



January 2020

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

GRUNDY COUNTY
of COMMERCE

Courier

Celebrating Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:

15 Years
Bone-iffide Care, Inc.
Shenberg Construction
Fidelity Title Insurance

20 Years
R.B. Crowther Co.
Priority Staffing

25 Years
Celtic Landscaping

35 Years
Midwest Signworks

50 Years
ONEOK
Chestnut Health Systems

60 Years
Exelon Generation

100 Years
University of St. Francis

120 Years
Guardian Angel Community Services

145 Years
Village of Seneca

170 Years
Hoffman Hatcher Properties

180 Years
O'Mara-Johnsen Farms

Coffee & Company

Thursday, Jan. 16
OSF Urgo
at the CHAMBER OFFICE
909 Liberty St., Morris

Join us for our next Coffee & Company, a morning networking event, hosted this month by OSF Urgo at the Chamber's Morris office. The event is *free* so come and enjoy some coffee and breakfast and hear the latest news on OSF Urgo!



**OSF
urgo**

family fest!



Saturday, Feb. 15
9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Shabbona School
725 School Street, Morris
FREE Family Fun!

The Grundy County Chamber's annual Family Fest is next month and there is still time to get involved. Plan to bring your family for this free event featuring exhibits from local vendors and entertainment including face painting, jump houses, reptile show and character meetings! You will find information on local organizations, services, businesses and products, all while having fun with the kids.

With more than 1,000 coming through every year, this is a great event to showcase your business with a booth, sponsorship, or giveaway. This is the perfect way to get involved and support a local community event. Contact Events Director Christine Mendez for participation opportunities at 815-942-0113 or events@grundychamber.com.

Event sponsors:



Kids Zone sponsors:



Board of Directors and Staff

Board of Directors:

+**John Adler**
Aflac

+**Jaclyn Aldridge, Chairwoman**
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Center

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+ **Matt Fritz, Secretary**
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* + **John Harrington, Treasurer**
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CM Chamber Division Chair

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Mike Petrick
Village of Channahon

Erin Murphy Frobish
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+**Amy Murphy**
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Nancy Norton
GEDC

Sara Peters
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***Angela Lilek, Ambassador Chair**
Morris National Bank & Trust

+ Executive Committee
* Appointed Position

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Angels of Hope

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Judi Tapella
Mary Kay Cosmetics

From the President & CEO's Desk

Many of our Chamber members had an amazing 2019. Some expanded locations, added staff, increased services and other great achievements. The Chamber wants to recognize these businesses and organizations who had an exceptional year. Our Chamber & GEDC Annual Dinner will be March 11 where we will celebrate our local businesses and organizations that make Grundy County the amazing county it is to live and work in.

Please consider submitting a nomination to the Chamber for its Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, and Organization of the Year. Do you know someone who has had an innovative approach to their business, goes above and beyond to give back to their community, reached new levels with their business or product in 2019? Let us know, hard work deserves recognition! Inserted in this newsletter is a nomination form that can be sent back or dropped off at the Morris Chamber office by **Feb. 3** for consideration. You can also get it online at grundychamber.com. Our Chamber Board of Directors will then vote on a winner to be celebrated at the dinner March 11.

We appreciate your help in finding our winners!

Sincerely,



Christina Van Yperen

Save the date
Chamber & GEDC
Annual Dinner & Celebration
March 11, 2020
*Help us celebrate the people and businesses that make this
a great place to visit, live, work and do business!*

Welcome to the Chamber team Amanda!



Please join us in welcoming new Membership Director Amanda Hiller! Amanda is new to our staff, but is a familiar face. She is a Morris resident, Morris District 54 school board member, mom of 3 boys and former staffer with Country Financial.

An active Chamber member prior to joining our team, Amanda looks forward to helping others utilize the benefits of the Chamber.

"The Chamber helps our community's businesses and residents connect. I love our community and getting to be a part of something that celebrates that is incredibly exciting to me," she said.

You can reach Amanda at 815-942-0113, amanda@grundychamber.com or stop in and visit her at our office. She'll be making her way around the community as well so make sure you stop her and introduce yourself!

The Chamber's mission:

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

Member News & Briefs

Center for Disability Services is proud to announce the re-affiliation with United Cerebral Palsy (UCP). The nonprofit's name will change to United Cerebral Palsy-Center for Disability Services (UCP-CDS). The re-affiliation marks the evolution of progress to provide children, adults and families with the most innovative technology and practices for those living with a disability. The agency also announced its new CEO, Frank DiBartolomeo. This will be the second go around for DiBartolomeo at UCP-CDS. He served as the Chief Financial Officer from 2003 to 2012.

Carson Tap House is now offering crowlers to go. Your favorite draft craft beer to go in a custom Carson Tap House can. Share it with friends, family or keep it for yourself to enjoy.

Advantage Realty welcomes Agent Anitra Brase. Anitra has recently returned to her hometown after nearly 20 years on the West Coast. She grew up in Morris (Class of '95) and brings to us her expertise as a Marketing Executive for the last 15 years, as well as a licensed Residential Appraiser background. Anitra is well versed in social media

networking and computer language & coding. Anitra can be reached at 815-370-0733 or anitra@advantagerealty.com.

The **Morris Hospital** Foundation received a \$13,000 gift from **LyondellBasell Morris Complex** in support of Stop the Bleed, a national campaign that encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to assist in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. Morris Hospital has teamed up with local police, fire, government, and school officials to teach faculty and staff at area schools how to respond in an emergency bleeding situation. So far, more than 1,000 individuals at area schools have been trained throughout the communities served by Morris Hospital.

Grundy Workforce Services welcomes Tabatha Green as their new resource assistant at Joliet Junior College's Morris Education Center. Welcome Tabatha!

The **Morris Retail Association** welcomes its news officers. Congratulations President Stacey Olson, Secretary Heidi Kindelspire and Finance Officer Erik Olson.

Got news to share? Send your announcement to info@grundychamber.com.

Welcome New Members

Arch Eyebrow & Lash Salon

2015 S. Ridge Road
Minooka, IL 60447

(815) 704-6698

- Arch Eyebrow & Lash Salon specializes in threading services for both women and men, waxing, facial & masks, eyelashes & tinting, and henna tattoos.

Lucas Insurance Agency

1802 N. Division St.
Suite #104
Morris, IL 60450

- Lucas Insurance Agency will be in Morris starting in January of 2020. Lucas Insurance Agency provides coverage in auto, home, business, property, life and health.

Channahon Bar & Grill

25365 S. Fryer St.
Channahon, IL 60410

(815) 290-5075

- Channahon Bar & Grill specializes in lunch and dinner along with daily specials. They provide music bingo on Mondays, karaoke on Saturdays and everyday you call it shots! They also offer Door Dash and Uber Eats.

Don't forget these new members can now accept Grundy County Chamber gift certificates!

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Be an exclusive advertiser in the Chamber's monthly Courier. 550+ circulation every month. Sign up for multiple months for a better rate.

12 months - \$130/month

6 months - \$145/month

3 months - \$160/month

For more information contact the Grundy Chamber at 815-942-0113 or at info@grundychamber.com.

Business After Hours

Thursday, February 20

5– 7 p.m.



1550 DuPont Ave., Morris
Free to attend!

Great Food, Networking & Drawings! Bring lots of business cards!

Business After Hours are networking events where you could meet your next customer!

Business After Hours

Thursday, April 16

5– 7 p.m.



640 S. Broadway St., Coal City
Free to attend!



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1051 W. US Rt. 6
Suite 400
Morris

Tuesday, January 28
4 p.m.—Ribbon Cutting
Join us in celebrating Rezin's
therapy services.



A journey through Canyon Country brings you into a colorful world of stunning southwestern vistas and the unique topography of three national parks: Zion, Bryce and the Grand Canyon. Take time to shop in Sedona's marketplace and travel through Kaibab National Forest. Spend a night at the South Rim of the magnificent Grand Canyon. Luxuriate at the Lake Powell Resort for two nights. Personalize your Arizona travel by choosing to either take in the stark beauty of Monument Valley on a narrated ride or take a cruise through the canyons for a different perspective on the spectacular scenery. End in the neon-lit spectacle of Las Vegas.

For more information on the chambers annual trip please contact Christine Mendez at (815) 942-0113 or email christine@grundychamber.com.

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