

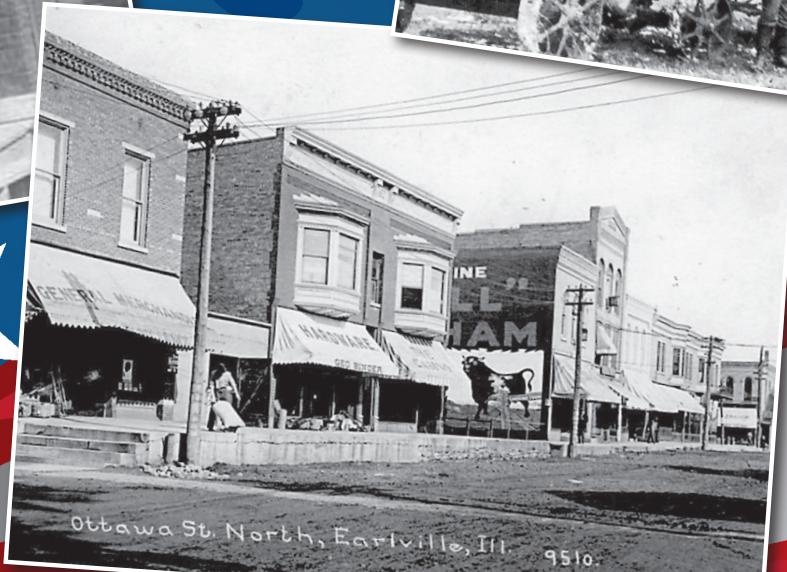
# Earlville

## PROGRESS

# 2023



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The Mendota Reporter  
Wednesday, October 25, 2023

## ◆ City of Earlville ◆



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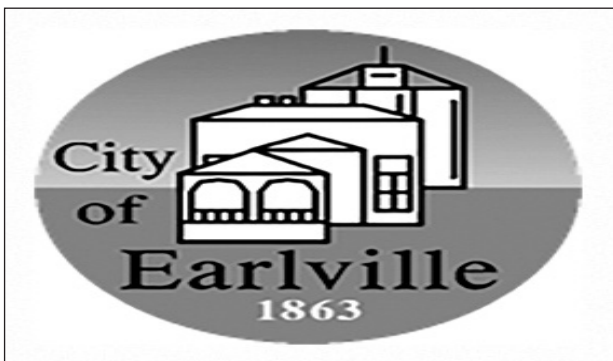
## Earlville business district grows; new projects on docket for 2024

This year brought a few exciting things to the community of Earlville, said Mayor Mark Actis.

The business owners started the year off with their annual car show. They had excellent weather and the turnout was their best ever. The Earlville Lions Club brought back the Lions Fest in June to a huge success.

This year also saw the opening of Earlville's much-anticipated grocery store, Earlville Country Market. In addition, the Lions Club has started a Queen of Hearts Raffle. This raffle is approaching \$100,000. Actis said he anticipates a Winter Fest by the business owners in December.

As far as projects, Actis said the city has a couple



currently in the works. One is to bring in a new Internet provider to the community. The second is the main sewer interceptor replacement at Union and East streets.

"This project will be funded with funds from the ARPA that we received from the county," Actis noted. "We hope to get this project started in 2024 and

completed by the end of the year.

"We also replaced our blower and diffusers at the water treatment facility this year. This is something that has not been done in quite some time."

It was a progressive time for the city of Earlville in 2023 and it looks forward to great things to come in 2024.

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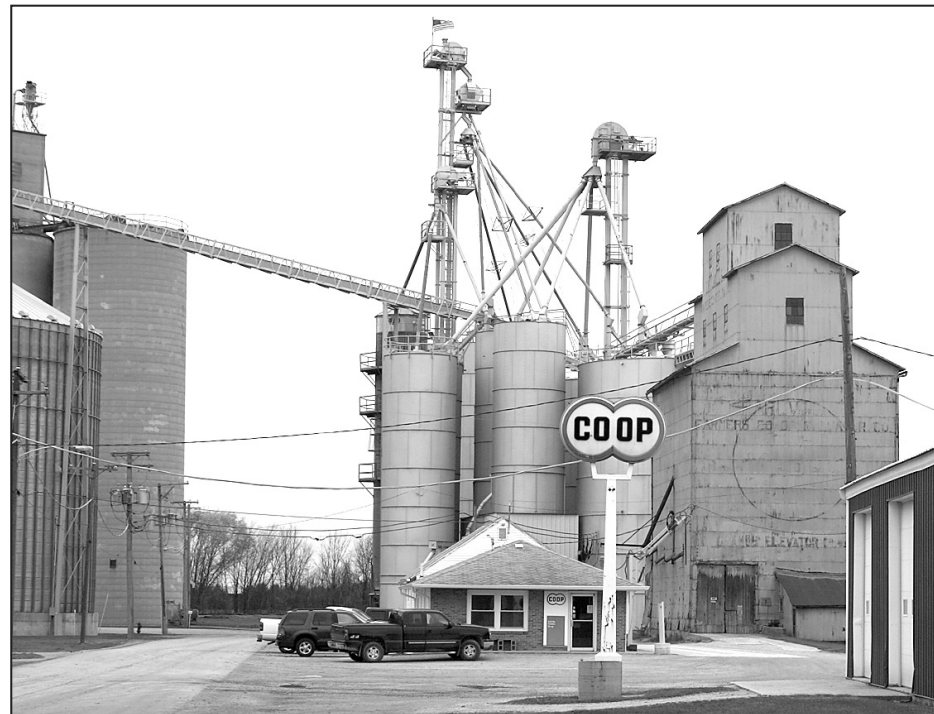
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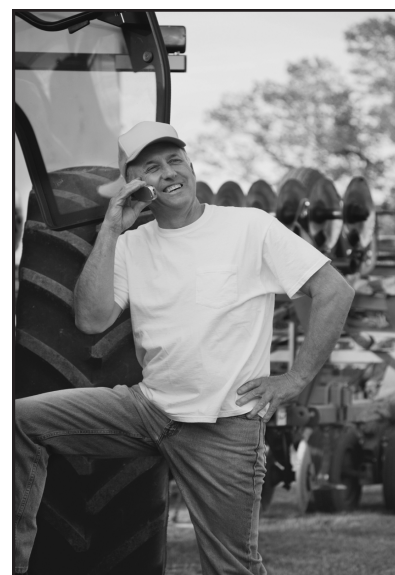
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Their slogan is proudly painted on the front door of their East Street business. "Meating you is our pleasure."

Earlville Cold Storage Locker offers consumers a wide range of meats at competitive retail prices. Smoked sausage is made onsite to the satisfaction of their customers.

The business, which opened in 1937, is celebrating its 86th year in Earlville. Gene Coppes and his family celebrated 32 years as owner/operators of Earlville Cold Storage on Aug. 31, 2023.

The Cold Storage Locker works with area farmers doing custom butchering and slaughtering. Some of the other services offered include custom butchering and meat processing, curing and smoking of meats. Various specialty products are offered by the company such as cooked roast beef and roast pork, retail meats and smoked sausage.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, Cold Storage is taking orders for prime rib. They can also make meat and cheese trays for all your holiday entertaining.

The locker offers two dozen types of sausage along with bratwurst, hot dogs, smoked or garlic sausage and 11 different flavors of smoked sausage snack sticks. Venison sausage processing is also available.

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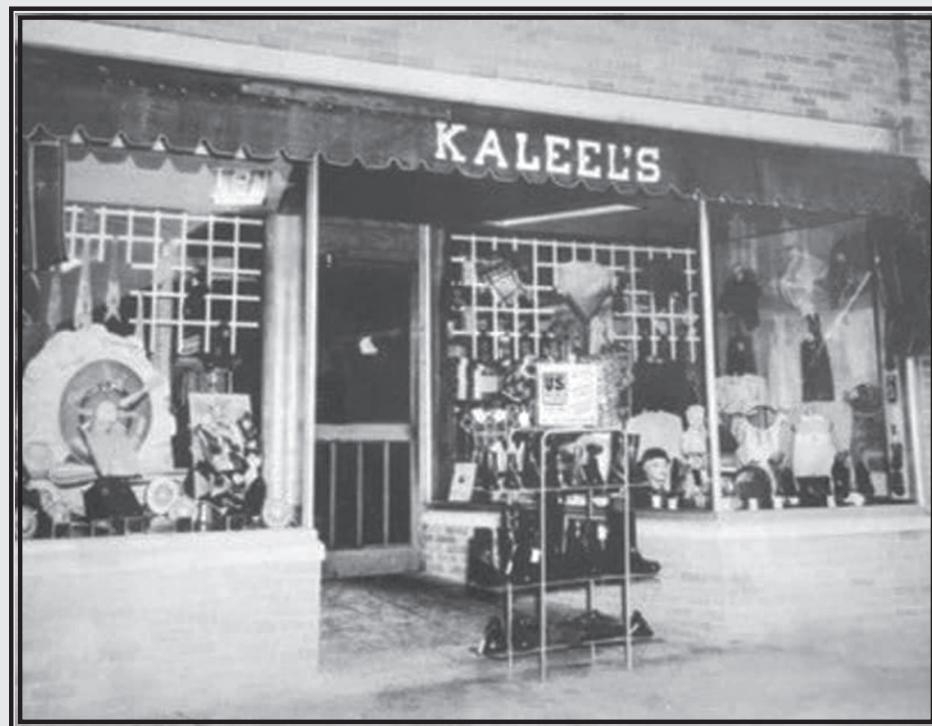


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## Historic Earlville



◆ Bert Meade's Blacksmith - 1907 ◆



◆ Kaleel's Clothing ◆



◆ Earlville Leader - 1897 ◆



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## ◆ The Lounge ◆

Jeff Theurer and Sandra Kozlowski are Earlville locals – Sandra born and raised and Jeff growing up in Leland. Sandra has owned the local beauty salon, just a block over, Sandy’s Shear Magic, since 1983. They have lived together in Earlville the past 12 years and have dreamed of owning a gathering spot in town for the community. After the pandemic left few social spots in town, they decided to spend their free time fixing up an old law office to create The Lounge. Jeff led the remodel, self-performing a majority of work with local support including his brother, Matt Theurer, and a team of Earlville native tradesmen. Thanks to Brian Niles, Gary Imel,



**Sandra Kozlowski & Jeff Theurer, owners of The Lounge.**

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## ◆ Earlville CUSD 9 ◆

The future keeps getting brighter for Earlville Community Unit School District 9. The Earlville Board of Education recently announced that it has started developing a three-year facility improvement plan. The plan will focus on making needed repairs and improvements to the school, including the new addition to the building and expansion to the weight room that are scheduled to be completed this month.

“We are committed to providing our students with the best possible learning environment,” said Superintendent Brian Dukes. “This facility improvement plan will help us to make much-needed repairs and improvements to our schools, and it will also allow us to add new amenities that will benefit our students.”

In a related matter to building improvements, the Board of Education has approved the use of a maintenance grant to replace the roofs on the agriculture shop and the main office, which were damaged by hail in the spring.

Children of the school and community will benefit by the construction of a new playground for the district’s youngest students and daycare children. The Board approved the playground construction, which will be built next to the new addition to the building. Construction is expected to start soon.

Superintendent Dukes added more good news in regard to the state of the district’s finances.

“We are pleased to announce that our tentative budget is balanced,” Dukes said. “We are confident that we will receive the grant funding that we are expecting, and we are confident that we will be able to finalize a budget that meets the needs of our students and community.”



## ◆ The Cantlin Law Firm ◆



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Superintendent

**Jenette Fruit**  
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## ◆ Tri-County Veterinary ◆

The Tri-County Veterinary Service, located just off U.S. Rt. 34 in Earlville, is at the service of all area pet owners. The veterinary service has been in business for 52 years, the last 21 years under the direction of Dr. Kevin Zollars.

According to Dr. Zollars, personal care is a point of pride for the clinic.

“We pride ourselves on good service,” he said. “It’s important to have contact with the people we serve.”

Tri-County Veterinary Service is a full-service clinic, offering diagnosis and disease prevention for both pets and livestock. Consultations can be obtained at the clinic, as well as pet vaccinations.

Boarding services are



offered by Tri-County Veterinary Service and staffers are available to make school presentations. The staff knows emergency situations can occur at all times and the clinic’s phone number, (815) 246-9545, doubles as an emergency line. All species of animal are treated by the staff at the clinic, and Dr. Zollars has a special interest in surgery and orthopedic surgery. A new service, in-

house euthanization, has also been added.

Dr. Zollars is assisted by Suzy Albers, Katie Olson, Stephanie Rohrer, Amie Wiesbrook, Megan O’Donnell, Colleen Bokoski, Morgan Keller, Emily Zollars, Bella Ray and Kayleigh Piller.

The clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m.–8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.–noon.

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## ◆ Historic Earlville ◆



◆ J.W. Langley Shoe Shop ◆



◆ DuPee Bros. 1887-1923 ◆

## Historic Earlville



## Earlville Historical Society

The Earlville Community Historical Society (ECHS) Museum is located at 136 S. Ottawa St. in downtown Earlville. The Museum was opened in 2013 as a headquarters for the town's 150th celebration. There are two floors of exhibits that showcase items from the early settlers of Earlville, businesses through the years, Earlville public school, and a military section honoring the local veterans. The attached shed was converted to a display to honor the history of Earlville's agricultural industry in 2021.

ECHS sponsors free public programs of historical interest and is available to speak about the museum and Earlville history at clubs or organizations. ECHS also participates with other civic organizations and clubs for community events. Presentations are available on the organization's YouTube channel.

There has been much work done this past year on providing resources for those looking to research family histories or local businesses. Binders of family

information, houses and businesses are being updated frequently. In addition to having electronic access to the local newspaper prior to the 1900s, there are many volumes of the physical newspapers available as well.

The museum is staffed by volunteers and always looking for new members. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact Anna at (815) 985-3763 or Kris at (815) 252-9380. Annual memberships are \$15, and lifetime memberships are \$150. Membership forms can be accessed on the organization's website.

Museum hours are Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sundays from noon-2 p.m., or by appointment. Appointments can be made using the contact numbers above. For more information, visit [www.earlvillehistory.org](http://www.earlvillehistory.org), the Earlville Community Historical Society Facebook page or via e-mail at [earlville.history@yahoo.com](mailto:earlville.history@yahoo.com). The museum is closed except by appointment during the months of January, February and March.

