



# CARLINVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2024

# 2024 ANNUAL BANQUET

## 2nd-3rd

**SQUIRREL BOWL 9**  
@ Bates Building - Fair Grounds  
Starts Friday @ 5:00pm  
*Benefits Project 3rd Day*

## 10th

**ELK'S TRIVIA NIGHT**  
@ Elk's Lodge  
Dinner @ 5:00pm  
*Benefits Elk's Roof Repair Fund*

## 14th

**COMEDIAN DAVID GRAHAM**  
@ Reno's  
Dinner/Show @ 7:00pm

## 15th



**"COFFEE MEET" NETWORKING EVENT**  
@ 1917 Home Decor  
7:30am-9:00am

For a full list of events, visit our Community Calendar on [www.carlinville.com](http://www.carlinville.com)



The Carlinville Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Excellence in Business Awards Dinner on January 18th, 2024, at Reno's Banquet Hall, recognizing outstanding businesses and individuals who contribute to the community's growth and vibrancy.

Over 120 attendees gathered to celebrate the achievements of local businesses across various categories, including the Transformation Award, New Business Award, Outstanding Service Award, Organization of the Year Award, Person of the Year Award, Viral Social Media Award, and Business of the Year Award. (See the award recipients on page 3.)

With five key goals for 2024, the Carlinville Chamber of Commerce aims to expand its network, boost visibility for local businesses, and foster collaboration with community groups. From a comprehensive community calendar to a service-oriented business directory, these initiatives will enhance Carlinville's appeal and unlock its full potential.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:



## GRAPPLE 113



### RYAN DEWITTE BLACKBURN COLLEGE 2024 CHAMBER INTERN

Ryan attended North Branch High School in Michigan and is now a Senior at Blackburn College, where he studies Business

Management and is a Forward on the BC Soccer Team. At Blackburn College, Ryan has worked hard to achieve his personal goal of holding one of the two general manager positions at Blackburn.

After college, Ryan hopes to land a career as an Investment Analyst or in the sports field as a Game Day Manager. We are happy to have Ryan on our Chamber team, and hope you get to meet him soon.



## CHAMBER COFFEE MEET



### FEBRUARY 15TH

Business Networking Event

### AT 1917 HOME DECOR

7:30am - 9:00am



### FEBRUARY 8TH, 4:00PM - 7:00PM



### GALENTINE'S SHOPPING EVENT

Join us for an evening of sweets & treats at your favorite local Carlinville shops!



# AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

## THE 2023 CARLINVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS RECAP



**Transformation Award  
MAIN STREET BRIDAL**



**New Business Award  
RUSTIC VENUES**



**170 Years Award  
HEINZ FURNITURE & CNB**



**Organization of the Year  
CARLINVILLE LIBRARY**



**Outstanding Service Award  
RICHARD OSWALD**



**Person of the Year  
BRIAN BURNSIDE**



**Business of the Year  
MAIN STREET FLORIST**



### **Viral Social Media Award**

**CROWE BOOT & SHOE  
MAIN STREET FLORIST  
MY SISTER'S CLOSET  
HEINZ FURNITURE  
OAK  
BRAVE HAZEL BOUTIQUE  
COLLECTED  
MAIN STREET BRIDAL**

For: "Pamela Pumpkin Halloween Workout"  
Witches Night Out shopping event



# TRIVIA NIGHT

HOSTED BY THE CARLINVILLE CHAMBER

Where: **THE MOOSE LODGE**

When: **MARCH 23RD**

DOORS-5:30PM & TRIVIA-7:00PM

\$15/person

Food & Drink Available for Purchase

Silent Auction, 50/50 Drawing

*(SILENT AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS NEEDED)*

RSVP: 217.854.3850

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## BOOKS & PODCASTS RECOMMENDATIONS

### The Obstacle is the Way

by Ryan Holiday

*recommended by Jon Griffel*



### It's a Good Life Podcast

"How to be a Goal Getter" S2 E158

by Brian Buffini

*recommended by Jon Griffel*



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