

# Tailgate N' Tallboys celebrating 10th anniversary this year



**JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup> 2026**

**TAILGATE N' TALLBOYS** BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS

**THURSDAY**  
**ZACH TOP**  
 GAVIN ADCOCK • BRAXTON KEITH  
 KAITLIN BUTTS • COLE GOODWIN  
 THE CREEKERS • TYCE DELK • EDDIE & THE GETAWAY

**FRIDAY**  
**TREATY OAK REVIVAL**  
 WYATT FLORES • CHASE MATTHEW  
 WAYLON WYATT • GRAHAM DARHAM  
 STERLING ELZA • CHANDLER WALTERS • MORE TBA

**SATURDAY**  
**JESSIE MURPH**  
 DIGXTHAPLUG • CAMERON WHITCOMB  
 COOPER ALAN • DREW BALDRIDGE  
 THE JACK WHARFF BAND • JAY WEDD • SHAYLEN

**SUNDAY**  
**THE RED CLAY STRAYS**  
 MUSCADINE BLOODLINE • ZACH JOHN KING  
 PHIL KANE • CONNOR HICKS  
 LONDON WILKS • OWEN KNAP

HOSTED BY RAISED ROWDY  
 FESTIVAL DJ DJ CLIFFY D

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According to their website, Tailgate N' Tallboys is where the spirit of country music comes to life, bringing fans together for unforgettable weekends filled with

great music, cold drinks, and good times. From the tailgate to the stage, we deliver the best in live entertainment, featuring today's hottest country artists and

rising stars in an electric, festival atmosphere.

Whether you're singing along to your favorite songs under the open sky, sharing stories with friends around

the tailgate, or dancing the night away, Tailgate N' Tallboys is more than just a festival - it's a celebration of the country lifestyle we all love.

## Voting begins in "Makers Madness" contest to name the coolest thing made in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD - Voting is now open in the Illinois Manufacturers' Association's (IMA) 2026 "Makers Madness" contest, a bracket-style tournament that lets the public decide what product will be crowned The Coolest Thing Made in Illinois

Presented by Comcast Business, the annual competition celebrates the incredible work of manufacturers across Illi-

nois, which have long served as the backbone of our state's economy. Manufacturing is the largest contributor of any industry to the state's Gross Domestic Product, supporting nearly a third of all jobs in Illinois and contributing more than \$580 billion to the state's economy each year.

More than 100 unique products from every corner of the state were nominated for

this year's contest, with candidates ranging from farming, construction, aeronautics and energy storage equipment to iconic pantry staples, beverages, sweet treats and a variety of vehicles. Voting throughout the contest will take place at [www.makersmadnessil.com](http://www.makersmadnessil.com), where voters can now choose which products will advance to the Top 16. Voting for this round runs through 11:59 p.m. on March 22, and participants can vote up to five times per day. Consecutive rounds of voting in head-to-head matchups will take place each week thereafter to further narrow the field, culminating with an awards ceremony at the Governor's mansion on April 15 when The Coolest Thing Made in Illinois will be named.

"Illinois manufacturers make amazing products that deserve to be celebrated for their innovation, creativity and excellence. Our manufacturers are solving some of the world's most pressing challenges while creating jobs and generating economic investment in communities throughout our state," said Mark Denzler, President and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. "We wish all the products nominated the best of luck as we showcase the best of our state's dynamic manufacturing sector."

Manufacturers in Illinois produce everything from life-saving therapies and medicines to electric vehicles and components used for space exploration. Our manufacturers keep store shelves stocked with nutritious food and delectable snacks and create sporting equipment used everywhere from neighborhood fields to professional leagues. They build incredible agricultural and road construction

equipment, create high-tech gadgets and components used for national defense, as well as produce energy to power our homes and businesses.

"These innovative teams rely on fast, reliable connectivity to design and deliver the products that move our state forward. As the largest connectivity provider in the U.S. to businesses of all sizes, Comcast Business is proud to help power that progress," said Sean McCarthy, Comcast's Regional Vice President of Business Development and Strategic Initiatives. "We're honored to support Makers Madness and celebrate the groundbreaking work happening across the state."

Last year's champion was the Aerial Firefighting Helicopter Refill Pump, a pump that provides rapid and reliable water access for aerial firefighting teams, made by MTH pumps in Plano. Previous contest winners include the Komatsu mining truck made by Komatsu in Peoria; the Rosenberg Moon Habitat by Ingersoll Machine Tools in Rockford; Rivian's all-electric R1T truck made in Normal; the Self-Regulating Traffic Signal Heater by Termico Technologies in Elk Grove Village; and the 797F Mining Truck, the world's largest mechanical truck, manufactured by Caterpillar, Inc. in Decatur.

Timeline of events:  
 February 16 - March 8: Nominations open and accepted at [www.makersmadnessil.com](http://www.makersmadnessil.com)  
 March 10 - March 22: Nomination voting  
 March 24: Top 16 Announced  
 March 24 - March 29: First round of voting  
 March 31: Top 8 Announced  
 March 31 - April 5: Second

## Pastor Stahl's Weekly Message of Faith



Hello Everyone!

Well, I told you, the warm weather from a couple of weeks ago gave way to the cold again! I think we were about ready to put our Christmas lights back on again! It's crazy weather, but remember, this is Illinois. If you don't like the weather, wait a day or two and it will change.

We set our clocks ahead one hour last week, and it always takes me a while to get back that hour of sleep. Our dog Lorelei is the same way. She is a little Chihuahua, and her sleep is important to her! LOL When she is ready for bed, she barks at us until we go!

How is everyone doing during the Season of Lent? Many people vow to give up something for 40 days, like chocolate or ice cream. It can be very challenging at times. The Dairy Barn in Sidney is about to open! Ice Cream! Dairy Queen in St. Joseph is open year round. We remember that Jesus Fasted for 40 days and 40 nights while He was in the wilderness. He Relied on His Heavenly Father to get Him through that time of temptation. If Jesus Went without food and water for 40 days, surely we can give up chocolate or ice cream.

Remember, Jesus Knows what we need before we ask Him. Jesus Understands us, He Created us, He Knows us better than we know ourselves. Jesus Can Give us Strength to get through anything. God Provides for us, far better than we can ourselves. Jesus Created us, every hair on our head is numbered. Every cell in our body has the Hand of God upon it. That is a comforting thought, that "if God Clothes the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, won't He Surely Provide for us as well?" (Matthew 6:28-30)

Yet we worry, we stew, we fret about things beyond our control. We are commanded by the Lord to take our burdens to the Foot of the Cross and leave them there, but often we go

back and pick them up again. As if there is some comfort to be gained by carrying around our problems and worries. God Loves us and God Provides for us. God Fed the children of Israel out in the desert, with manna and quail from Heaven. He even Gave them water from a rock. There was nothing that God wouldn't Do for His children.

God Promised His people the Messiah, Who would Come and Bring Salvation and Eternal Peace. God Will Forget our sins and Cast them into the sea, and remember them no more. We have His Promise for that. Remember, when Jesus Died on the Cross, our sins were nailed there as well. Jesus' Death Opened up access to the Father in Heaven. Through His Death and Resurrection, there is hope for all of us!

Although some people can be more stubborn than others. A man was in his house when a great flood came. The water got higher and higher, he climbed up on his roof and prayed to God for Help. Just then a boat came by. "We're here to pick you up, jump in!" "No, I don't need that, God Will Save me." So the boat leaves. An hour later, the water was even higher, another boat comes by: "Get in, you don't have any time to waste!" The man said, "No, I don't need that, God Will Save me!" A while later, a helicopter comes by: "Get in, this is the last chance!" "No thanks, God Will Save me!" A few minutes later, the water overwhelms him and the man dies and appears before God. "God, I prayed that You Would Save me. What happened?" And God Said, "I Sent you two boats and a helicopter. What more do you want?"

Yes, God Will Save us, but we have to have eyes to see, ears to hear, and yes, sometimes faith to get out of the boat and take that leap of faith.

round of voting

April 7: Top 4 Announced

April 7 - April 12: Final round of voting

April 15: Winner of The Coolest Thing Made in Illinois announced during awards luncheon at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield

About the Illinois Manufacturers' Association (IMA)  
 The Illinois Manufacturers'

Association is the only statewide association dedicated exclusively to advocating, promoting and strengthening the manufacturing sector in Illinois. The IMA is the oldest and largest state manufacturing trade association in the United States, representing nearly 4,000 companies and facilities. For more information, visit <https://ima-net.org/>.

## OSF Peace Meal Menu

Here is the Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum Peace Meal menu for Thursday, March 19 through Wednesday, March 25.

**Thursday, 3/19/26** - Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, fruit cup, whole wheat roll served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

**Friday, 3/20/26** - Tilapia with rice pilaf, butter beans, spinach, fruit cup, cheddar biscuits, and a half pint of milk.

**Saturday, 3/21/26** - Chicken salad on a bun, celery, V-8 juice, applesauce, chips, and a half pint of milk.

**Sunday, 3/22/26** - OSF Peace Meal is closed.

**Monday, 3/23/26** - Turkey pot roast with baby carrots and celery, stuffing, fruit cup, and a half pint of milk.

**Tuesday, 3/24/26** - Beef and Noodles, peas, beets, fruit cup, whole wheat bread served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

**Wednesday, 3/25/26** - OSF Peace Meal is closed.

OSF Peace Meal provides seniors, age 60 and older, with a nutritious lunch Monday through Saturday and are closed on Sunday and Wednesday. There is a suggested donation of \$4.00 for each meal, however, no senior will be denied a meal because of an inability to financially contribute. The Illinois Link Card is an accepted form of payment. For more information, please go to <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/osf-peace-meal/> or call 1-309-665-5900.

The Homer Peace Meal congregate site is at the Homer Village Hall located at 500 East Second Street. It is currently carry-out only. For reservations, please call 1-309-665-5900. Home delivery in southern Champaign County is currently available in Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum.

Menu substitutions may occur due to global supply chain shortages, but a nutritious meal is still guaranteed.

The OSF Peace Meal menu is submitted for the OSF Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.



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