

## What's News

### Join Our Team

The GEDC is seeking a dynamic Office Assistant.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: general reception duties, bookkeeping, planning & organizing events, word processing and database management. The ideal candidate should have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, strong organizational skills and experience in current and emerging technology.

Job Requirements:

- Excellent in all Microsoft Office application
- QuickBooks and bookkeeping experience preferred
- Critical thinking and problem-solving capabilities
- Focus on detail and accuracy
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team

Please contact the GEDC for more information.

### Prospects

2.1 million sq. ft. logistics facility is considering sites in the Grundy and Will County markets.

International chemical company considering Grundy County for new U.S. facility.

Kellogg has chosen to stay in Minooka and construct a new 500,000 sq. ft. building across from their existing facility.

### Calendar

- April 25** GEDC Bootcamp
- May 11** Executive Meeting
- May 14** Legislative Breakfast

## Sign Up Now!

### Economic Development Bootcamp - April 25



The deadline is nearing to register for the Economic Development Bootcamp. Hear from the experts what it takes to be successful in economic development. The event is Wednesday, April 25 from 5-8 p.m. at the Morris County Club in the dining room. There's a great line up of speakers.

- **The Future of Retail** – David Cunningham, Net<sup>3</sup> Real Estate
- **Think Like a Developer** – Tracey Hyatt Bosman, Biggins Lacy Shapiro & Company
- **Don't Forget the Utilities** – AT&T Jeff Adducci, ComEd John McCann, Nicor Joe DelReal

RSVP's are due by **April 18** and a light dinner will be served.



Thank you to ComEd and Nicor for sponsoring the event.



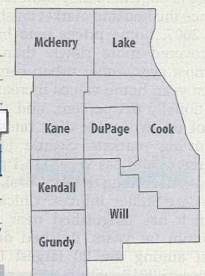
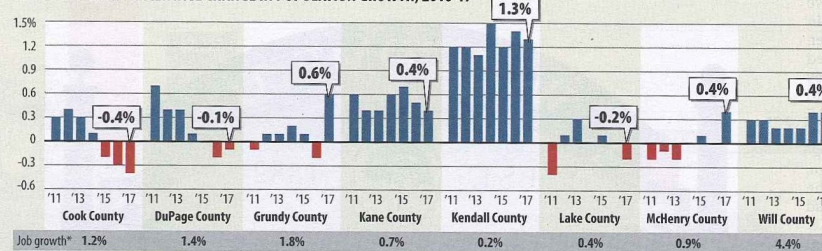
## A Glimmer of Growth for Grundy County

According to Crain's Chicago Business, the far western edge of the Chicago Metro area is adding residents again which includes Grundy County. Kendall County was the fastest-growing county in the country before the Great Recession and Kendall is leading the growth once again. Kendall County saw a 1.3% growth in residents in 2017 and Grundy County was second with 0.6%, followed by McHenry, Kane and, Will counties with 0.4%. Although the numbers aren't large, it is a step in the right direction, especially when the City of Chicago continues to lose its residents.

### THE REGION'S MEAGER POPULATION GROWTH IS IN THE EXURBS

The state and the Chicago area continue to lose population, but the exurbs are growing again, albeit slowly. Just seven of 31 Illinois counties with 50,000 residents or more showed population gains last year. Kendall County has showed the strongest growth.

YEAR-OVER-YEAR PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN POPULATION GROWTH, 2010-17



\*Percentage change from 2015 to 2016  
Sources: Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Send the GEDC your Legislative Priorities - Legislative Breakfast, May 14

Do you anticipate any federal, state, or local legislation changes that will benefit or adversely affect your business or municipality in the next year? If you have questions or concerns that you would like your legislators to address, please forward them to [info@gedc.com](mailto:info@gedc.com). The Legislative Breakfast is Monday, May 14 at the Morris Country Club. Invitations for the Legislative Breakfast will be mailed soon.