



November 2020

CHANNAHON MINOOKA Chamber & Chamber of GRUNDY COUNTY COMMERCE

Courier

Celebrating Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:

10 Years

Letty Mae's Tea Room
Servpro of Morris/Ottawa

15 Years

Harrington's Fine Jewelry

20 Years

Edward Jones - Jim Feeney

45 Years

McDonald's Morris

Please remember, to keep your information up to date we need your help. Contact Brenda at the Chamber (admin@grundychamber.com) with the date you opened your business.

Virtual Lunch & Learn



Join us for a virtual Lunch & Learn with the Chamber & the Grundy Economic Development Council on the local efforts to Save Dresden, and on how you can help. Exelon announced Dresden Station is set to close November 2021. The economic impact this closure will have on the Grundy County community and beyond will be devastating. Our local leaders are fighting to keep it open while also planning for the worst. Please grab lunch from your favorite local restaurant and join us for a virtual Lunch & Learn.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

11:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

RSVP to Christine@grundychamber.com or call 815-942-0113.

A zoom link will be provided upon registration.

Those who support local by grabbing lunch from a local business for the Lunch & Learn will be entered in a drawing for a Chamber gift certificate sponsored by the Chamber and GEDC.

Grundy County Chamber Offers...

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Looking for the perfect holiday gift? Stop by the Grundy County Chamber for Chamber Gift Certificates! Certificates can be purchased in just about any denomination and are good at over 500 chamber member businesses in and around Grundy County.

Chamber Gift Certificates are one more way that recipients can shop local since certificates spent stay local and generate sales tax dollars for our communities.

For more information on how to buy or redeem Chamber Gift Certificates please call (815) 942-0113 or email info@grundychamber.com



MAKE A BIG IMPACT SHOP SMALL SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY



Small Business Saturday is Nov. 28 this year! It's more important than ever we shop local and support our small businesses as they strive to survive the impact of COVID-19.

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The Chamber's mission:

- Support its membership
- Promote economic development
- Preserve and enhance the quality of life of our community

From the President & CEO's Desk

Have you seen the 2020-2021 Community Guide yet? It's hot off the presses and already in the hands of hundreds of new residents and businesses in the area!

This annual guide provides residents and visitors with community profiles, upcoming events and save the dates, and a membership directory in the back that includes information on all of your businesses.

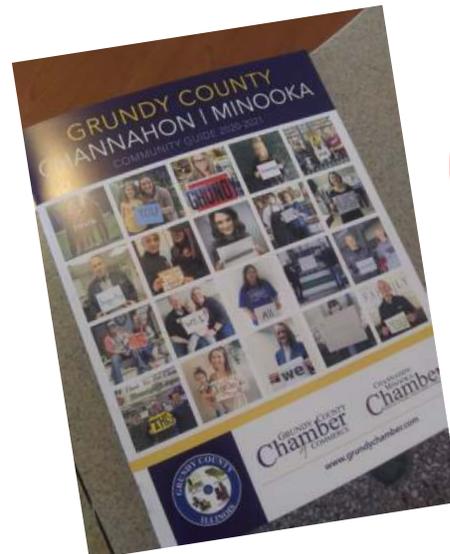
In the past this guide has come out in the spring, but like so many of our businesses, we had to re-evaluate our timing with COVID-19. This product is supported by the advertisements of our Chamber members and how could we ask that of all of you when the pandemic hit? So we waited in hopes things would improve. While Grundy County was able to reopen, we understood the local economy was still suffering. Also like so many of our businesses, so were we. This guide is a tool for so many. For a new resident looking for services, an entrepreneur wondering where to purchase office-needs, and for the Chamber and all of its members to refer each other. Not having a new guide out in the spring was a loss for all of us.

So we decided to try it in the fall and all of you came out in number to support us bringing back this necessary tool. Your advertisement support, content contributions, and distribution partnerships have surpassed what we could have ever expected.

To all of our members who took out an ad in the Community Guide, and to everyone and anyone that utilizes this product—thank you. Your support allows our team to continue to work for all of you building a better business community for us to thrive in.

Thank you from the bottom of this Chamber Chick's heart. Stop in to our office anytime for a guide for you, your neighbor, or to hand out at your business!

-Christina Van Yperen

Get your
Community
Guide at our
Morris
office today!



Member News & Briefs

Rezin Orthopedics and Sports Medicine is proud to announce their partnership with Coal City High School as the official Sports Medicine provider. Rezin Orthopedics will be provide **Coal City High School** with a nationally certified Athletic Trainer for injury prevention, injury evaluation and management, and post-injury rehabilitation. Through this partnership an orthopedic surgeon will be readily available to evaluate athletes in a timely manner. Rezin Orthopedics and Sports Medicine is excited to provide Coal City High School with excellent sports medicine services for many years to come.

We Care of Grundy County will be doing a virtual Red Kettle Campaign this year in lieu of normal bell ringing at local stores. One hundred percent of the funds raised during the Red Kettle Campaign are used directly to help Grundy County residents in need with rent, mortgage, and utility assistance. Donations can be made at <https://donate.saheartland.org/team/323433>. Last year the campaign raised over \$33,000. We Care's goal this year is to try to raise \$25,000 to be used to help people who are struggling to pay their rent or mortgage

during the pandemic. Since March, We Care has paid out about \$80,000 in rent/mortgage assistance. The Red Kettle Campaign is a vital fund for helping those in need.

An Apprenticeship Webinar hosted by **Joliet Junior College** will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Nov. 10. Discover the benefits of a Registered Apprenticeship program during the webinar. During this virtual event, you'll find out the specifics of a registered apprenticeship program and how to get started. You'll hear from JJC reps as well as a panel of industry partners who will share their perspectives about the importance of apprenticeships. Find out updates from the U.S. DOL Office of Apprenticeship Employment & Training as well as info about tax credits available in Illinois. Now more than ever, companies are turning to registered apprenticeship programs as a valuable workforce solution to increase their talent pipeline of skilled workers. Whether you're new to apprenticeships or have been thinking about it for a while, JJC will help you get started!

Got news to share? Let us know at info@grundychamber.com

The **Village of Minooka** is entering the visioning phase of the Comprehensive Plan planning process where it will work with the community in forming a unified vision for its future! The Village is conducting a virtual workshop for property owners, business owners, developers, and Minooka's corporate citizens. The purpose of this focus group is to gain feedback from such business community members who have a unique insight on important factors facing the Village that must be taken into consideration during the development of the Plan. The Business Focus Group will take place from 8-9 a.m. on Nov. 12. Join the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87076013720> or dial (312) 626-6799 and use Meeting ID: 886 6599 7630. For more information visit hplanning.com/portals/minooka/

True North and Richard A Olson & Associates would like to welcome Julie Wix as Business Manager. Wix will be sharing her time between True North and Richard A. Olson & Associates, assisting with providing administrative support, organizing office operations, and coordinating support for both businesses. With over 10 years of experience in office administration, Wix also brings two decades of customer service. She thrives at being the support system for busy professionals.

Montage Wine Bar & Spirits will hold its 3rd Annual Kris Kringle Shopping Event 12-4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29 at Montage, 307 Liberty St. Whether you need to decorate your house, give a gift, or be the perfect host, Montage will be your one stop shop. In addition to what Montage has to offer for all your holiday needs, there will be other vendors. And of course, there will be drinks available while you shop. There will also be a Charcuterie demonstration at 3 p.m. to help you build your cheese and meat board at home. You will be able to re-order sheets for cheeses, meats and everything you need.

CASA of River Valley needs your help to change a child's story. CASA is recruiting a special team of volunteers to be the voice of abused and neglected children. To volunteer or find out more contact Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) at casaofriver-valley.org or at 815-730-7072.

Home for the Holidays in downtown Morris looks a little different this year, but is still happening Nov. 27-Nov. 29. Some events have been changed, but the weekend will still be filled with family activities, including a stationary parade on Nov. 27. For more information and all the details visit downtownmorris.com/upcoming-events/.



“We are grateful for the expedient way Grundy Bank stepped up and helped secure a paycheck protection loan for us while we were forced to close during the pandemic.

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-Marilyn Yuhas

Maria's Ristorante & Pizzeria

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VIRTUAL
Business After Hours
Thursday, Nov. 19
CANCELLED



Visit hbtbank.com, listen to *WCSJ*, and visit their social media pages to hear who will be this year's Heart of the Community Award recipient.

Wear a mask



Watch your distance



Wash your hands



We continue to monitor phase guidelines and COVID-19 data in hopes of in-person networking events returning soon!



Three Wells
ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC

Virtual Coffee & Company

8-9 a.m.
November 12, 2020

This month's Coffee & Company will be hosted online by **Three Wells Acupuncture Clinic, Inc.!** Grab your coffee and breakfast, and join us virtually as we hear the latest offerings from Three Wells Acupuncture Clinic. Virtual networking is safe and helps you make connections to better your business!

This event will be held via Zoom and is free to attend.
Please contact Events Director Christine Mendez at christine@grundychamber.com. There will be a Zoom link provided once you RSVP. **RSVP by November 10.**

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