



October 2018

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

### Celebrating Anniversaries

*Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:*

5 years  
**Greenhorn Saloon & Eatery**

10 years  
**Crossroads Counseling Services**

15 years  
**Deer Ridge Homes**  
**Edward Jones – Tammy Johnson**  
**Edward Jones – Michelle Denoyer**

30 years  
**Disability Resource Center**

35 years  
**At Home Quality Care**

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

## SAVE THE DATE

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

New members and seasoned members who need a refresher are invited to an orientation going over all your Chamber benefits. Join us and make sure you are getting all you can out of your investment!

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24**  
**3 P.M.**

**CHAMBER MORRIS OFFICE**  
**909 LIBERTY ST., MORRIS**

**RSVP TO JODIE AT**  
**[JODIE@GRUNDYCHAMBER.COM](mailto:JODIE@GRUNDYCHAMBER.COM)**

## Birdies, Bogeys & Brews Golf Outing brings fun for all 70 golfers participate

Our Channahon-Minooka outing this year took on a new format—nine holes, as well as a new theme.

The changes were just enough to shake things up, bringing in more than double the golfers from last year's event.

Special thank you to presenting sponsor, D'Arcy Chevrolet in Morris, and to all of our sponsors. We ended the day with lunch and craft beers at River Hawk Brewing and are grateful to all who stayed to support our local brewery. It was a fun day of golf, but more importantly new relationships were made and business partnerships formed.

We can't thank you all enough for coming out and supporting the Chamber. Thank you to our volunteers for making the day go smoothly. When we announced we would be making changes you all welcomed the new ideas with enthusiasm. We are already planning for next year's event!



## Board of Directors and Staff

### Board of Directors:

**+John Adler, Chairman**  
Aflac

**+Jaclyn Aldridge**  
Grundy Bank

**Angela Baumeister**  
WCSJ / WJDK

**Sarah Beach**  
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**Megan Borchers**  
LyondellBasell

**John Callahan**  
UC Davis-Callahan Funeral Home

**+ Matt Fritz, Secretary**  
Village of Coal City

**\* + John Harrington, Treasurer**  
Village of Minooka & CM Chamber Division Chair

**Dick Kopczick**  
City of Morris

**Nicole Leslie**  
Village of Channahon

**Erin Murphy Frobish**  
Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers

**+Amy Murphy, Vice Chairman**  
Joliet Junior College

**Nancy Norton**  
GEDC

**Sara Peters**  
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**Josh Schroeder**  
SPACECO, Inc.

**Steve Vanisko**  
Shaw Media

**\*Mary Rossio, Ambassador Chair**  
Joliet Area Community Hospice

+ Executive Committee  
\* Appointed Position

### Channahon Minooka Chamber Division Committee:

**Deanne Conterio**  
Heartland Bank

**John Harrington, Chair**  
Village of Minooka

**Lauren Offerman**  
Three Rivers Public Library

### Chamber Staff:

**Jodie Luke**  
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### Chamber Ambassadors:

**John Adler, AFLAC**

**Angela Baumeister**  
WCSJ / WJDK Radio

**Denise Pankey, Shaw Media**

**Steve Beck, LegalShield**

**Michelle Denoyer, Edward Jones**

**Gail Girard, Big Frog Custom T-shirts & More**

**Christy Lister, First National Bank of Morris**

**Kelly Hitt**  
Grundy County Health Department

**Steven Kieslar**  
American Family Insurance

**Angela Lilek, Vice Chair**  
First Federal Savings Bank

**Patti Mlyniec**  
Eaton & Schultz Insurance

**John Reynolds**  
Channahon General Rental

**Mary Rossio, Chair**  
Joliet Area Community Hospice  
Angels of Hope

**Joelle Warner**  
Regency Care of Morris

**Judi Tapella, Secretary**  
Mary Kay Cosmetics

**Terri Turney**  
Heartland Bank

**Patti Jo Scates**  
The Gardens at Park Pointe

**Brandi Backulich**  
Twin Oaks Savings Bank, A Division of Ottawa Savings Bank

**Tom McLaughlin, Edward Jones**

The Chamber's mission:

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

## From the Director's Desk

# WOMEN Celebration distinction Lunch

Wednesday, Oct. 17

11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. at Morris Country Club  
\$30 (Get your tickets through the Morris Herald-News by calling 815-280-4113 or visit [morrisher-ald-news.com](http://morrisher-ald-news.com).)

Join us in celebrating the Morris Herald-News' 2018 Women of Distinction Award winners:

**Megan Bugg**  
**Marlee Harford**  
**Alexa Rain**

These women are being recognized for the distinct impact they have had on Grundy County! Christina Van Yperen, Director of the Grundy County Chamber, will give the keynote address.

## Coffee & Company



**Thursday, November 1**  
**8 a.m.—9 a.m.**  
**Sunshine Garden Center**  
2850 Division St.  
Diamond, IL

Join us for our next Coffee & Company, a morning networking event hosted this month by [Sunshine Garden Center](#). This event is free so come and enjoy some coffee and breakfast and hear what's new at Sunshine Garden Center.



# Member News & Briefs

The **Home for the Holidays** Parade Committee invites area businesses and residents that participate in the Annual **Corn Festival** Parade to “hold their floats” and register to be in this year’s Annual Lighted Holiday Parade on Friday, Nov. 23rd at 5:30 p.m. Any group or individual can participate in the parade that begins at the corner of Franklin and Washington streets and concludes at Chapin Park. The only requirement for any entry is the use of lights. Lights for entries may be battery powered, glow lights, or electrical lights powered by generators or electrical inverters. Entrants need to be in the lineup area between 3:30-5 p.m. The parade will conclude at Chapin Park with the lighting of the park, wagon rides, visits with Santa and more! If you would like to be a participant or sponsor contact the MDDP at (815) 941-0245. For additional information or an application, email [mddp@downtownmorriss.com](mailto:mddp@downtownmorriss.com) or visit [www.downtownmorriss.com](http://www.downtownmorriss.com). The application deadline is Nov. 16.

Each year, the **American Red Cross** Chicago & Northern Illinois honors community members who have demonstrated heroism through extraordinary acts of courage or kindness. With more than 800 philanthropic and distinguished guests in attendance,

our annual Heroes Breakfast is a celebration of spirit and community. This year’s honorees will receive recognition May 1 at The Hilton Chicago. Awards will be given in the following categories – Blood Services Hero, Community Impact Hero, Disaster Services Hero, Emergency Medical Assistance Hero, Firefighter Hero, Global Citizenship Hero, Good Samaritan Hero, Law Enforcement Hero, Military Hero, Nurse Hero and Youth Hero. Please submit nominations by November 30 at [redcross.org/](http://redcross.org/) hero. The heroic act must have taken place in 2018 or be an act of ongoing service.

Congrats to the **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Morris** which has finished its complete hotel renovation. This includes all updated guest rooms, breakfast lounge, meeting room, business center and lobby. Holiday Inn Express offers a heated indoor pool with hot tub, a 24-hour Fitness Center and a complimentary hot breakfast bar. For more information call (815) 941-8700.

**The Bigger Bite**, Morris, has a new patio called “The Alley” and it is now open. Stop in and enjoy the outside seating and live entertainment.

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

## Welcome New Members

**Chestnut Health Systems** (815) 725-3868  
Anita Young - Prevention Communications Coordinator  
829 Campus Drive  
Joliet, IL 60435

- Chestnut is a leader in addiction treatment, recovery and prevention.

**Hanson Material Service** (779) 301-0749  
Ryan Stephens—Production Supervisor  
3995 N. Dwight Rd.  
Morris, IL 60450

- Hanson Material Service specializes in the mining of sand and gravel.

**Nan’s Catering and Home Cooking** (815) 274-5728  
Annie Barrins—Owner  
Morris, IL 60450

- Nan’s specializes in Take & Bakes, Lunchbox Specials, Business Events and Celebrations of All Types!

**The Vintage Emporium LLC** (815) 518-5331  
Kristina Simpson  
301 S. Broadway St.  
Coal City, IL 60416

- The Vintage Emporium is a upscale, repurposed-refinished-restored home decor shop. They offer workshops on furniture restoration, repurposing and refinishing. Vendors run workshops on personalized signage and more.

**Tri-State Asphalt** (815) 942-0080  
Todd Weist—President CEO  
1362 Bungalow Rd.  
Morris, IL 60450

- Tri-State Asphalt custom blends the majority of their asphalt products in order to meet their customers needs. If you require a specific blend of product, shoot them an email or give them a call. They’d be happy to help you find the perfect product to fit your road construction project.

**ProTack Asphalt Spraying Experts** (815) 585-7111  
Dawn Weist—President CEO  
1353 East Street  
Morris, IL 60450

- Not only does ProTack distribute their asphalt spraying services with pride and care, they also demand the highest quality asphalt products in the market. Their customers can rest assured that they are using only the best when it comes to their roads.

**\*Don’t forget Grundy Chamber gift certificates can now be used at these new member businesses!**

## Business After Hours

Thursday, October 18  
5 – 7 p.m.



211 E. Jefferson St., Morris  
Free to attend!

## Business After Hours

Thursday, November 15  
5 – 7 p.m.



500 Bob Blair Rd, Minooka  
Free to attend!

**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!*



4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 10  
U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home  
301 W. Washington St., Morris

Join us for a ribbon cutting celebration and open house for U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home's new Aqua Cremation machine. All are invited to this open house where light appetizers and beverages of all types will be served.

The new flameless cremation system uses water instead of flame, uses 85% less energy than a traditional flame cremation, and no air pollutants or other harmful emissions are released.

The event is free to attend and all are welcome. For more information visit [grundychamber.com](http://grundychamber.com).

## Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, October 25  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
**Maria's Ristorante  
& Pizzeria**  
1591 N. Division St.,  
Morris



October is Manufacturing Month, join us for a luncheon with Grundy Economic Development Council CEO Nancy Norton for an update on Grundy County's industrial climate. GLK Workforce Board's Manufacturing Video, which is helping to educate youth on the variety of careers involved in manufacturing, also will be featured. Hear the perspectives of those who work for Costco, Aux Sable Liquid Products, LyondellBasell, and MetalStamp in the video and share your ideas to help circulate it.

**Chamber members \$20, non-members \$25**  
**Registration required in advance. Visit**  
**[grundychamber.com](http://grundychamber.com), email**  
**[events@grundychamber.com](mailto:events@grundychamber.com) or call 815-942-0113.**

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