

June 2018

# CHANNAHON MINOOKA Chamber & Chamber of GRUNDY COUNTY of COMMERCE *Courier*

### Celebrating Anniversaries

*Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:*

5 Years  
**515 Fitness**

10 Years  
**Busey Bank**

70 Years  
**Allegra Coal City**

145 Years  
**Morris Community High School Dist. 101**

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



## Coffee & Company

Wednesday, June 13  
8-9 a.m.

**SOCU—Morris Branch**  
1544 Creek Dr.  
Morris, IL

Join us for our next Coffee & Company, a morning networking event hosted this month by **SOCU—Morris Branch**. This event is **free** so come and enjoy some coffee and breakfast and hear about the latest news from SOCU and what they can offer!

# SOCU

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**FORE...** There's only a short amount of time left to get registered for the **Not-So-Classic Golf Outing!** You can still get a foursome together or become a sponsor. Your day includes breakfast, golf & cart, activities, photo, lunch, raffle prizes, and so much more!

This outing is not only about a great day of golf, it's also a day filled with meeting new people and networking with other companies and business owners on and off the course.

If you have a creative idea for a sponsorship please give the Chamber a call at (815) 942-0113 or email [events@grundychamber.com](mailto:events@grundychamber.com)—registration forms are available online at [www.grundychamber.com](http://www.grundychamber.com)

## Thank you to our current sponsors!

Presenting sponsor:

# Board of Directors and Staff

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**+John Adler, Chairman**  
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+ Executive Committee  
\* Appointed Position

## Channahon Minooka Chamber Division Committee:

**Deanne Conterio**  
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**John Harrington, Chair**  
Village of Minooka

**Lauren Offerman**  
Three Rivers Public Library

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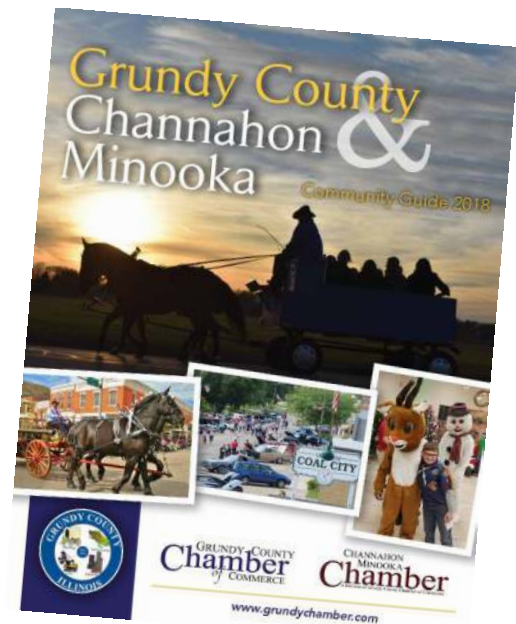
# From the Director's Desk

It was out of my control, but this year I am not participating in **Grundy Bank's** Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest. Unfortunately the Brown Bag Lunch and contest fall during the week that I will be in Madison, Wisconsin attending the Institute of Organizational Management. For many years I have competed in the contest—not so much the eating portion, I love hot dogs, just not that much. But I have won the fundraising part of many years for **United Way of Grundy County**. With the help of all of you, the United Way's Board of Directors, as well as United Way Executive Director Karen Nall and Associate Director Teddy Dow, we've raised thousands to help the more than 30 partner agencies that serve our community. I have been very proud to represent United Way over the years, and have had a ball doing it. But I am also excited to pass it on to a new friend to our county, Kevin Solari, Editor of the **Morris Herald-News**. He has agreed to give it his all for United Way in my place and I ask all of you that have been so gracious in the past to donate to my cause to please come out to the Grundy County Courthouse Lawn on Friday, June 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. to donate to Kevin for United Way and stay for the eating contest at noon. Luckily Kevin does indeed like hot dogs so he's in for a real treat on June 8, as are all the contestants who volunteer their time, and stomachs, for numerous Grundy County charities that day. Please take some time to cheer Kevin on for me June 8. I will be there in spirit and plan to have a hot dog that day for lunch in honor of all the contestants!

Sincerely,



Christina Van Yperen



**The 2018 Community Guide will be out Thursday, June 7!** It will be inserted into the **Morris Herald-News** and available at all Chamber offices and throughout the community! Thank you to all of our advertisers for supporting the Chamber!

The Chamber's mission:

- support its membership
- promote economic development
- preserve and enhance the quality of life

# Member News & Briefs

**SAVE THE DATE!** Tuesday, October 23rd will be the 5th Annual Grundy County Career Expo presented by **Grundy Area Vocational Center** and **Grundy County Community Foundation**. Early registration is now available at [https://form.jotform.com/gavc\\_JD/2018-8th-grade-career-fair-registra](https://form.jotform.com/gavc_JD/2018-8th-grade-career-fair-registra)

Join **Narvick Brothers** for their Kids Club taking place on Saturday, June 9. Kids will be able to make their own tool boxes from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Kids will be able to build and paint their tool boxes with their parents help. Register by Saturday, June 2. There will be a \$5 fee to help cover the cost of materials.

**Grundy-Three Rivers Habitat for Humanity** is pleased to welcome Bob Humbert as their new volunteer construction manager.

**Morris Cruise Night** will be starting their season June 9. Cruise Night proudly showcases all kinds of cars, trucks, and bikes for a fun, family-orientated event in downtown Morris. Participant vehicle entry is \$10 per vehicle—spectators are FREE! For more information visit [www.morriscruisenight.com](http://www.morriscruisenight.com).

**Grundy County Health Department** will be hosting their anyBODY 5k on Saturday, August 4 at 9 a.m. Kids fun run starts at 10 a.m. To register or to become a sponsor contact Kelly Hitt at (815) 941-6818 or email [khitt@grundychamber.com](mailto:khitt@grundychamber.com).

Got news to share? Send your announcement to [info@grundychamber.com](mailto:info@grundychamber.com)

## Welcome New Members

### Advanced Urology Associates

(815) 941-2990

Ryan Weber—Chief Financial Officer  
Morris, IL 60450

- Specialize in adult men's health, women's health and pediatric urology.

### The EXhibit Fine Art Center & Gallery

(815) 258-5191

Caroline Cummings—Board Member  
Morris, IL

- Fine Art Center & Gallery driven to educate the young, inspire the adult and enrich our community through the arts! 501-c(3)

### Midwest Signworks

(815) 942-3517

Rose Grossi—Owner  
Morris, IL

- Provides services such as signs, logo design, artwork & murals, digital print, banners, and hand lettering.

**\*Don't forget Grundy County Chamber gift certificates can now be used at these new Chamber members' locations!**

## Business After Hours

Thursday, June 21

5 – 7 p.m.



1591 N. Division St., Morris  
\$3 members & \$5 non-members

## Business After Hours

Thursday, July 19

5 – 7 p.m.



Part of Morris  
Night at Joliet  
Slammers Stadium!

1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive, Joliet  
\$3 members & \$5 non-members

**Great Food, Networking & Drawings! Bring lots of business cards!**

*Business After 5 & Business After Hours are networking events where you could meet your next customer!*

## Women in Business!

Thursday, June 28  
3:00 -4:30 p.m.  
Morris Chamber Office  
909 Liberty St.  
Morris, IL



Join us as we have Nancy Kuhajda, with U of I Extension talking on what are the best plants and flowers to plant in outside pots. Learn the difference between shade plants and sun plants and what works best for you!

This will be a hands on project, you will be making a flower pot to take home with you. All materials are included.

**\$15 members & \$20 non-members**

For more information or to register please call (815) 942-0113  
or email [events@grundychamber.com](mailto:events@grundychamber.com)

Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
909 Liberty Street  
Morris, IL 60450

*Or Current Resident*

## Grundy Chamber Luncheon

Tuesday, June 19  
11: 30 a.m.—1 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Express  
222 Gore Road  
Morris, IL



“The presentation will focus on retirement saving options for small business owners and their valued employees. We will explore the pros and cons of various types of plans available.”

**Sponsored By: Midland States Bank**



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