

THE LOCAL REVIEW



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ **February 2nd**
John Boos Committee Meeting
4:00pm Effingham Event Center
- ▶ **February 16th**
Member Meeting
6:00pm Champaign
- ▶ **February 25th**
Southern Committee Meeting
6:30pm Muddy Saloon

RECENT NEWS

Mid -America Carpenters Regional Council

Effective January 7, 2026, the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council is getting even stronger as we welcome our brothers and sisters from Iowa and Nebraska. This merger adds more than 3,000 new members, strengthening our collective voice while keeping wages, benefits, and member services uninterrupted. Together, we're building a stronger Regional Council for all members.



UICCU Partnership Program

We are proud to announce a new partnership with University of Illinois Community Credit Union. They are offering our members access to helpful financial tools and resources. Don't miss special presentations on Financial Wellness at our Cub Club and Member meetings. For more information and access to online tools, scan the QR code below.



AWARD WINNING
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



IMPORTANT UPDATES

February 16th, 2026, a special called meeting will be held during our monthly membership meeting to discuss the disbursement of 2026 wages for the collective bargaining agreement between Central Illinois Builders of AGC, Greater Peoria Contractor & Suppliers Association INC and the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

2/8: First Aid/CPR/AED

2/7 - 2/15: 30-Hour OSHA Course

2/14: Welding – Basic

2/21 - 2/22: Solar Installation

2/21: Transit – Total Station

2/28: Grid

2/28: Stretch-in Carpet

All classes are held at:
MACTC-Pekin Campus
904 Brenkman Drive
Pekin, IL 61554

Visit mactc.org to enroll.

IN THE COMMUNITY

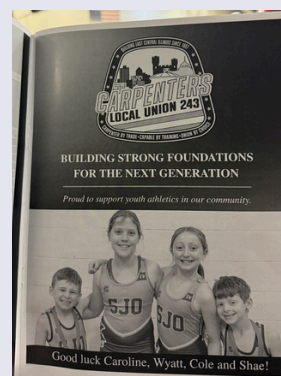
Supporting Youth Athletics

Carpenters Local 243 is proud to support our members and their families by sponsoring youth clubs, community events, and activities that matter to you. Most recently, we were honored to sponsor the SJO Spartan Youth Wrestling Club.

If you have a youth or community organization that could benefit from Local 243's support, we encourage you to reach out!

Send us an email to:

Local243@CarpentersUnion.org

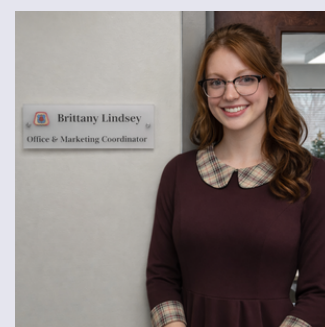


Community Support in Action

A huge thank you to everyone who donated during our food drive. The Eastern Illinois Foodbank was thrilled to see such generosity from our members. We plan to continue holding periodic drives to support feeding those in the community we live and work.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Brittany Lindsey joined Local 243 in late November as our new Office & Marketing Coordinator. She brings valuable experience to the role, having previously worked at Health Alliance as a Marketing Project Manager. Brittany is currently pursuing her associate's degree in business at Parkland College and is already hard at work helping refresh and improve how Local 243 supports our members.



"Everyone has been so welcoming, and I'm excited for the opportunity to use my love of design and my knowledge of business and marketing to drive the organization forward."