



January 2024

GRUNDY COUNTY
Chamber
of COMMERCE

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MINOOKA
Chamber
A Division of Grundy County Chamber of Commerce

Courier

Celebrating Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:

150 Years:
Village of Dwight

95 Years:
Ayers Electric, Inc

65 Years:
Saratoga Comm. Cons. School Dist. #60C

55 Years:
Associated Orthodontists Ltd. M&M Bank

50 Years:
The Fabric Center

35 Years:
Dollinger Family Farm

30 Years:
Step by Step Child Care Center Morris

20 Years:
Zabel & Associates, PC Brothers Country Supply

15 Years:
The Pointe at Morris Fox Foot & Ankle (Minooka) People For Channahon Parks Foundation

10 Years:
Panoptic Home Health

5 Years:
Los Campesinos Mexican Grill

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.

CHAMBER & GEDC *Annual Dinner*

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

5:00 p.m. - Social Hour

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Awards

2024 new location *Jennifer's Garden*

555 Gore Road, Morris IL 60450

\$50 Per Person

\$700 Table Sponsorship for 10

RSVP by February 26

To register visit grundychamber.com, email info@grundychamber.com,

or call 815.942.0113.

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Thank you to our sponsors:

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Registration for the Chamber & GEDC's Annual Dinner opens Jan. 4! We are at a new location this year - Jennifer's Garden in Morris. This event has grown substantially over the years so we simply just needed a larger venue. We are excited at the opportunity to have an even larger crowd this year.

Individual and table sponsorships can be purchased online at grundychamber.com, via email at info@grundychamber.com or call us at 815-942-0113.

A special thank you to our sponsors **Busey Bank, the City of Morris, Old National Bank, Comcast and Pesciolino Osteria**. Sponsorships are available at levels ranging from Bronze Level (\$1,000) to Premier Level (\$5,000). For more info on sponsorships contact Events & Marketing Director Lena Wickens at lena@grundychamber.com

Nominations for the Chamber's Awards are also open and due Jan. 10. Nominations are for Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year and Organization of the Year. You can fill out an online form at grundychamber.com or send us an email at info@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 280+ attend and is a great way to market your business.

Registration fills up 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!

Board of Directors and Staff

from the President & CEO's Desk

Board of Directors:

Chamber Staff:

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admin@grundychamber.com

+Sarah Beach

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Garden Center

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christina@grundychamber.com

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pattye@grundychamber.com

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Country Farmhouse

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Events & Marketing Director
lena@grundychamber.com

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+Matt Fritz

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WCSJ / WJDK Radio

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Constellation - Dresden Station

Jack Fillenwarth
Morris Building & Loan

Mike Petrick

Village of Channahon

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Old National Bank

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Grundy Bank

Judi Tapella
Mary Kay Cosmetics

+Julie Wilkinson

City of Morris

Julie Van Eck
Mahoney, Silverman, & Cross

+Executive Committee

*Appointed Position

Happy New Year to all of our members! The Chamber Team already has big plans underway for 2024. To start the new year we are thrilled to welcome some new faces to our Chamber Board of Directors.

We welcome **David Pietryla of Comcast and Ann Rzasa of Joliet Junior College's Morris Education Center** to our board. Both David and Ann start their terms this month and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our board and to our membership.

Board members 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 also like to thank the board members whose terms ended in 2023 for their years of serving the Chamber - **Josh Schroeder of SPACECO and Steve Vanisko of Shaw Media**. Although they are leaving the board, they are not 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 2024 and another year of achieving goals and breaking records!

Sincerely,



Christina Van Yperen

The Chamber's mission:

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



Member Welcome & News

Welcome new members!

Buffalo Solar Farm, LLC

353 N. Clark St.
Chicago, IL
buffalosolarfarm.com

(312) 241-3570

Buffalo Solar Farm is a planned 116 MW solar energy facility that will provide electricity to the ComEd grid. It is owned by RWE Clean Energy.

Elliot Manor Apartments for Seniors

200 W. Waverly St.
Morris, IL
elliottmanor.com

(815) 942-2400

Affordable apartments for senior citizens.

Rooted

(815) 255-2639

125 W. Mondamin St.
Minooka, IL
rootedminooka.com

Rooted is a farm to table restaurant featuring local vendors, a seasonally rotating menu, wine, bourbon & craft cocktails.

These new members can now accept
your Grundy Chamber Gift Certificates!

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

Ashley Speed, a dedicated employee at **Grundy Bank** for 15 years, has been promoted to Vice President, bringing her wealth of expertise in operations, liquidity, IT, shareholder relations and human resources. President Kevin Olson expresses pride in her exceptional teamwork skills and extensive knowledge. Ashley herself is grateful for the promotion and looks forward to contributing further to the bank's success in her new role. Congrats Ashley!

The **Grundy County Land Use Department**, with the support of partner libraries, gathered over 100 boxes of toys, 25 bags of stuffed animals, 6 bikes, and various large items for the Church of Hope in Gardner, St. Francis of Christ the King Monastery, Arcadia Nursing Home in Morris, and multiple churches through the Rotary International Chicago Branch. Special thanks to Elf Beth and Santa Bob from the Land Use Department!

Residents of Grundy County can attend **CPR and Stop the Bleed** trainings on January 16 and 30 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Grundy County Administration Building for \$5. These trainings can equip you with lifesaving skills in emergency situations where seconds count. Visit www.grundyhealth.com to register.

Surf Internet, a leader in fiber-optic broadband services, celebrates the completion of their 100,000th passing of fiber-optic connectivity in Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois, demonstrating their commitment to providing high-speed internet access. With plans to expand to nearly 400,000 passings by 2028, Surf focuses on serving rural communities, overcoming challenges with grant funding to bridge the digital divide.



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Free to Attend!

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8805 Tabler Rd.,
Morris, IL

Use Entrance 3 off Rt. 6.
Employee Communication Center - first building
on the right. Park in the lot in front of the
building.

You will NOT need to process through security.



03.06.24
Save the Date

Grundy Chamber & GEDC Annual Dinner

JENNIFER'S GARDEN
555 GORE ROAD, MORRIS
SEE FRONT COVER FOR DETAILS.

Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry
909 Liberty Street
Morris, IL 60450

Or Current Resident

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