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Chamber & Chamber
A Division of Grundy County Chamber of Commerce

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Celebrating Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:

20 Years

Animal Care Hospital of Morris

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

Thursday, Feb. 6
SOCU

1544 Creek Dr., Morris

Join us for our next Coffee & Company, a morning networking event, hosted this month by SOCU – Streator Onized Credit Union in Morris. The event is *free* so come and enjoy some coffee and breakfast and hear the latest news on SOCU!

SOCU

STREATOR ONIZED CREDIT UNION

Chamber & GEDC

invite you to our

Annual Dinner & Celebration

March 11, 2020

5 pm Social Hour

6 pm Dinner

7 pm Presentation

\$50 per person

Table Sponsorships of 10 available for \$600, includes marketing.

Morris Country Club

2615 West Rt. 6, Morris

Advanced reservations required, please RSVP to info@grundychamber.com.

Chamber & GEDC to celebrate 2019 Business successes

Join us March 11 for an evening of celebration and recognition of our local business community during the Grundy Chamber and the Grundy Economic Development Council's Annual Dinner.

The night will include a social hour and dinner followed by the presentation of awards from both the Chamber and the GEDC. The Chamber will recognize a Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, and Organization of the Year/Community Service recognition. To make a nomination contact the Chamber for a nomination form.

In addition to celebrating with the honorees, this is an opportunity to mingle with other local business owners and employees, expanding your contacts, customers, and partners.

We look forward to reflecting on the successes of 2019 and to building excitement for 2020. Make your reservation today by calling the Chamber at 815-942-0113 or visit grundychamber.com.

family fest!



Saturday, Feb. 15

9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Shabbona School
725 School Street,
Morris

FREE Family Fun!



Visit the Chamber's annual Family Fest where you and your family can pet a lizard, have your face painted as a superhero, climb an obstacle course and receive free health screenings, financial advice, and coupons from area businesses! Stop and see more the 50 vendor booths for giveaways, games, and deals, and stop by the Kids Zone with your children to jump in the blow-up obstacle course, see the Traveling World of Reptiles, and more. **Sponsorships and booths still available!**

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From the President & CEO's Desk

Join us for

Valentine's Day

Ladies Night Out!

*Thursday, February 13
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

Ladies gather your girlfriends and come out for a night of spoiling yourselves this Valentine's Day! Participating locations will give out raffle tickets to anyone wearing red or pink. Raffle tickets can be dropped in any of the baskets at the Coal City Public Library. For more information visit our facebook page.

Braidwood: Countryside Village

Coal City: Babe's Tap, Bodacious Curls & Tanning, Coal City Public Library District, Hustle & Hunee Boutique, Lori Bonarek Realty, Midland States Bank, Rachetti's Cafe & Pizzeria, Rolando's Furniture & Appliances, The Beauty Bar Salon & Spa, The QUEEN BEES, The Vintage Emporium

Carbon Hill: Mustachio's Bar & Grill

Diamond: Naked Sun, Sunshine Garden Center, The Whistle Stop Cafe



Member News & Briefs

The **Grundy County Chamber** & the **Morris Retail Association** are teaming up to offer Table Talk, an informal, yet honest discussion with other small business owners on different topics each time. The first Table Talk will be on social media and is set for 6-7 p.m., Feb. 27 at Clayton's Tap in Morris. Plan to learn, network, and socialize. No cost to attend. Bring ideas to share and questions to discuss.

Cloud Nine Web Design has expanded its team and brought in Anthony Lind. Anthony has an expansive background in IT Support and his detail to customer assistance is a great fit for their customer-driven business model. Cloud Nine is all about on-going support and being available long after a project ends and this is just a step forward in their quest for superior support. Welcome Anthony!

Advantage Realty welcomes Jenny Miller as a new realtor. She has been active in the Coal City/Diamond community for over 12 years. She began her career as a leasing agent with Advantage Property Management and became licensed as a Real Estate broker last year. Jenny can be reached at 815-592-5194 or jenny@advantagerealty.com. Welcome Jenny!

The **Grundy Transit System** is pleased to announce the promotion of Amanda Olvera to the position of Operations Manager. Amanda has been with the GTS for 8 years, and was previously a dispatcher followed by the position as the GTS Administrative Assistant. Congratulations Amanda!

Busey Bank in Morris welcomes Assistant Branch Manager Danielle Luttrell. Danielle has been in banking for 7 years and with Busey for a little over a year. She recently got married in September and her and her husband are avid dachshund lovers with 2 of their own. She looks forward to growing Busey's footprint in Morris. Congrats Danielle!

Joliet Junior College received Workforce Equity grant funds to provide training in high-demand occupations such as Commercial Driver's License (CDL Class A). The CDL training program is available at no cost for participants who meet the requirements. Interested individuals must attend an info session to learn more about eligibility. The next meeting is from 930-11 a.m. on Feb. 20 at the JJC Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center, 17840 Laraway Road, in Joliet. (Room 1009) For more info visit www.trainingupdate.org/workforce-equity/.

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

Welcome New Members

Busey Bank, Morris (815) 705-9200
1400 Heritage Dr.
Morris, IL 60450

Busey Bank, Channahon (815) 467-3500
25407 S. Bell Rd.
Channahon, IL 60410

Busey Bank, Diamond (815) 634-2777
2315 E. Division St.
Diamond, IL 60416

- Busey specializes in checking, savings, student banking services along with mortgage loans, home equity loans, personal loans, boat loans, and auto & rv/camper loans and much more.

MajorSchool of Dance (815) 634-3003
545 E. 1st. St.
Coal City, IL 60416

- Major School of Dance, Inc focuses on mommy & me, creative movement, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, tap, tumbling, pointe, technique, semi-private classes, private lessons and more!

Aerilon Consulting Services (815) 474-1161
Channahon, IL 60410

- Aerilon Consulting Services is a computer and network systems solution provider delivering state-of-the-art technology solutions for your small business. Their proactive approach to information technology security, service and support reduces down-time and increases productivity.

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Business After Hours

Thursday, February 20

5– 7 p.m.



1550 DuPont Ave., Morris

Free to attend!

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

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

Business After Hours

Thursday, April 16

5– 7 p.m.



640 S. Broadway St., Coal City

Free to attend!



Thursday, January 30

Sunshine Garden Center

2850 E. Division St., Diamond

4 p.m.—Ribbon Cutting

Join us in celebrating Sunshine's new fresh cut flowers department, The Flower Room.

Monday, February 10

Diamond-Coal City Campus, Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers

1450 E. Division St., Diamond

(Located immediately west of McGinty Street on the north side of Route 113, just two miles east of Coal City High School)

3 p.m.—Ribbon Cutting

Tours will be available!

Friday, February 21

Wine & Pine Design Studio

809 N. Liberty St., Morris

4 p.m.—Ribbon Cutting

Join us as we celebrate the new owner's business purchase and membership with the Chamber!

Lunch n' Learn



Wednesday, February 26

11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Grundy Chamber Office

909 Liberty St., Morris

How legal is legal?

Attorney Amanda King with Hynds, Yohnka, Bzdill & McInerney, LLC will explain what legalized marijuana means for employment law. Learn as employers how we can protect our businesses as well as our employees.

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

\$15 members & 20 non-members

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