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Chamber & Chamber
A Division of Grundy County Chamber of Commerce

GRUNDY COUNTY
of COMMERCE

Courier

November 2021

Celebrating Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:

5 Years
Sherwin-Williams

10 Years
LegalShield—Steve Beck

15 Years
ReMax Top Properties

25 Years
Gomien & Harrop, Ltd.
McDonald's—Minooka

50 Years
Onorato Real Estate

65 Years
Grundy County Republican Committee

85 Years
McGrath Office Equipment

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

Business After Hours is Back!

Join us
Thursday, Nov. 18
5-7 p.m.



500 Bob Blair Road,
Minooka
Free to attend!

*CDC Guidelines will be followed.

LUNCH 'N LEARN

Join us as Karen Nall, Executive Director of United Way of Grundy County, tells us about the new 2-1-1 Program. This program is a free call service that connects you to ALL human services in Grundy County.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

LET'S PARTY

802 LIBERTY STREET, MORRIS

\$15 Chamber members/\$20 non-Chamber members
Visit our website grundychamber.com for more information or to register. You can also call (815) 942-0113 or email amanda@grundychamber.com

Board of Directors and Staff

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Aflac

+Jaclyn Aldridge, Vice Chair
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+ Matt Fritz
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Chair**
Lightways

+ Executive Committee
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From the President & CEO's Desk

As it did for many businesses, COVID-19 pushed us at the Chamber to begin focusing on something that has been a goal for several years—advocacy.

While we've always been a voice for business, our efforts were strongest locally and in reactionary instances. As I've attended state chamber conferences and through my Institute of Organizational Management training, I made a plan to make our voice louder and more proactive. When COVID-19 caused the shut down and so many of our businesses began to suffer, that plan was put into action. As guidelines progressed and state and federal government programs became urgently needed, we made sure our Chamber had a seat at the table—be it virtual, but we were there. We asked questions and made ourselves heard with legislators and kept members up to date through our digital channels.

Originally a web page was dedicated to COVID resources and information, and now we've most recently created an Advocacy page on grundychamber.com. It currently shows our work related to Save Dresden (which we did with the GEDC, Coal City Schools, taxing bodies and all of you), and for Chambers All In. Chambers All In is an economic recovery initiative with Chambers across Illinois to help our businesses who continue to recover from COVID impacts.

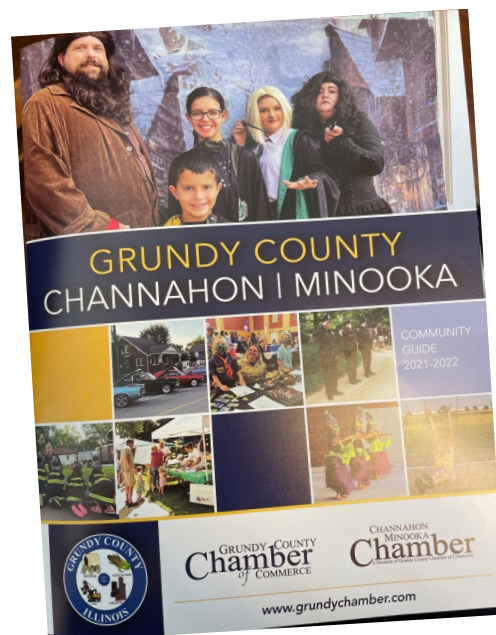
Our advocacy work continues as we work with the GEDC to better prepare our community for the eventual closure of our nearby nuclear plants. In addition, we are working with several members to combat potential legislation that would devastate some of our local industries.

If you would like to keep up to date on our advocacy efforts and join our advocacy email list, let us know at info@grundychamber.com or give us a call at 815-942-0113.

Sincerely,



Christina Van Yperen



Have you
seen the
2021-2022
Community
Guide yet?!
Get your
copy (or
copies) at
our Morris
or Minooka
office today!



The Chamber's mission:

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

Member News & Briefs

Simple Communications and **Sarah R. Peterson Photography** are excited to announce their new location at 118 E. Jackson St. in Morris. The husband-and-wife duo, Eric & Sarah Peterson, has combined the location of their businesses into one downtown Morris office. Simple Communications has been a managed service provider for businesses' computer networks and VOIP phone solutions for over 15 years. While Sarah R. Peterson Photography has captured headshots, brand photography, product photography, real estate photography, and more for local businesses for over 11 years. Congrats Eric and Sarah!

The **Home for the Holidays** Lighted Parade committee would like to invite you to participate in the 14th Annual Lighted Holiday Parade, Friday Nov. 26. The parade steps off at 5:30 p.m. from the corner of Washington and Franklin Streets in downtown Morris. It concludes at Chapin Park where we hope you

will stay and participate in the lighting of the Chapin Park and visits with Santa. Contact Home for the Holidays at (815) 941-0245 or mddp@downtownmorris.com for more info.

Grundy Bank welcomes Tom Tesdal as an ambassador of the bank's commercial and agricultural lending division. Tesdal brings 45 years of banking experience to Grundy Bank and is excited to continue to be part of the community that he truly loves. Congrats Tom!

The Professionals at **Brandt & Associates, P.C.** are elated to introduce their newest team member, Stacy Webb. She joins Brandt & Associates with 25 years of administrative experience, and has already made her mark on the firm since starting just six weeks ago. Her shining face is ready to welcome you at their door. Feel free to stop by and say hello! Welcome Stacy!

Got news to share? Let us know at info@grundychamber.com

Welcome new members!

Wayward Geek (815) 514-8448
117 W. Mondamin St.
Minooka, IL 60447

Wayward Geek is a pop culture and collectibles store specializing in all your geek needs!

Forte Arts Center (815) 941-4680
1200 N. Division St
Morris, IL 60450

Forte Arts Center offers dance, music and cheer for students of all ages. Their vision is to empower students through the magic and love of the arts while leading them to be confident and successful.

Absolute Home Health (815) 513-5929
1715 N. Division St.
Morris, IL 60450

Absolute Home Health is a Home Health Agency providing skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, step therapy, medical social worker, and home health aide.

Field Day (815) 573-3676
224 Liberty St.
Morris, IL 60450

Field Day is a men's specialty store specializing in premium apparel, lifestyle goods and tux rental. Their space will also include a barber and full bar. Field Day is truly a one-of-a-kind store!

Aperion Care Marseilles (815) 795-5121
578 Commercial Street
Marseilles, IL 61341

Aperion Care Marseilles is a nursing facility specializing in short term care, on-site dialysis, long-term care and skilled nursing.

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**Small Business Saturday
Nov. 27, 2021**

*Remember shopping local keeps your tax
dollars here and your neighbors in
business.*



*Join us for a ribbon cutting for
Tarra Ann Photography*

4 p.m.

Nov. 10

534 Bedford Road, Unit C, Morris



Tuesday, November 9, 2021

8-9 a.m.

**Three Rivers Public Library-Minooka
Branch**

109 N. Wabena Avenue, Minooka

Join us for coffee as we learn all that Three Rivers
Public Library has to offer and about its upcoming
programs.

Don't forget to bring your business cards!

Free to attend.

For more information or for any questions, call 815-942-0113 or email
Amanda at amanda@grundychamber.com.

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