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Chamber & Chamber
A Division of Grundy County Chamber of Commerce

GRUNDY COUNTY
of COMMERCE

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Celebrating Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:

85 Years
Hynds, Bzdill & King, LLC

75 Years
Hanson Material Services

70 Years
Fossil Ridge Public Library

60 Years
Comcast

55 Years
**Grundy County Health Dept.
Northern Insurance Co.**

50 Years
**Aeropres Corp.
Chicago Title**

30 Years
BP West—Morris

25 Years
**Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC
Channahon Lanes & Mini Golf**

15 Years
**Step by Step—Morris
KGG
NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness**

10 Years
**Dandy Floor Covering
Pink Heals Joliet Area Chapter**

5 Years
**Adams Painting
AppleJax Creations
Express Employment Professionals**

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.

THE GRUNDY COUNTY CHAMBER & GRUNDY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Cordially invite you to their

Annual Dinner

Wednesday, March 8, 2022

5 P.M. Social Hour
6 P.M. Dinner
7 P.M. Awards

Morris Country Club

2615 West Route 6 Morris, IL 60450

\$50 Per Person
\$700 Table Sponsorship for 10
(Includes marketing)

RSVP by February 27

To register email Amanda@grundychamber.com, call 815.942.0113 or visit grundychamber.com.

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Thank you to our Sponsors:



Registration for the Chamber & GEDC Annual Dinner opens Jan. 5! Individual tickets and table sponsorships can be purchased online at grundychamber.com, via email at Amanda@grundychamber.com or call us at 815-942-0113. Contact us for additional sponsorship opportunities.

Nominations for the Chamber's Awards are also open until Jan. 10 for Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year and Organization of the Year. Send us an email or fill out a form on grundychamber.com.

Inserted in this newsletter is the ad book registration form where you can place an ad in the program book for this premier business event of the year! This event has 250+ attend and is a great way to market your business.

Registration fills fast for this event so get signed up ASAP to be a part of the dinner. We can't wait to celebrate our successful community with all of you!

Lunch & Learn



COMCAST

Join us as we learn about Comcast's Project UP, their community investment initiative, and how the community can partner to build a future of unlimited possibilities.

**February 8, 2023
American Legion/The Hideout
212 W. Washington St.
Morris, IL**

This Lunch & Learn is free to attend thanks to Comcast!

Seating is limited so registration is required in advance. Register by emailing Events & Marketing Director Amanda Hiller at amanda@grundychamber.com or call 815-942-0113.

Board of Directors and Staff

Board of Directors:

Chamber Staff:

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Aflac

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admin@grundychamber.com

Karla Escalante
Sherwood Oaks Waffle Café & The Country Farmhouse

Chamber Ambassadors:
Angela Baumeister, Vice Chair
WCSJ / WJDK Radio

+ Matt Fritz
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Morris Building & Loan

+ *John Harrington,
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Village of Minooka &
CM Chamber Division Chair

John Fonck
First Federal Savings Bank

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Grundy County Health Dept.

Mike Petrick
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SOCU

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Fitness Premier—Minooka

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Shaw Media

Denise Pankey
Community Member

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City of Morris

Judi Tapella
Mary Kay Cosmetics

+Executive Committee
*Appointed Position

Julie Van Eck
Mahoney, Silverman, & Cross

The Chamber's mission:

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

From the President & CEO's Desk

Happy New Year! 2023 has great things in store for our members, I just know it! To start the new year we are thrilled to welcome some new faces to our Chamber Board of Directors and to our Ambassadors Club.

We welcome **Julie Wilkinson, City of Morris Business Development Director; Ashley Speed, Assistant Vice President at Grundy Bank; and Karla Escalante, owner of Sherwood Oaks Waffle Café & The Country Farmhouse;** to our board. All three start their new terms this month and bring excellent knowledge and talent to our board.

Also joining the Chamber team are new Ambassadors: **John Fonck of First Federal Savings Bank, Allison Jenson of the Health Department and Christy Kelly of Rodan and Fields.** John, Allison and Christy have already been great liaisons to our Chamber and we look forward to having them in our Ambassadors Club.

Board members and Ambassadors are volunteers for our Chamber—dedicating their time to assist in the Chamber's success, as well as helping our members grow and thrive.

We'd like to also thank the board members whose terms ended in 2022 for their years serving the Chamber—**Jaclyn Aldridge, Grundy Bank; John Callahan, U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home; Morris Mayor Chris Brown; and Angela Baumeister of WCSJ/WJDK.** Although they are leaving the board, they aren't going far as they have always been supporters of our Chamber and our relationship will continue.

We know each and every one of our volunteers wear many hats and we are so grateful that you choose the Chamber as one of the organizations worthy of your time. Thank you.

Cheers to 2023 and another year of achieving goals and breaking records!

Sincerely,



Member News & Briefs

Boy Scouts of America Rainbow Council presents Theodore Roosevelt. Nationally acclaimed humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson will bring Theodore Roosevelt to Kankakee to produce an engaging Chautauqua interpretation of our Nation's 26th president. At 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Lincoln Cultural Center, 240 Warren Ave., Kankakee. \$20 general admission. For more info or sponsorship info contact peter.durkin@scouting.org. For tickets visit scoutingevent.com/702-LLChautauquaEvent.

Jennifer's Garden's Bridal Expo is back! Sunday, Jan. 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jennifer's Garden, 555 W. Gore Road in Morris. Bridal Expos are a perfect opportunity to talk to numerous vendors, get inspiration, and start checking off all the "to-do" list items for your wedding. \$5 entry fee.

Grundy Bank Assistant Vice President Ashley Speed celebrates her one-year anniversary in her new role this month. Ashley has been with Grundy Bank for 14 years. Congratulations Ashley on one year as Assistant Vice President and welcome to the Chamber Board of Directors!

Congratulations to Julie Wilkinson, Business Development Director for the **City of Morris**, on her one-year anniversary with the City! Our community is grateful to you, and welcome to the Chamber Board of Directors!

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

Welcome new members!

American Legion Post 294 (815) 942-0183
212 W. Washington St.
Morris, IL 60450
legionpost294.org

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. We focus on service to veterans, service-members and communities.

The Hideout (815) 942-0183
212 W. Washington St.
Morris, IL 60450

Locally owned restaurant inside your well known American Legion. Open to the public and kid friendly!

RLM Underground (815) 513-5969
922 Armstrong St.
Morris, IL 60450
rlmus.com

Directional drilling and boring for underground utilities and communications sites.

Don't forget you can now use Chamber Gift Certificates at these new members and all of our Chamber member businesses and organizations!



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**** Please note date change from original announcements of this event. The new date is as listed below—Jan. 31, 2023 ****

COFFEE & COMPANY

**Hosted By
Joliet Junior College
Morris Education Center**



January 31, 2023

8 - 9 a.m.

125 School Street, Morris

**Come enjoy coffee, hear all JJC
has to offer, and meet new
college president**

Dr. Clyne Namuo! Free to attend.

Don't forget your business cards!

Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry
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Morris, IL 60450

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