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**Chamber & Chamber**  
A Division of Grundy County Chamber of Commerce

GRUNDY COUNTY  
**Chamber**  
of COMMERCE



# Courier



## Chamber launches Holiday Hometown Shopping campaign

In the last several years phrases like Shop Local, Shop Small, and Buy Local have become commonly used and seen. It's wonderful!

Local shops use fun hashtags highlighting their store, town, and their fellow business owners - #LocallyOwned, #ShopSmall, and #ShopMorrisIL right here in Grundy. There are T-shirts, koozies, stickers – all kinds of merchandise encouraging us all to think of our own when shopping.

We've also all been hearing lately how buying local is more important than ever, and it truly is. Whether you're purchasing Christmas gifts, dinner, or even aspirin – getting it right here in Grundy County goes a lot further than online or out of town. About 70 cents of every one dollar spent stays local. As our community combats the impacts of COVID-19 that dollar is more imperative to our local businesses than ever. These businesses employ local people, pay local taxes supporting our quality of life, and they reinvest right here.

We know the shop local campaign is everywhere you look and we're grateful. Consumers need the constant reminder because it's so easy to jump online with a big box store or online-ordering company. But don't let the repetitiveness of supporting local across your computer, phone, and television make it lose its meaning. Your actions to help local businesses – whether it's local buying, sharing a business Facebook post, or referring a friend – are life-changing for businesses and do not go unnoticed.

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Grundy Chamber presents  
*Holiday Hometown Shopping*

As you shop local this holiday season, make sure to let the Grundy Chamber know by tagging the Chamber in social media posts of your buys, email pics to [info@grundychamber.com](mailto:info@grundychamber.com), or call us and tell us at 815-942-0113.

Your name will be entered in a raffle where we are giving away prizes bought locally from Grundy Chamber members!

**Raffle runs through Dec 14.**

*\*Winners will be notified and prizes have to be picked up at the Chamber office*

**#HolidayHometownShopping #ShopLocal**  
**#grundychamber**

# Board of Directors and Staff

## From the President & CEO's Desk

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So just in case you need one more reminder...the Chamber is spurring local buying through a Holiday Hometown Shopping campaign. Now through Dec. 14 we ask you to tell us about your local purchases. You can tag the Grundy Chamber on Facebook or Instagram with the photo of your purchase, or when you check-in at a store. Send us an email with your receipt or a photo of you and the business owner. Just let us know in some way you are shopping and buying from right here in Grundy County, Channahon and/or Minooka. Every time you tag us or show us, we'll enter your name in a raffle to win prizes the Chamber is buying from our members all around the county. In addition, when you purchase a Grundy Chamber Gift Certificate from us, we'll also enter your name.

You could get a Christmas decoration from Vintage Emporium in Coal City, maybe a bottle of wine from Montage Wine Bar & Spirits in Morris, some beer from River Hawk Brewing in Channahon, make-up from Mary Kay – Judi Tapella in Minooka, and so many other prizes! Winners will be notified after Dec. 14 and prizes will have to be picked up from the Grundy Chamber's Morris office.

Over the next few weeks you'll see videos, images, blogs, etc. in the Chamber's media outlets promoting #HolidayHometownShopping and showcasing the great prizes we are buying from our members. Help us spread the word by sharing these posts, telling your friends, and participating in the raffle!

Thank you for helping our local businesses through this difficult year and for your willingness to do it again. This community really does come out in number to support each other and the Chamber is lucky to be a part of it.

Sincerely,



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The Chamber's mission:

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

## Chamber Holiday hours:



**Christmas Eve—9 a.m.  
to 12 p.m.**

**Christmas Day—Closed**

**New Year's Eve—9 a.m.  
to 12 p.m.**

# Member News & Briefs

Starting NOW you can give to the Red Kettle Campaign 2020 simply by rounding up your order at the register at **Morris Walmart! We Care of Grundy County** is not able to ring bells this year, but by rounding up at the register, We Care hopes to be able to raise the funds it needs to help people in need throughout the year. All of the funds raised during the Red Kettle Campaign are utilized by We Care to help Grundy County residents who are experiencing a crisis beyond their control with rent, mortgage and utility assistance. We Care has had a busy year helping people in need with rent. Since the start of the pandemic, it has given out right about \$80,000 in rent or mortgage assistance. They anticipate this need to remain steady if not grow as the pandemic continues. The option to round up will help. We Care will not be listed on the screen, but the money rounded up will go to them since We Care is the local Salvation Army Service Extension. In addition, donations can be made to the Virtual Red Kettle Campaign at [SalArmy.US/MorrisKettle](http://SalArmy.US/MorrisKettle).

Join the fun and support local downtown Morris retailers this holiday season by buying a ticket for a chance to win 41 gifts and gift certificates in the Support Now Gift Local raffle! The total prize is valued at more than \$4,000. Sponsored by the **Morris Downtown Development Partnership, First Midwest Bank and Cloud 9 Web Design**, all proceeds from ticket sales will go back to the participating businesses. All you need to do is purchase a \$10 raffle ticket for your chance to win! Tickets will be sold from Nov. 27 through Dec. 9 on [www.supportnowgiftlocal.com](http://www.supportnowgiftlocal.com) or at participating businesses. The winner will be drawn on Facebook Dec. 12.

Given the resurgence of COVID-19 across the state, **Heartland Bank** has adjusted its lobby service at all branches to appointment only with a planned return to unrestricted lobby activity on Dec. 14. To handle routine transactions conveniently and safely, they encourage you to take advantage of their Digital Banking services.

## Got news to share? Let us know at [info@grundychamber.com](mailto:info@grundychamber.com)

Registration is open now for the **Lori Bonarek Realty** 4th Annual Christmas Decorating Contest in Coal City and it's free! You may register any time you want between now and Dec. 5 at [LBRlightscontest.com](http://LBRlightscontest.com). The public will vote from Dec. 6-20. Winners will be announced Dec. 21. First prize is \$150, Second is \$100, and Third is \$50. LBR is also a drop off location for Toys for Tots. The donation box is located in the lobby of the LBR office at 640 S. Broadway in Coal City. They ask for only new toys. You can bring by any donations now through Dec. 10. Please help a child in need this Christmas! Give LBR a call with any questions at 815-518-2300.

The **American Red Cross of the Illinois River Valley** announces the appointment of Pete Colarelli and Kristin Short to the organization's Board of Directors. Pete Colarelli is currently acting as ExxonMobil's Midwest Public Affairs Manager. Kristin Short is currently the Vice President for Advancement at the University of St. Francis. Congratulations to you both!

### Celebrating Anniversaries

*Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:*

10 Years

**Senator Rezin**

**Sarah R. Peterson Creative**

**Joliet Slammers Baseball**

20 Years

**Aux Sable Liquid Products**

25 Years

**The Turf Team Tractor and Power Equipment**

45 Years

**Cal's Printing**

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

To say this year has been a challenge is an understatement. Because of this, we know how important it is who you trust as your financial partner.

Thank you to those who chose us for your banking, your lending, your PPP and your cash manager. For those who don't know us, give us a call. Our services are just as good as the big banks while our employees are your neighbor, your kids coach, and your friend.

We've been serving our community over 155 years for a reason. Find out why. Grundy Bank, Your Hometown Advantage since 1864.

*Happy Holidays from all of us at Grundy Bank!*

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# Save the dates for 2021 Coffee & Companies!

January 14 - Anytime Fitness

February 11 - Boyk Consulting

March 3 - Morris Downtown Development

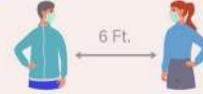
Partnership

April 8 - First National Bank of Morris

**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!*

*Christy Kelly*

*Independent Skincare Consultant*

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*"Personalized skincare to put your best face forward"*

JOIN US!

## Virtual Coffee & Company

Join us for our monthly morning networking event - hosted this month by Rodan + Fields, Christy Kelly Independent Consultant.

*Event will be held virtual and is free to attend!*



**December 3, 2020 / 8 AM - 9 AM**

To RSVP for this event, email [Christine@grundychamber.com](mailto:Christine@grundychamber.com) and a zoom link will be provided!

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