

EXPERIENCE THE BEST IN WESTERN ILLINOIS

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Living bigger in smaller places is a hallmark of America's heartland.

Choose a town like Galesburg, Kewanee or Monmouth, or plant your roots in one of many surrounding rural communities. Wherever you settle, you'll find:

- High quality of life with a lower cost of living
- Time to enjoy life instead of spending it as a commuter
- Train stations in Galesburg and Kewanee, for relaxing ride to Chicago or national destinations
- And of course, world-class health care with OSF HealthCare hospitals in Galesburg, Kewanee and Monmouth

LET'S GET SPECIFIC

Education

From pre-K through graduate school, the region offers an array of public and private options:

- [University of Illinois at Macomb](#), a public university with a 13:1 student-faculty ratio, is just down the road in Macomb.
- [Monmouth College](#) in Galesburg consistently ranks among the best liberal arts schools in the U.S.
- [Knox College](#) is ranked one of the nation's best for student social mobility.
- [Knox College](#) in Galesburg and [East Campus in Kewanee](#) are well-regarded, two-year community colleges.
- Strong support for dozens of community school districts, as well as several private and parochial school options, serving pre-K through high school children

Picture This

Great places to take your family and friends, learn – and take selfies, too!

- [Monmouth College](#), museum in Monmouth shares history of the legendary lawman
- [Kewanee](#), a large collection of locally painted murals in Downtown Kewanee
- [Kewanee](#), "Utopia on the Prairie" founded by Swedish settlers in 1846
- [Kewanee](#), the first "green home" in Illinois
- [Knox College](#) at Knox College



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Exciting Annual Events

Nobody does festivals like small towns. Here are a few of the best events around:

- [The Illinois State Fair](#), salute to what railroading has meant to the region and America
- [The Illinois State Fair](#) in Monmouth
- [The Illinois State Fair](#), featuring the “world’s largest outdoor pork barbecue”
- [The Illinois State Fair](#) - Knox vs. Monmouth, seventh-longest rivalry in college football
- [The Illinois State Fair](#), where the skies fill with hot-air balloons, including a night light

A True Shopping Experience

Find out why Kewanee was named [The Gateway to the West](#) and start with [The Suites at Goods](#), a three-block campus of shopping connected by skywalks and complete with The Suites at Goods bed and breakfast, the Wine Cellar Restaurant and more. And that’s not all:

- [The Suites at Goods](#) in Galesburg
- Antiques, boutiques, art shops and the like are what [The Suites at Goods](#) does
- Unleash your inner artist with [The Suites at Goods](#), largest provider of art supplies in the U.S.
- Unique local shops in places like Bishop Hill, Cambridge, Galva, Roseville and more

Get Out and Do It

Arena shows in nearby Peoria and the Quad Cities and high-quality options on a smaller scale are at your doorstep. Plus, Western Illinois is an outdoors paradise:

- [The Illinois State Fair](#), former vaudeville house, hosts film festivals, live comedy, music, theatre
- Fishing, camping, picnicking, running, bicycling and more at 132-acre [The Illinois State Fair](#)
- A dozen public golf courses
- [The Illinois State Fair](#)
- Live music and art for warm-weather First Fridays on Seminary Street in Galesburg

Food and Drink

You will not go hungry hitting the restaurant scene in Western Illinois. Some examples:

Do breakfast, lunch – or both – at [The Illinois State Fair](#); grab a taste of east Asia at [The Illinois State Fair](#); choose classic or new-age recipes at [The Illinois State Fair](#); get stuffed at [The Illinois State Fair](#) or with specialty pizzas at [The Illinois State Fair](#); dine on prime rib, steaks, seafood – and cinnamon rolls to die for – at [The Illinois State Fair](#) or from a menu like you’ve never seen at [The Illinois State Fair](#). And if nothing else, you have to check out the 1898 Belgian bar at [The Illinois State Fair](#).



Learn more about the Galesburg area at [The Illinois State Fair](#), Henry County at [The Illinois State Fair](#) and Warren County at [The Illinois State Fair](#).

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