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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

New Year's Eve Fun Ride | Galena, IL

FEBRUARY

Chocolate lovers stroll | Galena, IL

MARCH

Booster Club Auction | East Dubuque, IL

St. Patrick's Day Parade | Galena, IL

APRIL

IL Game & Pet Breeders Swap Meet | Freeport, IL

Pretzel Fest | Freeport, IL

Stephenson County Fiber Art Fair | Cedarville, IL

MAY

City-Wide Garage Sales | East Dubuque, IL

Memorial Day Parade | East Dubuque, IL

Ride the Ups and Downs | Elizabeth, IL

Spring Chicken 5K | Freeport, IL

Memorial Day Parade & Picnic | Freeport, IL

Daffodil Festival | Galena, IL

Rummage & Bake Sale | Cedarville, IL

JUNE

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast | East Dubuque, IL

Independence Day Celebration | East Dubuque, IL

Spring Fling | Elizabeth, IL

FHN'S Pretzel City Festival | Freeport, IL

Great Galena Balloon Race & Ale Fest | Galena, IL

Maifest | Galena, IL

Brats, Beer & Blues Fest | Freeport, IL

Taste of Lena | Lena, IL

City-Wide Garage Sales | Stockton, IL

Jane Addams Festival | Cedarville, IL & Freeport, IL

JULY

4th of July Celebration | East Dubuque, IL

Stephenson County Fair | Freeport, IL

Galena Independence Day Celebration | Galena, IL

Star-Spangled Shenandoah Pro Rodeo | Galena, IL

Antique Town Rods Run & Car Show | Galena, IL

German Valley Days | German Valley, IL

AUGUST

East Dubuque Wingfest | East Dubuque, IL

Threshing & Antique Show | Freeport, IL

Sidewalk Sale Days | Galena, IL

Tractor Day | Stockton, IL

Willow Folk Festival | Stockton, IL

SEPTEMBER

IL Game & Pet Breeders Swap Meet | Freeport, IL

Galena Oktoberfest | Galena, IL

Mallardfest | Hanover, IL

Lions Fall Festival & 5K Run/Walk | Lena, IL

Historic Cemetery Walk | Galena, IL

OCTOBER

Scarecrow Festival | Elizabeth, IL

Halloween Harvest | East Dubuque, IL

Train of Terror | Freeport, IL

Galena Country Fair | Galena, IL

Riverview Duck Derby | Galena, IL

Fall Art Show | Galena, IL

The Haunted Old Mill | Orangeville, IL

NOVEMBER

Santa at the Firehouse | East Dubuque, IL

Jewelry, Gem, Fossil & Mineral Show | Freeport, IL

Veterans Day Ceremony | Freeport, IL

Christmas on the Farm | Freeport, IL

Love Light Tree Lighting | Freeport, IL

Nouveau Wine Weekend & Parade | Galena, IL

KC Tootsie Roll Drive | East Dubuque, IL

Thanksgiving Dinner | East Dubuque, IL

Cookie Walk | Freeport, IL

DECEMBER

RC Modelers Annual Swap Meet | Cedarville, IL

Christmas at The Fort | Elizabeth, IL

Lion's Club Christmas Party | East Dubuque, IL

Giving Tree Disbursement | East Dubuque, IL

Santa's Visit | East Dubuque, IL

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Jo Daviess County was established in 1827 and its boundaries once spanned Illinois, including Carroll, Lee, Whiteside, Ogle, LaSalle, Rock Island, Henry, Bureau, Winnebago and Stephenson Counties. It was named in honor of Colonel Joseph Hamilton Daveiss who led troops during the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811, and a clerical error led to its present spelling. The area was originally home to Sac and Fox Indians and settlers were attracted to the ample lead deposits and access to the Galena River. Galena was selected as the county seat and communities were established. By 1900 the population of Jo Daviess County had reached 24,533 and the area has continued to prosper. Today Jo Daviess County is home to approximately 22,188 residents.

APPLE RIVER – pop. 359

EAST DUBUQUE – pop. 1,921

ELIZABETH – pop. 650

GALENA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 3,333

HANOVER – pop. 793

MENOMINEE – pop. 205

NORA – pop. 113

SCALES MOUND – pop. 381

STOCKTON – pop. 1,797

WARREN – pop. 1,370

**Populations are approximate.*

EAST DUBUQUE

East Dubuque was first known as Dunleith as it was settled in 1832. Railroad development allowed for growth and the community was renamed in 1877 after Dubuque, Iowa. Businesses were established and the area began to grow. During Prohibition, East Dubuque was widely recognized as “Sin City” due to the high number of speak-easies and bootleggers. As Prohibition ended, the area became known for its well preserved Indian mounds in Gramercy Park. Today East Dubuque is home to approximately 1,921 residents.

ELIZABETH

Elizabeth was settled in 1825 as the area attracted lead miners. The community housed the Apple River Fort which defended the residents from Indian attacks of the Black Hawk War in 1832. After the war the community was platted in 1839 by Charles Bennett. In 1868 Elizabeth was incorporated and railroad expansion in 1888 prompted growth. As lead mining began to decline, residents began farming. The Apple River Fort has since been restored and offers visitors a glimpse into the history and early struggles of the community. Today Elizabeth is home to approximately 650 residents.

GALENA (COUNTY SEAT)

Galena began as a quaint mining town whose name means lead sulfide. The community was organized in 1826 and its proximity to the Mississippi River and the Galena Trail attracted many residents. Its population exploded from 200 to 10,000 by 1828 as it produced over 80 percent of the country’s lead. The community was selected as the county seat and by 1850 its population reached over 14,000. As mineral deposits began to deplete, industry was succeeded by agriculture. The community is now recognized for its well preserved historic buildings, including the home of General Ulysses S. Grant. Today Galena is home to approximately 3,333 residents.

HANOVER

Hanover was established on a former Indian village and was first recognized as Craigsville, then Wapello until it was finally incorporated as Hanover in 1877. Early industry was led by milling and lumbering and as rail lines were constructed, the area began to grow. Hanover is now widely recognized as the Mallard Capital of the World as it houses the largest duck hatchery in the country, Whistling Wings. Today Hanover is home to approximately 793 residents.

STOCKTON

Stockton was established as a railway village in 1887 and incorporated in 1890. Early industry was led by agriculture as many residents farmed hogs and cattle. By 1900 the area boasted mills, grain elevators, churches, a fire department, grocery store, school, barbershop, hotel, veterinary service, newspaper office, pharmacy and a variety of specialty shops. Today Stockton is home to approximately 1,797 residents.

WARREN

Warren was established by Alexander Burnett in 1843 and streets were platted in 1853. The community was incorporated in 1857 and railroad development prompted growth allowing the development of businesses, churches and schools. Angela Rose Canfield, who served as mayor of Warren from 1916 to 1920, was the first female mayor elected to office in Illinois. Today Warren is home to approximately 1,370 residents.



Stephenson County was established in 1837 from part of Jo Daviess and Winnebago Counties and was originally home to the Sac and the Fox Indians. It was named in honor of Colonel Benjamin Stephenson who served in the Illinois Militia and made his claim to fame in the War of 1812. Settlers were attracted to the rich soil and communities were founded near the Pecatonica River. Freeport was selected as the county seat and as the area developed Stephenson County became recognized for the location of one of the senate debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas in Freeport. By 1900 the population of Stephenson County had reached 34,933 and the area continued to develop. Today Stephenson County is home to approximately 46,367 residents.

CEDARVILLE – pop. 683

DAKOTA – pop. 471

DAVIS – pop. 625

FREEPORT (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 24,615

GERMAN VALLEY – pop. 450

LAKE SUMMERSET – pop. 2,061

LENA – pop. 2,786

ORANGEVILLE – pop. 759

PEARL CITY – pop. 771

RIDOTT – pop. 147

ROCK CITY – pop. 313

WINSLOW – pop. 326

**Populations are approximate.*

CEDARVILLE

Settled in 1837, Cedarville was platted in 1849 by George Ilgen and Marcus Montelius. George Reitzell served as the area's first postmaster and by 1858 its population reached 500. Early businesses included mills, carriage shops, factories and an assortment of specialty shops. Cedarville is now widely recognized as the birthplace of Jane Addams, social activist, Nobel Peace Prize winner and co-founder of the Hull House in Chicago. Today Cedarville is home to approximately 683 residents.

FREEPORT (COUNTY SEAT)

First recognized as Winneshiek, Freeport was settled in 1827 by German immigrants. William "Tutty" Baker is credited as being its founder and his free ferry service led to the name "Freeport." Its location along the stagecoach line to Chicago attracted many residents and the community grew dramatically. Freeport was selected as the county seat and by 1853 businesses were thriving and the community boasted a population over 2,000. Today Freeport is home to approximately 24,615 residents.

LENA

Lena was surveyed and established as a railway village in 1853. As the railway expanded, the community grew dramatically and by 1867 businesses included general stores, a grocery store, lumberyard, blacksmith, post office, newspaper office, churches and a variety of specialty shops. By 1870 its population had reached 1,295 and the area continued to thrive. Today Lena is home to approximately 2,786 residents.

ORANGEVILLE

Orangeville was founded in 1845 by John Bowers and the area was first recognized as Bowersville. Streets were platted in 1850 and early businesses included mills, hotels, banks, churches, a creamery, general store and a variety of specialty shops. In 1867 Orangeville was incorporated and the community grew slowly until the expansion of the railroad in 1887. Today Orangeville is home to approximately 759 residents.



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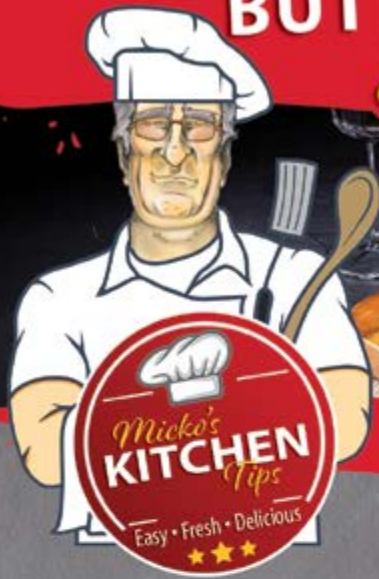
You should wash your bird feeders a few times every year to ensure their is no mold growth. You can do this with some bleach and water (one part bleach to nine parts water), just make sure to rinse and dry well. If you can, let it dry in the sun to help kill off any left over bacteria. This also applies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



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.



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.



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FIREWOOD

Burn it where you get it!



Invasive pests like the Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth have devastated millions of trees in the United States. Where these pests come from, the population stays in control because they have natural predators. The United States does not have these natural predators so the populations have the chance to grow to extreme numbers.



Emerald Ash Borer

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

Preventing the Spread

- Buy local firewood.
- Burn all firewood completely at each destination.
- Move only Certified firewood out of a quarantine county or across state boundaries.
- Use firewood from nearby sources to heat your home or cabin.
- Tell your friends and family about the importance of not moving firewood.
- Don't move hardwood firewood out of a quarantine county, unless it is state or USDA certified.
- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
- Don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

Invasive Pests are a Problem!

Weigh Your Fish With a Ruler

Use this chart to estimate your fish's weight so that you don't hurt it. Please be aware that these are simply estimates because lake or stream-specific fish weights can vary slightly.

Crappie		Bass		Walleye		Northern	
length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)
8	0.3	12	1.0	14	1.0	24	3.2
9	0.4	13	1.3	15	1.2	25	3.6
10	0.6	14	1.7	16	1.5	26	4.0
11	0.8	15	2.1	17	1.8	27	4.6
12	1.1	16	2.5	18	2.2	28	5.2
13	1.4	17	3.0	19	2.5	29	5.8
14	1.8	18	3.6	20	3.0	30	6.4
15	2.2	19	4.2	21	3.5	31	7.1
16	2.7	20	5.0	22	4.1	32	7.8
17	3.3	21	5.7	23	4.7	33	8.6
		22	6.6	24	5.4	34	9.4
		23	7.6	25	6.1	35	10.3
				26	6.9	36	11.2
				27	7.8	37	12.2
				28	8.8	38	13.3
				29	9.8	39	14.4
						40	15.6
						41	16.8
						42	18.1

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
(Licensed sport fishermen only).....\$6.50
 - 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
 - Resident lifetime combined
(hunting and fishing).....\$765.00
- *Half-priced license for qualifying resident veterans.*

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.

Boating safety is critical for anyone who operates a boat or spends time on the water. Here are some general boating safety tips to keep in mind:

- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on changing conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, rough winds or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water.
- **Use navigation aids:** Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to help you navigate safely.
- **Maintain your boat:** Keep your boat well-maintained and in good working condition. Make sure all safety equipment is in good condition and functioning properly.
- **Avoid alcohol:** Do not drink alcohol while operating a boat. It is illegal and increases the likelihood of accidents.
- **Watch your speed:** Observe speed limits and maintain a safe speed based on conditions. Remember, slower speeds may be necessary in crowded areas or in inclement weather.
- **Be aware of other boats:** Watch for other boats and be aware of their movements. Always assume other boaters may not see you.
- **Know the rules:** Learn and follow boating safety laws and regulations. This includes rules for navigation, safety equipment, and right-of-way.
- **File a float plan:** Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. File a float plan with a trusted person or a marina.
- **Take a boating safety course:** Consider taking a boating safety course to improve your skills and knowledge.



By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

Be smart...



Take good care of your skin

The skin is an organ and helps protect against heat, sunlight, injury, and infections. This is why it is important to always protect it. Overexposure to the sun can be linked to some skin cancers. Ultraviolet rays from the sun or sunlamps can also cause eye problems, weakened immune system, age spots, wrinkles, and leathery skin.

• Protect your skin

Wear proper clothing like long-sleeved shirts and pants. Also protect your head and eyes with a hat and UV-resistant sunglasses.

Remember that you can also fall victim to the sun on a cloudy day as well as in the winter.

Sunburns increase the risk of developing skin cancer. It is especially important that children don't get a sunburns.

Peak burning hours, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Reflective surfaces, like water, snow, and sand can reflect sun rays and make them more intense.

You experience more UV exposure at higher altitudes, because there is less atmosphere to absorb UV radiation.

Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen to cover all exposed skin. The FDA recommends using sun screens that are broad spectrum and have a sun protection factor (SPF) value of at least 15. Re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

• Protect your eyes

UV rays can penetrate the structures of your eyes and cause cell damage. According to the CDC, some sun-related vision problems cause cataracts, macular degeneration, and pterygium.

• UV index

Before going outside you can check the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) UV index. To see the intensity of UV rays for the day. The index measures on a scale of 1 to 11. If its low on the UV index you will require less protection and a high UV index will require a lot more protection.



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

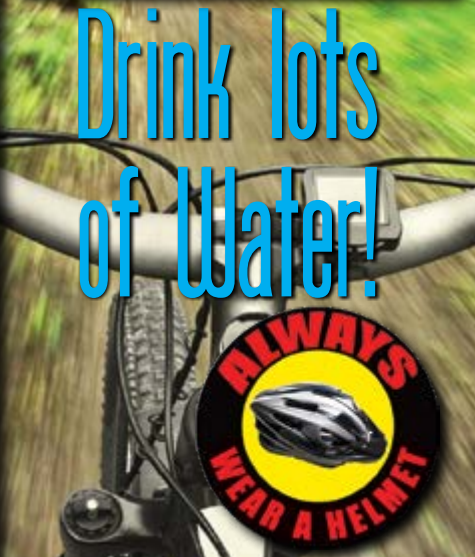
3-Check yourself for ticks

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



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.



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.

- 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.

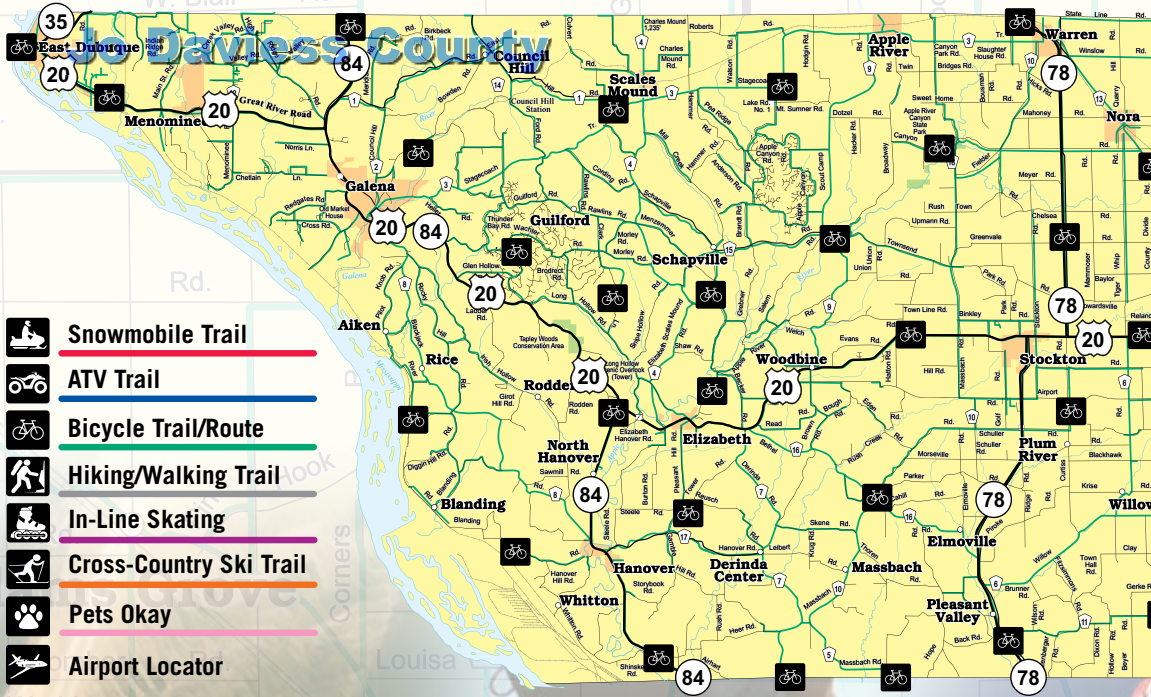
Snowmobile Hand Signals











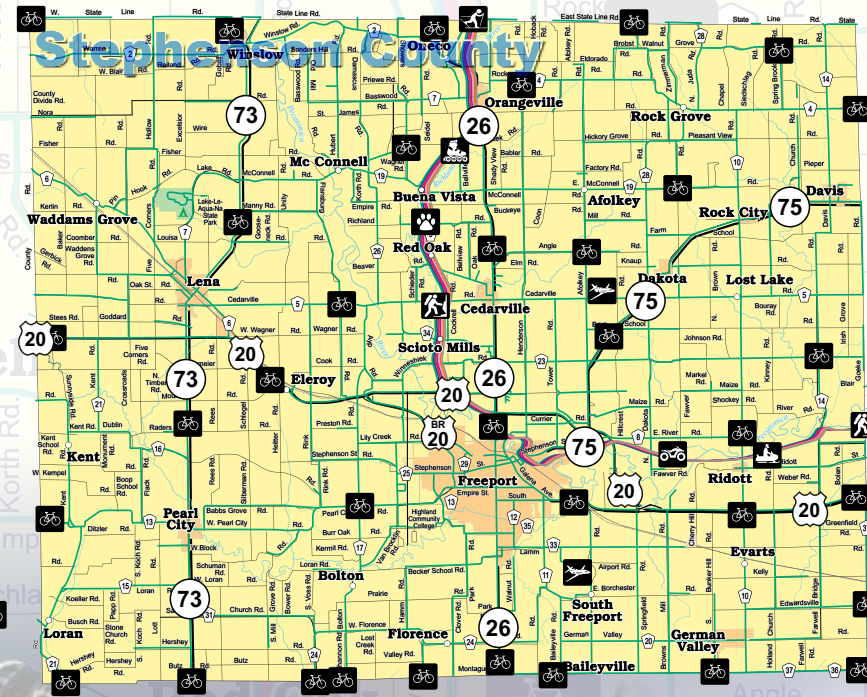
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NO TRESPASSING

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/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

LOCAL AREA TRAILS



-  **Snowmobile Trail**
-  **ATV Trail**
-  **Bicycle Trail/Route**
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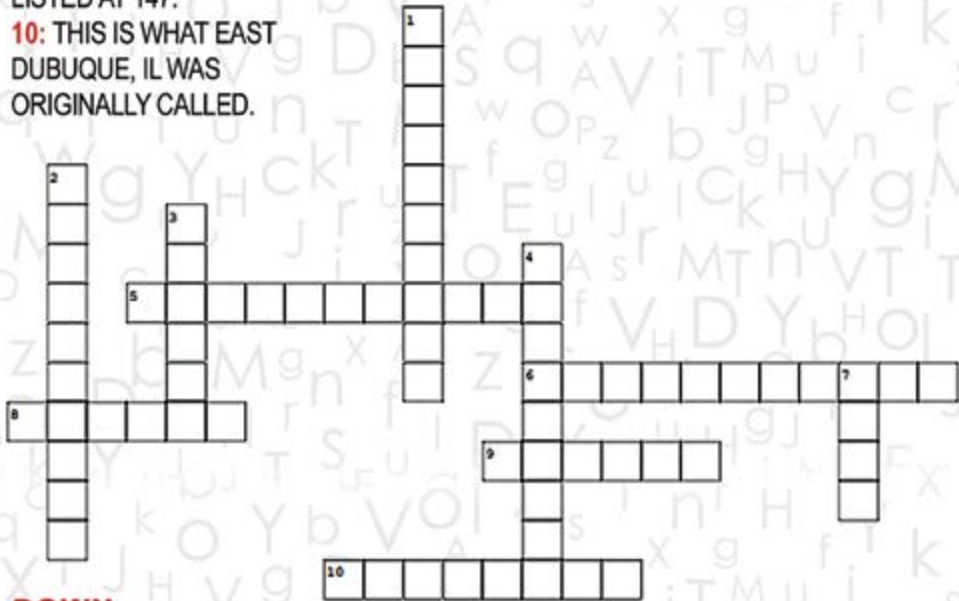
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- 5: THIS WAS THE ORIGINAL NAME FOR HANOVER, IL UNTIL 1877.
- 6: THIS CITY'S FIRST NAME WAS "BOWERSVILLE", UNTIL 1845.
- 8: THIS CITY'S NAME MEANS "LEAD SULFIDE".
- 9: THIS STEPHENSON COUNTY CITY HAS THE LEAST APPROXIMATE POPULATION LISTED AT 147.
- 10: THIS IS WHAT EAST DUBUQUE, IL WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED.



DOWN

- 1: THIS WAS THE ORIGINAL NAME FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, IL.
- 2: NAME OF THE BATTLE IN 1881, LED BY COLONEL JOSEPH HAMILTON DAVEISS.
- 3: THIS CITY HAD THE FIRST FEMALE MAYOR IN ILLINOIS FROM 1916 TO 1920.
- 4: THIS JODAVIESS CITY HAS AN APPROXIMATE POPULATION OF 205.
- 7: THIS CITY WAS ESTABLISHED TO SERVE AS A RAILWAY VILLAGE IN 1853.

WORD SEARCH



- GALENA
- LENA
- CEDARVILLE
- RIDOTT
- DAKOTA
- DAVIS
- JODAVIESS
- STEPHENSON
- HANOVER
- WARREN
- WINSLOW
- NORA
- STOCKTON
- ELIZABETH
- FREEPORT
- ORANGEVILLE

Healthy & Environmentally Friendly Lawn

Choose a type of grass that thrives in your area. 3" is the optimal height for most grasses, it allows the roots to become strong and healthy. It also helps to absorb more water. Don't bag the lawn clippings, it's a natural fertilizer. Keep your mower blades sharp.



Don't water every day. Give your lawn a good soaking once or twice a week. Your lawn should get about an inch of water each week, whether it be from rain fall or a sprinkler. Water your lawn in the early morning, preferably before 10am. Watering at night time can create fungus growth.



Don't use pesticides. Correctly identify what the problem is and try a non-chemical method first. If you have to use a chemical based pesticide, try spot treating the problem area. All pesticides are toxic to some degree. Make sure to read all labels.



Fertilizers can harm the environment. Use natural organic or slow-release fertilizers. The best time to fertilize your lawn is in the fall.



COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

Yard trimmings and food scraps make up nearly 15% to 30% of waste produced by the average household in USA. Composting leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps, creates a nice black dirt to use around your yard. It also can reduce what goes to landfills and your use of fertilizer and water around your yard.

How to get started composting

1. Make a compost bin or you can buy one
2. Place yard waste in and mix in kitchen scraps
3. Water as needed, to keep moist
4. Mix it with a shovel or pitchfork once in a while

What to compost

Food scraps such as banana peels and coffee grounds are good to compost. The best results come from mixing the right materials like, nitrogen-rich (greens), carbon-rich (browns), water, and air. Get the mixture correct and you will have good quality compost.

What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors. Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.

How long will it take?

Most likely you will produce compost in six months to a year depending on your management methods. To make compost faster keep the correct moisture levels and turn the pile every once in awhile.

Using the finished compost

Compost is not a fertilizer but it can contain nutrients which improves plant growth. By using compost, you can improve the soil around your plants, flowers and throughout your yard, it also reduces your use of fertilizer and water. Another good use for your compost is to use it for your potted plants.



Travel

Choosing the
perfect
destination

What is your dream vacation? Do you want to lay on the beach, hike a mountain or explore a city? Questions like these are a good starting point to decide on where to go. Do research on some different areas and activities that may interest you and any others that you are traveling with to identify the most suitable vacation area.

How long do you plan on being gone? Don't try to go too far or jam in to many activities if you don't have the time. Leave some free time in your schedule to accommodate any unforeseen changes during the trip.

Depending on what type of climate you are wanting to vacation in, plan your trip for an appropriate time of the year in that area. Also watch out for peak seasons at some popular vacation destinations. At these times prices may be higher with larger crowds.

Plan:

- Research and learn about the area you are heading to
- Check the Travel Advisories for your intended destination
- Pack the appropriate clothing and supplies you will need for your trip
- Have a backup plan in case of injury or illness while on your trip
- Let friends or family know about your trip

Protect:

- Make sure the food and water in the area is safe to consume
- Protect your skin from the sun and insects
- Don't take any unnecessary risks
- Keep an eye on your health while traveling & when you get back

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