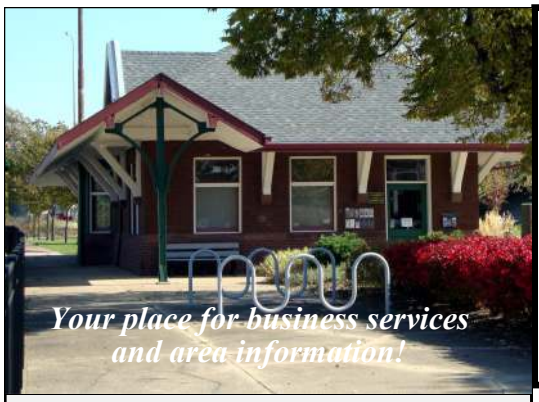

January 2019

Channahon Minooka Chamber of Commerce — A Division of Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Grundy County Chamber of Commerce

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Celebrating Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:

5 years
Stage Right Events

10 Years
Quality Inn
People For Channahon Parks Foundation
The Pointe at Morris
Fox Foot & Ankle - Minooka

15 Years
Home Instead Senior Care
Brian Zabel & Associates, PC
Mack & Associates, PC
Brothers Country Supply

30 Years
Dollinger Family Farm
Regency Care of Morris

35 Years
Midwest Industrial Sales, Inc.
Tri-State Asphalt, LLC

40 Years
Jay M. Heap & Associates

45 Years
The Fabric Center

50 Years
LyondellBasell Industries
Associated Orthodontist, Ltd.

65 Years
Numark Credit Union

145 Years
Village of Dwight

family fest!

Saturday, Feb. 9
9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Minooka Junior High
333 McEvilly Road, Minooka
FREE Family Fun!

We're just about a month out from the Channahon Minooka and Grundy County Chamber's annual Family Fest! Plan to bring your family for this free event featuring exhibits from local vendors and entertainment including face painting, jump houses, reptile show and new this year—meet Elsa from Frozen! You will find information on local organizations, services, businesses and products, all while having fun with the kids.

With more than 1,000 coming through annually, this is a great event to showcase your business with a booth, sponsorship, or giveaway. This is the perfect way to get involved and support a local community event. Contact Events Director Christine Mendez for participation opportunities at 815-942-0113 or events@grundychamber.com.

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DAVIDSON FARMS
Coal City Bank — Branch of Bank of Pontiac

SHOREWOOD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
where commerce and community meet

TEARDROP PANCAKE HOUSE

Joint Chamber Event!

Coffee & Company

Wednesday, Jan. 23
8-9 a.m.
TearDrop Pancake House
410 W. Mondamin, Minooka

Grundy County Chamber of Commerce
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Join us for our next Coffee & Company, a morning networking event, hosted this month by *CPR Cell Phone Repair & TearDrop Pancake House*! The event is *free* so come and enjoy some coffee , breakfast and pastries by TearDrop and hear the latest on what CPR Cell Phone Repair and TearDrop have to offer!

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The Chamber's mission:

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

From the Director's Desk

Do you feel your business had an exceptional year in 2018? Do you work with an organization that made a significant impact this past year? As we close out 2018, the Chamber will be taking a look at the success of its members and look forward to honoring a few that had a standout year. Our Chamber & GEDC Annual Dinner will be March 13 where we will celebrate our local businesses that help make Grundy County the amazing community that it is.

Please consider submitting a nomination to the Chamber for its Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, and Organization of the Year. Do you know someone who has had an innovative approach to their business, goes above and beyond to give back to their community, reached new levels with their business or product in 2018? Let us know, hard work deserves recognition! Inserted in this newsletter is a nomination form that can be sent back or dropped off at the Morris Chamber office by ***Feb. 4*** for consideration. You can also get it online at grundychamber.com. Our Chamber Board of Directors will then vote on a winner to be celebrated at the dinner March 13.

We appreciate your help in finding our winners!

Sincerely,

Christina Van Yperen

Save the date

Chamber & GEDC

Annual Dinner & Celebration

March 13, 2019

Help us celebrate the people and businesses that make this a great place to visit, live, work and do business!

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT:

Denise Pankey

Denise is a Multimedia Account Executive for Shaw Media, parent company of the Morris Herald-News. She has been a Chamber Ambassador for about a year and a half.

Why did you become an ambassador? "I became an Ambassador to assist local businesses by explaining the many advantages of membership."

To you, what is the most important thing about being an ambassador? "The most important thing about being an Ambassador is assisting businesses, networking, volunteering for events and learning about the many great people that work and live in Grundy County."

When you are not at work you like to: "Spend time with my family & friends, swim, paint, dance, spend time outdoors, read & travel! "

An interesting fact about you is: "When I win the lottery I WILL retire! I will also spread the wealth!"

Member News & Briefs

Morris Hospital's providers and services in Dwight will soon be available under one roof at the newly renovated Dwight Healthcare Center at 101 S. Prairie Ave. Morris Hospital consolidated its two Dwight offices to one location following the retirement of Dr. Michael Cichon and expansion and renovation of its Prairie Avenue medical facility, which officially re-opens on Jan. 2. The $300,000 renovation took 12 weeks to complete and added 1,700 square feet of previously unused space within the 5,200-square-foot building.

The 25th Annual **Home For The Holidays** celebration was a huge success! Proceeds from the house walk were donated to several organizations including Grundy Community Volunteer Hospice, Morris AED Program, a downtown beautification project (spring and winter downtown planters), First Baptist Church (who hosted the Christmas Tea), Coal City High School Madrigals, Morris High School Madrigals, and the Grundy Emergency Management Agency. The committee will present scholarships to a Morris High School student and a Grundy Area Vocational student this spring. The Home For The Holidays Committee is looking for homes and volunteers for the 2019 house walk. Please contact Home For The Holidays at 815-941-0245.

Some members have received emails from **Grundy County Chamber** Executive Director Christina Van Yperen claiming the business has an unpaid or late invoice. This email is spam and is not actually from the Chamber. Do not open the attachment or attempt to pay the invoice. Actual invoices from the Chamber will come from Administrative Assistant Brenda Kreiger, admin@grundychamber.com. Invoices do not come from Christina Van Yperen and do not come from her email, director@grundychamber.com. For clarification or if in doubt call the Morris office at 815-942-0113.

We want to congratulate the new owners of the **Morris Chop Shop, Big Fish Grille and Big Bash Catering**—Jackie Clisham and Tim Berner. The new owners took over Dec. 3 and want the community to know they are not making any major changes currently so you can still enjoy your favorite dishes!

Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers has received approval from the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to proceed with $33.5 million in renovations that will modernize the main hospital campus at 150 W. High St. in Morris. The two-year project will involve renovation and re-design of over 56,000 square feet of existing space and construction of 4,300 square feet of new space that together will increase clinical space for patient services on the first floor by 12,000 square feet. The target completion date is March 2021. Phase 1 will begin in early spring of 2019.

Got news to share? Send your announcement to info@grundychamber.com

Welcome New Members

Ag Resource Management (A.R.M.) (815) 416-9256
Michael Carey— Market Leader
3525 N. Rt. 47
Morris, IL 60450

- A.R.M. is a specialty financial company focused on bringing financial and risk management solutions to agribusinesses.

LogoWorks/Wiers Baseball Academy (815) 942-4700
Dave Wiers— Owner
824 Liberty St.
Morris, IL 60450

- LogoWorks is a small family-owned print shop located in downtown Morris. We do screen printing, embroidery, direct to garment printing, vinyl decals and more.

Wings Etc. Grill & Pub (630) 618-8517
Ben Akre — General Manager
581 Bob Blair Rd.
Minooka, IL 60447

- Wings Etc. Grill & Pub is a family-friendly sports pub and grill, featuring a diverse menu with a 36 tap draft system, full bar, 30+ large HD TVs, and fully staffed gaming room. They are planning to be open in March 2019.

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

Good Health is Good Business.

MORRIS HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE CENTERS

Let's face it. A healthy workforce is your most valuable asset. Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers offers a comprehensive range of ***occupational medicine services*** for companies of all sizes. Services include:

- Work-Related Injury Care
- Pre-Employment & DOT Physicals
- Drug & Alcohol Testing
- Audiology & Pulmonary Function Testing
- Many other specialized services and exams

Three Locations: Morris, Channahon, Yorkville
Coming soon to Diamond!

For information, call **815-705-7007** or visit **morrishospital.org/occmed**

Business After Hours

Thursday, January 17
5 – 7 p.m.

Mack & associates

116 E Washington St., Morris
$3 members & $5 non-members

Business After Hours

Thursday, February 21
5 – 7 p.m.

MONTAGE Wine Bar & Spirits

307 Liberty St., Morris
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!

Lunch & Learn

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 15
Minooka Village Hall
Community Room
121 McEvilly Rd.,
Minooka

Planning on having a booth at Family Fest on Feb. 9? Considering a sponsorship? Join us for a Lunch & Learn on how to best market your businesses and/or organization to the 1,000 plus families that attend this annual event. Family Fest is a great opportunity to reach local customers, make sure you're ready!

$15 members, $20 non-members
Registration is required, call 942-0113, visit grundychamber.com or email christine@grundychamber.com.

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