

What's News

Local Officials Seminar

The GEDC is pleased to again provide sponsorships for local leaders to attend the one day seminar entitled "Illinois Financial Forecast Forum: Private Sector Views that Impact the Public Sector." Thanks to our officials that give their time and talents for our Grundy County communities.

New Board and New Investor Meet & Greet

The GEDC will be hosting a meet and greet for new board members and new investors on Wednesday, February 13 at Montage Wine Bar in Morris. All are invited to attend. Call the office for more details.

Unemployment Remains Low

Thanks to the favorable weather, Grundy's November unemployment rate was 3.9% as compared to last November at 5.1%. Finding and retaining talent remains a top challenge for local employers.

Holiday Retail Summary

As reported by Mastercard Spending Pulse, U.S. retail sales grew 5.1% between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the strongest growth in the last six years. During that same time, online shopping saw a gain of 19.1% compared to 2017.

Prospects

Project Grant

A user is considering sites in Grundy County for a 700,000 sq. ft. building expandable to 1 million sq. ft. The project timeline is aggressive.

Calendar

February 8

Executive Meeting

February 13

Meet & Greet

March 8

Executive Meeting

March 13

GEDC/Chamber Annual Dinner

New GEDC Officers & Board Members Elected

2019 Officers:

Shawn McGlynn, Chair
LyondellBasell

Brett Madison, Vice Chair
ADM

Pete Fleming, Treasurer/Secretary
Marquette Properties

Jeff Hettrick, Past Chair
ComEd

Welcome our new board members:

Tom Dohm,
Morris Hospital

Norm Lardi,
Village of South Wilmington

Matt Reed,
United States Cold Storage

Jeff Rzasa,
Busey Bank

Andy Schwerha,
Aux Sable

Annual Dinner - Wednesday, March 13 **Send in your nominations**

NOMINATE NOW!

Please join us on March 13 at Chapin's East in Minooka. This event is a celebration of local business & industry and the successes they have realized over the past year. Please consider nominees for worthy businesses in the following categories:

- **Business of the Year:** Recognizes a company that has grown and prospered in our community and provided an ongoing positive economic impact to Grundy County.
- **Partnership of the Year:** Recognizes an individual or organization that goes above and beyond to encourage economic development in Grundy County.
- **Welcome to Grundy County:** Recognizes a new business that has located in the County within the last three years for its economic impact and community involvement.

Submit your nominations by e-mail to info@gedc.com or call the office at 815.942.0163 before February 7.

Calling Grundy County Students - Paid Summer Experiences

Thanks to 17 local businesses, the Grundy County Summer Internship Program is excited to announce more than 40 paid internship opportunities for local juniors and seniors. There are a wide range of positions available, including engineering, accounting, IT, healthcare, machinist, and many more. Please encourage any students you may know to apply by February 20, on the Grundy Area Vocational Center's website at www.gavc-il.org. A special thank you to the following participating companies:

Aux Sable Liquid Products	LyondellBasell	Shirkey Veterinary Clinic
"D" Construction	Mack & Associates	SPACECO
Excel Machine & Tool	Metalstamp	US Cold Storage
First Midwest Bank	Morris Hospital	Village of Channahon
GEDC	NAF Axles	Village of Minooka
Joliet Junior College	Rezin Orthopedics	