



December 2021

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

GRUNDY COUNTY  
*of* COMMERCE

*Courier*

## Shop, Dine & Take an #ElfieSelfie

**Saturday, December 4 • 10 AM - 6 PM**  
**Braidwood, Coal City & Diamond**

### *Sales • Drinks • Snacks*

Find the Elf at participating locations, take your #ElfieSelfie, show the cashier and earn raffle tickets for a chance to win a raffle prize filled with local certificates and gifts!

*Bodacious Curls & Tanning, Coal City Bank (During Bank Hours), Coal City Public Library District (During Library Hours), Countryside Village, Midland States Bank (During Bank Hours), Minnie's Travel Boutique (Inside Sunshine), Naked Sun, Rachetti's, Rolando's Furniture & Appliances (During Store Hours), Sunshine Garden Center, The QUEEN BEES, The Vintage Emporium.*

\* Winner will be notified by phone



### Shop Small Season has begun in Grundy County

The holidays are here which means its Shop Small Season and the Grundy County Chamber reminds you the perfect gift for everyone on your list can be found right here in Grundy County.

Throughout the county local retailers have already started their Holiday Open House events and Shop Small Season officially kicked off on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 27. Numerous events are happening through the county to encourage keeping your dollars local for the holidays.

"Our local business owners and their employees live and work here. When we invest in them by doing business locally, they reinvest in our communities," Grundy Chamber President & CEO Christina Van Yperen said. "Whatever you're looking for, shop small. If you're unsure where to find it, just ask a local business or reach out to the Chamber and we'll help you."

For every \$1 you spend in a small business, .67 cents stays in our local community. About .44 cents goes to the small business owner and employee wages and benefits, and .23 cents is reinvested in other local businesses. That \$1 creates an additional .50 cents of local economic impact, according to SCORE.

In order to drive shoppers to Shop Small this holiday season the Grundy County Chamber is hosting and supporting several events around the county.

MDDP just wrapped up its annual Home for the Holidays event in Morris and the Morris Retail Association is about to have its annual Midnight in Morris shopping event Friday, Dec. 3 from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. For more details search Midnight in Mor-

ris on Facebook.

New this year is the Channahon Minooka Chamber's Eat, Drink, Shop, & Be Merry in Channahon & Minooka event. Grab a passport at any of the 20 participating Chamber member locations, get a stamp for every \$10 you spend, fill your card and turn it in by Dec. 20 and win prizes for shopping local. See passport inserted in this newsletter for details.

On Dec. 4 Shop, Dine, & Take an #ElfieSelfie in the Coal City and Diamond area for another opportunity to win prizes for shopping local. Search for the Elf in participating locations, take a selfie with him, show the cashier and earn a raffle ticket to win prizes. Each location will feature its own specials, treats, and incentives for extra raffle tickets. Locations are listed above in the graphic and on the Facebook event.

Choosing the perfect gift can sometimes be hard to decide, so when all else fails you can still keep your gift local with a Grundy County Chamber Gift Certificate. Chamber gift certificates can only be spent locally with chamber members and your money goes right to the chamber member business. Pick one up at the Chamber's Morris office, 909 Liberty Street, or pre-order online at [grundychamber.com](http://grundychamber.com).

## Celebrating Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:

115 Years

### Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers

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.

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+ Executive Committee  
\* Appointed Position

## From the President & CEO's Desk

As we wrap up 2021 and anxiously await 2022 I'd like to share some Chamber save the dates with you. First mark your calendars for Family Fest 2022 which will return to its original month of February. This year it will be Saturday, Feb. 19 at Minooka Community High School's Central Campus, 301 S. Wabena Ave., Minooka.

The 2021 Family Fest was moved to summer time due to COVID requirements and although we know returning it to February for 2022 makes the events less than a year apart—the need and excitement for this annual event is still there, especially since we are in Minooka this year. Annually Family Fest brings out around 1,500 families giving your business one-on-one time with people from in and around Grundy County, and providing brand recognition throughout the event and in advance promotional marketing. For more information contact Amanda at 815-942-0113 or at Amanda@grundychamber.com.

Please also save the date for the return of our Annual Dinner with the GEDC on Wednesday, March 9 at the Morris Country Club. Both of our organizations are excited to gather the business community once again to celebrate our thriving community. Award nomination forms will be out soon so be thinking of local businesses who had a notable 2021 to recognize and nominate!

The Chamber has a great 2022 year planned as we enter our 75th year! Stay tuned for more details!




**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR FAMILY  
FEST 2022!**

**Saturday, Feb. 19**  
Minooka  
Community High  
School  
301 S. Wabena Ave.  
Minooka

Stay tuned for more info. Contact Amanda at 815-942-0113 or at Amanda@grundychamber.com for sponsorship and participation information.



## Member News & Briefs

Kevin and Tarra Orf are the new owners of **Sweet Tooth** in Morris. "I couldn't be more excited about the opportunity to provide delicious treats, great service, and most importantly joy and goodwill to the Grundy County area," said Kevin Orf said. Congrats and welcome Kevin and Tarra!

The **Grundy County Land Use Department** is hosting its annual Gently Used Toys, Books, Games and DVD video collection event now through Dec. 10. People may donate at: Grundy County Administration Building – 1320 Union, Morris; Coal City Public Library – 85 N. Garfield, Coal City; Morris Public Library – 604 Liberty, Morris; Minooka Three Rivers Library – 109 N. Wabena, Minooka; Channahon Three Rivers Library – 25207 W. Channahon Drive, Channahon; and Fossil Ridge Library – 386 W. Kennedy Road, Braidwood.

Got news to share? Let us know at [info@grundychamber.com](mailto:info@grundychamber.com)

### Welcome new members!

Stoedter CPA, LLC (815) 992-0668  
Minooka, IL 60447

Stoedter CPA specializes in all your accounting, tax preparation, QuickBooks, payroll, and cash flow needs.

*Don't forget new members, and all our members, can accept Grundy County Chamber gift certificates! **Chamber Gift Certificates** are a great gift idea for those hard to buy for people on your list!*


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# COFFEE & COMPANY

Hosted by Morris  
Building & Loan



211 E. Jefferson St., Morris  
Thursday, December 2  
8-9 a.m

Join us for coffee as we learn all that Morris  
Building & Loan has to offer.  
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.



## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



**First  
Midwest  
Bank**

220 WEST MAIN ST. IN MORRIS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9  
5- 7 P.M.  
\*FREE TO ATTEND

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WITH FMB AGAIN FOR THEIR ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAH!  
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