

## Calendar of Events

February 5, 2026

**Annual Meet-Up 2026**  
**American Rental / Create-A-Scene**  
**620 Harding Rd**  
**Morton, IL 61550**  
**04:30 PM - 06:30 PM CST**

February 7, 2026

**Troop 178 Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction**

**Morton United Methodist Church**

**420 N. Tennessee Ave.**

**Morton, IL 61550**

**04:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST**

**Staci Gilmore, 630-707-2206**

**[stacistone@hotmail.com](mailto:stacistone@hotmail.com)**

*Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit Scouts BSA Troop 178 will be Feb. 7, 2026, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the Morton United Methodist Church, 420 N. Tennessee Ave., Morton. Tickets are: \$10 per person for adults, \$7 for seniors (60+) and children, \$33 for a family of up to five. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser helps Scouts pay for monthly outings, equipment and supplies, summer camp, high adventures and other activities throughout the year.*

*For discounted advance tickets or for answers to questions, contact a member of Troop 178 or call Staci Gilmore 630-707-2206.*

February 13, 2026

- March 27, 2026

**Friday Fish Fry at Morton Knights of Columbus**

**Morton Knights of Columbus Hall**

**616 W. David Street**

**Morton, IL 61550**

**05:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST**

**Ralph Mattia, 309-369-6039**

**[ralphmortonkc@gmail.com](mailto:ralphmortonkc@gmail.com)**

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, 3096772992  
[illinoissbdc@bradley.edu](mailto:illinoissbdc@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.*

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**

Illinois Small Business Development Center, Name if asked: Amy Lambert, 3096772992  
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April 15, 2026

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**Peoria Next Innovation Center**

**801 W Main St**

**Peoria, IL 61606**

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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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