January 2022

COMMERCE



Celebrating Anniversaries Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:

85 Years Robinson Engineering, Ltd.

75 Years Collection Professionals, Inc.

65 Years Reeves Funeral Home – Morris

60 Years Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

40 Years Morris Business & Technology Center

30 Years Lakewood Animal Hospital Keepsafe Storage, LLC

25 Years United States Cold Storage Inc. Masterblend International, LLC Channahon General Rental

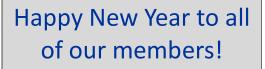
20 Years Hudson Energy

15 Years Baker Plumbing M/I Homes

10 Years Country Financial-Matt Seidel

5 Years Carson Tap House Country Financial-John Mueller Comfort First Heating and Cooling, Inc. Goodwill Donation Center

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.





CHANNAHON

Saturday, Feb. 19 Minooka Community High School 301 S. Wabena Ave. FREE Family Fun!

Event Sponsors:

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Family Fest 2022 is on the way! This annual event from the Grundy County Chamber and Channahon Minooka Chamber is a great way to get your business involved and recognized. With more than 1,000 families coming through every year, this is a great event to showcase your business with a booth, sponsorship or giveaway.

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As many of you recall, last year due to COVID we had to move this event to June. We are excited to announce we are returning it to its regularly scheduled month of February. This year it will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19 at Minooka Community High School– Central Campus.

Plan to bring your family for this free event featuring exhibits from local vendors and entertainment including games, balloon animals, reptile show and mascots! You will find information on local organizations, services, businesses and products, all while having fun with the kids. This is the perfect way to get involved and support a local community event. Contact Events Director Amanda Hiller for participation opportunities at 815-942-0113 or events@grundychamber.com.











Thank you to these sponsors who have already signed on!

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*Chamber Renewal invoices have been sent. Don't let your benefits lapse, call 815-942-0113 to renew your membership today!

From the President & CEO's Desk

Welcome 2022! The Grundy County Chamber team is eagerly planning so much already for this year. Family Fest work is well underway and plans for a 75th Anniversary Celebration have begun. We are also excited about some changes ahead.

Through the pandemic, many businesses and people have taken a hard look at how things are done. COVID has allowed us to evaluate programs, resources, and events. For the Chamber one of the events we've taken a serious look at is Business After Hours. In recent years the participation in these monthly events has become sporadic. Then due to COVID we went almost 2 years without one, relying instead on virtual and smaller inperson events to network. To move on this momentum, for 2022 we've decided to rebrand Business After Hours—including a new name, time change, and frequency change.

Connect@4 will now be from 4-6 p.m. quarterly with the first one for 2022 being Thursday, Feb. 3 at Sunshine Garden Center & The Flower Room in Diamond (see promo on back page of this newsletter). This new time from 4-6 p.m. will allow for those who are busy with family obligations after work to stop by at the end of their work day to meet some new customers. But still allows for others who have to close the office first to swing by after, and we all still make it home for dinner.

The evening Connect@4s will give us all something to look forward to and we still have monthly Chamber Coffee & Companies-the next being Jan. 12 in Minooka (see back promo again).

Change can be hard we know, but nothing is as hard as the last two years have been. We look forward to a new year and seeing all of our members in-person again! Sincerely,



Save the date Chamber & GEDC Annual Dinner & Celebration March 9, 2022 Morris Country Club

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

Do you know a business, entrepreneur, and/or organization that had an amazing year in 2021? Nominate them for the Chamber's Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, and Organization of the Year! See inserted nomination form.

Member News & Briefs

Save the Date for fForest Fest from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 at Goold Park in Morris. Live music, 200+ vendors, food trucks, adult beverages, crafts, activities and more. For more information contact **True North** at info@shoptruenorth.com.

Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care has been named a 2021 Top Workplace. The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by Energage, LLC. Lightways employs about 200 people who live and work throughout northern Illinois. Congrats Lightways! A Rhythm & BBQ Festival will be held in the **City of Morris** June 18 at Goold Park! There will be competitive barbeque from around the world, live music, food vendors and children's activities. Sponsorship opportunities available, for more info email morrisbbqassociation@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/morrisbbqassociation.

Grundy Bank recently donated land to the City of Morris. The land is located far west off Red Willow Road located in the Rockwell Estates subdivision off of Route 6. Besides the land, which consists of 4.4 acres, Grundy Bank is donating \$20,000 toward the development of this property to the City of Morris. Thank you Grundy Bank!

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

Welcome new members!

Sam's Off The Top Barbershop (815) 560-7768 25028 S. Fryer Street Channahon, IL 60410

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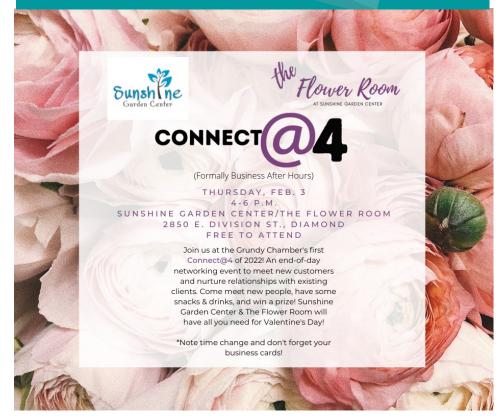
Hosted by Boyk Consulting



held at the Village of Minooka Community Room 121 East McEvilly Road, Minooka Wednesday, January 12 8–9 a.m

Bring your tech nerds along, and join us for coffee as we learn all that Boyk Consulting has to offer you and your business.

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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