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Ogle & Whiteside
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Ogle County



Lee County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Clinton Bald Eagle Watch (Jan-Mar) | Savanna
Pancake Breakfast | Sterling

FEBRUARY

Valentine's Day Dance | Sterling
Percussion-Palooza | Rock Falls
February Finds | Mt. Morris

MARCH

Basket Bingo | Rock Falls
City Wide Garage Sales | Prophetstown

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt | Morrison
Rummage through Mt. Carroll
Spring Shop Hop | Mt. Carroll
PFS Trivia Night | Prophetstown
All Town Garage Sale | Polo

MAY

Garage Sales | Davis Junction
Blessing of the Bikes | Fulton
Plant Sale | Fulton
Mayfest | Mt. Carroll
Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony | Morrison
Memorial Day Service | Prophetstown
Memorial Day Celebration & Car Show | Savanna
Campus Walk | Sterling
Annual Car Show | Sterling
Dutch Days | Fulton
Child Fair | Sterling
Salute to Service 5k | Sterling
Rochelle Railroad Days

JUNE

Annual YMCA Joe Curia Memorial Golf Outing | Dixon
Milledgeville Jamboree
Town & Country Days | Polo
Relay for Life | Sterling
Garage Sales | Stillman Valley
Bluegrass Festival | Fulton
City Wide Garage Sale | Morrison
Canal Clean Up | Rock Falls
Summer Splash | Rock Falls
Old Settlers Days | Lanark
Petunia Festival (June-July) | Dixon
Let Freedom Ring (June-July) | Mt. Morris
SVACC Steak Fry | Sterling

JULY

4th of July Celebration | Carroll, Whiteside, Ogle & Lee Counties
Lee County Fair | Amboy
Byronfest
Reagan 5K Race | Dixon
Firecracker Weekend | Morrison
Whiteside County 4-H Show | Morrison
Streetscape | Prophetstown
Water Ski Show | Rock Falls
Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast | Mt. Morris
Riding for a Cure | Savanna
A Walk in the Garden | Savanna
Eats & Beats (July-Aug) | Sterling
Regan Run | Dixon
Tampico Days
Annual Youth Fishing Extravaganza | Rock Falls

AUGUST

Amboy Depot Days Carnival
Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show | Amboy
Gardenstock Art & Music Festival | Dixon
Lincoln Buy-Way Yard Sale | Fulton
Carroll County Fair | Milledgeville
Whiteside County Fair | Morrison
Car, Truck & Tractor Show | Polo
Annual Sinnissippi Foundation Golf Open | Sterling
Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival | Rochelle
Blue Goose Corn Maze (Aug-Oct) | Morrison
Harvest Festival | Franklin Grove
Ogle County Fair | Oregon
Hot Dog Day | Sterling
Sauerkraut Day | Forreston
Autumn in the Village Fall Festival | Franklin Grove

SEPTEMBER

Swinging for the Arts | Dixon
Youth Fishing Derby | Morrison
Jamboree | Mt. Morris
CAPA Paint the Town | Morrison
Mexican Fiesta Days | Sterling
Storytelling Festival | Sterling
Stillman Valley Festival
Rock Falls Big Cat Quest Catfishing Tournament
Community Garage Sales | Rock Falls
Garage Sales | Sterling
Art in the Park | Sterling
Annual Taste of Fiesta | Rock Falls
Sunday-Funday Jammin' On The Rock | Sterling

OCTOBER

Fall Festival | Fulton
Halloween Parade | Morrison
Pumpkinfest | Mt. Carroll
Autumn on Parade | Oregon
Halloween Spook Walk | Savanna
Hops on the Rock | Sterling
Scarecrow Festival | Dixon
Shop Lanark Fall Fest

NOVEMBER

Lighted Christmas Parade | Prophetstown
Hometown Holidays | Rock Falls
Festival of Trees | Rock Falls

DECEMBER

Downtown Christmas Walk | Fulton
Christmas at Heritage Canyon | Fulton
Morrison Christmas Walk
PTO Craft Fair | Morrison
Seasonal Sights & Sounds | Sterling
Hometown Christmas | Morrison

**Events are subject to change*

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

CARROLL COUNTY

Administration	(815) 244-0228
Animal Control	244-9705
Assessments	244-0237
Circuit Clerk	244-0230
Clerk	244-0221
Coroner	273-2264
Emergency	911
Emergency management.....	244-8844
GIS	244-0254
Health Department	244-8855
Highway Department	244-3195
Probation	244-0249
Public Defender	244-0281
Recorder.....	244-0223
Sheriff.....	244-2635
State's Attorney	244-0290
Treasurer	244-0243
Veteran's Assistance Commission	906-0133
Zoning/Building	244-0254

OGLE COUNTY

Administration	(815) 732-1111
Animal Control	732-1185
Assessments	732-1150
Circuit Clerk	732-1130
Clerk	732-1110
Coroner	732-1199
Emergency	911
Emergency Services	732-3201
GIS	732-1153
Health Department	562-6976
Highway Department	732-2851
Probation	732-1180
Public Defender	561-4983
Recorder.....	732-1115
Sheriff	732-1101
State's Attorney	732-1170
Treasurer	732-1100
Veteran's Assistance Commission	255-9181
Zoning&Planning.....	732-1190

WHITESIDE COUNTY

Administration	(815) 772-5100
Animal Control	625-3507
Assessments	772-5195
Circuit Clerk	772-5188
Clerk & Recorder	772-5189
Coroner	772-5274
Emergency	911
Emergency Services	772-4044
GIS	772-5185
Health Department	626-2230 Ext3
Highway Department/Public Works.....	772-7651
Probation	535-4550
Public Defender	772-5191
Sheriff	772-4044
State's Attorney	772-5194
Treasurer	772-5196
Veteran's Assistance Commission	626-8640
Zoning&Building.....	772-5104

LEE COUNTY

Administration	(815) 284-3024
Animal Control	284-3833
Assessments	288-4483
Circuit Clerk	284-5234
Clerk & Recorder	288-3309
Coroner	288-5724
Emergency	911
Emergency Services	284-3365
GIS	288-4483
Health Department	284-3371
Highway Department	857-4141
Probation	284-5247
Public Defender	284-5239
Sheriff	284-5217
State's Attorney	284-5245
Treasurer	288-4477
Veteran's Assistance Commission	288-5683
Zoning&Planning.....	288-3643

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Carroll County was organized in 1839 from part of Jo Daviess County. It was named in honor of politician Charles Carroll of Maryland, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Savanna was selected as the original county seat in 1839, but voters moved it to Mt. Carroll in 1843. Early industry included agriculture and logging as the many waterways provided easy transportation for floating timber and products. With construction of the railroad Carroll County began to grow and settlements became cities. By 1900 the population of Carroll County had reached 18,963 and today it is home to approximately 15,749 residents.

CHADWICK – pop. 471

LANARK – pop. 1,457

MILLEDGEVILLE – pop. 930

MOUNT CARROLL (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,659

SAVANNA – pop. 3,211

SHANNON – pop. 795

THOMSON – pop. 524

**Populations are approximate.*

LANARK

Located in Rock Creek Township, Lanark was first recognized as Glasgow. The first settler, David Becker, arrived in 1844 and established a home. Streets were platted in 1859 and Glasgow was renamed Lanark due to postal confusion. As the railroad arrived in 1880 the area grew dramatically. Farms, homes, businesses, churches, schools and a post office were established, with Daniel Belding serving as the community's first postmaster. Businesses included creameries, mills, brick yards, factories and a variety of specialty shops. Today Lanark is home to approximately 1,457 residents.

MOUNT CARROLL (COUNTY SEAT)

In 1841 the Emmert, Halderman and Company established flour mills in the Mt. Carroll area. The community grew quickly and the county seat was moved from Savanna in 1843 due to Mt. Carroll's central location. The first courthouse was built in 1844 and businesses included a hotel, saloon, general stores and specialty shops. John Wilson served as the area's first postmaster and a school and church were established. The area was known for its plentiful wheat crops and flour was regularly shipped to markets in St. Louis. Today Mt. Carroll is home to approximately 1,659 residents.

SAVANNA

First settled in 1828, Savanna was originally recognized as Galena. The area originated as a popular shipping and trading point where goods and people were transported via steamboats and ferries. Streets were platted in 1836 by Luther H. Bowman, who also served as the area's first postmaster. Savanna was selected as the county seat until it was moved to Mt. Carroll in 1843. Schools, churches and businesses were constructed and Savanna continued to thrive. By 1870 it housed breweries, mills, grain elevators, factories and the railroad continued to attract new residents. Today Savanna is home to approximately 3,211 residents.

SHANNON

Shannon was established in 1860 by William Shannon and the area grew quickly as the ample natural resources attracted settlers. Businesses included restaurants, mills, lumberyards and a variety of specialty shops. As the railroad was constructed Shannon continued to develop and churches and schools were established. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and the area continued to thrive. Today Shannon is home to approximately 795 residents.



Whiteside County was originally home to the Sac, Fox & Winnebago Natives and was organized in 1836 from parts of Jo Daviess and Henry Counties. It was named in honor of General Samuel Whiteside who fought in the Indian Wars and the Black Hawk War. Morrison was selected as the county seat and the arrival of the railroad sparked rapid development. The fertile land near the Rock River appealed to many new residents and many arrived to raise crops and livestock. By 1900 the population of Whiteside County had reached 34,710 and today it is home to approximately 58,961 residents.

ALBANY – pop. 913
COLETA – pop. 151
DEER GROVE – pop. 47
ERIE – pop. 1,548
FULTON – pop. 3,832
LYNDON – pop. 543

MORRISON (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 4,303
PROPHETSTOWN – pop. 1,925
ROCK FALLS – pop. 9,307
STERLING – pop. 15,124
TAMPICO – pop. 728
**Populations are approximate*

FULTON

Once part of Albany, Fulton was settled by John Baker in the 1820's. The community was surveyed by James Haun and the settlement grew slowly until an influx of pioneers arrived in 1837. Fulton's proximity to the Mississippi River appealed to many new residents and a variety of businesses were thriving by 1842. Ferry boats were a popular means of travel and the population of Fulton quickly grew to 400 by 1870. Today Fulton is home to approximately 3,832 residents.

MORRISON (COUNTY SEAT)

Located in Mt. Pleasant Township, Morrison was surveyed and platted in 1855. The community was named after Charles Morrison of New York who was a wealthy businessman expected to fund the community. Settlers established a hotel and upon completion of the railroad, Morrison began to grow dramatically. In 1856 the first county fair was held in Morrison and the community was incorporated the following year. In 1858 the county seat was moved from Sterling to Morrison and its population continued to grow. Today Morrison is home to approximately 4,303 residents.

PROPHETSTOWN

Prophetstown was named in honor of the Prophet, a Winnebago Indian Chief who originally inhabited the area. The fertile valleys and easy access to water attracted many settlers. Asa Cook and his family were the first to arrive in 1834 and the community grew quickly with the establishment of a flour mill along the Rock River. Mr. Cook served as Prophetstown's first postmaster in 1836 and as roads were constructed, the community developed rapidly. By 1860 its population had reached 1,144. Today Prophetstown is home to approximately 1,925 residents.

ROCK FALLS

Located in Coloma Township, Rock Falls was founded and named by A. P. Smith in 1867 upon the deserted community of Rapids City. Mr. Smith constructed a dam along the Rock River and the area grew quickly as manufacturing centers were founded. By 1877 the population of Rock Falls had reached 1,200 and completion of the railroad added to its development. A bridge connecting the community to Sterling was built and ferry boats transported travelers and goods. Today Rock Falls is home to approximately 9,307 residents.

STERLING

Sterling originated as two communities, Harrisburg and Chatham, along the Rock River. Upon its organization, the community was renamed in honor of mayor James Sterling. Ample water power and natural resources attracted settlers and mills were established. Sterling was organized in 1857 and as rail lines were completed the area continued to grow. It was widely recognized as the "Hardware Capital of the World," and quickly became a center for commerce and industry throughout the area. By 1900 Sterling's population had reached 6,309 and has continued to develop. Today Sterling is home to approximately 15,124 residents.



Ogle County was organized in 1836 from part of Jo Daviess and LaSalle Counties. It was named in honor of Captain Joseph Ogle, who fought in the Revolutionary War. Oregon was selected as the county seat and in 1839 the borders of Ogle County were changed to make Lee County. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and logging and goods were easily transported along the Rock River. As the railroad was constructed Ogle County began to grow dramatically. By 1900 the population of Ogle County had reached 29,129 and today it is home to approximately 55,336 residents.

ADELINE – pop. 141

BYRON – pop. 3,850

CRESTON – pop. 623

DAVIS JUNCTION – pop. 2,270

FORRESTON – pop. 1,490

HILLCREST – pop. 1,288

LEAF RIVER – pop. 541

MONROE CENTER – pop. 500

MOUNT MORRIS – pop. 3,078

OREGON (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 4,123

POLO – pop. 2,477

ROCHELLE – pop. 482

STILLMAN VALLEY – pop. 1,108

**Populations are approximate.*

BYRON

Byron was settled as pioneers were attracted to the proximity to the Rock River and rich soil in the mid 1800's. Mills, general stores, churches and a school were established and Byron began to develop as the railroad was constructed. The community was the birthplace of Albert Goodwill Spalding, manager, professional baseball player and co-founder of the A.G. Spalding sporting equipment company, and also Wilson Irvine, an American Impressionist painter. Today Byron is home to approximately 3,850 residents.

DAVIS JUNCTION

Located in Scott Township, Davis Junction was platted by Jeremiah Davis in 1875. A school and church were established which attracted new residents. Early industry included agriculture and logging and businesses included general stores, hardware stores, a blacksmith shop, hotel and specialty shops. The arrival of the railroad prompted growth as two railway lines intersected in the area. Today Davis Junction is home to approximately 2,270 residents.

FORRESTON

Originally recognized as White Oak Grove, Forreston was platted in 1854 by George Hewitt. Mr. Hewitt established a homestead and as the railroad was constructed in 1855 the area began to grow. Prairies attracted settlers and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. A hotel, grain elevator, pharmacy, grocery store, hardware store, shoemaking shop and a variety of specialty shops were founded by 1856. Today Forreston is home to approximately 1,490 residents.

MOUNT MORRIS

Mt. Morris was first settled by John Phelps in 1835 as he established a homestead. The community was founded in 1841 and named by Horace G. Miller in honor of his hometown, Mt. Morris, New York. Pioneers arrived to farm the fertile prairies and by 1848 the community was incorporated. The construction of the Rock River Seminary and the Mount Morris College aided to its growth as the area was recognized for its education. By 1900 its population had reached 1,048 and Mt. Morris continued to thrive. The area was a center for publishing as magazines and a variety of newspapers were printed and distributed throughout the region. Today Mount Morris is home to approximately 3,078 residents.

OREGON (COUNTY SEAT)

John Phelps arrived to the area in 1833 who managed the first ferry along the Rock River. Mr. Phelps named the community Oregon, meaning "River of the West." Pioneers continued to arrive and soon a general store, blacksmith shop, church and school were established. A post office was constructed with Harry Moss serving as the first postmaster. By 1848 Oregon's population had reached 225 and the area continued to grow. It was selected as the county seat and in 1892 a courthouse was built which has become a historic site. Today Oregon is home to approximately 4,123 residents.

POLO

Polo began as a stopping place for travelers along the Galena Trail and was founded by Zenus Aplington. The area was settled in the 1830's and construction of the railroad attracted new residents. Polo was incorporated in 1857 as businesses, churches and a school were built to meet the growing needs of the community. In 1871 a public library was established and by 1900 Polo's population neared 2,000. Today Polo is home to approximately 2,477 residents.



Originally home to the Winnebago & Pottawatomie Natives, and battles of the Black Hawk War, Lee County was organized in 1839 from part of Ogle County. It was named in honor of Richard Henry Lee, a politician and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Dixon was selected as the county seat and the area began to grow. The fertile soil was ideal for farming and the ample prairie necessary for livestock. Construction of the railroad sparked dramatic growth as products and travelers were easily transported. By 1900 the population of Lee County had reached 29,894 and today it is home to approximately 34,919 residents.

AMBOY – pop. 2,574

ASHTON – pop. 1,166

COMPTON – pop. 333

DIXON (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 15,033

FRANKLIN GROVE – pop. 1,000

HARMON – pop. 144

NELSON – pop. 157

PAW PAW – pop. 876

STEWART – pop. 261

SUBLETTE – pop. 442

WEST BROOKLYN – pop. 167

**populations are approximate*

AMBOY

Amboy was first settled in 1852 as the Illinois Central Railroad purchased land for tracks. The area was surveyed in 1854 and businesses were established including a hotel, repair shops and manufacturing plants. The area grew dramatically and by 1856 Amboy's population had reached nearly 2,000 residents. It was incorporated as a city in 1857 and the area has continued to thrive. Today Amboy is home to approximately 2,574 residents.

ASHTON

Once part of Bradford, Ashton was settled in 1835. As rail lines were constructed the area was recognized as Ogle. Streets were platted in 1855 by Joseph Crawford and the community became known as Ashton. The first general store was opened by James L. Bates and other businesses followed including a warehouse, grain elevator, bank, meat markets, doctors offices, flour mills and a variety of specialty shops. Ashton was incorporated in 1867 and by 1890 its population had reached 680. Today Ashton is home to approximately 1,166 residents.

DIXON (COUNTY SEAT)

Joseph Ogee was the first settler in the Dixon area in 1828. Mr. Ogee established a post office and operated a ferry along the Rock River. In 1830 John Dixon arrived and purchased Mr. Ogee's land and ferry and the community was named in his honor. The community and Dixon's Ferry became a fort for the Black Hawk War and Abraham Lincoln marched troops through the area in 1832, where a memorial now stands. Dixon was selected as the county seat and is known as the boyhood home of President Ronald Reagan. Today Dixon is home to approximately 15,033 residents.

FRANKLIN GROVE

Open prairies attracted pioneers to the area in 1835 and Colonel Nathan Whitney arrived the following year. Col. Whitney established the first commercial orchard in Illinois called Franklin's Grove and the community was named in its honor. Early farmers grew wheat and by 1845 Franklin Grove was platted and surveyed. It was incorporated in 1857 and boasted a variety of businesses including general stores, grain elevators, flour mills, drug stores, lawyer offices, a furniture store, hardware store and a variety of shops. Today Franklin Grove is home to approximately 1,000 residents.

PAW PAW

The first permanent settler in the Paw Paw area was David E. Town in 1834. Settlers were attracted to the ample natural resources and access to water. The community was named after a plentiful fruit tree found in the region called Paw Paw. William Rogers served as Paw Paw's first postmaster in 1837. By 1878 the community boasted two newspapers, two hotels, general stores, a seminary and teaching academy, and variety of businesses. Today Paw Paw is home to approximately 876 residents.

CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK

1365 Castle Rock Rd. | Oregon | (815) 732-7329
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FRANKLIN CREEK STATE NATURAL AREA

1872 Twist Rd. | Franklin Grove | (815) 456-2878
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LOWDEN STATE PARK

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MORRISON-ROCKWOOD STATE PARK

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PROPHETSTOWN STATE RECREATION AREA

Park Ave. | Prophetstown | (815) 537-2926
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Emerald Ash Borer

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

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- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
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Coyote

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Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023

Deer – Archery

Some counties have different dates. Check regulations booklet for specific dates.
Oct 1, 2023 - Jan 14, 2024

Deer – Youth Firearm

Oct 7, 2023 - Oct 9, 2023

Deer – Firearm Part 1

Nov 17, 2023 - Nov 19, 2023

Deer – Firearm 3

Dec 1, 2023 - Dec 3, 2023

Deer – Muzzleloader Part 2

Hunters may also use a muzzleloader permit with a muzzleloading rifle during 2nd Firearm Deer Season.

Dec 1, 2023 - Dec 3, 2023

Deer – Muzzleloader Part 1

Dec 8, 2023 - Dec 10, 2023

Deer – Firearm Part 2

Hunters may also use a muzzleloader permit with a muzzleloading rifle during 2nd Firearm Deer Season.

Dec 30, 2023 - Nov 30, 2023

Duck – Teal

Teal Season

Sep 9, 2023 - Sep 24, 2023

Duck, Coot & Merganser – North Zone

Oct 21, 2023 - Dec 19, 2023

Duck, Coot & Merganser – Central Zone

Oct 28, 2023 - Dec 26, 2023

Duck, Coot & Merganser – South Central Zone

Nov 11, 2023 - Jan 9, 2024

Duck, Coot, and Merganser – South Zone

Dec 2, 2023 - Jan 30, 2024

Fox

Closed during Firearm Deer season Nov. 17-19 and Nov 30 – Dec 3.
Nov 10, 2023 - Feb 15, 2024

Pheasant – South

Daily bag limit 2. Roosters only
Nov 4, 2023 - Jan 15, 2024

Pheasant – North

Daily bag limit 2. Roosters only
Nov 4, 2023 - Jan 8, 2024

Quail – South Zone

Daily bag limit 8.
Nov 4, 2023 - Jan 15, 2024

Quail – North Zone

Daily bag limit 8.
Nov 4, 2023 - Jan 8, 2024

Turkey – Fall Archery

Hunting allowed in certain counties. See regulations for more details.
Oct 1, 2023 - Jan 14, 2024

Turkey – Fall Shotgun

Oct 21, 2023 - Oct 29, 2023

**Contact the Illinois DNR for more information on specific hunting zones and dates:
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Bird Feeder Care Tips

With the return of summer means the return of a variety of bird species. If you plan on providing food, there are a few things to keep in mind.



According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, birds may become sick from moldy bird food and uncleaned bird feeders. This tends to happen in spring more often because of the rain and humidity. If there is mold growth, it can cause an avian disease called aspergillosis, which can disrupt a birds respiratory system. Birds can also get Salmonella from unclean feeders. Either of the diseases may kill the bird.

You should wash your bird feeders a few times every year to ensure there is no mold growth. You can do this with some bleach and water (one part bleach to nine parts water), just make sure to rinse and dry well. If you can, let it dry in the sun to help kill off any left over bacteria. This also applies to hummingbird feeders but, they should be cleaned weekly.

You also need to clean up the fallen seeds and hulls from the ground under the bird feeders to prevent moldy conditions. The seeds on the ground have a tendency of attracting some animals you may not want around like mice, voles, raccoons and bears.

When buying a bird feeder you should look for one with as much air flow as possible. Look for hopper-type feeders or fly-through feeders that provide good air flow. Another way to help keep the bird seed dry is by filling the bird feeder less and more often.



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- ARRIVE AT LAKE ACCESS WITH DRAIN PLUG IN PLACE.
- TRANSPORT AQUATIC PLANTS, ZEBRA MUSSELS, OR OTHER PROHIBITED SPECIES ON ANY ROADWAY.
- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.

SPORT FISHING LICENSE FEES

CURRENT FEES (Fees subject to change)

(INCLUDES AGENT'S FEES):

Resident sport fishing; annual.....	\$15.00*
Resident sport fishing;	
65 years old and over.....	\$7.75
75 years old and over.....	\$1.50
Resident and non-resident sport fishing; under 16 years of age.....	NONE NEEDED
Resident sport fishing; disabled, blind...NONE NEEDED	
Resident sport fishing 24-hour license.....	\$5.50
(does not include salmon or trout fishing privileges)	
Non-resident sport fishing 24-hour license.....	\$10.50
(does not include salmon or trout fishing privileges)	
Non-resident sport fishing (3 days).....	\$15.50
Non-resident sport fishing (annual).....	\$31.50
Resident Sportsmen's License	
(combined hunting and fishing licenses).....	\$26.25*

Resident Senior Sportsmen's License	
(combined hunting and fishing licenses; 65 years old and over).....	\$13.50
Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp	
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Resident; 75 years and over.....	\$0.50
Inland Trout Stamp (all waters except Lake Michigan)	
(Licensed sport fishermen only).....	\$6.50
Resident; 75 years and over.....	\$0.50
Resident lifetime sport fishing.....	\$435.00
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(hunting and fishing).....	\$765.00
*Half-priced license for qualifying resident veterans.	

*Check the IL DNR website
for updates.
<https://ifishillinois.org/>
or scan the QR code



Fishing



Fishing is a good way to get out and relax. It can also be a time to bond with family or friends. Fishing is healthy as well, being outside and active is good for the body and eating fish can be beneficial. There's also the excitement of never knowing what kind of fish is going to take the bait or how big it is going to be. Plus fishing helps support wild life management.

Mosquitoes

Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

Create an environment in your yard that invites animals that like to eat mosquitoes. Some things that enjoy eating mosquitoes are:

- Bats • Frogs • Fish • Turtles • Birds • Dragonflies

To help repel mosquitoes, plant some of the different vegetation listed:

- Citronella • Geranium • Eucalyptus • Rosemary • Basil • Anise • Mint • Marigolds • Catnip • Wormwood • Tansy • Lavender • Cedar • Cloves

Don't have stagnant water sitting around in things like buckets or tires.

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

When a mosquito bites you it can leave saliva in your body. If the mosquito is infected it can transfer diseases to you. A few of the more common diseases transmitted to people are:

- Dengue • Encephalitis • Malaria • Yellow Fever.

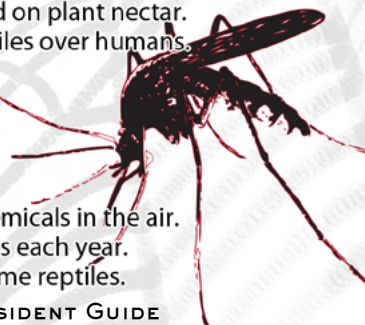
Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats) • Encephalitis.

To reduce your chance of getting a disease from mosquitoes you can, apply mosquito repellent to your skin and clothing.

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

- More than 3,000 different mosquito species can be found around the world.
- There are around 50 different mosquito species in the Upper Midwest.
- Female mosquitoes feed on blood. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar.
- Some mosquito species prefer to feed on animals or reptiles over humans.
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- One female mosquito can lay over 200 eggs at one time.
- Mosquito larvae only need a week in water to hatch.
- Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.
- Mosquitoes can fly around 1 to 2 mph.
- Mosquitoes find food by sight, infrared radiation and chemicals in the air.
- Around 1,000 Americans get ill or die from mosquito bites each year.
- Mosquitoes are a huge food source for birds, bats and some reptiles.



TICKS

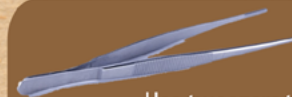
Diseases & Prevention

You can get a tickborne disease if you are bitten by a tick that is infected • Tickborne diseases are increasing throughout the United States. • Personal protection methods can help reduce the odds of a tick bite while enjoying the outdoors

Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

- Many tickborne diseases have similar symptoms
 - Symptoms usually show up within 2-4 weeks of being bitten
- Watch for symptoms like:

- Rash
- Fever
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle or joint aches



Tick Removal

Prompt tick removal is important.

Use tweezers to grasp the tick close to its mouth. Gently and slowly pull the tick straight outward.

Do not squeeze the ticks' body.

Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite.

Watch for early signs and symptoms of a tickborne disease. Don't use folk remedies like Petroleum Jelly or a burnt match.



Blacklegged Tick Coverage

American Dog Tick Coverage

Lone Star Tick Coverage

Blacklegged (Deer) Tick
Lyme disease
Anaplasmosis
Babesiosis
Ehrlichiosis
Powassan virus disease

American Dog (Wood) Tick
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Tularemia

Lone Star Tick
Ehrlichiosis
Tularemia
Heartland virus disease
Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness (STARI)

Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

1-Know when and where you're at risk

- Primarily Mid-May through Mid-July
- Wooded and brushy areas – Blacklegged Tick
- Grassy or wooded areas – American Dog Tick

2-Wear EPA-registered tick repellent

- DEET 20-30% on skin or clothing
- Permethrin 0.5% on clothing

3-Check yourself for ticks

- Shower after being outdoors
- Check at least once a day
- Remove ticks ASAP!



BUTTERED-UP Steak



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Take the steaks out of the refrigerator and let them come to room temperature for about 30 minutes. This helps the steak cook more evenly.

2 Preheat your oven to 400°F.

3 Season the steaks generously with salt and pepper on both sides.

4 Heat a large skillet over high heat until very hot. Add the steaks and cook for about 2-3 minutes per side, until nicely browned.

5 Remove the steaks from the skillet and place them on a baking sheet.

6 In the same skillet, add the butter and garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds, stirring constantly, until the garlic is fragrant.

7 Pour the garlic butter over the steaks on the baking sheet.

8 Place the baking sheet in the oven and cook for about 5-7 minutes for medium-rare doneness, or longer if you prefer your steak more well-done.

9 Remove the steaks from the oven and let them rest for a few minutes before slicing.

10 Serve the steak with any remaining butter from the baking sheet and fresh herbs if desired.

Enjoy your delicious
buttered-up steak!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN



BARBECUE DO'S:

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

BARBECUE DON'TS:

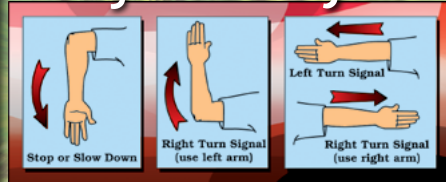
- use lighter fluid to start your grill. Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.



Be Aware of your Surroundings

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.

Bicycle Hand Signals



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual

and know your vehicle thoroughly.

- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
- Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands.
- Know the weather forecast.
- Make sure headlights and taillights work properly.
- Maintain safe distances between other riders.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Snowmobile Hand Signals

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

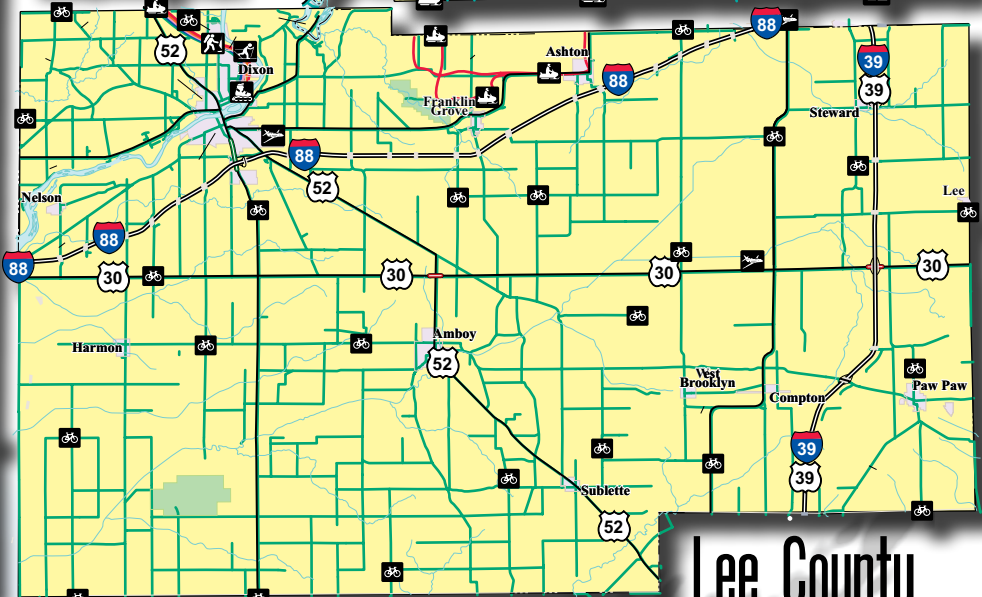
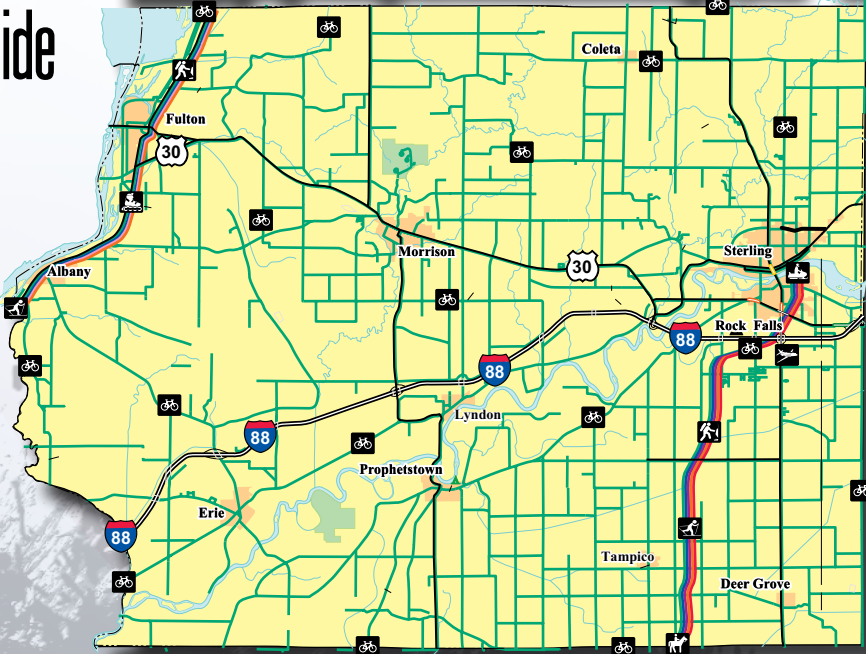
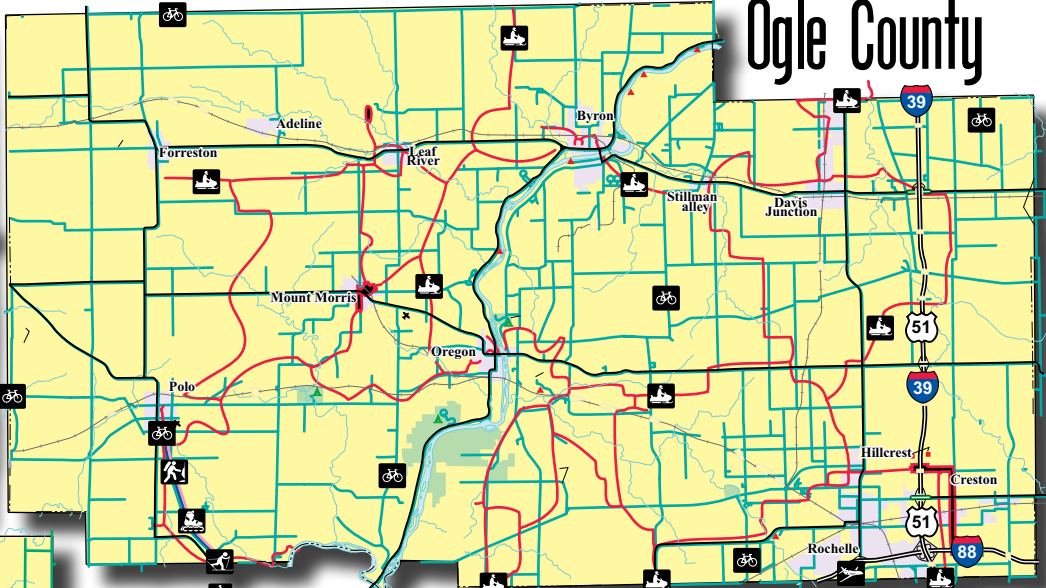
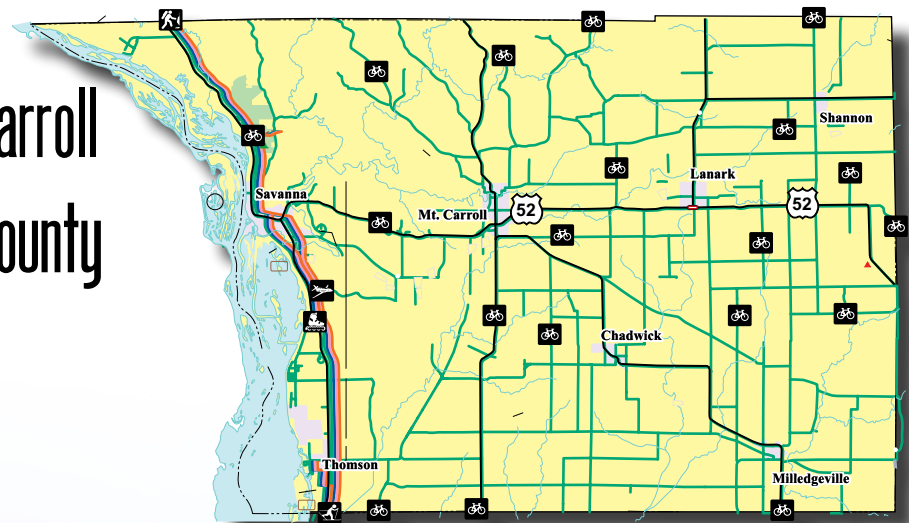
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-  Bicycle Trail/Route
-  Equestrian Trail
-  Hiking/Walking Trail

-  In-Line Skating
-  Cross-Country Ski Trail
-  Airport Locator

GO GREEN



Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



Cut back on single-use plastics,
conserve water,
drive less



EVERY
DAY
is
EARTH
DAY

Community/Home Gardens: Really good at absorbing carbon dioxide. Cuts down on pesticides/fertilizers. Also benefits mental health and provides fresh food.

Composting: Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.

Plant Trees: Planting trees is a classic Earth Day activity.

Local Food: Buy local sustainable food.

Clean-Up Events: Organize or participate in local clean-up efforts.

Upcycle Crafts: Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



OUR 40TH PRESIDENT

Ronald Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, was born in Tampico, Illinois, on February 6, 1911. Tampico is a small town located in Whiteside County, in northwestern Illinois. Reagan's birthplace and early years played a significant role in shaping his character and political ideologies.

Reagan's family lived in a modest apartment on the second floor of a commercial building in Tampico. His father, John Edward "Jack" Reagan, worked as a shoe salesman, and his mother, Nelle Wilson Reagan, was a homemaker. The family later moved to Dixon, Illinois, when Reagan was about nine years old.

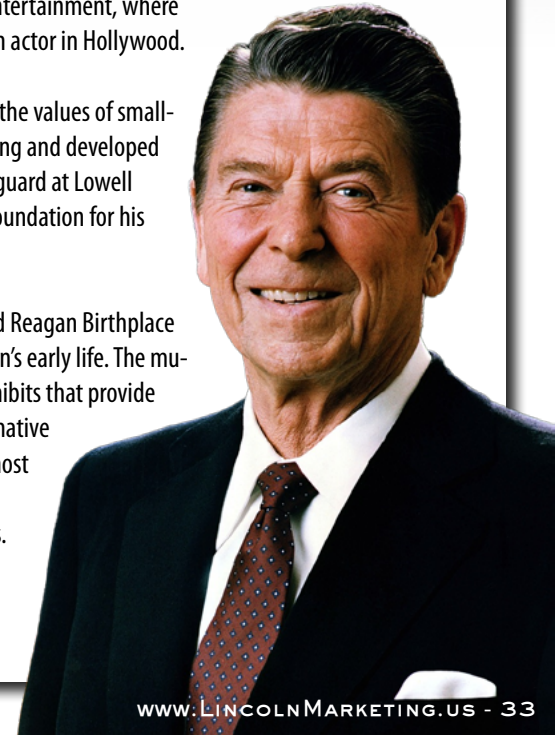
In Tampico, Reagan attended a one-room schoolhouse, where he received his early education. These formative years in a small town instilled in Reagan a strong sense of community and values that he would carry throughout his life. Tampico's tight-knit community and the values of hard work, personal responsibility, and self-reliance became foundational in Reagan's political philosophy.

Despite leaving Tampico, Reagan always held a deep affection for his birthplace and frequently referenced it throughout his political career. He often spoke about his humble beginnings and the values instilled in him during his early years in small-town America. Tampico, Illinois, remains a place of significance in understanding Reagan's journey and the influences that shaped his political philosophy.

Reagan's interest in performing and public speaking emerged during his years in Tampico. He developed a passion for acting and participated in various school plays and talent shows. This love for the stage eventually led him to pursue a career in entertainment, where he became a radio sports announcer and later an actor in Hollywood.

Reagan's childhood in Illinois was influenced by the values of small-town America. He developed a love for storytelling and developed his public speaking skills while working as a lifeguard at Lowell Park in Dixon. Reagan's time in Illinois laid the foundation for his conservative values and shaped his worldview.

Today, visitors to Tampico can explore the Ronald Reagan Birthplace and Museum, which offers a glimpse into Reagan's early life. The museum showcases artifacts, photographs, and exhibits that provide insight into the town's history and Reagan's formative years. It serves as a tribute to one of America's most beloved presidents and offers a chance to learn about his humble beginnings in Tampico, Illinois.



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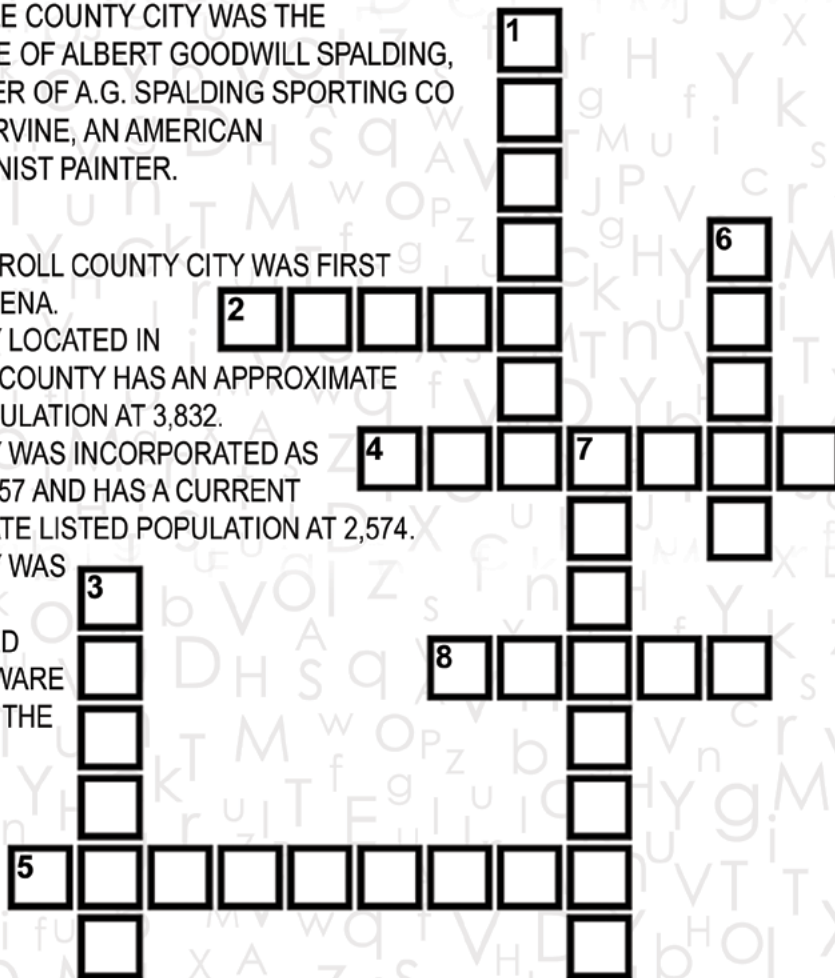
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ACROSS

- 2:** THIS CITY WAS HOME TO A FORT USED DURING THE BLACK HAWK WAR.
4: LANARK, LOCATED IN CARROLL COUNTY, WAS ORIGINALLY NAMED THIS.
5: THIS CITY WAS ORIGINALLY NAMED WHITE OAK GROVE.
8: THIS OGLE COUNTY CITY WAS THE BIRTHPLACE OF ALBERT GOODWILL SPALDING, CO-FOUNDER OF A.G. SPALDING SPORTING CO & WILSON IRVINE, AN AMERICAN IMPRESSIONIST PAINTER.

DOWN

- 1:** THIS CARROLL COUNTY CITY WAS FIRST NAMED GALENA.
3: THIS CITY LOCATED IN WHITESIDE COUNTY HAS AN APPROXIMATE LISTED POPULATION AT 3,832.
6: THIS CITY WAS INCORPORATED AS A CITY IN 1857 AND HAS A CURRENT APPROXIMATE LISTED POPULATION AT 2,574.
7: THIS CITY WAS ONCE CONSIDERED THE "HARDWARE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD".



WORD SEARCH

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Bird Feeder Care Tips



With the return of summer means the return of a variety of bird species. If you plan on providing food, there are a few things to keep in mind.

According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, birds may become sick from moldy bird food and uncleaned bird feeders. This tends to happen in spring more often because of the rain and humidity. If there is mold growth, it can cause an avian disease called aspergillosis, which can disrupt a birds respiratory system. Birds can also get Salmonella from unclean feeders. Either of the diseases may kill the bird.

You should wash your bird feeders a few times every year to ensure their is no mold growth. You can do this with some bleach and water (one part bleach to nine parts water), just make sure to rinse and dry well. If you can, let it dry in the sun to help kill off any left over bacteria. This also applies to hummingbird feeders but, they should be cleaned weekly.

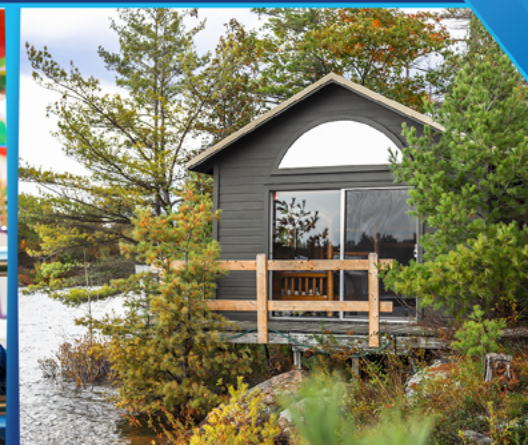
You also need to clean up the fallen seeds and hulls from the ground under the bird feeders to prevent moldy conditions. The seeds on the ground have a tendency of attracting some animals you may not want around like mice, voles, raccoons and bears.

When buying a bird feeder you should look for one with as much air flow as possible. Look for hopper-type feeders or fly-through feeders that provide good air flow. Another way to help keep the bird seed dry is by filling the bird feeder less and more often.



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