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Peoria County

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Known as the Heart of Illinois, Peoria County is at the center of a multi-county region along the Illinois River. Peoria County encompasses 629 square miles, running 32 miles north/south and 28 miles east/west.

Economy

The Greater Peoria region has a diverse and vibrant business base and is home to a variety of firms that focus on innovation, research, and development. While agriculture and the manufacturing giants of Caterpillar and Komatsu still have a firm presence, the region's industries over the last 10 years have noticeably expanded and grown to encompass healthcare, education, banking, biotech, and craft distilling, among others.

The thriving economic base is anchored by our booming medical community. **OSF** HealthCare and UnityPoint Health are both major employers in the region. Specialty care centers and providers abound. University of Illinois College of Medicine and Jump Simulation Center are both located in Peoria as well as multiple colleges of nursing.

The river continues to be a great economic driver in the County. It carries in excess of 39 million tons of freight each year. It recently became part of the federally recognized Heart of Illinois Regional Port District, which aims to bring more investment into the area.

The river bluffs slowly transition into prairie-like terrain that supports rich farm ground and agricultural operations in the central and western portions of the County. Roughly 250,000 acres are devoted primarily to corn, soybeans, cattle, hogs, and vegetables. We are also home to the USDA's National Center for **Agricultural Utilization**

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Many organizations, including Peoria Innovation Alliance, Distillery Labs, and Startup Greater Peoria, are investing in innovation and entrepreneurship in our region to continue to grow diversification efforts. Firms such as Natural Fiber Welding, which blends high fashion with plant-based manufacturing, and Bump Boxes, which curate and ships pregnancy-

the local school districts. Peoria is also home to the Louisville Slugger Sports Complex, which hosts many regional and national youth sporting events and tournaments.

The County's landscape lends itself to a plethora of outdoor activities. Abundant public and private golf courses, substantial regional trail systems, fishing and hunting opportunities, a lively running scene, and mountain biking can all be found in the County. Roughly 25,000 acres in the county is woodland.



friendly products nationwide, are choosing Peoria County as their home.

Entertainment and Recreation

Peoria County boasts an impressive array of entertainment and culture amenities that are typically found in larger metropolitan cities. The vibrant arts scene ranges from a symphony orchestra and ballet company to local workshops and galleries. The Peoria Riverfront Museum continually features world-renown traveling exhibits as well as permanent displays from famed local artists. Large and small concert and theatre venues, such as the Peoria Civic Center, Three Sisters Park, and Betty Jayne Brimmer Center for the Performing Arts, are active and flourishing. Cultural festivals filled with food and music are summer mainstays throughout the County.

The city of Peoria, which is the County's population and commercial center, has sports that any metropolitan area of similar size would envy, including a minor league baseball team affiliated with the St. Louis Cardinals, NCAA Division One athletics at Bradley University, and the Rivermen hockey team. Youth athletics are plentiful, from recreational play to travel and competitive leagues both within and outside of The local Illinois Valley Yacht Club and Detweiller Marina allow boating enthusiasts easy access to the water. Man-made lakes and the Illinois River make up more than 9000 acres of surface water.

Family-friendly adventures thrive at the Peoria Playhouse Children's Museum, Peoria Zoo, Wildlife Prairie Park, rock climbing at First Ascent,

and more. Plus, the award-winning Peoria Park District stewards more than 9000 acres of land and recreational centers throughout Peoria County.

Living

The average sale price in the region is a reasonable \$114,000. Whether you're looking for a home with a view, urban walkability, a short commute to work or school, or forested seclusion, you'll be able to find what you're looking for.

The County encompasses 18 public school districts, with higher-than-average national graduation rates. In addition, many private schools are located in the County, both secular and with religious affiliations. Those homeschooling their children will also find active support networks in our region.

The region is also characterized as one with smalltown friendliness and charm. Multiple communities are nestled along the majestic Illinois River, which flows along the entire eastern border of the County. These tight-knit communities are great places to put down roots, and charming small shops and restaurants encourage regional day trips for County residents and visitors alike.



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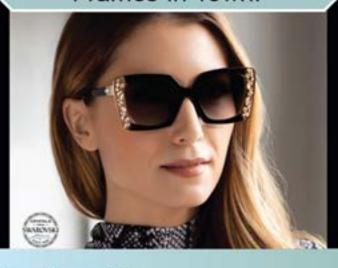








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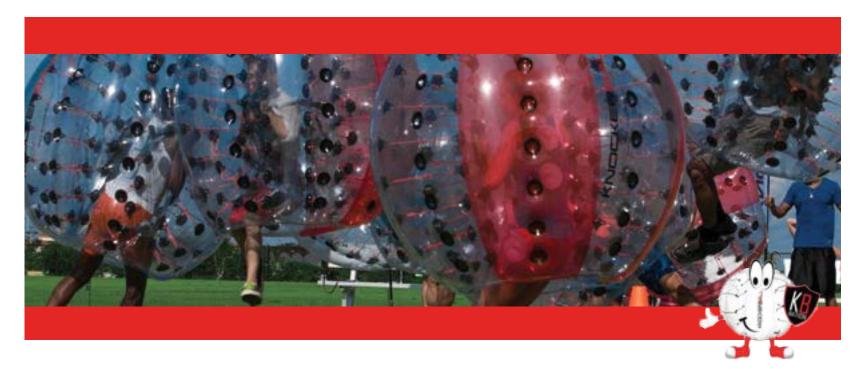
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Founder William Rutherford, was an attorney by trade and had never planned on developing a nationally recognized park at the age of 60. However, in the 1960's Bill learned that the Brookfield Zoo was looking for space to raise exotic, endangered animals. At this time, the Forest Park Foundation. which he was affiliated with since 1939, acquired 480 acres of land near Peoria with intentions of



using it for conservation and environmental efforts. The Foundation partnered with Brookfield Zoo, but when the management at the zoo changed, so did the plans for the Park. The foundation decided to create a new Park that offered what big zoos could not. They would use natural resources to create a zoological park dedicated to Illinois that also paid tribute to pioneer America.

Over the next three to four years, native Illinois

animals, animals that would be brought by pioneers, and native plants were acquired, construction materials were secured, buildings were erected and money was raised. The Park opened for 6 weeks in September 1977 in honor of Mrs. Hazel Rutherford's birthday, and then officially opened its gates to the public in 1978.

Today, Wildlife Prairie Park is proud to continue its mission of conservation, education, and recreation to its nearly 140,000 annual visitors. As one of the Midwest's leading destinations, visitors from across the globe have enjoyed the beauty and wonder of Wildlife Prairie Park.

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This three-time All American City has the heart that is so well known in the Midwest. While still enjoying a variety of sophisticated entertainment, we are still homey enough to enjoy a tractor pull at the County fair, and many citizens vie for blue ribbons for their original cookie recipe or their prize bull during that competition. Peoria derives its name from the aboriginal inhabitants encountered by the first wave of French explorers.

Located along the meandering Illinois River, our citizens enjoy both the fast pace of a dynamic community and the slower, old-fashioned tempo that is showcased by Old Fashioned Sunday in the Park and quiet pot lucks in their backyards.







As the saying goes..."Will it Play in Peoria"?

This famous question originated during Peoria's exciting vaudeville days during the 1920s. After a new live act or stage show was produced, it was soon booked into a Peoria theater to test audience reaction to the show. If the show did not receive a strong positive approval, one of two things could happen: the production was rewritten, recast, or otherwise improved, or it was canceled. Because Peoria was viewed as the "typical" American town, if a show could achieve the approval of the Peoria audience, it would be successful anywhere in the country.

The phrase came back into circulation when a Nixon administration political advisor used it while talking about campaigning in the Midwest. Peoria was still seen as a model of the norm in the country, and the President could use the citizens of Peoria to gauge his approval.

In the past 80 years, Peoria has garnered the "All-American City" award four times. As national test marketers have found, Peoria is a microcosm of America herself. To "Play in Peoria" is not only an old term from vaudeville, but also a catch phrase used today to measure the thoughts and habits of the typical American.

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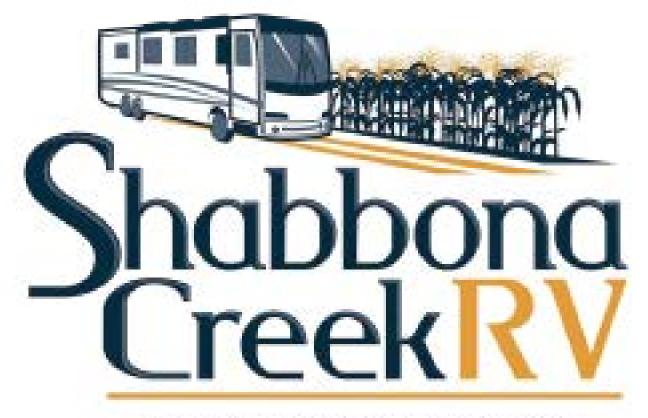
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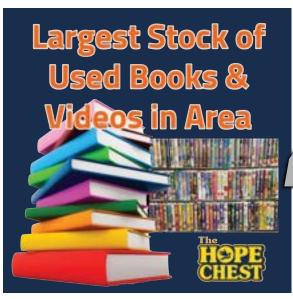




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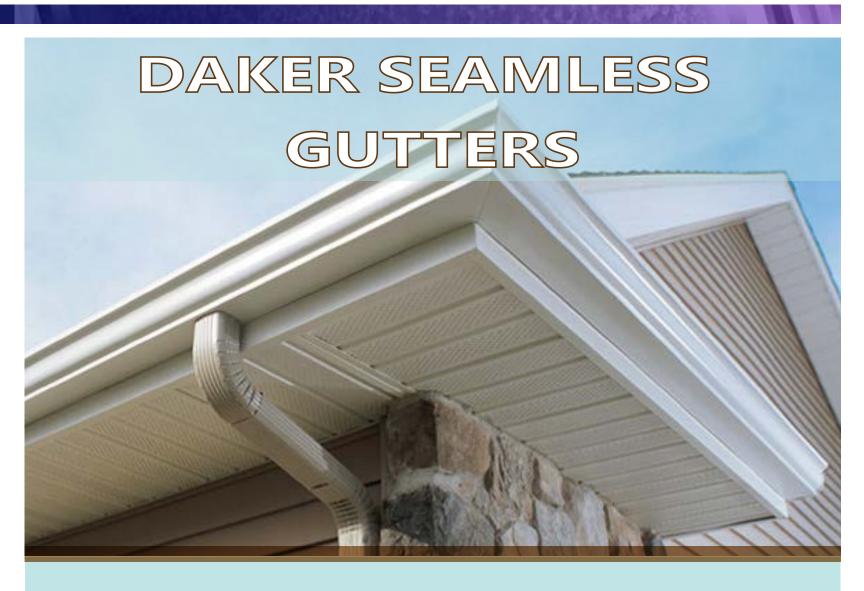


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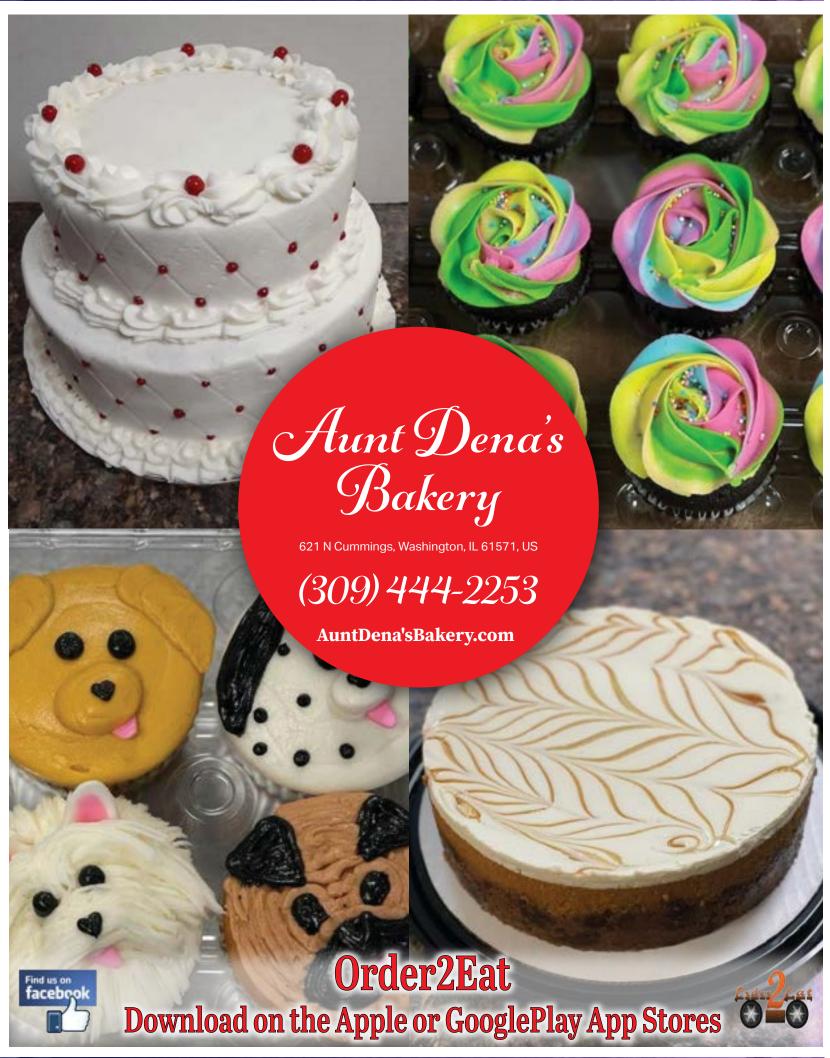
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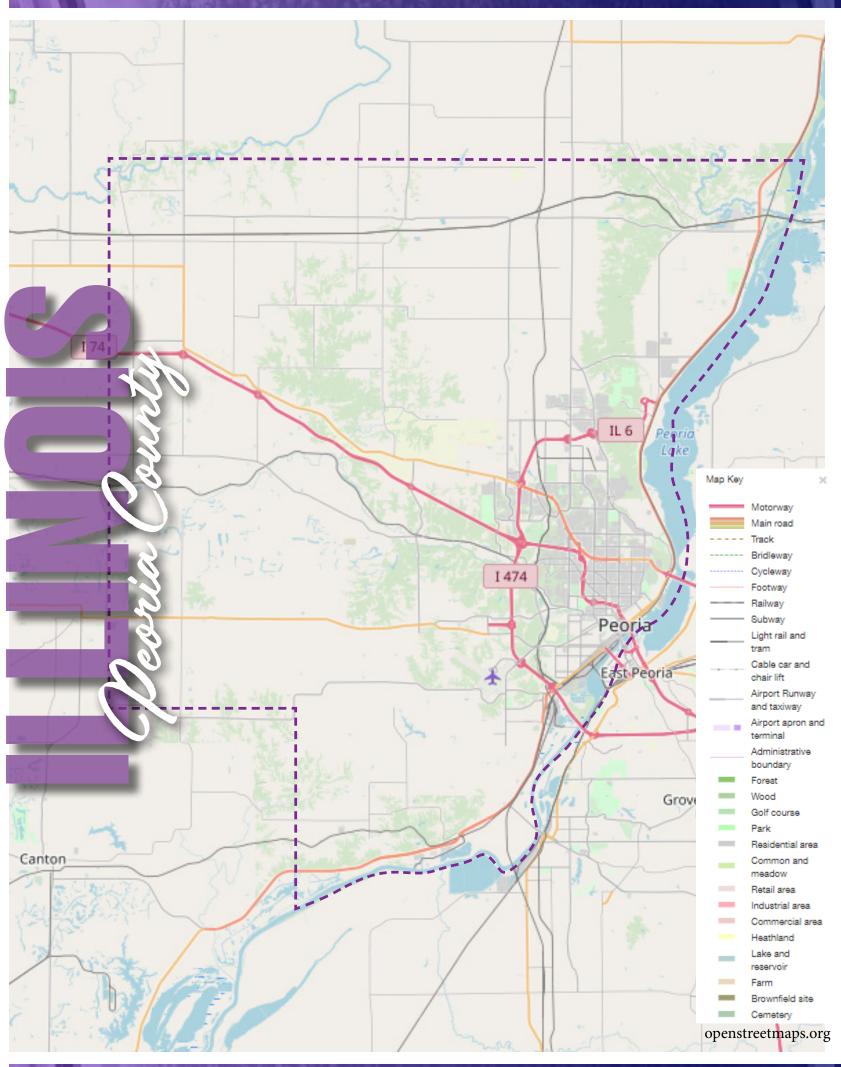
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