Walk-In Care Vs. Emergency Care
The Right Choice Makes a Difference

When to Use WALK-IN 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 Bite
- 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
Midtown Health Center
SMP Health System

(815) 223-6843
M - F: 8am - 9pm
Weekends/Holidays: 9am - 1pm
1650 Midtown Road | Peru

St. Margaret’s Health
Center for Family Health
SMP Health System

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

600 East First Street | Spring Valley

aboutsmh.org
TIME ZONE: 
Central Standard

CLIMATE

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE:
Low 39º F
High 59.9º F

AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCIPITATION:
37.67”

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ESTIMATED POPULATION 2017 BY THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU:
Total 149,037
LaSalle 110,067
Bureau 33,243
Putnam 5,727
In the Illinois Valley, there is room to grow your family, your business, and your future here.

WELCOME!

The Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce (IVAC) is pleased to bring you this publication designed to highlight the area’s thriving business climate, culture, educational assets, and tourist attractions.

Upon arrival in our region, you will quickly discover it’s the gracious people that distinguishes the Illinois Valley. The business possibilities and the amenities that sets this area apart from others are many.

If you are a traveler or a lifelong resident of the Illinois Valley, there is always more to discover as the region continues to revitalize itself by turning ideas into a reality.

The IVAC service area is made up of 24 cities and villages within a three-county region.

The area offers a historically rich foundation with contemporary attributes and prides itself on traditional Midwestern work ethic and values.

A unique factor about this area is its close proximity to Chicago. As the suburban sprawl in neighboring counties continues to grow and expand, businesses are looking for room to breathe. The Illinois Valley has recognized this demand and is ready to meet the needs of new development.

IVAC is a dedicated leader in creating, promoting, and sustaining a responsible, pro-business environment. Our growing organizations strength is in its numbers. We successfully serve 400+ business members.

Building business...building community by marketing the region’s assets for development, creating new jobs, reducing business costs, encouraging entrepreneurial startups-IVAC continues to explore opportunities to aggressively open new doors.

To learn more about IVAC or to become a member, visit www.ivaced.org, or follow us on Facebook at Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.
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 incentive programs 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.

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

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.
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.

**We’ve Committed Over 5,800 Acres for Your Business**

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.

- Peru has two M-1 industrial parks, adding up to more than 140 acres, including Brady, Schweickert, YMCA, and Rail Center Sites offering TIF incentives, interstate access and visibility, as well as being shovel ready for development. An 80 acre parcel, just north of the interstate, offers rail accommodation.

- At the crossroads of 2 major interstates, Utica retains the I-80 / I-39 and Clarks Run Logistics Parks less than a half mile from Interstate 80 with Interstate visibility with over 200 combined acres available.

- Just off of Interstate 39 in LaSalle, is the Kildare site featuring over 300 acres of land located in a TIF district and eligible for Enterprise Zone incentives.

- Village of Hennepin has over 800 acres of available property with rail accessibility, dock facility / river access, main substation power, and a gas generation plant.

- Oglesby has multiple sites made up of over 300 developable acres, adjacent to Interstate 39 and Rt. 251 with great visibility, while located in a TIF district and eligible for Enterprise Zone incentives.

- Spring Valley hosts an Industrial Park surrounding the Walmart Distribution Center of over 400 acres of available development property made up of the Longwell, Wolfer, F&L Farms, and Condon sites, with immediate access to Interstate 80.

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 business 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.
### TOP EMPLOYERS

The Illinois Valley is home to many distribution / logistic, manufacturing, education, and health care firms. The major industrial employers in the region include:

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

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-town space for 60 aircraft. Local air transport includes two lighted, 6,000 and 4,000 feet of runways for commercial flights.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FINDING SUCCESS IN EVERY INDUSTRY
RETAIL & HOSPITALITY

Retail sales are an important economic indicator because consumer spending drives much of the economy. There are hundreds of thousands of people and companies involved in producing, distributing, and selling the goods you use on a daily basis like food, clothes, fuel, and so on.

Area downtown districts are booming with new shops, restaurants and bars. The Illinois Valley is proud to boast a record breaking number of ribbon cuttings, opening avenues to new types of dining, specialty retail shopping, and unique entertainment experiences.

Standing the test of time, the Peru Mall is home to 33 stores ranging from national chains such as Bath and Body Works, Victoria's Secret, The Buckle and Marshalls to smaller locally run boutiques and restaurants. Chain retail stores such as Kohl's, Hobby Lobby, Home Depot, Petsmart, Harbor Freight, Staple's, Rural King and Dunham's Sports are all conveniently located in the heart of in the Illinois Valley.

With dozens of state parks, wildlife trails, nature preserves and wildlife refuges, love of the outdoors brings millions of visitors to the Illinois Valley every year, supporting the area's hospitality industry. From national brand hotels like Fairfield Inn by Marriott and Hampton by Hilton, to quaint lodges such as Starved Rock Lodge and Grizzly Jack's Grand Bear Lodge and number of bed and breakfasts, the hotel and lodging industry is integral to the Illinois Valley's economy supporting hundreds of jobs and reinvestment in the community. A typical hotel with 100 occupied rooms per night supports over 250 local jobs every year.

SERVICES, MEDIA, & DISTRIBUTION

Services are an integral part of a strong and healthy commerce. Community, business and personal services such as private health care, hotels, law firms, repair shops, accounting firms, advertising agencies, engineering companies, lead the way in the services industry with finance, insurance real estate as runner ups in the Illinois Valley. With thousands of service providers within the three county region, residents and business owners have everything they need, with the personal touch close to home, keeping tax dollars within the community.

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 & INDUSTRY

The Manufacturing sector comprises establishments engaged in the mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products, and has the largest multiplier of any economic sector: each dollar's worth of manufactured goods generates $1.40 in output from other sectors of the economy. Perhaps most important may be the higher wages it provides for blue-collar workers. According to the latest BLS data, goods-producing industries pays $56,799 a year on average during the latest period in our rankings—much higher than other working-class fields like health care and education (averaging $45,676 annually) and leisure and hospitality ($20,879).

With several firms in business here for over a century, manufacturing and industry proves to be alive and well in the Illinois Valley. Today, there are many manufacturers that benefit the community and economy, such as American Nickeloid, Caras Chemical, W.H. Maze Nails, Tee Group Films, Illinois Cement, Coolie Kingdom, Badge-A-Minit, Martine Engineering, James Hardie, Canam Group, and more.
BUSINESS — ON THE MOVE

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 rail-ways 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 station 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.
Gary Hammers: Believing in LaSalle

Creating a Strong Network for Positive Local Economic Growth

In the last ten years, the downtown business scene on First Street in LaSalle has been transformed by new growth and development. Run-down store fronts that had once sat empty for decades have been renovated and filled with trendy businesses attracting new foot traffic to the area.

There’s now a positive outlook about LaSalle that many can trace back to one man and his dream to breathe life back into the downtown. Gary Hammers has believed in the potential of LaSalle since 1992 when he and his wife, Julie, moved their family to the area. “We had the feeling long before anybody else did. We just felt like this could be so much better than it is,” he said.

Hammers opened his business, Hammers Hearing Care Center, on First Street and renovated the upstairs apartment where he and Julie raised their family. When the time was right, Hammers began to purchase neighboring buildings on his block with a plan to rehab them into modern spaces for entrepreneurs to unfold their own dreams. As avid watchers of the popular television network, HGTV, the Hammers utilized the ideas and lessons taught on the shows and dove elbows-deep into the work along with a carpenter, plumber and electrician.

“We just learned as we went,” Hammers said. “There was a learning curve of doing it and not being afraid to attack something.”

Hammers Properties has torn out faded, ripped awnings, exposed unique brick that had been covered up for decades, replaced windows, repaired facades, salvaged old tin ceilings and much more.

Not only has the downstairs retail spaces gotten a facelift, but also the upstairs apartment spaces that are now one of LaSalle’s most popular living locations.

The demand for downtown apartments is something Hammers still has a hard time keeping up with. It’s nothing to see a location snagged up the same day its availability is posted online. “It’s unbelievable how many people want to live in the downtown community,” he said.

Hammers’ apartments have brought together a diverse group of people who support the idea of a thriving downtown.

“All the people living downtown have jobs, and are very positive ... We can just see it in their faces that they are happy living down here ... We’ve got really good people here,” he said. Hammers’ efforts and positivity towards progression have spurred new attitude among people who feel proud to live, eat, work and shop in downtown LaSalle. “The positive vibe and excitement from business owners just keeps building momentum,” he said.

And Hammers is still making offers on properties when the right opportunity presents itself. “My dream is much greater than where we’re at right now,” he said.

Hammers said LaSalle’s economic development efforts need to focus on keeping younger people in the area. “Really that’s going to be the key. We’re working on getting good paying jobs in the area so we can keep the people here and move forward with positive, young people,” he said.

What’s Hammers working on now?

Hammers is currently working with a landscape architect to design a free outdoor amphitheater in downtown LaSalle. His vision is to create a space where local musicians and community bands can provide entertainment for all ages. More details to come.
Chamlin & Associate’s rich history began in 1952 when its founder, Casimir (Casey) Chamlin moved to Peru, Illinois from Akron, Ohio. In Akron, Casey worked as an engineer designing military aircraft and for the Goodyear Company improving the design of the early blimps during WW II. After the war, he decided to move his family to the Illinois Valley and open his own private practice, Chamlin Engineering Service. Casey worked as the Peru city engineer and his new firm offered civil engineering and land surveying services to the surrounding communities. At the time, it was the only engineering office within a 60-mile radius.

In its first five years, the business outgrew two office spaces in Peru prior to moving to its present location at 3017 Fifth Street and in addition, Chamlin opened a second office in Morris, Illinois around this same time period. As the company grew, focus remained on communities and clients within a 30-mile radius of both the Peru and Morris offices. This allowed Chamlin to provide professional services to a range of clients, yet provide them with a personal touch, as the owners were never more than a short drive away. The firm prided itself on the long-term relationships and repeat clients gained throughout its early years of service. In 1968, Casey sold the company to the second generation owners and the firm was renamed to Chamlin & Associates, Inc. and in 1991 the company became an employee stock owned corporation.

Now 66 years later, the firm is comprised of nearly 50 associates, the majority with over 20 years of experience in their field of expertise. Chamlin prides itself on three generations of ownership in the Illinois Valley and Morris areas and the close client relationships that have continued for decades. Chamlin & Associates, Inc. currently provides services to a large range of private developers, corporations, government agencies and approximately 30 municipalities in a seven-county region. Chamlin is a full-service civil engineering firm providing consulting, site design and land planning, transportation, water/wastewater, environmental, structural and airport engineering, land surveying, floodplain management and studies as well as construction layout and management services.

Driving through the Illinois Valley and surrounding communities, one can point out countless projects that Chamlin & Associates has been involved in over its nearly 70 years of service and they look forward to providing their expertise towards the development of the Illinois Valley area for many more generations to come.

Chamlin may be reached at 815-223-3344

Pictured are third generation directors (L-R): Dean Chalkey, James Clinard, Mike Perry & Kevin Heitz
When the Cattani company started in the mid-1960’s, you might say it was the pits. Gravel pits to be more exact. The company had just a single gravel pit, where founder Muno Cattani worked the pit, crushed gravel and delivered it.

In 1966, he bought his first crane and the business became EJ Cattani & Son, Inc. This small independent crane company prospered over the next 40 years, surviving the loss of its founder and experiencing rapid growth and expansion. They continued to add to their fleet of cranes, with machines ranging from 110-ton to a 600-ton crane to accommodate a rapidly growing day crane rental service. As the company increased their capabilities, they hired local talent to keep up with growing demand.

In 2015, the company was sold to Barnhart Crane & Rigging out of Memphis. Barnhart had also started small - from a dining room table in a family home in the 1960’s – and grown to a company with a nationwide presence. While Barnhart is still family-run, it is now one of the largest heavy lift and heavy transport businesses in the U.S, with more than 40 locations nationwide and a reputation for solving problems.

Together, the Barnhart-Cattani Crane Division provides world-class service through a local presence. They employ over 40 employees from the area and provide services throughout central Illinois, the Illinois Valley and parts of Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri.

Day crane rental for all types of jobs continues to be a specialty. Barnhart-Cattani has a local fleet of over 50 cranes, along with a complete line of telescoping forklifts, boom lifts, scissor lifts, and stored on their large 10-acre facility. The company provides certified cranes and operators throughout the region.

In addition to operated crane rental, the company offers lift planning, specialized rigging, and a full complement of heavy haul and specialized transport options. Projects in the wind industry are also a specialty as are plant outages, turnaround and shutdown support and construction projects.

A full local fleet with local teams mean customers receive the lowest total project cost. But as part of Barnhart, they also have access to a nationwide inventory of equipment and top-notch engineering solutions.

According to Andrew Artley, branch manager for the Barnhart-Cattani Crane Division, “We have some of the best qualified operators and problem solvers in the upper Midwest. Every one of them will do their very best for you.”

Cattani was hired by Independence Tube to mount two 15’ x 30’, 3500# Metal Flags on the outer walls of their facility. The metal flags were custom made for the company to be displayed on their facility in Marseilles, IL.
The success of Stone Jug Barbecue in Peru begins with strong work ethic. Owner Matt Becker grew up on a farm where he learned to appreciate hard work and the benefits that come along with it.

"With a small business, you’re always posed with challenges and with farming, there’s always adversity. When you get to see the fruits of your spoils, that’s gratifying," he said.

Before Becker began his barbecue business, he’d traveled the nation with friends and family to compete in barbecue competitions. Through these experiences, he became familiar with a variety of barbecue styles — from Kansas City to Texas to South Carolina to Memphis.

Becker took notes on the styles and techniques he liked most and combined them to develop his own recipes served to customers today.

Becker’s business started as a catering company, and 10 years later, transformed into a restaurant and full-service bar located in the heart of downtown Peru.

Built inside a stone building that dates back to 1861, the exposed original brick, reclaimed wood and memorabilia dug out of the basement and used as decor create a warm, earthy, rustic ambiance.

The building was built during the biggest boom period in Peru’s history and has stood the test of time. The location has been home to many successful businesses, including Stone Jug Tavern, Stone Jug Restaurant, Peru Dairy Bar and Ankiewicz Deli.

When walking through the doors at Stone Jug, one is instantly met with the smell of applewood smoked meats, along with homemade sides and tasty desserts.

“We pride ourselves on our smoked meats, but also put a lot of love into our side dishes and desserts,” Becker said.

Stone Jug provides a laid back atmosphere where music is always playing and people come from all over the Illinois Valley to taste the barbecue.

“It’s a place where we want people to come and enjoy themselves and have the ultimate dining experience,” Becker said.

Stone Jug Barbecue’s banquet center seats up to 100 people and its Pitmaster and Chef can custom create a menu that will please any crowd. The restaurant is open seven days a week and can also serve a business or larger party when the restaurant is not open. Stone Jug Barbecue also caters within a 60-mile radius at any event center or private home.

The future of Stone Jug Barbecue has endless possibilities, but currently they’re working on producing their own sauces, which they planned to have bottled and put on local store shelves.
THE FARMING INDUSTRY

CULTIVATING THE ILLINOIS VALLEY
The Illinois Valley is home to many hard working farmers who have been recognized for their achievements in agriculture. Earlier this year, Jim Rapp of Princeton accepted the 2018 Prairie Farmer Master Farmer award during a ceremony in Springfield.

Rapp has farmed in the Bureau County area for close to 50 years. His love of farming stems back to when he was just a boy playing with tractors under his mom's kitchen table. He rented his first piece of ground two weeks after high school graduation.

Rapp attended school at Southern Illinois University and spent many weekends back on the farm, tending a new piece of land and handling other farm responsibilities. Rapp is known for his strong neighborly relationships and dependable stewardship. He runs the farm with his two sons, Nick and Ben.

In the spring, Rapp keeps the planter full and equipment running, while Nick builds the strips and Ben runs the planter. Rapp's "senior team," a group of retired friends, helps at harvest time running grain carts and semis. With a gradual transition plan in place, Nick and Ben manage newly rented acres, and Rapp works with them on input decisions such as seed and chemical purchases.

Some of the keys to success on the Rapp farm is watching expenses and not being afraid to try new practices, such as experimenting with cover crops.

Rapp was nominated as a Master Farmer by the Illinois Corn Growers Association, which he was a member for several years. He served as secretary, treasurer, vice chairman and chairman of the association.

While involved, Rapp was instrumental in implementing high ethanol blends in gas pumps and led other agricultural advancements.

Rapp also served on the U.S. Grains Council as part of the Asian Team which promotes and develops grain markets worldwide. He's graciously held farm tours of his own operation to individuals from other countries, including China, Japan, Vietnam, Morocco and France.

Rapp is also known for his outreach efforts. For the last five summers, he's planted two acres of sweet corn and donated it to Illinois food pantries and River Bend in the Quad Cities. The Master Farmer program has become a Hall of Achievement for Illinois farmers. It honors farmers who combine top agricultural production skills with community service, grassroots achievement and dedication to their families.

FARMING AT A GLANCE

Illinois' top commodities are soybeans and corn.

- Illinois is one of the top 5 states in cash income and crop cash receipts.
- Corn, soybeans, and wheat account for more than 90 percent of the cultivated acres for field crops.
- The average Illinois farmer's age is 56.
- Illinois' climate is typically continental, with cold winters and warm summers. It has excellent soil and well-distributed annual precipitation of 32 to 48 inches.
- Illinois ranks second in both corn and soybean production in the nation.
- Illinois is a front-runner in industries such as soybean processing, meat packing, dairy manufacturing, service industries and foreign exports, which play a significant role in the Illinois economy.
- Illinois ranks at the top for several of the nation's most important commodities, including soybeans, corn and swine, as well as a leader in several specialty crops, including pumpkins, buckwheat, horseradish and Christmas trees.
- Illinois commodities generate more than $19 billion for Illinois' economy annually.
- Illinois is home to more than 15,000 different soil types.

Source: Farm Flavor
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.
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 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.

Because the term “crop dusting” automatically brings to mind the antiquated grizzly old man flying and ancient bi-plane, today’s pilots generally prefer the term “aerial application” or “ag application,” and is probably one of the most overlooked jobs in the aviation field is that of an aerial applicator.

R & R Flight Service, an agricultural aviation company based in Mendota. The company sprays fields for farms and co-ops which span a 30- to 40-mile radius. The majority of chemicals sprayed are fungicides, while later in the season, some insecticides are put onto fields. Don Younglove runs the aerial application company, along with his father, Lyle, who started the business in 1978.

The flying involved in aerial application is technically challenging and occasionally hazardous, so it is imperative that pilots know that they’re doing.

Flying the airplane, checking engine instruments, checking boom pressure, checking nozzles to make sure none are plugged, flying the lightbar (GPS which guides you from pass-to-pass in the field), locating and judging obstacles are all things that the pilot needs to be aware of when crop dusting.

Planes are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and regular maintenance is also vital to the operation. Each plane is looked over by the pilot prior to flight and undergoes an inspection every 100 hours, along with annual inspections. R & R Flight Service sends its planes with turbine engines off-site for inspection and maintenance.
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 pro-mote the Illinois Valley economy by attracting new jobs and enhancing existing business while valuing quality of life. With more than 400 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 60 opportunities a year to build business connections, including: Business Breakfast Seminars, monthly IVAC Connect Networking events, monthly Business After Hour Events, IV Leads Young Professionals Group, Annual Legislative Luncheon, State of the City 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 90,000 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, job postings, 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 resolving 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. IVAC has also partnered with LaSalle Peru Township High School and area industry to create the pilot program SPARC, Students – Exploring – Careers – Thru – Research and Experience to better prepare area students for the workforce after high school. 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 (EDCNICI) 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.
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 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

SPARC, which began in 2017, is a pilot program partnership with LP High School which follows a group of students from freshman year through their senior year, offering monthly opportunities throughout the school year to experience local industry tours, work base learning, job shadowing, and speaker presentations, to engage students in the types of careers in 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.
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 (LPHS) is the area’s largest high school, serving 1,300 students from LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby, Tonica, and surrounding communities.

In 2017 LPHS underwent a $38 million complete interior renovation resulting in a state-of-art academic facility featuring cutting edge classroom technology and premier science labs - including an all-new STEM lab. LPHS provides the area's most comprehensive Advanced Placement and CTE course offerings. LPHS also offers the community’s finest athletic facilities including historic Howard Fellows Stadium, the LPHS Sports Complex, Dr. A.J. Sellett Gymnasium, a competition swimming pool, and a recently constructed cardio center.

One of the area’s leading private schools is St. Bede Academy, founded in 1891, also began a $16 million, multi-year legacy project which began in 2017. In 2018 they were able complete phase one, 17,500-square-foot Perino Science Center which includes physics, chemistry and biology labs, vastly expanded study, and student activity space to serve students throughout the year.
Isaac Casas, left, and Juan Lopez prep for class in IVCC’s spacious new Student Center. The college also added a cyber café and made $1.5 million in improvements to its auditorium, the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.
Illinois Valley Community College provides high-quality, accessible and affordable education from a scenic bluff overlooking LaSalle-Peru.

IVCC offers associate degrees designed for transfer and Associate of Applied Science Degrees and certificates for students planning to go to work in two years or less. Dozens of transfer programs prepare students for universities such as state schools Illinois State, Northern, University of Illinois, Southern and Western.

Major programs include accounting, biology, business, criminal justice, elementary education and engineering. Cybersecurity will start in fall 2019.

Career programs within the magnificent Peter Miller Community Technology Center prepare students for technical work such as Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Engineering, computer network administration, electronics, Computer Numerical Control (CNC), industrial electricity and maintenance, wind energy, and Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVAC).

Well-respected health professions include Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Registered Nurse (RN) and dental assisting. The Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) will be added in 2019.

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The Adult Education department offers free English as a Second Language (ESL), High School Equivalency (HSE), and Adult Basic Education (ABE) training; “Bridge to Careers” programs show students what it’s like to work in healthcare and manufacturing.

In addition to 5,000 credit students, IVCC serves 3,800 non-credit students annually through its Continuing Education Center. CEC offers classes in advanced online training, business, computers, healthcare, leadership, nursing, real estate, small business development and personal enrichment.

IVCC fields 10 intercollegiate athletic teams: volleyball and softball for women; golf and baseball for men; and basketball, tennis and soccer for both men and women. More than 40 student organizations include Chem Club and Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

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HEALTHCARE
IN THE ILLINOIS VALLEY

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 hospitals – 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

Valley Regional Cancer Center (VRCC) has been providing high-quality radiation treatment to cancer patients in the Illinois Valley area since 2011.

Our patients receive state-of-the-art treatment in the community where they live and work with the support of family and friends nearby. Patients receive evidence-based treatments, with the goal of significant health benefits and cost savings. Valley Regional Cancer Center offers many additional benefits, including free chair massages from a licensed massage therapist, pet therapy, yoga and meditation services, American Cancer Society Look Good Feel Better sessions, and more.

Additionally, VRCC has two cancer support groups, The Pink Ribbon Club Breast Cancer Support Group that meets the 4th Wednesday of the month, January through October and the IVCH Cancer Support Group that meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the IVCH Special Procedures Room at 6:00 pm.

Dotun Oyedijo, M.D., the center’s board-certified radiation oncologist, provides treatment for all types of cancer and has a special interest in cancers of the prostate, lung and central nervous system. "I want to put a personal touch into the treatment of each patient," he says. "My job is to be part of the healing process."
Dr. Oyedijo is now using one of the most advanced and highly precise intensified forms of radiation therapy, Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT). This expanded service offering demonstrates the practice’s continued commitment to providing the latest treatments and technologies to patients facing cancer.

Valley Regional is a part of The US Oncology Network. This collaboration unites Valley Regional Cancer Center with more than 1,400 independent physicians dedicated to delivering value-based, integrated care for patients—close to home. Through The Network, these independent doctors come together to form a community of shared expertise and resources dedicated to advancing local cancer care and to delivering better patient outcomes.

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 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.

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.

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Valley Regional Health Services

Here at Valley Regional Health Services, as partners at Valley Regional Cancer Center, we provide diagnostic imaging and laboratory services for Hematology/Oncology patients. VRHS offers diagnostic PET/CT imaging, diagnostic CT imaging, and CT imaging for Radiation Therapy Planning. VRHS installed a new Discovery IQ PETCT scanner in October 2018, which allows a lower dose of radioactive material to the patient, and a shortened scan time, in addition to being able to see smaller lesions, which can aid in earlier treatments for cancer.

VRHS also purchased an Abbott Architect ci4100 in 2018, to expand the laboratory testing menu for hematology/oncology patients. More tests are done on site at VRHS, which reduces the turn around time for patient results to the highly trained medical and radiation oncologists who treat patients at Valley Regional Cancer Center. We are a comprehensive cancer center, striving to offer a wide range of diagnostic and treatment options for patients so that they can stay close to home through treatment.
ST. MARGARET’S HEALTH
Caring For Our Community Since 1903
For almost 115 years, St. Margaret’s, a 44 bed acute care hospital, has continually strived to provide quality healthcare with a personal touch. Part of the Mission also includes keeping up with the latest in healthcare trends and assessing the needs of our patients as the landscape of healthcare services changes.

This year brought new, cutting edge technology to St. Margaret’s.

St. Margaret’s Health is the first local hospital to offer Stryker’s robotic-arm assisted total knee application for use with its Mako System. This latest advancement in joint replacement surgery transforms the way total knee replacements are performed. This system can also be used for partial knee and total hip replacement.

Total knee replacements in the United States are expected to increase 673 percent by 2030, yet studies have shown that approximately 30 percent of patients are dissatisfied after conventional surgery. Mako Total Knee combines Stryker’s advanced robotic technology with its clinically proven GetAroundKnee (Triathlon Total Knee System), which has enabled surgeons to have a more predictable surgical experience with increased accuracy during laboratory testing.

Dr. Paul Perona and Lacey Carls, PA-C, of the Family Orthopedic Center in Spring Valley, are now trained and certified to use this exciting new technology. Patients can find comfort knowing that they are receiving the best in care without traveling to the larger hospitals out of the area. Currently, the closest facilities to the Illinois Valley that have this equipment are located in Peoria, New Lenox, and other metropolitan areas.

“We are proud to be among the first hospitals in Illinois and the first in the Illinois Valley to offer this highly advanced robotic technology,” said Tim Muntz, President & CEO of St. Margaret’s Health. “This addition to our orthopedic service line further demonstrates our commitment to provide the community with outstanding healthcare.”

St Margaret’s is also pleased to announce the ability to provide 3D tomosynthesis mammography to our patients with the addition of a Hologic Selenia Dimensions Mammography system. When performing a 3D mammogram, the X-ray tube moves in an arc over the breast, taking multiple low dose X-ray images. A computer then produces a 3D image of the breast in slices, allowing the radiologist to view the breast image in greater detail, resulting in earlier detection of small breast cancers.

3D tomosynthesis may also result in greater accuracy in pinpointing the size, shape, and location of breast abnormalities, leading to fewer unnecessary biopsies or additional tests, providing a greater likelihood of detecting multiple breast tumors, and clearer images of abnormalities within dense breast tissue.
Patricia Blackburn, PA-C, is a physician assistant at the IVCH Oglesby Medical Clinic.
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.

5-Star Joint Replacement Rating

A 2018 study by Healthgrades, the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals, rated IVCH a 5-star hospital for total knee replacement for 13 years in a row and total hip replacement for 14 years in a row. IVCH is the only hospital in Illinois to achieve both awards for 13 and 14 consecutive years.

The skills of orthopedic surgeons Peter Meier, MD, and Robert Mitchell, DO, from the Illinois Valley Orthopedics medical practice earned the Healthgrades honors for IVCH, according to Tommy Hobbs, the hospital’s chief executive officer. The duo will be joined by a third orthopedic surgeon, Connor Kasik, MD, in the fall of 2019.

IVCH is also the only area hospital that offers hyperbaric oxygen therapy as an option for patients who need treatment for wounds. The IVCH Wound and Hyperbaric Center opened in 2014 with two hyperbaric chambers. It is the only hyperbaric center along the Interstate 80 corridor between Joliet and the Quad Cities.

The IVCH Center for Physical Rehabilitation and Aquatics (located next to the Illinois Valley Y) 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
- Large, wheelchair accessible exam rooms
- Close-by parking and a canopied drive-up front door entrance with no steps
- An open treatment area
- 30 pieces of specialized physical therapy equipment

IVCH also has an urgent care clinic open seven days a week next to the Illinois Valley Y in Peru. The CareToday walk-in clinic is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends.

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.

The IVCH Medical Group of physicians and mid-level healthcare providers has offices in LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby and Utica.

Here’s the list:

- Women’s Health Care Center (Peru and Princeton) 815-223-2944
- LaSalle Medical Clinic 815-220-7170
- Hygienic Institute (LaSalle) 815-223-0196
- Oglesby/Utica Medical Clinic 815-883-3588
- Peru Medical Clinic 815-883-3500
- Peru Primary Care Clinic 815-223-9214
- Adult Medicine Clinic (Peru) 815-223-6443
- Illinois Valley Orthopedics (Peru) 815-223-2143
- ENT & Allergy Center (Peru) 815-223-4400
- Infectious Disease Clinic (Peru) 815-780-5399
- Sleep Center (Peru) 815-223-4400
- Wound & Hyperbaric Center (Peru) 815-780-3834
- Streator Medical Clinic 815-672-0567
- Streator Orthopedics 815-672-2829

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

CLASSIC & HISTORIC
TO NEW & MODERN
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.
CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS, & CLUBS

SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND GROWING IN FAITH

A VARIETY OF FAITHS IN THE ILLINOIS VALLEY:

Assemblies of God  Foursquare
Baptist  Jehovah’s Witness
Christian  Lutheran
Christian Science  Nazarene
Congregational &  Non-Denominational
United Church of Christ  Presbyterian
Eastern Orthodox  Roman Catholic
Episcopal  Synagogue
Evangelical  United Methodist
The Illinois Valley offers dozens beautiful churches in a variety of denominations and provides a number of spiritual alternatives to residents and visitors alike. Friendly and outgoing congregations in all faiths welcome those who attend including small, large, traditional and contemporary churches, with all kinds of ministries styles to meet your family's needs and preferences. The religious leaders and communities work together to help those in need, provide guidance, and lead others into a deeper faith.

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.
While the overall average age of retirement is just under 65, the average life expectancy is more than 85 years old. That means retirees need to have enough saved to last at least 20 years. Financial experts say it’s never too early to begin thinking about retirement. Below are some alarming statistics that will get you thinking about taking the necessary steps to better position yourself for retirement.

- One in three Americans has nothing saved for retirement.
- More than half of Americans have less than $10,000 saved for retirement.
- Women are 27 percent more likely to have no retirement savings.
- When it comes to baby boomers, 76 percent are not confident they’ve saved enough for retirement.
- The number of seniors declaring bankruptcy has grown to seven percent.
- By 2033, Social Security will need to be cut by 23 percent.
- Nearly one third of homeowners of retiring age still have a mortgage debt.
- The average age of retirement is 62.
- A couple will spend an estimated $345,000 on healthcare throughout retirement.
- Nearly 60 percent of retirees don’t budget for entertainment and activities.
- Millennials with student loans have $325,000 less in retirement savings than debt-free peers.
- Men age 65 have a 78 percent change of living 10 more years, women have an 85 percent chance of living 10 more years.
Options for Senior Living, Health and Rehabilitation in the Illinois Valley

- Alternatives for the Older Adult
  (309) 277-0167
  809 21st St
  Peru, IL 61354

- Aperion Care Spring Valley
  (815) 664-4708
  1300 N Greenwood St
  Spring Valley, IL 61362

- Connect Hearing
  (815) 223-1100
  2200 Marquette Rd, Ste 115
  Peru, IL 61354

- Hammers Hearing Care Center
  (815) 224-2445
  645 First St
  LaSalle, IL 61301

- Heritage Health of LaSalle
  (815) 223-4700
  1445 Chartres St
  LaSalle, IL 61301

- Heritage Health of Peru
  (815) 223-4901
  1301 21st St
  Peru, IL 61354

- Home Instead Senior Care
  (815) 223-7970
  2218 Marquette Rd
  Peru, IL 61354

- Liberty Village of Peru
  (815) 224-2200
  1101 31st St
  Peru, IL 61354

- Pleasant View, a Lutheran Life Community
  (815) 434-1130
  505 College Ave
  Ottawa, IL 61350

- Senior Watch Dog, Inc.
  (815) 223-9394
  801 2nd St
  LaSalle, IL 61301

Retirement is a big transitional time in one’s life, and during the current economic climate, many individuals approaching retirement have many questions.

The Illinois Valley has a robust group of financial planners who can assist individuals thinking about retirement, approaching retirement age or who have already retired.

In 2017, the average retirement age of men was 59.62 years old, while the average retirement age of women was 60.11 years old.

While sometimes one of the biggest adjustments for retirees is getting used to a less demanding schedule.

There’s various organizations and opportunities in the Illinois Valley that welcome senior citizens who wish to stay engaged in the community following a lifetime of employment.

The area is also home to multiple retirement communities — many of which offer continuing care options.

The unique advantage of a continuing care retirement community is not needing to relocate if/when assisted care or skilled nursing care is needed.

A number of retirement communities offer an ideal mix of independent living apartments and homes, assisted living units, memory support and on-site health centers for those in need of a higher level of care.

These living options offer an abundance of amenities on the premises, including, but not limited to state-of-the-art fitness centers, hair salons and barber shops, pharmacies, special dietary services and much more.

Each facility also offers a long list of events, activities and seminars to keep residents engaged.
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.
**BOLD AND CURVY**

Andrea Sugg opened Bold and Curvy women's in downtown LaSalle. Being a plus sized woman who faces the same challenges all other plus sized ladies face. Bracelets and rings that don't fit wrists or fingers, rifling through the limited plus sized section for something that is an okay style or fit, when in reality it isn't, always setting. Bold and Curvy boutique caters to curvy women from size XL-4X, shoes size 7-11, offering clothes, jewelry, and accessories that make plus size women feel good about themselves, in a store environment that is supportive and all about body positivity. Out with the old, and in with the BOLD!

**SAS**

SAS is here to share all of the latest fashion trends with YOU! They carry everything you need to go out in style no matter the occasion. They are a stylish and sophisticated boutique located in historical downtown LaSalle, Illinois. You will not want to miss all of their fantastic inventory that is changing on a daily basis, focusing on women's apparel, handbags, shoes, and accessories. Stop in and see us to browse the latest styles. We cater to women of all sizes. Our main focus is to make sure we have happy customers and everyone leaves our store feeling comfortable and beautiful in their own skin.

**CLARK'S RUN ANTIQUES**

Shop at Utica's newest and larger antique store with over 70 vendors. Rusty, old, recycled, weathered, refinished, shabby, vintage, antique, trendy, or just plain cool. Tough and feel the excitement of a great find. Located one block west of historic downtown and also inside is a premier art gallery featuring local artists and a unique gift station. Steve and Pam Shanley established the Clarks Run Antique Mall in order to provide a place where serious antique dealers can show their prized pieces. Providing the highest quality showplace for buyers and sellers at 215 Division Street in Utica, IL.

**GROOVY DOG**

Owners Bill Dvorak & Denise Stern opened Groovy Dog Records in 2017. Both have a Love & Passion for music and after numerous years in the record show circuit, saw Peru as a great place to set up shop and share that. Bill's varied background consists of being a nightclub DJ in Los Angeles & Las Vegas, hosted an underground music radio show, and played guitar in numerous bands over the years. An avid collector since his teens, has been exposed to many genres of music and love to introduce that to people who haven’t yet heard it. The store consists of New & Vintage Vinyl - CD's & More!!!

**THAT GUY'S SECRET**

Jeremy Reed, born in a small town in Illinois, has always had a “passion for fashion”. As an adult, Jeremy has always been frustrated with the lack of shopping options for men in his area, and at the same time desired someone who could make shopping easier for him. Unable to find the solution to his desire Jeremy set out on a mission to fill the shopping void for himself and others, resulting in the birth of That Guy's Secret. Busy “That Guys” don't always have time to make it to the store, but they still like to look good. Noting this of his own life, he decided to add an online personal shopper subscription.

**SHERMANS**

In business since 1976, and expanding to their Peru location in the early 80s, Sherman's is an authorized dealer of such brands as Bosch, Frigidaire, GE Appliances, Samsung, Sub-Zero, and more, from major appliances to luxurious home furnishings, all with top notch customer service. In 2017, Peru expanded to include the Ashley Home Store. From design through fulfillment, Ashley Furniture Industries, Inc. continuously strives to provide the best product at the best prices accompanied by the best service in the industry. They are authorized to service every major appliance manufacturer, whether you purchased it in their store or not!
Dining 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 the 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 they 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. Places with foods that pair nicely with the wines are also available for purchase.
An Illinois River Road Community

Spring Valley is located on the banks of the Illinois River. It features Barto Landing, a deep lagoon for launching from the ramps, is the only calm-water public access to the Illinois River for forty miles. For more than 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 several public parks. Available conditioning programs include Anytime Fitness, I.V. Jazzercise and Hancock Power Yoga.

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 entrées 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, Rodeo Tacos & Lucero’s Supermarket & Taqueria will provide you with authentic Mexican favorites. Top off your tour with an ice cream treat from the Tastee Freez – serving since 1950 and Grandma Rosie’s offering year round ice cream treats.

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. 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.
De Pue was originally called Trenton. It may be said to have founded in 1835, as that is the year John Hall put up a large warehouse. Once there was a warehouse, steamboats would come to his landing from St. Louis to load cargo. Eventually, land was purchased by John Clark and two additional warehouses were built, making Trenton became a great shipping point for folks west of the river. Benjamin Newell later purchased that land and a town was laid out. Men who worked the river knew of Trenton, Mississippi, but not of Trenton in Bureau County, confusion would arise between the two, so a petition was filed to change the name.

The name was changed in 1866, presently taking the title of an early French fur trader by the name of De Pue.

DePue Lake and adjacent park feature wildlife and recreation. The American Power Boat Association (APBA) and the DePue Men’s Club (a social and volunteer organization) host a weekend of boat racing on Lake DePue every summer and draws thousands of spectators from across the country, bringing entertainment and food vendors to the lakeside park.

The Donnelley/DePue State Fish and Wildlife Areas complex is managed primarily for migratory waterfowl. Frank C. Bellrose, world-renown waterfowl expert, designated this Great Bend as the entry point to the lower Illinois River valley, an important North American waterfowl migration corridor.
The Village of North Utica was established in 1852 just north of the historic I & M Canal. What began as a small community of laborers working along the Canal, quickly transformed into a Village. Once known as the ‘Metropolis of LaSalle County’, Utica enjoyed both steady commercial and residential growth. More than 3 million people visit the Village of North Utica each year. Utica exhibits that small town charm that people are searching for. There are restaurants that offer outstanding dining, shops that offer unique items and experiences, and lodging that offers a sense of home. Utica is also home to many annual events that attract thousands of visitors each year. The Burgoo Festival, held every October, attracts people from all over the Midwest and features more than 350 vendors, craftsman, musicians and other entertainment as well as its’ famous Burgoo Stew. Utica has a variety of different events and something for everyone; parades, firework shows, craft beer festivals, wine walks and is also home to the largest Veteran’s Parade in the Midwest. All of these events are largely attended and enjoyed by all.

The Village of North Utica is also known as the ‘Gateway to Starved Rock State Park’. Starved Rock and Matthiessen State Parks offer outdoor recreation including hiking, biking, camping, boating, kayaking, bird and eagle watching as well as providing nature trails to enjoy canyons, waterfalls, rock formations and the overall beauty of the area. Currently, the Illinois River Bridge is being replaced, and while it remains open to traffic flowing through the community to the State Parks, the project is moving forward and projected to be completed at the end of 2019 or early in 2020. The newly designed Illinois River Bridge will feature a brand-new bicycle / walking path that will provide outdoor enthusiasts with the ability to enjoy the State Parks as well as to visit the local businesses in Utica- all without having to get in the car and drive. The Village of North Utica also remains focused on creating an experience for all those who visit. We continue to welcome visitors and encourage tourism. We want people to visit and see exactly what we all see in this community – that it’s a truly warm and wonderful place to be. The Village enjoys tourism and the many repeat visitors that seek out everything that Utica has to offer. We are a small community with a big heart and we offer a unique experience that envelops both outdoor recreation and that small-town feeling that everyone wants--to feel completely welcomed and relaxed, and to take a break from their busy lives.
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. Mc Phedran 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.
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 bird-watching 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.
THE ILLINOIS RIVER and its valley were first discovered in 1673 when fur trader, Louis Joliet and Pere Jacques Marquette explored the Mississippi and the Illinois by way of two canoes, accompanied by five Canadian voyagers at the paddles.

Father Marquette in his journal said that they had seen nothing like the Illinois Valley, "the fertility of its soil, its prairies and woods, its cattle, elk, deer, wildcats, bustards, swans, ducks, parquets, and even beaver".

1847 saw the beginning of Peru's ice business, which for many years was the most important of Peru's industries, which helped bring the business of building and repairing boats and barges.

On March 15, 1851, the town of Peru was incorporated as a city. Today, Peru is still home to a small number of businesses that began around the time of the city's incorporation. Started in 1898 and continually thriving is the national headquarters of The American Nickeloid, which provides continuous coils of a complete line of pre-painted metals, pre-plated metals, pre-polished metals, vinyl-metal laminates, and specialty coated metals. Dealing in lumber and nails, and known as America's last nail maker, Maze Nail, W.H. Maze Co. started in 1898, the year the Illinois and Michigan Canal opened in 1848. Also headquartered in Peru are the offices of Carus Chemical Company, started in 1915, and today is the largest manufacturer of potassium permanganate in the world.

The community of Peru sits on the I-39, I-80 corridor, allowing prime access to Interstate transportation, as well as rail and river availability as a means of shipping product. Peru has a long history of working cooperatively with the business to ensure the needs of the project are met and offers 3 TIF Districts as well as available enterprise zone incentives. Peru has also created additional economic incentive programs as a means to stimulate business growth and job creation.

The City of Peru can boast of having both a downtown retail shopping district; which lies on US Route 6 and has an array of small businesses from classic car restoration to a full-service day spa, alongside the retail growth in North Peru. The north retail district hosts the Peru Mall, Kohl’s, Hobby Lobby, Home Depot, Rural King, specialty boutiques, restaurants, and service providers.
The City in Bloom

The historic and friendly City of Ottawa sits at the beautiful confluence of the Fox and Illinois Rivers. Its award-winning downtown is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Ottawa Historic Commercial District. The vibrant and revitalized downtown is full of unique places to shop and dine, many of them located in restored historic commercial buildings.

A dramatic highlight of Ottawa’s history was its hosting in 1858 of the first Lincoln-Douglas Debate, held in Washington Park, now the heart of a National Historic District. These debates brought Lincoln to the attention of the nation and launched him on his pathway to the White House. Today, the Debate site is marked with heroic-sized, original statues of Lincoln and Douglas in the midst of a beautiful fountain setting. Because of this event and many Lincoln visits, Ottawa has been certified as a Looking For Lincoln community by the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

Located on top of the world’s finest silica sand, Ottawa’s history includes glass-making and mining and is still home to Pilkington North America which manufactures architectural glass. Other major employers include Sabic Innovative Plastics, Mitsuboshi Belts, Clover Technology, Cristal Metals, ITW and major distribution centers for Kohl’s and PetSmart. The Ottawa Industrial Park is completely ready to respond to the needs of new business and industry. More information may be found at Ottawa’s economic development website – www.ottawailnow.com.
Mark is situated in Putnam County, which is the smallest county in the State of Illinois.

Mark Illinois is a small village of about 550 people located in Putnam County, west of Granville, Illinois. Division Street divides the two villages.

Mark was incorporated in 1905 and was named after Mark Elliot, who was the son of the farmer who donated the land that Mark is established on.

The Village of Mark, being situated in the heart of what was once the rich coal fields of Illinois, depended for its support, for its very existence, on the St. Paul Coal Company's mine. When the mine closed down in the 1920's, many of the miners and their families moved to other mining camps or to manufacturing cities, such as Nokomis, Benld, Rockford, Detroit, Highwood, and the Denver, Colorado, Roundup, Montana, San Francisco, California regions. The families that remained here commuted daily to the neighboring cities to work.

Mark today, is comprised of residential dwellings, a few local businesses and largest manufacturer, Mennie Machine Company. Mennie Machine Company is a woman owned company employing over 325 people and offering precision machining components and assemblies for automotive, computer, industrial, municipal, hydraulic, fuel systems, and heavy equipment industries.
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.

HALLOWAYVILLE
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.

LADDA
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 Lamoiille 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.

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 Gun Smoke Grill.

LASALLE
LaSalle got its name from Robert de La Salle, 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 birth-place of Wild Bill Hickok, a famous American Army scout and lawman.

PUTNAM COUNTY

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.

MCNABB
The I, I & I Railroad purchased County Judge J. M. McNabb’s farm in order to build a station in Magnolia Town- ship. The town that grew around it was called McNabb.

STANDERD F. W. SUCHER
Standerd 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.
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FOR THE LOVE OF THE ARTS

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.

Festival 56 is a professional theatre festival located at the Grace Performing Arts Center in Princeton, Illinois. Every summer, several productions are held, including Shakespeare in the Park, with additional special events and productions in the fall and winter. Performances at Festival 56 feature a cast and crew of professional theatre artists assembled from across the country who live and work in Princeton during the season.

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: Hello Dolly, Kitchen Witches, Next to Normal and First Date.

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.
1. **STARVED ROCK STATE PARK**

Nowhere in the Midwest 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 have seasonal waterfalls. The best times to see them are in the spring or after heavy rainfall. In winter, there are beautiful ice-falls 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.

2. **MATTHIESSEN STATE PARK**

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.
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.

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 tea, 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 area 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.
7. **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.

8. **Cabela’s Walleye Tournament**

Cabela’s ters 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.
THINGS TO DO

TBM Avenger Salute to Veterans has become a featured event for not only the City of Peru, but also for the entire region. With well over 500 veterans in attendance, the parade of flags and aircraft salute is a tribute of patriotism to behold.

Nowhere in the air show community, including Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Sun N’ Fun in Florida, does a group of individuals plan and execute an event of this size with a tremendous amount of airplanes – both WWII Military planes and general aviation aircraft from all over the country. It is the largest gathering of TBM’s left flying today. The Gruman TBM Avenger (designated TBM for aircraft manufactured by General Motors is a World War II American torpedo bomber development initially for the United States Navy and Marine Corps, and eventually used by several air and naval services around the world.

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A true family event, the TBM Avenger Salute to Veterans welcomes 17,000 attendees and shares a message of remembrance and respect. The salute continues to grow every year in veterans, air craft and families to honor and remember those who sacrificed for our country. The event is held annual in May.

Visit https://tbmreunion.org for details.
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 Camp

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 Vermilion 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 vermilionriverrafting.com

14. Z-TOUR BIKE RIDE

The Z-Tour Bike Ride is a fundraiser for the Zeearing 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 Zeearing 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.
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15. **WINTER FUN**
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Since it began in 2014, the LaSalle’s Annual Celebration of Lights has grown to light displays over a mile long length of roadway and over 200 individual exhibitions.

The Celebration begins the week of Thanksgiving and runs through the beginning of January. Patrons are able to drive through a light display at Rotary Park in LaSalle. Hours are 5-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 5-11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to help with the upkeep of LaSalle Rotary Park.

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