project Success
of Eastern Bureau County
815.663.2085 | Spring Valley

Starved Rock Country
Community Foundation
815.252.2906 | Ottawa

North Central IL Council of Governments
815.433.5830 | Ottawa

North Central Illinois ARTworks
815.228.1128 | LaSalle

Starved Rock Regional Center
for Therapy and Child Development
815.434.0857 | Ottawa

COMPUTER SERVICE/SALES
TECHNOLOGY

Connecting Point Computers Center
815.223.1052 | Peru

Facet Technologies
dba Nerds on Call
815.223.3800 | Peru

CONSULTANTS
EDUCATION

Glenn Shepard Seminars
615.353.7125 | Nashville
NERDS ON CALL

Sales and Service
Computer • Phone
Tablet • Audio
Home Automation
Accessories • Gadgets
Drones

PERU LOCATION
4325 State Route 251
Peru, IL 61354
(815) 223-3800

CoolestNerds.com

Residential Computer Repair
Full Business Tech Support

MEMBER DIRECTORY

CONTRACTORS/CONSTRUCTION

Advanced Asphalt Co.
815.925.9523 | Princeton

Builder’s Choice, Inc.
815.223.6438 | LaSalle

Cattani, E & Son
815.894.2348 | Ladd

Cruz Concrete, Inc.
815.663.9671 | Spring Valley

Gatza Electrical Contracting
815.780.8139 | Peru

Illinois Cement Company
815.224.2112 | LaSalle

CONTRACTORS/CONSTRUCTION

Illinois Valley Construction
Indundustry Labor/Management
815.223.0561 | LaSalle

CONTRACTORS/CONSTRUCTION

Illinois Valley Contractors Association
815.223.0561 | LaSalle

Illinois Valley Excavating, Inc.
815.223.3276 | Peru

Illinois Valley Fence & Pool, Inc.
815.667.3667 | Utica

IV Construction, Inc.
815.223.2319 | LaSalle

Koolmaster Co., Inc.
815.223.8972 | LaSalle

Ladzinski Cement Finishing
815.223.8307 | Peru

Overhead Door Company
815.223.8471 | Peru

Pederson Construction
815.252.7536 | Hennepin

CONTRACTORS/CONSTRUCTION

Phalen Steel Construction Co.
815.539.9391 | Mendota

Pohar, John & Sons, Inc.
815.224.1048 | LaSalle

Sickley, DJ Construction, Inc.
815.224.8516 | Peru

Springfield Electric
815.223.2650 | Peru

Tieman Builders
815.224.3880 | LaSalle

Vissering Construction
815.673.5511 | Streator

CONTRACTORS/CONSTRUCTION PLUMBING,HEATING,COOLING

J.B. Contracting
815.223.9800 | LaSalle

Business Services
Networking • Servers
Email • Spam Filtering
Virus Protection
Software Development
Websites

Nerds on Call is a Facet Company
Serving Peru, Normal, Pekin and Peoria

FACET

MEMBER DIRECTORY

70 ivaced.org
## Member Directory

### Contractors/Construction
- Grassers Plumbing & Heating
  815.882.2111 | McNabb
- Town & Country Services
  815.442.5415 | Tonica

### Distribution/Logistics
- Illinois Valley Minerals, LLC
  815.442.8402 | Hennepin

### Education
- IVCC - Illinois Valley Community College
  815.224.2720 | Oglesby
- LaSalle Elementary School District 122
  815.223.0786 | LaSalle
- LaSalle-Peru Township High School District 120
  815.223.1721 | LaSalle
- Lincoln College Normal
  309.268.4355 | Normal
- Peru Elementary School District 124
  815.223.9731 | Peru

### Entertainment
- Illinois Valley Super Bowl
  815.223.5085 | Peru
- Riders Choice Racing, LLC
  815.883.9574 | Oglesby

### Equipment Sales/Service
- Central Illinois Equipment Sales
  815.925.3035 | Hennepin
- Kittilson’s Garage, LLC
  815.220.1892 | LaSalle

### Financial & Investment Services
- Bernardi Securities
  815.587.8972 | Peru
- Country Financial
  Matthew J. Hostetter
  815.339.6136 | Granville
- Cyr Financial
  815.925.7501 | Hennepin
- Edward Jones - Bob Herington
  Financial Advisor
  815.224.3830 | Peru
- Edward Jones - Steve Lamis
  Financial Advisor
  815.664.2014 | Spring Valley
- Hueneburg Financial Group
  815.224.1638 | LaSalle
- Illini Investment Services
  815.883.8400 | Oglesby
- LPL Financial
  815.223.3352 | LaSalle
- Personal Finance Company
  815.220.0753 | Peru

### Fitness
- Xyngular Health & Weight Loss Products
  815.228.7992 | Utica
- YMCA
  815.223.7904 | Peru

### Fuel/Oil/Gas
- Beck Oil Company
  815.224.1076 | Peru
- Casey’s General Store
  815.223.6748 | LaSalle
- Casey’s General Store
  815.883.3177 | Oglesby
- Casey’s General Store
  815.223.0084 | Peru

### Government
- City of Oglesby
  815.883.3389
- City of Ottawa
  815.433.0161
- City of Peru
  815.223.1148
- City of Spring Valley
  815.664.4561

### Golf Courses/Country Clubs
- Senica Investments, LLC DBA Sencia’s Deer Park
  815.667.4239 | Oglesby
- Senica’s Oak Ridge, Inc.
  815.223.7273 | LaSalle
- Spring Creek Golf Course
  815.894.2137 | Spring Valley

### Fuel/Oil/Gas
- Flying J Store #644
  815.220.0611 | LaSalle
- Happy’s Service Center
  815.663.8311 | Spring Valley
- Love’s Travel Stops #351
  815.667.4572 | Utica
- Love’s Travel Stops #529
  815.883.3561 | Oglesby
- Toedter Oil Co.
  815.664.2818 | Granville

### Funeral & Cremation Services
- Hurst Funeral Home
  815.223.0380 | LaSalle
- Mueller Funeral Homes
  815.223.0184 | Peru
- Prey-Mueller Funeral Home
  815.883.8662 | Oglesby
- Ptak Funeral Home
  815.223.0172 | Peru
### GOVERNMENT
- **Illinois Waterway Visitor Center/USACE**
  815.667.4054 | Ottawa
- **Judge Cynthia Raccuglia**
  815.434.8294 | Peru
- **LaSalle Township Supervisor**
  815.223.0807 | LaSalle
- **Putnam County Government Office**
  815.925.7129 | Hennepin
- **State Senator Sue Rezin**
  815.220.8720 | Peru
- **Village of Hennepin**
  815.925.7138
- **Village of Mark**
  815.339.2454
- **Village of North Utica**
  815.667.4111

### GROCERY STORES
- **Hy-Vee, Inc.**
  815.223.5219 | Peru
- **Save-A-Lot**
  815.223.0333 | La Salle

### HARDWARE
- **Debo Ace Hardware**
  815.223.0461 | Peru

### HOME FURNISHINGS
- **Sherman's**
  815.223.6425 | Peru
- **Steinberg's Furniture, Inc.**
  815.223.6598 | Peru
- **Turk Furniture**
  815.224.8875 | LaSalle

### INSURANCE
- **American Family Insurance**
  Nicole Lash
  815.224.8381 | Peru
- **Arthur J Gallagher & Co.**
  708.223.3324 | Westchester
- **Brennan & Stuart Insurance**
  815.223.0137 | LaSalle
- **Dakota Street Insurance, LLC**
  815.663.9905 | Spring Valley
- **Hartauer Insurance Agency, Inc.**
  815.223.1795 | LaSalle
- **Management Professional Services**
  815.224.1889 | LaSalle
- **Peru Waltham Mutual Insurance**
  815.223.4414 | Peru
- **River Valley Insurance Agency**
  815.223.1505 | LaSalle

### LANDSCAPING
- **King Landcare, Inc.**
  815.488.9853 | Spring Valley
- **Wilson Landscaping Co. & Nursery**
  815.224.1561 | LaSalle

### LIBRARY
- **Peru Public Library**
  815.223.0229 | Peru

### LODGING/HOTELS/MOTELS
- **Best Western Oglesby**
  815.883.3555 | Oglesby
- **Days Inn**
  815.883.9600 | Oglesby
- **Fairfield Inn of Peru**
  815.223.7458 | Peru
- **Grizzly Jack's Grand Bear Resort**
  815.667.7260 | Utica

### HOSPITALS & CLINICS
- **Illinois Valley Acupuncture**
  Chronic Conditions Center
  815.410.4004 | Peru
- **Illinois Valley Community Hospital**
  815.223.3300 | Peru
- **St. Margaret’s Health**
  815.664.5311 | Spring Valley

### HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES
- **Innovative Staff Solutions**
  815.780.8695 | Peru
- **Manpower International, Inc.**
  815.223.7942 | Peru
- **The Reserves Network**
  815.224.3175 | Peru
- **Unique Personnel Consultants**
  779.201.5985 | Peru

### INTERIOR DESIGN
- **Putnam County Painting, Inc.**
  815.339.2587 | Mark
- **Sherwin-Williams #3225**
  815.220.1125 | Peru
### LODGING/HOTELS/MOTELS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites</td>
<td>815.220.8400</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Holiday Inn Express</td>
<td>815.224.2500</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>La Quinta Inn &amp; Suites</td>
<td>815.224.9000</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spring Valley Inn</td>
<td>815.894.2225</td>
<td>Spring Valley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Starved Rock Lodge &amp; Conference Center</td>
<td>815.667.4211</td>
<td>Oglesby</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.</td>
<td>815.223.2924</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>American Nickeloid Company</td>
<td>815.223.0373</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canam Steel Corporation</td>
<td>815.224.9588</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eakas Corporation</td>
<td>815.223.8811</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hoover's Manufacturing Co.</td>
<td>815.223.1159</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois Valley Container</td>
<td>815.223.7200</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>James Hardie Building Products</td>
<td>815.220.3000</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Machinery Maintenance, Inc.</td>
<td>815.223.4058</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marquis Pallet Co.</td>
<td>309.246.7543</td>
<td>Lacon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NanoChem Solutions</td>
<td>815.224.8480</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### MANUFACTURING & PRODUCTION

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Taylor Made Machining, Inc.</td>
<td>815.339.6267</td>
<td>Mark</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tee Group Films</td>
<td>815.894.2331</td>
<td>Ladd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unimin Corporation</td>
<td>815.667.5102</td>
<td>Utica</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unytite, Inc.</td>
<td>815.224.2221</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>W.H. Maze Co.</td>
<td>815.223.8290</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### MEDICAL SUPPLY

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hammers Hearing Care Center</td>
<td>815.224.2445</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### MEDICAL, DENTAL & CHIROPRACTIC

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A Lifetime of Smiles</td>
<td>815.223.6013</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abigail Women's Clinic</td>
<td>815.538.3044</td>
<td>Mendota</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advanced Chiropractic</td>
<td>815.224.4450</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alzheimer's Association, Central Illinois Chapter</td>
<td>309.681.1100</td>
<td>Peoria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City Center Rehabilitation West, Inc.</td>
<td>815.223.4479</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mark A. Henry, DDS, MS</td>
<td>815.223.9931</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois Valley Oral Surgeons</td>
<td>815.224.1534</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Curtis Imel, DDS</td>
<td>815.224.2355</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Judge Chiropractic Center</td>
<td>815.223.0647</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicole Norris, MD</td>
<td>815.780.8264</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### MEDICAL, DENTAL & CHIROPRACTIC

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>North Central Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.</td>
<td>815.224.1610</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Valley Regional Cancer Center</td>
<td>815.224.5511</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vital Wellness Home Health, Inc.</td>
<td>815.431.9600</td>
<td>Ottawa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vitas Healthcare</td>
<td>815.220.0021</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### MUSEUMS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LaSalle County Historical Society</td>
<td>815.667.4861</td>
<td>Utica</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### OPTICAL SERVICES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bard Optical</td>
<td>815.220.0652</td>
<td>Peoria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gailey Eye Clinic</td>
<td>815.224.1100</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois Valley Eye Care</td>
<td>815.664.5331</td>
<td>Spring Valley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wendy Sanders-Maubach, OD, PC</td>
<td>815.223.0331</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### PETS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Starved Rock Pet Resort</td>
<td>815.673.2069</td>
<td>Streator</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### PRINTING/ADVERTISING/MARKETING/WEB DESIGN/GRAPHIC DESIGN/SIGNS & BANNERS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Apple Press</td>
<td>815.224.1451</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MCS Advertising</td>
<td>815.224.3011</td>
<td>Peru</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### PRINTING & TYPESETTING SERVICES SIGNS/GRAPHIC DESIGN

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Number</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DBP, LLC</td>
<td>815.872.3676</td>
<td>Princeton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Designs &amp; Signs By Anderson</td>
<td>815.223.6087</td>
<td>LaSalle</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
MEMBER DIRECTORY

PRINTING & TYPESETTING SERVICES
SIGN/GRAPHIC DESIGN

Impact Networking
815.224.1116 | Peru

LK-CS
815.223.0391 | Peru

REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Biederstedt Consultants
815.223.1212 | Peru

Coldwell Banker Today's Realtors
815.223.1088 | Peru

Crowley Appraisal Service
815.664.4422 | Spring Valley

Illini Valley Association of Realtors
815.224.1868 | Peru

Illinois Valuation Center
815.223.9968 | Ladd

Janko Appraisal Service
815.224.9550 | Peru

Koyak Appraisal Service
815.224.9400 | Peru

The Rich Building
815.663.1146 | Spring Valley

River Valley Properties
815.228.1186 | Peru

Woodland Path, LLC
630.575.2450 | Oak Brook

REAL ESTATE SERVICES
DEVELOPMENT

Cawley Chicago
630.810.0500 | Downers Grove

Illini Valley Association of Realtors
815.224.1868 | Peru

IPS Steel
734.837.1947 | Hennepin

REAL ESTATE, DEVELOPMENT
AGRICULTURE

Cannon Farm Venture
815.228.5270 | Spring Valley

REAL ESTATE RENTALS

Chicago for Rent.com
630.282.1171 | Downers Grove

Valley View Apartments
815.883.8944 | Oglesby

RESTAURANTS/BARS/CATERING

9th Street Pub
815.223.8960 | LaSalle

Bartley's
815.224.4689 | LaSalle

Brandy's
815.220.1744 | Peru

Cajun Connection
815.667.9855 | Utica

Christy's Kitchen
815.735.6791 | Peru

Cowboy & Tony's Butt Shack BBQ
815.223.9890 | Peru

Culver's
815.220.1980 | Peru

Fourth Street Bakery & Deli
815.224.1927 | Peru

Igloo, LLC
815.223.0848 | Peru

Mario's Maples Supper Club
815.223.1938 | Peru

Mark Allen's American Kitchen
815.220.0642 | Peru

McDonald's
223.5216 | Peru

McDonald's
815.663.7001 | Spring Valley

RESTAURANTS/BARS/CATERING

The Red Dog Grill
815.431.1338 | Ottawa

Sapp Bros Illini
815.224.1065 | Peru

Stone Jug Barbeque
815.202.2986 | Peru

Waterstreet Pub & Eatery
815.223.0400 | Peru

RETAIL

Peru Mall
815.223.7600 | Peru

Salvation Army Family Store
815.397.0440 | Peru

Scout Outdoor Apparel
219.863.4172 | LaSalle

Old Glory
815.224.3524 | Peru

Valley-Coin-Jewelry-Pawn
815.663.2313 | Spring Valley

RIVER DOCKING/DISTRIBUTION/LOGISTICS
TRANSPORTATION/TRUCKING

River Docks, Inc.
815.223.0468 | Peru

SAND/GRAVEL

Mertel Gravel Company
815.223.0468 | Peru

RiverStone Group
815.538.3554 | Moline

= Years of IVAC Membership
## SAND/GRAVEL
- Western Sand & Gravel Co., LLC  
  815.664.2341 | Spring Valley

## SCRAP METAL PROCESSING & RECYCLING
- Buckman Iron & Metal Co.  
  815.223.0522 | LaSalle

## SENIOR LIVING/HEALTH/REHABILITATION
- Heritage Health of LaSalle  
  815.223.4700 | LaSalle
- Heritage Health of Peru, LLC  
  815.223.4901 | Peru
- Home Instead Senior Care  
  815.223.7970 | Peru
- Liberty Village of Peru  
  815.224.2200 | Peru
- Pleasant View  
  A Lutheran Life Community  
  815.434.1130 | Ottawa

## STORAGE
- Quesse Moving & Storage  
  815.223.0253 | Peru

## TECHNOLOGY
- Dynegy Hennepin Power Station  
  815.339.9212 | Hennepin

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- Ficek Electric & Communication Systems  
  815.223.2775 | LaSalle
- Illinois Valley Cellular  
  815.224.0081 | Marseilles
- The Digital Store  
  815.220.0410 | Peru
- Sprint by Air1wireless  
  708.372.3333 | Peru

## TRAINING/SEMINARS
- All Risk Training & Safety  
  815.343.3163 | Spring Valley

## TRANSPORTATION/TRUCKING
- CIT Group, Inc.  
  815.224.4410 | Peru
- Double D Express  
  815.224.1924 | Peru
- Midwest Avtech, Inc.  
  815.223.2003 | Peru
- PDQ Logistics, Inc.  
  815.223.2949 | LaSalle
- Wiesbrock Trucking  
  815.856.2711 | Leonore

## TRAVEL AGENCIES
- LaSalle County Travel Agency  
  815.223.5500 | LaSalle

## UNIFORMS
- Aramark  
  800.373.0565 | Ottawa

## UTILITIES
- Ameren Illinois  
  800.735.5000 | LaSalle
- Comcast  
  866.553.4448 | Rockford

## VETERINARIANS
- Ancare Veterinary Hospital  
  815.223.1000 | LaSalle
- Progress Park Veterinary Hospital  
  815.224.2858 | Peru

## WASTE/RECYCLING
- Republic Services of Ottawa  
  815.434.2035 | Ottawa

## WATER CARE
- R.O. Pros  
  815.224.9283 | Peru
- T.E.S.T.  
  815.224.1650 | Peru

## WEBSITE DESIGN & WEBSITE MARKETING
- All Web Promotion  
  815.883.9462 | Oglesby

## WHOLESALE
- Cosgrove Distributors  
  815.664.4121 | Spring Valley
- Dresbach Distributing Co.  
  815.223.0116 | Peru

## WINERIES/GIFTS & SPECIALTY ITEMS
- August Hill Winery  
  815.667.5211 | Peru

## AREA UTILITIES
- AMEREN ILLINOIS  
  815-224-6200 | www.ameren.com
- AT&T  
  815-987-3697 | www.att.com
- COMCAST  
  866-553-4448 | www.comcast.com
- COMMONWEALTH EDISON  
  www.comed.com
- FRONTIER  
  www.frontier.com
- IVNET  
  815-223-1052 | www.ivnet.com
- LADD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
  815-894-2806 | www.vil.ladd.il.us
- NICOR  
  888 642-6748 | www.nicor.com
- OGLESBY MUNICIPAL  
  815-883-3389 | www.oglesby.il.us
- PERU MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT  
  815-223-0044 | www.peru.il.us
Utility companies in the Illinois Valley make it their business to provide high performance. Ameren Illinois, Commonwealth Edison, Peru Municipal, Oglesby Municipal, and Ladd Municipal, all supply electricity to various parts of the Illinois Valley. AmerenIP and Nicor supply natural gas.

The City of Peru has its own Hydro Plant, which is located on the Illinois River at Starved Rock Lock and Dam. It has four turbine units that generate about half of the residential load. It provides green power and reusable energy - a plus in protecting the environment. Also, there are several wind farms in the Illinois Valley area generating power as well.

AT&T, Comcast, and Frontier serve area customers with telephone service. AT&T, IVNet, Comcast and Frontier provide internet service and Comcast and Frontier supply cable TV.

EXCLUSIVELY FOR IVAC MEMBERS

- Short Term Disability
- Long Term Disability
- Term Life to Age 100
- Critical Illness

For more information on Discounts, Benefits, Limits, and Guarantee Issue, Contact Mike Meatheringham at 815-795-6769 meatheringh@aol.com

In partnership with A.J. Gallagher, Paul Verkoulen, and Joe Gotfryd.
Take Comfort in Our Care

If you or someone you love is seriously ill, you want to be at home—surrounded by the people and things you love. VITAS® Healthcare brings hospice services to more than 15,000 patients every day nationwide—more than 100 every day from your local VITAS team.

For more than 35 years, VITAS has offered comfort and quality of life to patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families. When symptoms become severe and patients want to remain at home, VITAS offers Intensive Comfort Care®.

This means continuous care in the home, with shifts of nurses at the bedside for up to 24 hours a day until symptoms are under control.

VITAS cares for Illinois patients like no other hospice can.
Call us—we can help

VITAS Healthcare
815.220.0021 • VITAS.com 🌐
A Whole Network Here to Help You and We’re Accepting New Patients!

Searching for a healthcare provider?
Look no further than the IVCH Medical Group, a comprehensive network of primary care, orthopedic and women’s health care medical professionals affiliated with Illinois Valley Community Hospital.

LaSalle
LaSalle Medical Clinic
128 Bucklin St.
Phone: 815-220-7170
Ricardo Calderon, MD
Melissa Strom, FNP

Hygienic Institute
2970 Chartres St.
Phone: 815-223-0196
Kara Fess, MD
Yesenia Valdez, MD
MaryFran Crist, APN
Jamie Bond, FNP
Clinical Psychologist: Ginger Brainard, PhD
Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
NOW ACCEPTING COMMERCIAL INSURANCE

Oglesby/Utica
Oglesby/Utica Medical Clinics
520 West Walnut St., Oglesby
2937 N. IL Route 178, Utica
Phone: 815-883-3588
Kelly DeBoer, MD
David O’Donnell, DO
Patricia Orozco, PA-C

Peru
Adult Medicine Clinic
920 West St., Suite 218
Phone: 815-223-6443
Won Kim, MD

Peru Medical Clinic
710 Peoria St.
Phone: 815-223-3500
Mario Cote, MD, FACP
Todd Kuzma, PA-C

Peru Primary Care Clinic
920 West St. Bldg. B, lower level
Phone: 815-223-9214
Mark Fernandez, MD
Michelle Vasquez, MD
Elizabeth Birkey, FNP, CNM
Jennifer Olesen, FNP

Illinois Valley Orthopedics
920 West St., Suite 211
Phone: 815-223-2143
Peter Meier, MD
Robert Mitchell, DO
James Murphy, MD
Catherine Renk, PA
Debra Pyszka, PA

IVCH CareToday
Walk-in clinic for when your doctor is unavailable, located next to the Illinois Valley YMCA.
Phone: 815-780-3855
Hours: Weekdays 4:00-9:00 p.m.
Weekends 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

IVCH ENT and Allergy Center
920 West St., Bldg. B, lower level
Phone: 815-223-4400
Brandon Musgrave, MD
Jennifer Sangston, AuD
Angela Vezzetti, PA-C
Stephanie Zuber, PA-C

IVCH FastCare
Walk-in clinic open 7 days a week for minor ailments, located inside the Peru Walmart.
Phone: 815-220-FAST (3278)

IVCH Infectious Disease Clinic
925 West St. (inside IVCH)
Phone: 815-780-3202
Hussein Zaioor, MD

IVCH Sleep Center
920 West St., Bldg. B, lower level
Phone: 815-223-4400
Ioannis Karkatzounis, MD

IVCH Wound and Hyperbaric Center
1403 6th St.
Phone: 815-780-3834
Thomas Curry, MD
Mark Fernandez, MD
Larry Ketner, DPM
Hussein Zaioor, MD

Women’s Health Care Center
920 West St., Bldg. B
Phone: 815-223-2944
OB/GYN Physicians:
Shylena Bogard, MD
Jeffrey Edwards, MD
Kemoria Granberry, DO
Certified Nurse Midwives:
Dana Hoffman, DNP, CNM
Pam Koehler, CNM
Angela Reidner, CNM
Barbara Tieman, CNM
Our OB/GYNs and midwives have office hours at Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton. Call 815-223-2944 for details.

Streator
IVCH Streator Medical Clinic
104 East Bridge St.
Phone: 815-672-0567
Indra Pal, MD
Phone: 815-673-1565
Damodara Karkera, MD

IVCH Streator Orthopedics
501 Oakley Ave.
Phone: 815-672-2829
U.K. Sinha, MD