

# Businesses of Livingston Past and Present

## Appliance Sales

Illinois Power Washer Sales  
Bill Augustine Maytag Sales and Service

## Auto Body Shop

Bob Pope Auto Body

## Bakeries

Charles Terando's Union Bakery (1917)  
burned 1925  
Eugene Giano – (burned, 1924)  
George Lusiana Bakery  
Fred Mikletic Bakery  
Helen and John "Pie" Lenger Bakery  
Steve Ruzevich Bakery  
Bobette's (Pfeifer) Creative Baking  
Tina Cuppett

## Banks

Bank of Livingston (1911-16)  
American State Bank of Livingston (1916-22)  
First National Bank of Livingston (1922-33)  
National Bank of Livingston (1984-2005)  
First National Bank in Livingston (1984-present)

## Barber Shops

Harvey Atwell (1910)  
Charles Nieman (1916)  
Tom Otwirk (1918-1946)  
Tom Tsupros (1920s-1970)  
Rudy Knemoeller  
Robert Windisch  
Fritz Windisch (63 years)  
Armond Pacchetti

## Beauty Shops

Gin's Beauty Bar (Virginia Balen)  
Dorothy Leyden's Beauty Shop  
Marie Lesicko Beauty Bar  
Wilma Krek Beauty Shop  
Dorothy Sveglich Beauty Shop  
Barbara Smiley's Beauty Shop  
Frieda's Beauty Shop (Alfreda Langer)  
Sullivan's Beauty Shop (Linda Sullivan)  
Cathy's Cut and Curl (Cathy Keinast)  
Marie Bartony's Beauty Shop  
Cindy Rensing's Beauty Bar  
Carol's (Glisson) Classic Cuts  
Tammy's Beauty Shop

## Blacksmith Shops

Joseph Lesicko  
Schuette Bros. Blacksmith Shop (burned, 1923)

## Bottled Gas (Cooking and Heating)

Mitchelar Hardware  
Livingston Skelgas Service  
Livingston Propane Co.

## Bowling Alley

Domevsick Bowling Alley (1918)

## Bus Lines (Livingston-Williamson-Staunton)

John Pesavento (1917, eventually had 3 buses)  
John Movrin (1919)  
William Falkenberg

## Cable Television

Madison Communication Company

## Car Dealerships

J.W. Busker (1917 Studebaker and Ford)  
(1925 Chrysler)  
(1926 Chevrolet)  
Scanzoni Brothers (1916 Car ran on coal oil)  
McDonald & Shoulet (1917 Oakland)  
R.C. McDonald (1918 Elcar)  
Louis Mitchelar (Studebaker and Star)  
Frank Petsche (Grays)

## Carpenter

Elmer Gerdes

## Cigar Factory

Livingston Cigar Factory (1915)

## Clock and Watch Repair

Angal Watch Repair (1912)  
Larry's Mobile Watch Repair (1940s)  
John Irwin Clock Repair

## Coal Hauling

Horse Drawn  
Joshua Brothers  
Pietro "Dove" Bononi  
Loeh Brothers  
George Best, Sr.  
Truck Driven  
Raymond Libbra Coal Hauling

(Coal Hauling, con't)

Jack Lira Trucking  
Raymond Moggio Trucking  
Matt Jones Trucking

Concrete Contractor  
Maurice Callender

Confectionaries  
William Strohl  
Frank Gucciardo  
The McFarland's  
The McShaley's

Creamery  
Ed Hosto Dairy Company (1917 built by Pevely  
Dairy Co.)

Dance Halls  
Frank Callovini Dance Hall (1915)  
Cerne's Dance Hall (1915)  
Sailly's Dance Academy (1917 in Sailly's  
Tavern)  
Charley Schwartz's Dance Hall  
Dermacks (1918)  
Bertulis Dance Hall (1918)  
Kitruch's Dance Hall  
Vanzo's Dance Hall  
Fred Wray Dance Hall  
Club Hall Dancing  
K & K Dance Hall  
Livingston Park Pavilion

Doctors  
Dr. C.H. Kring (1<sup>st</sup> Doctor – office upstairs in  
the Company Store)  
Dr. Vogt (1908-1913)  
Dr. R.C. Berry (1914-50)  
Dr. W.C. Runyon (? - 1917)  
Dr. W.K. Vaught (1917 - ?)  
Dr. J.A. Oliver (? – 1919)  
Dr. H.C. Tietze (1919 - ?)  
Dr. W.R. Greenwood (1950-62)  
Dr. Quentin Wick

Drugs and Sundries  
Walter Dzurus  
Mary Karnosky and Emma Dzurus  
John Jurek Family  
John and Mary Svetlik  
Betty and Chuck Svetlik  
Howard and Betty Jean Salter

Drug Stores  
Olive Drug Store  
Francis Thomure (1910)  
Donald Parker (1917)  
Dr. R.C. Berry (1930s)  
Harris May

Electric Power  
Livingston City Power Company  
Illinois Power Company

Feed Stores  
Ed Hosto Feed Barn (1917)  
William Francy Feed Store  
Louis Schuette Feed Store  
Loeh Brothers Feed Barn  
Schuette and Homeier Feed Store  
Elmer Schuette Feed Grinding Service  
(Elmer delivered feed to farmers)

Filling Stations  
Sandrin's Standard Station  
Andy Warlock's Dixcel Station  
Pietro "Dove" Bononi Station  
Graiff and Libbra Station  
Livingston Co-op's Gas Pump (1930)  
Pete Kerin's Cities Service Station  
Tosky's Cities Service Station  
Lesicko's Cities Service Station  
Harry Faulke's Cities Service Station  
Scanzoni and Coalson Station  
Sawchak Cities Service Station  
Harris May's Station  
Bernardin's Station

Film Developing  
Tumiatti and Zorzi (1926)  
(process called Bril-O-Tone)

Florist  
Nancy's Flower Shop

Fruit Stands  
Gucciardo and Brencatto (brothers-in-law)  
Abraham Farhat

Funeral Homes and Directors  
T.H. Beynon and Huntman (1910-1918)  
Joshu Brothers (1918)  
Latowsky Funeral Home (1931)  
Burgett Funeral Home (1953)  
George and Clara Lesicko (1961)  
Jerome Lesicko Funeral Home (1995)

## Garages and Gas

H.H. Lipe Garage and Gas (1914)  
Scanzoni and Coalson Garage (1917)  
Bowser Garage and Gas (1918)  
Livingston Garage (1918)  
Scanzoni Brothers (1918)  
Oliver Vallow Garage  
Earl Mitchelar's Garage and Gas  
Arthur "Bike" Coalson, Sr. Garage and Gas  
Arthur "Gejo" Coalson, Jr. Garage and Gas  
Rudy Knezik's Garage and Gas  
Busker's Garage and Gas  
Robert Martintoni Garage  
Bowles and Meyers Standard Station  
Meyer's Garage and Gas  
Standard Station  
Amoco Station  
BP (British Petroleum) Station  
Larry Benardin Garage (1987 – 1989)  
Joe's Auto Repair  
J & K Auto and Tractor Parts and Sales

## Grocery – Meat – General Merchandise

"The Company Store" (1904) was a general store for miners. It was the first store in Livingston built in 1904 from lumber and materials from 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri)  
George Kitrush (1910-1912 when it burned)  
Sam Chuver, Groceries and General Merchandise (1912)  
Max Finer, Groceries and General Merchandise (1912)  
John Kreuter Meat Market (1912)  
Abraham Farhath General Store (1917)  
Max Arber, Groceries and General Merchandise (1917)  
Abe Spasser, Groceries and General Merchandise  
Bononi Brothers Meat Market  
Livingston Co-operative Store, Groceries and General Merchandise  
Adolph Scanzoni (purchased Kreuter's Store in 1919)  
Sam Westwood Store (1920)  
Alfeld and Healey Market (1920s)  
Bertulis General Store  
Alfred Bononi Groceries  
Simon Pomatto and Sons Market  
Joe "Butch" Healey and Sons Market  
Walter Koch's Market  
Edward Gross Market  
Langer's Neighborhood Store

## (Grocery Stores, con't)

Stano's Neighborhood Store  
Steve Bononi Market  
Frank "Kize" Wray Market  
Louis Wray Market  
Jim's IGA Market  
Gasperoni's Italian Foods  
Looser's Gasperoni Foods

## Hardware Stores

Skamenca / Rausch Hardware Store (1923)  
J.W. Busker Hardware  
Louis Mitchelar, Sr. Hardware  
Louis Mitchelar, Jr. Hardware  
Homeier Hardware  
Martintoni Hardware

## Heating and Cooling Dealers

Bud Gerdes

## Hotels and Motels

Ignatz Thiel's Hotel  
Sievers' Hotel  
Schwartz Hotel  
Vanzo's Hotel  
Heim's Hotel  
Kendon's Motel  
Country Inn Motel

## Ice Cream Parlors

Nick Lambrou's Ice Cream and Candy  
Urban Sister's Ice Cream  
(Mrs. Louis) Vanzo's Ice Cream Parlor  
(Mrs.) Podesta's Ice Cream Parlor  
Bozick's Ice Cream Parlor  
John Jurek Ice Cream Parlor  
Harry and Doris Rausch Dairy Bar

## Ice Cream Wagon

Peitro "Dove" Bononi, horse-drawn wagon drove nightly along the street selling ice cream cones and soda pop – had "clanging" bells.

Ice House – located next to the railroad tracks west of the Co-op Store. This was used by beer distributors who had beer delivered by train and stored in the ice house until delivery to local saloons and taverns. Saw dust was used to put around the ice blocks to help insulate so they would not melt as quickly.

Ice Wagons  
 William Falkenberg  
 Moggio's Ice Delivery Service (delivery for homes)

Insurance  
 (Susan) Bodner Insurance Agency  
 Country Company (Roy Merwin, agent)

Laundromat  
 Livingston Maytag Laundromat

Livery Stables  
 Joshu Brother's Stable (1910)  
 Harry Deck Stables (1917)  
 Tipmer Rachow Stable (1918)  
 Loeh Brothers Stable  
 Bononi Brothers  
 Pietro "Dove" Bononi  
 Kreuter's

Lumber Yards  
 D.G. Livingston Lumber Company  
 Schuette & Homeier Lumber Company  
 Homeier Lumber Company

Masonry  
 Jim Denny Brick and Plastering

Milk Wagon  
 Louis Schuette (1907 – 1915)

Monument Company  
 Livingston Monument Company

Plastering  
 R.C. Denney

Plumbing  
 France Plumbing and Heating

Popcorn / Peanut Stands  
 Phelep's Popcorn Stand  
 Pollett's Popcorn Stand

Pool Rooms  
 John Crowachete Pool Hall (1913)  
 Harvey Atwell Pool Room (1919)  
 Clarence "Peggy" Meyer Pool Hall  
 John "Kop" Kopuster Pool Room  
 Vanzo's Pool Hall  
 Lustek's Pool Room

(Pool Rooms, con't)  
 Gasper's Pool Room  
 Krek's Pool Room  
 Windisch (Robert and Fritz) Brothers

Print Shops  
 John Camp – Livingston Herald (1918)  
 Anton Karnosky (1958 - Present)

Public Stenographer  
 Harry Finer (1917)

Radio Broadcasting  
 Theodore Kropusek

Restaurants  
 Ely Wilkenson (burned 1910)  
 Ann Schiebe Cafe  
 Elmer Sandrin Café  
 Fud's Cafe  
 Nick the Greek  
 Hutchins' Chili Shop  
 Kendon's Restaurant  
 Cuppett Donut Shop  
 Country Inn Cafe  
 Dave Gasperoni Cafe  
 Looser's Gasperoni Cafe  
 Bob Townsend's Bar and Grill  
 Kirkwood's Townsend Bar and Grill

Roller Skating Rinks  
 Fred Wray Hall (1930s)  
 (Joe) Robeza's Skating at the Park (1940s)

Saloons and Taverns  
 John Neuenschwandner (owned by Highland  
 Brewery, burned 1910)  
 Tony Joshu Saloon (burned 1910)  
 John Yeakel Saloon (burned 1910)  
 Kondroites & Kotovich's Red Devil Saloon  
 (burned 1912)  
 Pierce Purcell (burned 1912)  
 George Gubach Saloon (1912)  
 Gorenz Saloon (1912) Mr. Gorenz murdered.  
 John Costa Saloon (1912)  
 Mike Schibret Saloon (1912)  
 Martin Zamboni Saloon (1912)  
 Charles Bertulis Saloon (1915)  
 Cerne's Saloon (1915)  
 Edmund Saily Saloon (until 1917)  
 Frank Callovini Saloon (1917)

(Saloons and Taverns, con't)

George Skamenca Saloon (1917)  
Vanzo Brothers (1917)  
John Sakolosky Saloon (1918)  
Joe Sakolosky Saloon (1918) (John and Joe were brothers with saloons across the street from one another.)  
John Spudich Saloon (1918)  
Albert Schweiger Saloon (1918)  
Malench's Saloon (1918)  
Louis Vanzo Saloon (1918)  
John Rocker's Saloon (1920)  
Louis Podesta's Saloon (1920)  
Joe Larcker Saloon  
Angela & John DeCarli Saloon  
Jack Scanzoni Saloon  
Madam Celestine Dufore Saloon  
Fred Wray's Tavern  
Thiel's Tavern  
Andy Grega's Tavern  
George Lusiana's Tavern  
John Gorenz's Tavern  
Hayes's Tavern  
Rudolph Paulicka's Tavern  
Krek & Kuketz Tavern  
Robert Edmiston Tavern  
Charley Forneris Tavern  
Andy Warlock's Tavern  
Dave Gasper, Sr.'s Tavern  
Anton Watchko Tavern  
John Ottino Tavern  
John Gasper's Tavern  
Art Burgnone Tavern  
Armond Pacchetti's Tavern  
Flick Urich's Tavern  
John Pickle Tavern  
Komanecky Gypsy Inn  
Whitey Johnson's Right Spot Tavern  
Harold Hatfill's Tavern  
Bill and Helen Odell's Tavern  
Barbara and Lee Spudich Tavern  
John "Pie" Lenger's Tavern  
Bill and Helen Slifka's Tavern  
Sharon and George Slifka's Tavern  
Doggie Tavern  
Alfred Langer's Tavern  
John and Marie Lesicko's Tavern  
Mrs. Cresto's Tavern  
Ruthie's Tavern  
Brownie's Tavern

(Saloons and Taverns, con't)

Mossie Schneck's Tavern  
Bud Gerdes Tavern  
Townsend's Bar and Grill  
Bugg's Tavern  
Kirkwood's Townsend's Bar and Grill

Sanitation Services

George Westbrook Sanitation

Saw Sharpening Service

Washburn Saw Sharpening

Shoe Repair

Mike Kanyak Shoe Repair  
Frank Hussman Shoe Repair  
Lefty's Shoe Repair Shop  
Walter Powanda Shoe Repair

Tailoring / Cleaners

Keele's (1910s)  
Hart / Nelson (1930s)

Telegraph Service

Western Union (located in the railroad tower)

Telephone Companies

J.C. Wall's Staunton Telephone Company  
Central Telephone Company  
Gallation River Communication  
Madison Telephone Company

Theaters

Eagle Theater (burned 1942)  
E.E. Neuenschwander Eagle Theater (1912)  
John Arkabauer (1917 – purchased from E.E. Neuenschwander estate)  
Stanko's  
Walter Gvazdov  
Pert's Theater

Television and Radio Repair

Harris May

Upholstery

John Meyer Upholstering

Variety Stores

Larson's Variety Store  
Reeves Variety Store

# Bank Building

The bank building complex remains as it was originally built and consists of two sections. The one-story section is divided and used for two businesses; the two storefronts share a common porch each having a separate entrance door set at an angle. The two-story section originally housed the bank with living quarters on the second floor.

## History of Two-Story Section

The bank operated in the two story section from 1911 until 1933 when it permanently closed. The bank section remained unused until 1937 when Virginia (Paulicka) Balen moved into the second floor apartment and opened her beauty shop on the lower level. Virginia moved her shop into the upstairs apartment when the U.S. Post Office moved where the bank was originally located. The bank vault is still there.

## History of One-Story Section

The north side of the building housed the U.S. Post Office until it was moved into the section that previously housed the bank. The north side was then used as a warehouse for the Co-op Store. It is now occupied by Tammy's Cut and Curl, operated by Tammy Slifka.

The south side of the building held a drugstore run by Mr. and Mrs. Thomure during the early 1900s. When the Thomure family moved from Livingston, the drugstore was run by Henry Larson and then by Donald Parker. The Thomure's eventually returned to Livingston and the drug store. They eventually built a building on South Second Street and moved the drugstore there.

The Reeves family took over that section of the building and opened a variety store. They were in business during the 1930s. When their store closed, the Co-op Store used the storefront as a show room.

Cathy Kehnast opened Cathy's Cut & Curl Beauty Shop in the south side and operated for twenty-five years there until her death in April of 1999.

Nancy Collman opened Nancy's Flowers on the south side in February 2001 and provides fresh and silk flowers arrangements and gifts there currently.

## History of Banks in Livingston

The Bank of Livingston was first opened on September 9, 1911 with a capital stock of \$40,000.00. The firm consisted of Dennis E. Aylward, his brother Paul J. Aylward, and their mother Anna Aylward. They built a two story brick building on the east side of Livingston Avenue. The Aylward family eventually moved into the apartment upstairs.

On May 1, 1916, the bank was incorporated as American State Bank of Livingston.

### Board of Directors

President ..... C.C. Clavin  
Vice-President ..... J.A. Hebenstreit  
Cashier..... D.E. Aylward  
Assistant Cashier ..... J.V. Muller

### Stockholders

P.I. Aylward	C.E. Atwell	Frank Cerne	F.A. Thomure
D.E. Aylward	J.V. Muller	Ernest Zamboni	J.T. Moss
William Voyles	Attilo Tanel	John Westwood, Sr.	C.C. Clavin
J.A. Hebenstreit	L. Finer	Dr. R.C. Berry	

In 1920 in order to render their patrons better service, the bank was converted into a national bank with the name First National Bank of Livingston.

Board of Directors

- President .....D.E. Aylward
- Vice-President .....J.A. Hebenstreit
- Cashier .....J.M. Arkabauer

It operated until it closed under the same ownership with Henry Malench serving as cashier. In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt closed all banks and the First National Bank of Livingston never reopened.

National Bank Livingston

National Bank Livingston was opened on August 6, 1984 at 480 Park Street. This marked the first time Livingston enjoyed hometown banking since 1933. This bank was a branch of National Bank located in Mt. Olive. It offered full lobby, drive-through, ATM, and night deposit services under the direction of Richard C. Droste, President of the Mt. Olive Bank. Staff members at the time of the opening were: Patricia Kostadin, Diane Schwandner, and Wilma Willette. The bank closed on April 6, 2005. Diane Schwandner and Wilma Willette were the only full-time employees at the time of the bank closing.

First National Bank – Livingston

The First National Bank – Livingston was opened December 26, 1984 at 482 Park Street. It is a branch of the First National Bank in Staunton. Employees at the time of the bank’s opening were: Gloria Eilers, Michael Heffron, and Linda Scherff. The bank offers full banking services including safe deposit boxes. The present staff is: Linda Hiscox, manager; Casey Lebro, Debbie Prosser, and Wilma Willette.



First National Bank - Livingston



National Bank Livingston now closed.

At left the Livingston Bank now the site of the current Post Office. 1930s.