

What's News

Congrats ComEd!

ComEd's Economic Development Team was once again recognized as a Top Utility by Site Selection Magazine. ComEd's contribution to its local economy and communities has led them to be recognized by Site Selection Magazine five years in a row with top ten listings in 2015, 2017, and 2018 and honorable mention listings in 2014 and 2016.

Training Grant Money

Incumbent worker training money is available to help employers develop and implement training programs for current employees in healthcare, manufacturing, logistics, and business and personal services. Contact Ann Rzasa, Grundy Workforce Board at 815.483.8291 or by email at arzasa@glkwb.com for more information.

GEDC & Chamber Luncheon

Nancy Norton will be the guest speaker at the next Grundy Chamber luncheon on October 25. She will be giving an update on Grundy County's industrial climate.

Plans are underway for the **2019 Grundy County Summer Internship Program**. If your company is interested in participating, contact the GEDC for more details.

Calendar

November 6 - Finance Meeting
November 9 - Executive Meeting
November 22/23 - Thanksgiving
GEDC office closed

Celebrating National Manufacturing Month

Thank you to all Grundy County manufacturers for your investment in our community. [Click here](#) to view a short video starring local manufacturers and middle school students.

Successful Fall Event

An important benefit of your GEDC investment is to meet other decision makers, officials, and business leaders. The GEDC Fall Event was a success thanks to the attendees and first-class hospitality provided by Barry & Diane Narvick and the staff at the Erienna Hunt Club. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive so we look forward to continuing the tradition. Congratulations to Mike Petrick, Village of Channahon, winner of the \$100 Erienna Hunt Club gift certificate.



A special thanks to our many "celebrity bartenders."

Shop Local This Holiday Season

Halloween is right around the corner and marks the beginning of the big push in the retail industry that culminates at Christmas. Each year the wonderful Downtown Trick or Treating night grows, with hordes of children that go from store to store collecting candy. The downtown merchants throughout Grundy County support our communities, donate to our fundraisers, and provide pounds and pounds of candy. As the peak retail season begins, please make an extra effort to SHOP LOCAL. You'll be delighted at the selection, service, and best of all, the money stays right here in Grundy County.

Why Illinois? Why Not!

When every other advertisement is a negative campaign ad, it's easy to forget the incredible assets and economic strength in Illinois. A few things to remember amidst all the gloom:

- Illinois has the 5th largest GDP in the nation
- Illinois is the 17th largest economy in the world based on GDP
- 25% of all US freight moves through Chicagoland
- 12 major airports with most non-stop overseas flights
- 1,905 miles navigable waterways
- 200+ higher education institutions

Sure Illinois has its challenges, but it has endless opportunities too. Please take a moment to vote on November 6th for your say in Illinois' future. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.