



March 2020

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

GRUNDY COUNTY  
**of** COMMERCE

# Courier

## Celebrating Anniversaries

*Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:*

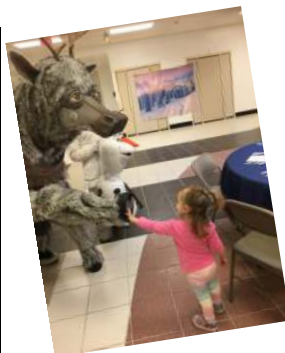
5 Years  
**Comprehensive Pain & Wellness**

15 Years  
**Aflac – John Adler**

45 Years  
**Cleek Plumbing, Heating & AC, Inc.**

70 Years  
**Great Water USA**

*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.*



## family fest!



**What a blast!**



MORRIS—Family Fest 2020 was a hit again this year with more than 1000 people attending and visiting with our 53 vendors. From breakfast with Elsa, Olaf and Sven to acupuncture trials, there was something for everyone. Families received samples, high fives from Eddie the Eagle, giveaways from local businesses and tons of information on products and resources available in and around Grundy County.

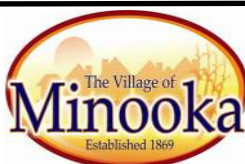
Special thanks to event sponsors, Exelon and D'Arcy Chevrolet Buick, who helped us to make this event free to the public, and to our supporting sponsors OSF Urgo, and Heartland Bank. Without these companies, as well as our Community and Kids Zone sponsors, raffle prize donors, and volunteers—this great event for our community would not be possible. Visit [grundychamber.com](http://grundychamber.com) for more photos and participant info.



**Join the Grundy Chamber and the following businesses as we celebrate their ribbon cuttings. All are welcome!**

**Monday, March 23**  
**Community Foundation office in Gardner**  
229 Liberty St., Gardner  
3 p.m.—Ribbon Cutting

**Thursday, April 23**  
**Busey Bank, Morris Branch**  
1400 Heritage Dr., Morris  
4:30 p.m.—Ribbon Cutting



**State of the Village  
Minooka**



Join us as Mayor Pat Brennan gives us an update on what is happening in the Village of Minooka and learn why so many say it's a great place to call home!

**April 8, 2020**

11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

**Minooka Village Hall (community room)**

121 McEvilly Rd., Minooka

**Cost is \$30 per member** RSVP (815) 942-0113  
or [events@grundychamber.com](mailto:events@grundychamber.com)

**Reservations must be made in advance!**

# Board of Directors and Staff

## Board of Directors:

**+John Adler**  
Aflac

**+Jaclyn Aldridge, Chairwoman**  
Grundy Bank

**Angela Baumeister**  
WCSJ / WJDK Radio

**Sarah Beach**  
Village of Coal City/Sunshine Garden Center

**Megan Borchers, Vice Chairwoman**  
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

**Mike Petrick**  
Village of Channahon

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

**+Amy Murphy**  
Joliet Junior College

**Nancy Norton**  
GEDC

**Sara Peters**  
Exelon-Dresden Station

**Josh Schroeder**  
SPACECO, Inc.

**Steve Vanisko**  
Shaw Media

**\*Angela Lilek, Ambassador Chair**  
Morris National Bank & Trust

+ 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:

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President & CEO  
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**John Adler,**  
AFLAC

**Angela Baumeister**  
WCSJ / WJDK Radio

**Brandi Backulich,**  
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**Steve Beck**  
LegalShield

**Michelle Denoyer,**  
Edward Jones

**Ashley Jurkas,**  
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**Angela Lilek, Chairwoman**  
Morris National Bank & Trust

**Kaylea Mann**  
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**Blaine Meadows**  
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**Patti Mlyniec**  
Eaton & Schultz Insurance

**Denise Pankey**  
Shaw Media

**John Reynolds**  
Channahon General Rental

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

**Lara Stehlik, Secretary**  
Edward Jones

**Linda Taglia,**  
Morris National Bank & Trust

**Judi Tapella**  
Mary Kay Cosmetics

## From the President & CEO's Desk



## Chamber & GEDC Annual Dinner

MORRIS—It's an exciting time of year for the Chamber—time for the Annual Dinner with the GEDC. Both of our organizations will recognize our local businesses and organizations for the hard work of the owners, employees and volunteers to make Grundy County a thriving area. At the dinner, we will celebrate their successes, accomplishments and goals.

There are a limited amount of tickets still available for our March 11 dinner where the Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, and Organization of the Year/Community Service Award will be given. Tickets are \$50 each, or \$600 for a table of 10 which also includes sponsorship recognition in the program, on the table, and on signage. A special thank you to CPV Three Rivers Energy Center for being s premier sponsor for the dinner.

For more information, or to take an ad out in the program book, call 815-942-0113 or visit grundychamber.com.

## 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.*

Sponsored by:



The Chamber's mission:

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

## Member News & Briefs

The **Village of Channahon** invites you to their Annual State of the Village Address over breakfast with Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher from 8-10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15 at the **Four Rivers Environmental Education Center** in Channahon. Hear the Village's accomplishments from 2019 and learn about what is in the works for 2020. The event is \$35 per person. To register visit [Channahon.org](http://Channahon.org).

**Lori Bonarek Realty** is hosting its first annual Home Expo from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 7 at Diamond Hall, 55 S. Daly St., Diamond. The event is free to attend and will feature tips for sellers, buyer info, home improvement, decorating, raffles and more. Visit [LBRHomeExpo.com](http://LBRHomeExpo.com) for more information.

The **Morris Retail Association** is hosting a Shop Lucky Shop Morris event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. MRA retailers and restaurants will feature games to win prizes. You can shop while you play and earn free scratch-off tickets with purchase where you can win gift certificates. Visit [shopmorrisil.com](http://shopmorrisil.com) for more information.

For the third consecutive year, **LyondellBasell** has again been named to Fortune Magazine's "World's Most Admired Companies." LyondellBasell is ranked 5th and is viewed as having one of the strongest reputations across a variety of industry sectors. Fortune Magazine's "World's Most Admired" list identifies the world's most respected companies, as ranked by peers, board members and financial advisors on the company's performance in nine areas. Congrats LyondellBasell!

**Advantage Realty** welcomes Caren Klein as a new agent. Caren has lived and worked in the Morris, Minooka, Channahon area for 15 years. She is an avid real estate investor and also has experience in leasing and property management. While handling all types of real estate, she especially enjoys assisting other investors with their real estate portfolio. Whether investors are expanding, downsizing, doing a 1031 exchange, or are brand new to real estate investing, Caren is happy to put her experience to work for her clients.

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

### Welcome New Members

#### Let's Party

802 N. Liberty St.  
Morris, IL 60450

(815) 712-0001

- Let's Party offers space for events such as office parties, birthday parties, bachelor/bachelorette parties, fundraisers, wedding and baby showers as well as everything in between.

#### Rock Soul Love

216 Liberty Street  
Morris, IL 60450

(815)-513-5198

- Rock Soul Love is a unique shop with items from all over the world. We carry crystals, rocks and various other healing products along with jewelry, clothing and other fun finds!

#### U-Can Store It

104 Industrial Drive  
Minooka, IL 60447

(815) 705-8791

- U-Can Store It is a 86-unit self storage facility, serving the Minooka community since 1989. Easy drive up access, 24/7 access to your storage unit. ADA units available with an ADA website.

#### CASA of River Valley

3200 W. McDonough St.  
Joliet, IL 60431

(815) 730-7072

- CASA's mission is to train volunteers from the community to serve as the voice of abused and neglected children in our court system and provide needed information to the court.

#### The Doctor Is In

837B S. Ridge Rd.  
Minooka, IL 60447

(815) 828-5600

- The Doctor Is In is Minooka's first Direct Primary Care (DPC) office offering affordable, accessible, and convenient healthcare for a reasonable monthly membership fee.

#### Dazzling Displays, Inc.

3727 N Division St.  
Morris, IL 60450

(708) 262-6340

- We are an online retailer of a variety of acrylic wall mount and counter top displays for menus, business cards and brochures. We also offer grid wall and slat wall accessories and resealable poly bags.

## PROUD TO EXPAND IN GRUNDY COUNTY.

*New location. Same **service excellence**.*

We're proud to serve the personal, business, and wealth management needs of the Morris community.

Visit our new location at 1400 Heritage Drive, conveniently located in the Morris community.

**BuseyBANK**

[busey.com](http://busey.com) Member FDIC

## Business After Hours

Thursday, April 16

5– 7 p.m.



640 S. Broadway St., Coal City

*Free to attend!*

## Business After Hours

Thursday, June 18

5– 7 p.m.



1051 W. US-6, 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!*

## GRUNDY CHAMBER TRIP



A journey through Canyon Country brings you into a colorful world of stunning southwestern vistas and the unique topography of three national parks: Zion, Bryce and the Grand Canyon. Take time to shop in Sedona's marketplace and travel through Kaibab National Forest. Spend a night at the South Rim of the magnificent Grand Canyon. Luxuriate at the Lake Powell Resort for two nights. Personalize your Arizona travel by choosing to either take in the stark beauty of Monument Valley on a narrated ride or take a cruise through the canyons for a different perspective on the spectacular scenery. End in the neon-lit spectacle of Las Vegas.

**For more information on the Chamber's annual trip contact Christine Mendez at (815) 942-0113 or email [christine@grundychamber.com](mailto:christine@grundychamber.com).**

Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
909 Liberty Street

*Or Current Resident*



## Coffee & Company

Wednesday, March 18

Three Wells Acupuncture Clinic  
105 E. Main St., Suite 304, Morris

Join us for our next Coffee & Company, a morning networking event, hosted this month by Three Wells Acupuncture in Morris. The event is free so come and enjoy some coffee and breakfast and hear the latest news from Three Wells!



*Three Wells*  
ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC

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