

Calendar of Events

December 21, 2025

DQ Make & Take Christmas Characters!

Dairy Queen Morton

127 E Ashland St

Morton, IL 61616

11:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST

Brooke E McClaskey, 3092651897

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*Come make this adorable Christmas Trio of sweet, little holiday characters! \$3.49 each
OR \$11 for all 3! Great family friendly activity! We will have the rainbow of frostings &
tips out for kids to customize their snowmen to their liking! Glove up and join them!
Come make a memory at your local DQ!*

December 22, 2025

Blue Violin Candlelight Christmas Extravaganza

Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center

350 N Illinois Ave

Morton, IL 61550

07:00 PM - 08:30 PM CST

Chris, 617 575 9519

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TICKETS AT: <https://blue-violin.com/candlelight-christmas/>

Back by popular demand, Blue Violin's Candlelight Christmas Tour returns for its third spectacular year — bigger, brighter, and bolder than ever before.

Often described as "Trans-Siberian Orchestra meets Lindsey Stirling," Blue Violin delivers fiery virtuosity and cinematic flair in every performance.

Fresh from acclaimed tours across Australia, Asia, Europe, and the Americas, Blue Violin has been earning international accolades for genre-bending performances that blur the line between classical virtuosity and rock energy. With last year's holiday tour playing to packed houses and sold-out nights, this year's Candlelight Christmas is set to be the most unforgettable yet.

This one-of-a-kind holiday concert experience blends the beauty of traditional carols with high-octane rock anthems, cinematic classical reimaginings, and heartwarming favorites — all brought to life in glowing candlelight, with a dazzling stage set and immersive light show.

? Guest vocalists and surprise musical collaborators? Live choirs and symphony orchestras in select cities? Blue Violin performing virtuosic, high-energy arrangements that blur the line between elegance and edge? Holiday classics like Somewhere in my Memory, Carol of the Bells, and Holly Jolly Christmas — reinvented with power and soul? Genre-bending takes on Stairway to Heaven, Bohemian Rhapsody, Interstellar, and more

From grand concert halls to intimate candlelit theaters, this is a concert that transforms every venue into a wonderland of sound and light.

Whether you're creating a new holiday tradition or returning for another season, the Candlelight Christmas Tour is more than a concert — it's a celebration.

December 27, 2025

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January 3, 2026

Winter Wonderland Icecream Cupcakes

Morton Dairy Queen

127 E Ashland st

Morton, IL 61550

11:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST

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Are the kids getting Fidgety with school being out and you need something fun to do?

Bring them on down to Morton DQ where we will be free style decorating icecream

Cupcakes! Cupcakes are 3.49 each! Feel free to bring your own Pinterest ideas! Can't

wait to make this new special memory with you!

January 3, 2026

Central Illinois Watch & Clock Show and Sale

American Legion Hall

24 E Adams St.

Morton, IL 61550

11:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST

Patrick Wahlers, 3096435241

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The Route 66 Watch and Clock Club is sponsoring a free Central Illinois Watch and Clock Show and Sale on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at the American Legion, located at 24 E Adams Street in Morton, Illinois between 11 am and 2 pm. The show is free, and open to the public. The show will be held in the basement area. Please use the side entrance. The Watch and Clock Show and Sale provides a great opportunity to buy, sell or simply look and learn about mechanical clocks and watches. Have a clock, wristwatch or pocket watch and want to learn more about it or sell it? Bring it along! The Event is small and informal, and is all about having fun, meeting new people and learning about watches and clocks. There are no fees and no obligations, and it is informal and open to the public. The Event is held between 11 am and 2 pm, but visitors can arrive or leave at any time.

January 6, 2026

Irish Splendor Informational Session

Morton Chamber of Commerce or Zoom

415 West Jefferson Street

Morton, IL 61550

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

info@mortonillinois.org

January 21, 2026

Starting Your Business in Illinois

Peoria Next Innovation Center

801 W Main St

Peoria, IL 61606

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

if asked: Amy Lambert, 3096772992

illinoisbdc@bradley.edu

This workshop is for aspiring entrepreneurs who want to learn all the components of how to start a successful business in Illinois. Get a realistic view of the requirements to start a business and the resources available to support your new venture. While attending this no cost 2-hour workshop, you will learn how to get your business name registered, where to obtain a tax ID number, which legal form to choose, business planning, taxes, financing options and much more. After attending the workshop, our team of certified business advisors are available to work with you, one-on-one, to navigate the process and help you succeed! This workshop is sponsored by the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Bradley University and co-sponsored by Morton Community Bank. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email.

February 18, 2026

Starting Your Business in Illinois

Peoria Next Innovation Center

801 W Main St

Peoria, IL 61606

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Event Contact: Illinois Small Business Development Center, Name if asked: Amy Lambert, 3096772

illinoisbdc@bradley.edu

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March 18, 2026

Starting Your Business in Illinois

**Business and Engineering Convergence Center (BECC), Bradley University, Room 1130
1422 W Main Street
Peoria, IL 61606**

03:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST

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April 15, 2026

Starting Your Business in Illinois

**Peoria Next Innovation Center
801 W Main St
Peoria, IL 61606**

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

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May 13, 2026

Starting Your Business in Illinois

Peoria Next Innovation Center

801 W Main St

Peoria, IL 61606

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

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June 10, 2026

Starting Your Business in Illinois

Peoria Next Innovation Center

801 W Main St

Peoria, IL 61606

03:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST

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