



**MILES OF POSSIBILITY ROUTE 66 CONFERENCE**  
**FULL SCHEDULE Thursday-Sunday, October 25-28, 2018**

(\* indicates Blackburn College campus, Carlinville)

(\*\* indicates “Essentials of Route 66 Tourism” conference session. Ticket holders of “Essentials of Route 66 Tourism” one-day package attend these classes on Friday in Bothwell Auditorium. Ticket holders of “Weekend Conference Package” may mix and match, choosing any conference sessions.)

**Thursday, October 25**

noon-5 pm	Check-in/registration/information table open	Bothwell Lobby*
noon-5 pm	Carlinville Crawl – downtown merchants and restaurants open (meals on your own)	Downtown Carlinville
1-4 pm	Historic Carlinville bus tour with guide <b>Deborah Young</b> , President of Carlinville Tourism (optional)	leaves from Bothwell Lobby*
4:30-9 pm	Open house/tours at Illinois Coal Museum, with host <b>Dave Tucker</b>	Gillespie
4:30-9 pm	Gillespie restaurants open for dinner on your own	Gillespie
5, 6, 7 pm	Three showings of “Remembering the Coliseum” documentary with filmmaker <b>Jim Marcacci</b> in Illinois Coal Museum Lecture Hall	Gillespie

**Friday, October 26**

7 am – 5 pm	Check-in/registration/information table open	Bothwell Lobby*
8-9 am	Welcome Breakfast	Bothwell Lobby*
9-9:10 am	Welcome to Carlinville - <b>Deanna Demuzio</b> , Mayor of Carlinville	Bothwell Auditorium*

9:10–9:20 am	Welcome to Blackburn - <b>Jennifer Braaten</b> , Ph.D., Interim President of Blackburn College	Bothwell Auditorium*
9:20-9:45 am	Keynote Address <b>Brett Stawar</b> , President and CEO at Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau	Bothwell Auditorium*
10 am-5 pm	Vendors open	Mahan Atrium*
10-10:45 am	Panel Discussion - “How Do You Save A Legend?” - Moderator <b>Bill Kelly</b> **	Bothwell Auditorium*
10-10:45 am	“Ghost Roads of Illinois: Route 66 and More” - <b>David Clark</b>	Olin Lecture Hall*
11-11:45 am	Panel Discussion - “Alliances on 66” - Moderator <b>Bill Kelly</b> **	Bothwell Auditorium*
11-11:45 am	“Writing Women into Route 66 History” - <b>Cheryl Eichar Jett</b>	Olin Lecture Hall*
11:45-1:15	Lunch on your own	College cafeteria* or downtown
1:15-2 pm	Panel Discussion - “The Route 66 Hospitality Package” - Moderator <b>Debyjo Ericksen</b> **	Bothwell Auditorium*
1:15-2 pm	“Miners, Mobsters, and the Mother Road: Macoupin County on Route 66” - <b>Andrea Duncan</b>	Olin Lecture Hall*
2:15-3 pm	Panel Discussion - “Route 66 Mayors” - Moderator <b>Larry Bloemker</b> **	Bothwell Auditorium*
2:15-3 pm	“History of Illinois” - <b>Tom Emery</b>	Olin Lecture Hall*
3:15-4 pm	“Social Media and Route 66: People, Places, Events, and Things” - <b>Nick Gerlich</b> , Ph.D.**	Bothwell Auditorium*
3:15-4 pm	“The Road Ahead Partnership Update” - <b>Bill Thomas</b>	Olin Lecture Hall*
4:15-5 pm	Panel Discussion - “CVBs as Tourism Partners” - Moderator <b>Bill Kelly</b> **	Bothwell Auditorium*
4:15-5 pm	“Remembering the Exhibit – Route 66: Main Street through St. Louis” – <b>Sharon Smith</b>	Olin Lecture Hall*
6 pm	Banquet (ticket included for banquet plus concert/ dance included with Weekend Conference Package)	Woodson Hall*
7-10 pm	Concert/Dance - <b>Robert Perry Band with the Original Mojos</b>	Woodson Hall*

### Saturday, October 27

7 am – 3 pm	Check-in/registration/information table open	Bothwell Lobby*
8-9 am	Welcome Back Breakfast	Bothwell Lobby*
9 am-3 pm	Vendors open	Mahan Atrium*
9-9:45 am	Panel Discussion - “Bicycling Route 66” - Moderator <b>Nick Gerlich</b> , Ph.D.	Olin Lecture Hall*
9-9:45 am	“Paranormal Evidence in Lincoln/Logan County” - <b>Geoff Ladd</b>	Alumni Lecture Hall*
10-10:45 am	“Chasing the Light Down Route 66” - <b>David Schwartz</b>	Olin Lecture Hall*
10-10:45 am	“International Route 66” - <b>Jerry McClanahan</b>	Alumni Lecture Hall*
11-11:45 am	“The Main Street of America” - <b>Jim Hinckley</b>	Olin Lecture Hall*

11-11:45 am	“The Business of Saving Route 66” - <b>Roamin' Rich Dinkela</b>	Alumni Lecture Hall*
11:45-1:15	Lunch on your own	College cafeteria* or downtown
1:15-2 pm	“Route 66 Then and Now” - <b>Joe Sonderman</b>	Olin Lecture Hall*
1:15-2 pm	“Exploring Route 66 With Kids and Annie Mouse” - <b>Anne Maro Slanina, Ph.D.</b>	Alumni Lecture Hall*
2:15-3 pm	“Owning Identity: American Indian Tribes and Route 66 for the Cultural Traveler” - <b>Lisa Hicks Snell</b>	Olin Lecture Hall*
2:15-3 pm	Joint session - “Carlinville Historical Sites” - <b>Deborah Young</b> AND “Carlinville on the Eve of the Civil War” - <b>Dan Hauter</b>	Alumni Lecture Hall*
3:15-4 pm	Premiere of “Aprons Away: Women's Work on the Mother Road,” a one-act play written and directed by <b>Cheryl Eichar Jett</b> (ticket included with Weekend Conference Package)	Bothwell Auditorium*
4-4:15 pm	Announcements/Closing Ceremony	Bothwell Auditorium*
5:30 pm	Halloween costume party/buffet/cash bar/DJ	Crabby's Supper Club
6:15 pm	Rotary Halloween Parade begins	Downtown Carlinville

### **Sunday, October 28**

9 am-noon Sunday, October 28

9 am-noon Haunts of 66 bus tour, by [InSites To Go](#) with guide David Clark,  
the Windy City Road Warrior (optional)  
- leaves from Carlinville Square