



Bridging Business and Community

April 2024 Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter includes updates from the Board, recognizes renewing and new members, shares upcoming events, photo gallery and more.

BUSINESS Over BREAKFAST

**Coffee- Contacts- Partnerships
Tuesday, April 9th, 2024**



**United Way
of Southwest Minnesota**

**Guest Speakers: Meg Louwagie, CEO of United Way of
Southwest Minnesota**

Coffee, juice & light breakfast- Doors open at 7:30 am. Program @ 8 am.

Pioneer Conference Room

RSVP 320-321-3202 or via email to: granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com

Chamber Business Members: FREE, Individual Members: \$5.00, Friends: \$10.00

Pay at the Door. Walk-ins Welcome.

**Monthly Business Over Breakfast is sponsored by: FM BANK, Granite Falls;
Citizen's Alliance Bank, Granite Falls; Almich's Market; Avera Granite Falls
Health; Prairie's Edge Casino Resort & YME Schools.**

Upcoming Member Events:

Most Wednesday's- In the Loop Group at GF Library 4:30pm

Every Thursday- Knockout Tacos & \$1 off Margaritas- The Rock: Dining & Events

Every Thursday- Bingo- 7 pm- American Legion

Every Saturday- The Rockin' Bloody Mary 11-2pm@ The Rock: Dining & Events

Second Tuesday- Book Club- GF Avera Care Center- 3:30-4:30pm

Fourth Tuesday- heart 2 heart Memory Café'- Senior Center- 9-10:30 am.



City Council Meetings 7 pm. Every First & Third Monday at the City Hall



EDA meetings 5:30 pm. Second Monday at the City Hall



YME School Board meetings 6 pm. Second Monday at YME Board Room

April

All Minnesota Shop Hop April 1st- May 31st at Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More

3rd-Library Club at Granite Falls Library 3:15-4:15pm

6th- Healing Hearts Night in the Barn Fundraiser at Lee-Mar Ranch

9th- Business Over Breakfast- Meg Louwagie, United Way of Southwest Minnesota @ Pioneer PBS

9th- Book Club- GF Avera Care Center 3:30-4:30pm

9th- Beyond the Clock with Donna Neuwirth at The YES! House 4-5pm

10th- Vinyasa Yoga with Sydonia at The YES! House 6-7pm

11th- Statewide Tornado Drill Day 1:45pm and 6:45pm

12th- Open MIC Night with Betsy Pardick at The YES! House 6:30-9pm

17th- Library Club at Granite Falls Library 3:15-4:15pm

22nd- Earth Day

24th- Administrative Professional Day

25th- Artist Salon: Janel Guertin at The YES! House



May

1st- Popcorn stand opens 7-9:30 pm Daily

4th- City Wide Garage Sales

7th- Welcome Home Pelican event @ Sorlien Park 5:30-7pm

7th- MN West Graduation & Nurse Pinning at YME

9th- Business After Hours- Sherry Mathiowetz, Marshall Area Homes at The Rock: Dining & Events 5:30-7pm

12th- Mother's Day

14th- Business Over Breakfast- CherryRoad Media @ Pioneer PBS

27th- Memorial Day

31st- YME Graduation Commencement 7pm



Are you a member of the Granite Falls Chamber and have an upcoming event that you would like listed in our monthly newsletter? Feel free to e-mail Bonnie at the Chamber office.

Popcorn Stand Update

As a result of the mild 2024 early spring, Granite Falls Kiwanis is pleased to announce that the construction of the new Popcorn Stand is well ahead of schedule. The 105th season opener is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2024, with a Grand Opening celebration tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2024. The new Popcorn Stand facility is made possible by the generous support of multiple individuals, business and organizations. To date, collectively \$34,200 in cash donations, plus many other donations of materials and labor, have been received as needed for the new facility, equipment and supplies. The Popcorn Stand is truly a Granite Falls tourist destination visited often by individuals from far and wide. Granite Falls Kiwanis would like to thank everybody for their continued support and for all who take ownership in this community icon. Thank you, Les Berquist, for the update.





Shop Hop: Learn, Enjoy and Give Back

Shop Hop is a familiar term to many quilters. These unique events serve many purposes, benefiting quilting and sewing businesses, hoppers, and local communities.

Shop Hops can vary in size from just a few shops in an area or region all the way up to a statewide event. Shop Hops are events meant to bring new customers to stores, and to expose customers to new stores.

Many of us have our “own” store. A place that’s convenient, familiar, and that carries the stuff we like. But there is a whole world of new and different fabrics, notions, equipment, and personalities you’re missing out if you don’t occasionally branch out. A shop hop provides quilters with a specific plan to do just that.

In a day when brick & mortar retail locations are dwindling across the nation, a Shop Hop works to promote and support quilting and sewing stores, so we can touch and feel the fabric *in person* for a long time to come. Most quilters “get this” and understand how important it is to support these places if we want them available in our communities.

For Shop Hoppers, it is also about making memories. Many quilters hop together with friends, family, or their favorite “quiltie”. They’re not just shopping; they’re making memories as they travel around an area together. They not only get to see and enjoy sewing stores, they also enjoy traveling through large and small towns, discovering parts of their home (or a new place) they’ve never visited before.

The towns and cities that hoppers travel through also offer many treasures along the way. Small town main streets still exist and can evoke many fond memories of years ago. Shop hopping can also support these towns as hoppers take a break to enjoy lunch or dinner at a quaint restaurant, or someone along for the ride visits a local antique store, or boutique while hoppers are visiting a sewing store.

Hops are also about other kinds of fun. Most offer some sort of reward for visiting the participating shops like prizes or discounts. And of course you get to express your creative side when you return home to create something beautiful with the items you picked up along the route.

The All Minnesota Shop Hop is coming the State of Minnesota for the second annual shop hop during the months of April & May 2023. This unique hop offers the opportunity to explore 72 participating stores across the state. Start your adventure by picking up the All Minnesota Shop Hop Magazine in stores mid-February. This is a great resource to help you navigate the hop and something you can use all year long as you travel through Minnesota.

Whether you hop to learn, enjoy, or give back, we hope that you’ll mark a few days on your calendar to explore Minnesota and all that its sewing industry has to offer. To learn more, visit www.MinnesotaShopHop.com and join the Facebook Group [www.Facebook/groups/AllMinnesotaShopHop](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AllMinnesotaShopHop)



GRADUATION

2024 Commencement Ceremonies & Nurse
Pinning

Tuesday, May 7, 2024



YME 2024 Graduation Commencements Friday, May 31, 2024, 7 pm

Congratulations to our Easter Coloring Contest Winners!



Marianne B., Noah E., and Noel E.

178 entries in three categories: 3/4 yr. old= 32, 5/6 yr. old= 50, 7/8 yr. old= 96

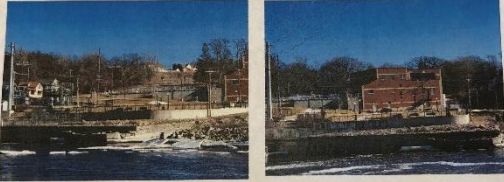
Thank you, Dave's Electric Motor Co. & Trailer Sales, Falls Boutique, and Granite Family Chiropractic Center for providing the Easter baskets for the three winners.



MISSING!

Ole medallion is missing.

Last seen: at the little park by the Granite Falls Water Treatment Plant/Granite Falls Hydro-Electric Plant East of the River



Description: Wooden, 4" across X 1" thick

REWARD! \$100

Lena went to check on Ole this morning and he is missing!! Lena is worried and is wondering what happened to him...If you have seen him, please call the Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce at 320-321-3202



Ole is still missing! Reward!

Lena was found! Congratulations to the Khali family!



Update on March's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of March, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has increased activity, with our Events page, History page, Contact Us, Easter Coloring Contest and Newsletter pages getting the most activity. The most traffic was reported on Google.com and Bing.com. On **Facebook**, we reached the most people with the following posts, "COPE- Creating Opportunities for Personal Empowerment available at Avera Medical Group, GF", and "First Dollar awarded to Sherry Mathiowetz at Marshall Area Homes. Thank you for investing in our community...." We have 1,578 followers. Most viewers are from Granite Falls, Montevideo, Marshall, Clarkfield, Sacred Heart and Willmar.

Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.

First Dollar Awarded to Kelly Kruger, Full Circle Realty Group.
Congratulations!



Pictured: Chamber Board of Director Kevin TeBeest, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home, Kelly Kruger, Full Circle Realty Group, Granite Falls office, and Chamber Board of Director Carolyn Lindquist, Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More

Kelly's Granite Falls office is located at 761 Prentice Street, Suite 3, Granite Falls

First Dollar Awarded to Sherry Mathiowetz, Marshall Area Homes.



Congratulations!

Pictured: Chamber Board of Director Kevin TeBeest, Anderson TeBeest Funeral Home, Kristen Breyfogle, Realtor MAH; Chamber Board of Director Kelly Kruger, Full Circle Realty Group, Charles Holland, Realtor MAH; Sherry Mathiowetz, Realtor at Marshall Area Homes; Chamber Board of Director Carolyn Lindquist, Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More; DuWayne Johnson, Broker of MAH; Cheri Ziemer,

Realtor MAH; and Dustin Bothun, Realtor MAH. Brokerage office located at 1404 E Lyon St Marshall, MN

Sherry's office, Marshall Area Homes, is located at 165 8th Avenue, Granite Falls - Serving the surrounding communities.

March Business Over Breakfast



Thank you, MN West, Terry Gaalswyk, College President and Rebecca Weber, Dean of Student Services, for the getting us updated with all the happenings at MN West, Granite Falls campus. We look forward to the added programs and remodeling that are planned.

2024 Membership Campaign-

The Granite Falls Chamber has a Membership Tiered Rate Structure. Membership Investments are due on January 1, 2024.

[Congratulations to our newest member: Garcia Gray Productions, Full Circle Realty Group and Marshall Area Homes](#)

Almich's Market	Holmstrom, Greg & Lynn
American Legion Post #69	Holmstrom, Kvam & Blackwelder
Anderson, Barry & Kathy	Homefront First/Rosewood Specialty Care, Montevideo
Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home	IMS Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning
Aus Floors & More	Jennings, Mark
Avera Granite Falls Health Center	Korthuis Jewelry
Bisbee Plumbing & Heating	Kramer Law Office
Bjorndal, Scott & Karla	Kubly, Pat
Bollman, David & Jodi	Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center
Carl's Bakery	Lockwood Motors, Marshall
CherryRoad Media/ GF Advocate Tribune	Marshall Area Homes, Sherry Mathiowetz
Citizen's Alliance Bank	Mediacom Communications Corp.
Dairy Queen; Granite Falls	Miller, Cindy
Danielowski, Robert	MN West Community & Technical College
Dave's Electric Motor Company & Trailer Sales	MVTV Wireless Internet
Department of Public Transformation/The YES! House	NAPA Auto Parts/ Star Group, LLC
Falls Boutique	Olson Sanitation
Flowers from the Heart	Picht's Auto Body & Glass
FM Bank	Prairie's Edge Casino & Resort
Freitag, Avis	Prairie Mercantile Antique Store
Full Circle Realty Group, Kelly Kruger	Project Turnabout
Garcia Gray Productions	Rock Haven Church
Granite Falls Assembly of God	Smiglewski, Cindy
Granite Falls Economic Development Authority	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Granite Falls Energy	Southwest Initiative Foundation
Granite Falls Kiwanis, Popcorn Stand	Summit Carbon Solutions, Ames, Iowa
Granite Falls Lions Club	The Falls SPaw
Granite Falls Lutheran Church	The Rock: Dining & Events
Granite Falls Western Fest Community Celebration	Thrivent, Mark Jensen
Granite Family Chiropractic Center	United Church of Christ
Granite Family Dentistry	United Way of SW Minnesota
Granite Family Eyecare	Upgren Agency- State Farm
Granite Hardware	West Central Sanitation
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.	Westberg Eischens
Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More	Wing Bain Funeral Home
Henry Hill Apartments, MBG Property Management	Women's Rural Advocacy Program
Hoffman & Brobst	YME School District

Thank you for your membership and investment in the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce. You are contributing to the vibrancy and vitality of our area's business environment and community. We wish you a happy and prosperous Year!

Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board

President: Carolyn Lindquist, Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More

Treasurer: Cynthia Miller, Celtic Cross Massage

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Director: Kelly Kruger, Full Circle Realty Group

Director: Samantha Godfrey, CherryRoad Media

Director: Jennifer Garcia Gray, Garcia Gray Productions

Executive Director: Bonnie Vik

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