

40th SPECIAL OLYMPICS WINTER GAMES

Feb. 4-6th

Galena Gazette Special Section • January 29, 2020



SPECIAL TIMES.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO SHARE THE DREAM



Chestnut Mountain is proud to participate as a venue for the 2020 Illinois Special Olympics Winter Games. Best wishes and safe travel to all athletes, families and friends.

Chestnut Mountain Resort
GALENA, ILLINOIS

GALENA, ILLINOIS • (800) 397-1320 • WWW.CHESTNUTMTN.COM

20SO-Chestnut



SPECIAL RATES for
SPECIAL OLYMPICS WINTER GAMES

SKI.SKATE.PLAY.

Make Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa your home base while cheering on the Winter Games Special Olympics athletes! Enjoy sublime spa treatments, delicious dining, and toasty toes by the fire. Join us at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa for winter fun and world-class relaxation.

Rent a distinctive **HOME** or **VILLA**.

 **EagleRidge**
RESORT & SPA

GALENA, IL | EAGLERIDGE.COM | 800.892.2269

Welcome to the Winter Games

Greetings! It is once again my honor to welcome Special Olympics Illinois athletes, families, volunteers, friends and fans to the 2020 Winter Games! We always look forward to heading to

Galena each year for three exciting days of competition. It is the perfect way to kick-start what will surely be another outstanding year for Special Olympics Illinois.

Our athletes train for months in preparation for Winter Games, and they come ready to compete in alpine skiing and snowshoeing. Their dedication and excitement is only reinforced by the cheers and enthusiasm from our loyal Galena friends. The athletes, as well as our volunteers and staff, leave even more energized and confident, ready to do more!

Each year, Galena's welcoming residents, supportive businesses and gracious community provide our wonderful athletes, families, staff, and volunteers with the support needed to ensure another successful Winter Games. Many travel from across the state to attend events, compete, reunite with old friends, and enjoy Galena's hospitality.

Volunteers spend months planning prior to Winter Games, brave the cold, and work to adjust plans last minute when the weather doesn't cooperate in order to give the athletes the best quality experience. Employees of Chestnut Mountain Resort, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, DeSoto House Hotel, Stoney Creek Inn and Ramada of Galena make us feel welcomed and comfortable, accommodating our athletes, families, board members and staff. And the businesses of Galena serve our athletes and families with the utmost respect and kindness. For this Galena, we thank you!

Sincerely,



Dave Breen



Dave Breen
President & CEO
Special Olympics IL

And a very special thanks goes out to our hosts among the many

fine dining establishments and Andy Blankenbaker, who organizes the athlete dinner following the Opening Ceremony.

We invite the entire Galena community to help us kick off the Games downtown on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 5:30 p.m. with our parade of athletes through the main business loop, followed by the Opening Ceremony in front of the post office, featuring the cauldron holding the Flame of Hope! All are also welcome to join us at Chestnut Mountain to cheer on our athletes as they take to the slopes.



Special Olympics volunteers were all smiles during some down time during the 2019 Winter Games. From left: Julia and Krista Kruger, Doug Fischer, Tom Ernst, Robert and Douglas Mahan, Brent Massingill and Gino Blando.



Above: Volunteers posed with some Special Olympics athletes at Chestnut Mountain. Volunteers, from left: Bob Zelm, Tom Lobacz, Kayla Miller and Scott Price. At left, Scott Price visited with athletes as they prepared for their competitions. Gazette file photos



Thank you to the 2020 Special Olympics Illinois Winter Games Sponsors!

- Presenting Sponsor: Illinois Knights of Columbus
- Gold Medal Sponsors: Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, United Airlines, Casey's General Stores, Jewel-Osco
- Venue/Reception Sponsor: Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, Resort
- Media Sponsor: Galena Gazette

With sincere appreciation

Thank you to all those who make the Special Olympics Illinois Winter Games possible:

- Winter Games Key Volunteers and Sports Committee: Craig Ameal, Don Beaston, Mike Beaty, Brianna Beers, Eva Bellinger, Andy Blankenbaker, Larry Blankenbaker, Bailey Brenner, Dan Burgland, Brenden Cannon, Dan Conley, Carolyn Cronin, Bill Dettman, Molly Dill, Kelly Fehr, Tammy Fehr, Jordan Feldman, Kyle Fennel, Todd Flack, Melissa Garritano, Trent Geiger, Katie Grisham, Nate Henry, Tracy Hilliard, Jeff Holder, Barb Howard, Maureen Hunt, Debbie Kelly, Jen Kelso, Gary Kistenfeger, Tom Lobacz, Michelle Mark, Kayla Miller, Amanda Nelson, Allison Nichols, Kevin O'Brien, Clarissa Orr,

Jenny Panico, Barb Poston, Mike Rackov, Megan Reaska, Larry Richardson, Annie Riddering, Kim Riddering, Jillian Schneider, Scott Price, Maggie Rutenbeck, Dave Schultz, Don Steen, Mark Van Osdol, Dee Vojta, Linda Wunder, Jaimie Yagunich, Katelyn Zandi and Bob Zelm.

• Winter Games Opening Ceremony Committee: Doug Collins, Mark Einsweiler and Ginger Eisbach.

• Winter Games Course Committee: Nate Bartlow, Dave Hess, Kent Henderson, Nate Jones and Frank Randall.

• Winter Games Family Committee: Crystalyn Huegen, Mike Jones, Paula Jones, Karen Milligan, Marcy Parsons and Cathy Young.

Special Olympians:
We Are Proud
of Your
Courage & Commitment!

STONEY CREEK INN

940 Galena Square Drive
Galena, IL 61036
815/777-2223
stoneycreekhottels.com



Time to kick off the Winter Games!

The 2020 Special Olympics Illinois Winter Games are a time of inclusion, acceptance, joy and unconditional love for athletes and their families

Over 450 Special Olympics athletes, along with coaches, volunteers and staff are standing atop Chestnut Mountain in Galena. Bundled up in their winter gear, you see smiles of joy that shines a bright glow atop the wintery mountain. Some athletes are heading down the mountain during the alpine skiing competition, while others are competing in snowshoeing races. Everyone will be having fun during this week's three-day event at the 2020 Winter Games of Special Olympics

Illinois. "The entire Chestnut Mountain is for Special Olympics athletes," said Coach Greg Pavesich, of the Southeast Association for Special Parks and Recreation.

Prior to competing in the Winter Games, teammates visited Chestnut Mountain to practice during their "winter getaway." During that trip, the athletes had the opportunity to ski the same hills they will during the Winter Games.

"This is my favorite part of the year by far," said Pavesich, who added that the entire town of Galena embraces the event, including the "ski buddies." "This is what recreation should be about."

The ski buddies are volunteers who accompany the athletes during their competitions.

Athletes, coaches, volunteers and staff all agree that the Special Olympics is what recreation should be about.

The families of many of the athletes also attend the Winter Games.

After being outside for a while, the teams head



Daniel Smrokowski, right, with Special Olympics Illinois friends. *Contributed photos*

into the Mississippi Room at the Chestnut Mountain lodge to warm up with hot chocolate and other snacks provided by the hospitality booth.

On Tuesday evening, everyone heads down the mountain to Galena's historic downtown for the Opening Ceremonies. The evening began with the parade of athletes down Main Street.

There, the radio announcer reads off the names of all the teams who competed at Winter Games. After the teams are listed, several speakers address the crowd and everyone then joins in singing the national anthem and reciting the Special Olympics athlete oath, "Let me win but if I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt."

This year's Opening Ceremonies conclude with the passing of the Special Olympics Torch.

After the Opening Ceremonies, all the teams head to local restaurants for dinner. The sponsors, board members, volunteers, staff and families headed to the Eagle Ridge Resort for the 2020 Winter Games Reception.

Everyone within our Special Olympics community enjoys socializing with each other. This is what the Inclusion Revolution is about—all of us coming together to celebrate champions in this premiere state winter competition.

All members of our Special Olympics community from athletes to staff members to Board members to sponsors and volunteers celebrate the accomplishments of the athletes who competed at the state competition. We hope you will join us in celebrating inclusion, acceptance, joy and unconditional love



Daniel Smrokowski, left, is a Sargent Shriver International Global Messenger. He's pictured here with Special Olympics Illinois friends. *Contributed photos*

at this year's 2020 Winter Games.

Daniel Smrokowski was born three-and-a-third months premature and was diagnosed with learning disabilities and a severe language disorder. He is an award-winning columnist covering special needs stories. Daniel is an Ath-

lete Leader with Special Olympics Illinois and a Sargent Shriver International Global Messenger with Special Olympics International. He is also the founder of Special Chronicles, a pioneering nonprofit media platform that gives respect and voice to people with special needs.

My Mechanic Automotive, Inc.
563-543-7545
 Nick Tilp, Owner/Operator
 1015 Spring Street
 Galena, Illinois 61036
mymechanicautomotive@hotmail.com

Congratulations on all your success!

Welcome to Galena, athletes!
HULSCHER FENCING, INC.
 • Farm Fence • Decorative Fence • Chain Link (Commercial & Residential)
 • Horse Fence • Polyvinyl Fence
 1474 N. Irish Hollow Rd., Galena, Ill. 61036
(815) 777-0268 www.hulscherfencing.com



Good Luck Robert in the 100 meter snowshoe competition!
We are proud of you!
Go Jo Daviess Jaguars!



The Workshop wishes all of the athletes the best of luck at the Special Olympics Winter Games!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS

CELEBRATE




With us

- ◆ CASUAL FAMILY FRIENDLY
- ◆ BREAKFAST ALL DAY
- ◆ BEST CHILI IN TOWN
- ◆ BRUCE'S FAMOUS HOMEMADE SOUPS
- ◆ HAMBURGERS & SANDWICHES
- ◆ FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED

OPEN 6AM TO 2PM DAILY
200 N. MAIN ST. GALENA, IL.
815.777.4407



THERE'S A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPIANS!




MONTGOMERY TRUCKING
929 FULTON ST., GALENA IL
(815) 777-0672

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ATHLETES!

We fully support your efforts and admire your drive to win.



Casual Family Dining

205 N Main St, Galena, IL 61036
(815) 777-3245

Award Winning Athletes...



Deserve Award Winning Dining






friedgreen.com 815.777.3938 213 N. Main St. Galena, IL.

Tammy's piggly wiggly



Proud of our Athletes!





FRESH BAKERY



HAND CUT MEATS & SEAFOODS



LIQUOR & WINE STORE

997 Galena Square Drive, Galena, IL 61036 • 815-777-1111



Preparing for the 1982 Winter Games, Special Olympics athlete Brian Hosie, Galena, was assisted by his coach, Mark Swanson, director of the Galena ARC.



Above: For the 1982 Winter Games, Alice Menzemer, Galena, spent much of her time working on souvenir mittens. Top at left: Betty Davis, Galena, left, displays one of her drawings that will be used for the greeting cards. Helping with the project was John Solarz, Galena, right. Bottom at left: Jo Daviess County Sheriff Marlo Specht, center, is in charge of security for the Special Olympics. He's shown with William Furlong, mounted patrol, left, and Danny Cole, snowmobile patrol. *Gazette file photos*

40 years working together: People of Galena, Eagle Ridge & Chestnut

The number of people to contribute to the success of the Special Olympics Illinois State Winter games in the past 40 years exceeds the amount of space allotted for this article.

In fact, if every name of every contributor, athlete, coach, parent, family member, friend, business owner and fan to have attended, supported, cheered-on, cried-with, high-fived, awarded medals and prepped snow for competition were listed, this edition of the Galena Gazette would rival "War and Peace" in volume. On that note, you are about to read the recollections of one individual who was there in the beginning, who didn't hesitate to share his admiration for Galena, Eagle Ridge, Chestnut Mountain, and all the people who have put forth any effort to make these winter games as special as they are.

In 1981, the Special Olympics National Winter Games were slated to take place in Stowe, Vt., and several individuals wanted to send a team to represent Illinois.

"One of the requirements from the national office was to have a winter games program in the state," recalls Kevin O'Brien, region director, Special Olympics Illinois, who was area director at the time.

O'Brien, along with then Executive Director Denny Aldridge and 1980 Board Director Joann Geiger went to The Galena Territory.

"The three of us went up there and had a walk through and met the people at Eagle Ridge and Chestnut. (We) decided we would do a training school there in December of '80 so that we would have a team that could go to the games," said O'Brien.

Cross country and alpine skiing were the two ski-related sports that were offered at the time, so O'Brien, Aldridge and Geiger started the training program which allowed the program to become certified—a requirement to allow athletes to qualify for the national games.

O'Brien continued, "Then we went back to our agencies who came to the training and then looked for resources to be able to actually nominate athletes to go."

Looking for resources seemed to be something common in the formation of Illinois' winter program, as was confirmed when reading an article published here in the Gazette on Feb. 12, 2013 by Editor Hillary Dickerson. In that article, she wrote about Jim Cox, who started out in the early days as a volunteer "hugger," and Terry Heim, long-time volunteer, who recalled "that there was no staging area in the early days, and athletes sat in school buses until it was time for them to compete."

Heim also noted in that article that one of his best parts of the Winter Games is seeing and interacting with the same familiar faces year after year.

Heim is always on hand for the parade and opening ceremonies in downtown Galena, and loves to watch as the excitement builds with the athletes.

Also sharing in both the duties and delight of Winter Games' first days was Eagle Ridge's Ginger Eisbach, who recalls that before the parade and opening ceremony were in the downtown area,



Ginger Eisbach created a poncho out of the bandanas she's received each year as a volunteer for the Illinois Special Olympics Winter Games in Galena. She started volunteering in 1980 and has helped through the years with cross country skiing and the opening ceremonies. *Gazette file photos*



Longtime Special Olympics Winter Games volunteer Terry Heim fires the shot starting another round of the snowshoe competition at Chestnut Mountain Resort during the 2013 Winter Games. Heim started in 1980 with the ice skating competition and helped with that for years and years before switching to the snowshoeing competition. *Mark Van Osdol photo*

they were held in the Galena High School parking lot and at Turner Hall.

O'Brien then continues by noting several more people that contributed their valuable time, talent and resources. Two of these are the current Chestnut Mountain management team, Erin and Mike

Murphy. He remembers Mike playing a major role in both the ski school and ski rental programs, while Erin was very much involved in the lodging.

O'Brien stated, too, that the Gazette's Mark Van Osdol also contributed on-mountain and played a major role in the early days of the program.

"The crazy part of it is, you know, I was also 40 years younger so some of the things that we'd go up and do when we had meetings were very social. We would just sit down and talk about all sorts of things and come up with all sorts of ideas of what the athletes could do," he recalls. "We used to do a whole bunch of stuff with the Galena Cellars people... (the) family was very supportive and Scott Lawlor was actually one of our international coaches going out to Nevada/Lake Tahoe, where we had international games."

When asked about key take-aways from the whole experience, O'Brien notes the value in being able to trust the folks at the venues involved in years of successful events. He credits the expertise of staff at Eagle Ridge, Chestnut and throughout Galena for continually making these events enjoyable for all involved.

"I think there are two or three (key memories.) The big thing is when we finally made a breakthrough that we were going to go to a second and a third hill. Once we realized that the talent of the athletes was there for us to challenge ourselves, to make sure that they were getting as much challenge as possible for the alpine, I think that was huge."

He continues, "I think the best part of it is... the fact that we're going to come (to Galena) for three days in late January first part of February is just locked in. We are now a tradition with them. We are now part of the community, and I think that Chestnut and Eagle Ridge both are equally embracing of what it is we do."


Whether it be embracing progress, or volunteering as a "hugger," there is a consistent tone of mutual benefit that is apparent when looking back on the past 40 years of Winter Games. "I think the fact that we've changed what we think about with our athletes. We talk about the Inclusion Revolution (which means) we now talk about what our guys can do rather than what they can't do. We now talk about abilities rather than disabilities, and I think we've matured in that, as an organization. The folks (at Eagle Ridge, Chestnut and Galena) have done the exact same thing, and maybe even a little bit ahead of us. They see our guys, especially when (athletes) come out there, they treat them just like any other customer that's coming out there, and I think that's the most telling part of the whole thing. It's just business as usual, and I think that's the best way to approach our people no matter what."

O'Brien finishes by saying, "I think the bottom line for me is how much we've all matured. Our terminology actually talks about people now, instead of disabilities."

Perhaps it is countless others who have, as O'Brien puts it, "matured" in their views of those with intellectual disabilities. As for so many in The Galena Territory including Eagle Ridge and Chestnut Mountain, that maturity may have been there since inception.

As the saying goes, "some are born with it" well, the birth of Special Olympics Illinois Winter Games was no exception, as it was formed by those who are truly exceptional.

abilities
OUTWEIGH
disabilities



ProTech
Heating & Cooling Inc.

Bucky Basten

(815) 777-2744
1445 S. Rocky Hill Rd, Galena, IL

20SO-ProTech

Saluting Your Drive and Determination





VFW 100 S Main Street
Galena, IL 61036
(815) 777-1003

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS


20SO-Galena VFW Post 2665

All Special Olympics athletes are winners at Poopsie's!

10% off for all athletes & families

POOPSIE'S

402 S. Main St.
POOPSIES.com



20SO-Poopsies

We're Counting on Your **Victories**

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



WINTER GAMES

O'Connor + Brooks
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
901 Spring St., Galena
(815) 777-1880

20SO-O'Connor Brooks

WE KNOW YOU'LL SPARKLE LIKE DIAMONDS AT THE 40TH ANNUAL WINTER GAMES



WISHING ALL COMPETITORS THE BEST OF LUCK!

NORMAN & SONS

12567 W. Norris Ln., Galena, IL.
61036 • (815) 281-1673

20SO-Norman & Sons



We're Diggin' Your DETERMINATION as you BULLDOZE the Competition!


Congratulations Olympians!

Louie's TRENCHING

9720 U.S. 20, Galena, IL
Phone:(815) 777-0865

20SO-Louie's Trenching

LOS AZTECAS Mexican Restaurant



The Special Olympics torch burns as brightly as your determination to succeed

Warm up after a cold day of competition with one of our 100+ Mexican entrees

WEDNESDAY 12 oz. LIME MARGARITA \$2.50

DAILY LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

DOS EQUIS on tap!

Serving: Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri & Sat 11am - 11pm Sun 11am- 9pm
975 Galena Square, Galena, IL • (815) 777-9066
2700 Dodge Street, Dubuque, IA • (563) 584-0212
2345 NW Arterial, Dubuque, IA. • (563) 583-5026

20SO-Los Aztecas

Senior Care
215 Summit Street | Galena, IL
Adult Day Care (815) 776-7376
Assisted Living (815) 776-7352
Nursing Home (815) 776-7254

Clinics
Locations in Galena & Elizabeth
(815) 776-7381 or (815) 858-2238
Family Medicine
Internal Medicine
Specialty Clinic

Hospital
1 Medical Center Drive | Galena, IL
(815) 777-1340

Midwest Medical CenterSM




Best of luck to the athletes! Have fun!

www.midwestmedicalcenter.org

20SO-Midwest Medical Center



After the Aurora shooting last year, that took place at the same time of the SUPER Plunge, many members of law enforcement were unfortunately affected by that, and the group of SUPER Plungers (all law enforcement in this photo) dedicated a plunge to those officers. *Contributed photos*

Northwestern University lends support for SUPER Plunge

After the gold medals have been won and the teams leave Chestnut Mountain, Special Olympics Illinois sets forth on a new challenge—one that dares you to be bold and get cold for athletes across the state. It's the annual Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) Polar Plunge!

fyi

Each SUPER Plunger is asked to raise a minimum of \$2,500 to participate in this extreme event. Registration is now open for all Plunges statewide. Those interested in signing up or making a donation should visit plungeillinois.com or contact Jim Fitzpatrick via jfitzpatrick@soill.org.

Last year, nearly 7,000 warm-hearted individuals raised \$2,000,000 from February to March. In 2020, those brave enough will have the opportunity to take the frigid leap at 25 different locations throughout Illinois—beginning in Peoria on Feb. 15.

Special Olympics Illinois relies on dedicated LETR members in Illinois for these events—members like Detective Robbi Peterson.

Peterson started attending Law Enforcement Torch Run events in 2008 before eventually becoming the West Chicago Police Department's LETR liaison. Finding inspiration at the LETR Kick-Off in early 2009, he and his daughter Taylor began taking the Polar Plunge.

"We raised a little over \$600 between the two of us," Peterson explained. "Each year we tried to top the previous and eventually her younger siblings, Isabella and Jayden, joined us. I also pressured a few co-workers over the years and our group continued to grow."

After Peterson attended his first International LETR conference in Nashville, he felt further motivated to support Special Olympics.

"The message I received was, 'What can I do to make it bigger and better?'"

Peterson's answer? The SUPER Plunge.

He will be starting his third SUPER Plunge on Feb. 21. The league of nearly 60 SUPER Plungers will jump into Lake Michigan once an hour for 24 hours.

Over the past three years Peterson has joined the SUPER Plunge Committee and aids the group in finding ways to make the event bigger, better and most importantly more fun for those participating.

This year, he had the idea to give thanks and recognize Northwestern University—who unofficially host the event on their campus lakefront.

"I recall last year standing outside getting ready to take a plunge at 9 p.m. and looked up toward the lit up fieldhouse and the entire women's field hockey team was standing near the window watching us and cheering us on," Peterson remembered. "That was pretty cool."

Through social media, Haley Zimmerman (the athletic trainer for the Northwestern women's volleyball team and friend of Peterson) caught wind of the SUPER Plunge and came to see for herself what



Robbi Peterson at the 2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run SUPER Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois.

'Knowing that the little piece we do for them can have life-changing effects is one of the most satisfying things a person can be part of.'

Robbi Peterson, West Chicago Police Department Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge liaison

it was all about.

"After a few weeks I was already starting to think about next year's SUPER Plunge. I reached out to Haley and asked about reception I might receive from staff or athletes if we looked at doing an hour where we honored Northwestern."

A few weeks post-2019 SUPER Plunge, Peterson's wheels were turning and with Zimmerman's help the pair secured support from the athletic department. This year, the women's assistant volleyball coach, Kevin Moore, has agreed to jump with the SUPER Plungers during an early-evening hour of the event, and the volleyball team will come out to support him.

As part of this "Northwestern Hour" additional student athletes, staff and Willie the Wildcat will be on-site to pump up the SUPER Plunge and lend their encouragement to this outstanding group. Special Olympics Illinois athletes from Evanston Special Recreation will join in the fun, too.

When asked why he finds Special Olympics Illinois so important, Peterson laughs because he thinks it should be so obvious.

"To see these athletes grow in confidence and skill, year after year, due to the opportunities provided to them through Special Olympics Illinois is



Detective Robbi Peterson of the West Chicago Police Department, right, is dedicated to the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge. He's pictured here on the shore of Lake Michigan last winter in Evanston.



Several members of the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run posing with Special Olympics Illinois athlete and Law Enforcement Torch Run athlete liaison Jose Moreno.

so rewarding."

He continues, "Knowing that the little piece we do for them can have life-changing effects is one of the most satisfying things a person can be a part of."

Each SUPER Plunger is asked to raise a minimum of \$2,500 to participate in this extreme event. Registration is now open for all Plunges statewide.

Those interested in signing up or making a donation should visit plungeillinois.com or contact Jim Fitzpatrick via jfitzpatrick@soill.org.

"My involvement with Special Olympics Illinois through the LETR is something I take great pride in," says Peterson. "I can't think of any reason why Special Olympics Illinois isn't important."

Your moment in the sun!



Enjoy!

Foley's Tire & Auto Service Inc.

In the Galena Industrial Park by Mike & Nick Sproule Construction
815.777.0080
-OR-
Cell: 815.238.8070

40 Years Experience

20SO-Foley's

Take Home a GMC Truckload of Medals!



2020 Sierra 1500

Proud Sponsor of **Special Olympics Illinois**

Elizabeth Garage
Your GMC Dealer
Elizabeth, Illinois
815-858-2230

20SO-Eliz. Garage

Congratulations on your ROCK SOLID Competition!



Hahn Quarry Products, Inc.

4492 N. Elizabeth-Scales Mound. Rd., Scales Mound, IL., 815.777.8907
hahnquarry.com

20SO-Hahn


The Galena Elks Proudly Support the Illinois **SPECIAL OLYMPICS WINTER GAMES**





Galena Elks Lodge 882
123 N. Main, Galena,
815-777-0011

20SO-Galena Elks

CONGRATULATIONS ATHLETES



from your friends at



101 Exchange St. Ste. 201
Galena, IL • 815-777-2111
www.jdmutual.com

20SO-Jo-Davies Mutual

Athletes: You have the POWER to go far!




JCE Jo-Carroll Energy
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

800-858-5522 jocarroll.com

You've Got the **DRIVE** To Be a Champion!
Good Luck & Best Wishes!



24 HOUR TOWING SERVICE

LEIBOLD'S
AUTO CENTER OF GALENA
9836 US Rt. 20 W. Galena, IL.

815.777.3222

20SO-Leibold's

You Are Dupaco



Wishing you Success at the 2020 Special Olympics Winter Games




Miller FUNERAL HOMES

1185 Rt 35 N., East Dubuque, IL 61025 • (815) 747-3194
316 South St., Scales Mound, IL 61075 • (815) 845-2218

20SO-Miller

Dupaco is more than local. As a financial cooperative owned by its members, Dupaco Community Credit Union uses sustainable money methods to keep members' money working here, locally. The more our members do with Dupaco, the more we're able to give back through better rates, fewer fees, low-cost insurance, and freebies like on-demand credit monitoring tools, Money Makeovers, and Credit History Lessons. **Empowering members to achieve financial success enriches the whole community.**

Ready to join something better?
Join Dupaco.

Everyone who works or lives in the area is eligible for membership.

Federally Insured by NCUA

Dupaco.com/join
800-373-7600

**Athletes:
We're proud
of your
achievements!**



Chris Curran
Financial Advisor
985 Galena Square Drive
Galena, IL 61036
(Located next to Piggly Wiggly.)
Evening and weekend appointments available.
Give Chris a call at **815-777-6027**
Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
www.edwardjones.com Member SIPC

20SO-Edward Jones

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning, but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering, but fighting well."

Pierre de Coubertin, father of the modern olympics games



KIEFFER

AUTO BODY REPAIR AND REPAINTING

(815) 747-3044

20100 US HWY 20 WEST
East Dubuque, IL 61025
Manager- Randy Beadle
Quality Craftsmanship

20SO-Kieffer Auto Body

**GOOD LUCK
ATHLETES!
WE'RE PROUD
OF YOU!**



Davis

Lumber Co.
Scales Mound, IL
224 South Ave.
Scales Mound, IL 61075
(815) 845-2262

20SO-Davis Lumber Co.



LAW-JONES FUNERAL HOME
SUPPORTS THE ILLINOIS
SPECIAL OLYMPICS!

VISIT US ONLINE AT
WWW.LAWJONESFUNERALHOME.COM

20SO-Law-Jones



20SO-Vincent, Roght, Toepfer & Leinen

Good Luck to all Olympians!

"May you pave the path to excellence with persistent effort so that you may both achieve and deserve greatness."

VINCENT, ROTH, TOEPFER & LEINEN, P.C.

11406 ROUTE 20 WEST, GALENA
815-777-0533
125 E. MAIN ST., WARREN
815-745-2624

Elite Plumbing Service



Mike Hilby Marc Phillips

4359 Industrial Park, Galena, IL 815-777-9026

TRUSTED RELIABLE DEPENDABLE

20SO-Elite Plumbing



**WE GOT THE SHOT!
NOW GET YOURS!**

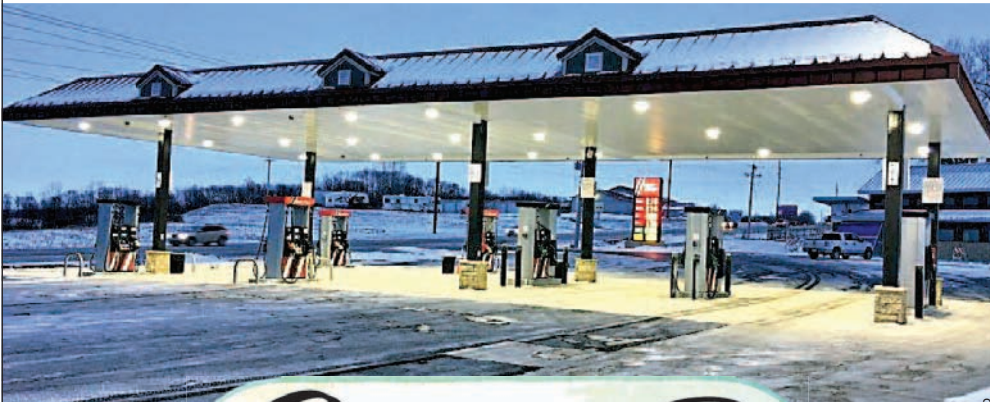
Galena Gazette

Click on PHOTOS at
galenagazette.com

Visit us on your way to

VICTORY

**at the
Special Olympics
Winter Games!**



20SO-Elizabeth Fast Stop

Open Visit Us Anytime!
24/7
FOR ALL YOUR FUEL NEEDS

ELIZABETH FAST STOP

1487 US Hwy. 20 W., Elizabeth, IL 61028
Phone: (815) 858-9300

"Victory is in having done your best. If you've done your best, you've won."

BILL BOWERMAN, coach



These local sponsors celebrate the spirit of the Special Olympics Games:



Tammy's piggly wiggly

Galena Gazette

Heartland Realty



Alpine skiing tentative schedule of events

Tuesday, February 4		Thursday, February 6	
afternoon	Level assessment (All alpine athletes must report)	Levels 1 & 2	
evening	Opening Ceremony	morning	Practice
		morning	Super G finals
		morning	Giant Slalom finals
		morning	Slalom finals
Wednesday, February 5			
Levels 1 & 2		Levels 3 & 4	
morning	Practice	morning	Practice
morning	Super G time trials	morning	Giant Slalom finals
morning	Giant Slalom time trials	morning	Super G finals
morning	Slalom time trials	afternoon	
Levels 3 & 4		***Levels 3 and 4 will be done at the same location. Level 4 will be first, followed by Level 3 for all events	
morning	Practice		
morning	Time trials for all events		
afternoon	Slalom finals		



Snowshoeing tentative schedule of events

Tuesday, February 4		Thursday, February 6	
Short Track		Long Track	
afternoon	50-Meter preliminary	morning	4x100-Meter Relay final
		morning	200-Meter final
		morning	400-Meter preliminary
Long Track		Thursday, February 6	
afternoon	800-Meter final	Short Track	
afternoon	4x100-Meter preliminary relay	morning	100-Meter final
afternoon	200-Meter preliminary		
evening	Opening Ceremony	Long Track	
Wednesday, February 5		morning	1600-Meter finals
Short Track		morning	400-Meter finals
morning	50-Meter final		
afternoon	100-Meter preliminary		

GOOD LUCK SPECIAL OLYMPIANS AT THE 2020 WINTER GAMES



NETWORK REALTY
401 South Main Street
Galena, Illinois 61036
815-777-6500




ColdwellBankerNetworkRealty.com

Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated Except Offices Owned and Operated by NRT Incorporated.



WELCOME

Athletes, Families & Coaches to Galena for the 40th Annual **WINTER GAMES**



The Creators of -
at Home in Galena
Finley Grace Soy Candles & Skin Care Products

114 S. Main, Galena, IL. (815) 776-0811

PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE



2020 WINTER GAMES
Eaton Financial Advisors, Inc.
David E. Eaton
Investment Management Consultant
208 Main Street, Darlington, WI
815-777-8600

Eaton Financial Advisors, Inc. is not a registered broker/dealer and is independent of Raymond James Financial Services. Investment advisory services offered through Raymond James Financial Services Advisors, Inc. Securities offered through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Member FINRA/SIPC

Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
let me be brave
in the attempt.


- Special Olympics athlete oath

Galena Chrysler CHRYSLER
DODGE Jeep RAM
Dodge • Jeep • RAM
GalenaChrysler.com

Proud Sponsor of the 2020 Winter Games Program

US Rte. 20 & 937 Galena Square Dr. 815-777-4477 or 2777 galenachrysler.com

The best of luck to all athletes and their families.



137 N. Main St.
Elizabeth, IL 61028
(815) 213-5880
Facebook: 137NMain

Special Olympians...
We Are Proud of Your
Dedication and
Determination!
Keep Up the
Great Work!

DeSoto House Hotel

230 S. Main St.
Galena, IL 61036
815-777-0090
www.desotohouse.com



First Community Bank of Galena: helping to build a better community

ILLINOIS SPECIAL OLYMPICS WINTER GAMES



EFFORT



SPIRIT



HEART



First Community Bank is proud to support the 39th Annual Illinois Special Olympic Winter Games. On behalf of the Galena community, we extend a special welcome to the athletes, their families and friends. We salute Special Olympic athletes as they develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship. Best wishes to all the participants from your friends at First Community Bank of Galena



COURAGE



(815) 777-6300
101 Exchange Street
Galena, IL

THE
Apple River
STATE BANK

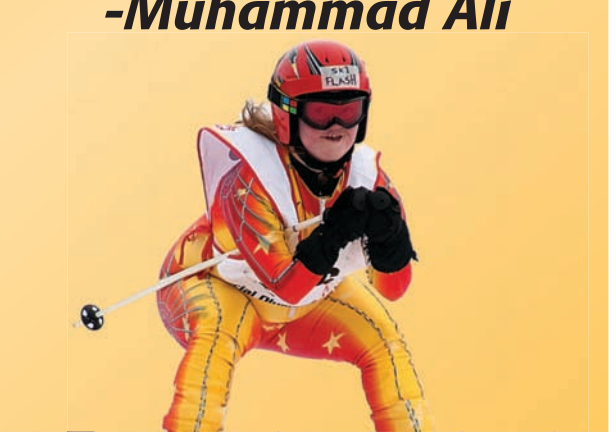


FIRST
Community
BANK OF GALENA

Local Bankers... Making Local Decisions... Meeting Local Needs

“Champions aren’t made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them – a desire, a dream, a vision.”

-Muhammad Ali



815.858.3939 • woodbinebend.com
South off US 20, turn at
3500 E. Center Rd. Woodbine, IL