



December 2023 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



Come over to the Pioneer PBS Conference Room and hear from Nick Richter, KCC Director. Find out all the exciting things going on at the Kilowatt Community Center.

Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

Doors open at 7:30 am., program at 8 am. at Pioneer PBS conference room.

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

**Chamber Business Members: Free, Individual Members: \$5, Friends: \$10
Pay at the Door. Walk-ins Welcome**

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

Upcoming Member Events:

Every Thursday- Burger Day- Granite Run Golf Course

Every Thursday- Bingo- 7 pm- American Legion

Every Thursday- Knock-out Nachos & \$1 off Margaritas- The Rock: Dining & Events

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

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

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



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

December

1st- Luke LeBlanc Band & Concert- The YES! House 7 pm

2nd- Old Fashion Craft Sale- American Legion 9 am-2pm.

2nd- Cowboy Christmas @ Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center 1-4pm

3rd- Classic Movie Matinee & Ornament Making- The YES! House 2-4:30pm

6th- Holiday Open House- FM BANK 10 am- 2 pm

6th- Lego Club- GF Library

7th- Pearl Harbor Day

12th- Business Over Breakfast- Nick Richter, KCC, at Pioneer PBS

12th- Granite Falls Book Club- Avera Care Center 3:30-4:30pm

12th- Beyond the Clock Virtual Holiday Party- The YES! House 5-7 pm

14th- Judging begins for the Holiday Lights & Decorations Contest begins

21st-Winter Solstice- Downtown businesses 5-8pm

25th-Christmas Day

27th- National Fruitcake Day

31st- New Year's Eve

31st- Outlaws & Highwaymen @Prairie's Edge Casino Resort

31st- Roy Orbison, Tom Petty & Friends Rock & Roll Tribute @Prairie's Edge Casino Resort

January

1st- New Year's Day

9th- Business Over Breakfast- MN West Community & Technical College

27th- Chamber of Commerce Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser @ American Legion

29th- Ole & Lena Medallion Hunt begins- Sponsored by FM BANK, Granite Falls location and Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

November Business Over Breakfast



Thank you, Rich Schneider, YME Superintendent, for educating us on the CEO Program and all the updates at the Yellow Medicine School District. Very helpful & informative!

A yellow poster for a "Mid Winter Celebration & Fundraiser". The text "Mid Winter Celebration & Fundraiser" is written in a cursive font at the top. Below it, "A NIGHT FILLED WITH FUN, FOOD & DANCING!" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. The poster features three colorful stockings (green, red, and white) hanging from a branch. A ticket stub is shown at the bottom, with the text "Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser: Saturday, January 27th, 2024" and "1950's SOCKHOP". The ticket also mentions "The Holy Rocka Rollaz" and "American Legion Post 69". At the bottom of the poster, it says "TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: The Chamber Office, Heather's Book Nook & Flowers from the Heart - Granite Falls Location".



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN, FOOD & DANCING!
Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

TICKETS:
\$60
(INCLUDES DINNER & MUSIC)

TICKETS
AVAILABLE AT THE
CHAMBER OFFICE
761 PRENTICE
STREET
SUITE 5
(320) 321-3202



AMERICAN LEGION
POST 69
60 6TH AVENUE
GRANITE FALLS, MN

GAMES AND
SILENT AUCTION

DRESS TO
IMPRESS IN YOUR
BEST
50'S STYLE
ATTIRE!

SOCIAL HOUR: 5PM

DINNER: 6 PM

MUSIC: 7PM



Sponsor this event by
renewing or signing up to be a
Chamber Member today!

(a benefit of the \$750+ tier is having your logo's
on flyers and signage.)

Downtown 5-8 pm

Family Fun in downtown Granite Falls!

Horse-drawn carriage rides

Kids Craft making & Free Treat bags {thanks
Kiwanis}

Make n Take Lanterns & Centerpieces

Vintage Christmas Photo shoot

Solstice Fairy Village

Selfie with Elfie

Santa Letter Drop off Mailbox

Santa!

Shop Local and receive a free shopping bag

Fire pits, hot cocoa, cider, cookies and Caroling!

Winter Solstice Celebration

Dec. 21 until 8 PM

created by Stella + Poppy

www.visitgranitefalls.com/explore/solstice





Meet the new *Chamber Board Member* **Jennifer Garcia Gray**



Chamber Member Business: Flowers from the Heart

Something people might not know about your business: We don't just sell flowers, plants and bereavement items. We have home decor and gift items too. Something for everyone!

Role/Title at the business: Sales Rep & Social Media Marketing Specialist

Book or podcast you would recommend: Mayim Bialik's Breakdown is a wonderful podcast about mental health. Smartless with Jason Bateman, Sean Hayes & Will Arnett is a funny one!

Career advice for a high school student: Take some business and finance classes or online courses right now!

Favorite thing to do in the Granite Falls area: Walking the paths at Memorial Park or Upper Sioux State Park. My kiddo is an athlete so spend a good amount of time at the baseball and football fields and in the gym at YME and KCC!

Anything else we should know: There are a lot of volunteer opportunities around this area, help out if you are able!



Did you see that the Chamber has a sign outside of the Prentice Place Commons building? It was installed on November 8th.

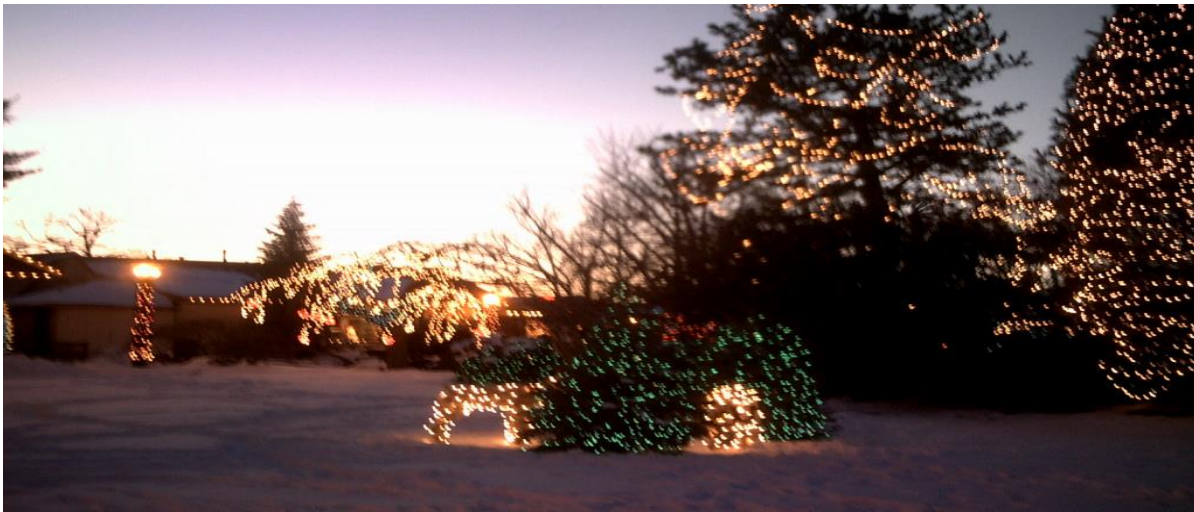
Thank you, E & C Graphics!

**** Looking for businesses/organizations to present for
Business Over Breakfast in 2024 ****

March 12th

May 14th

Business Over Breakfast meets monthly to learn and mentor each other, grow businesses together & share business experiences. It has been proven to be the fastest way to market & grow businesses in a quick and extremely cost-effective way.



Holiday Lights & Decorations Contest

WINNERS ANNOUNCED FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22^d

All Downtown & Highway 212 Businesses are encouraged to participate.

Show your community support and holiday flair by decorating your business.

Two trophies will be awarded, one in each area.

Judging begins December 14th. Winners will be announced December 22^d.

Follow us on Facebook & vote for the winner!!



Ole & Lena Medallion Hunt 2024

Medallion Hunt begins January 29th, 2024

Two medallions will be hidden within the city limits. Prizes for finding the medallions are \$100 each. (One per family)

Clues will be posted on Facebook by the Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, YME Community Ed. & Activities, FM BANK and will also be announced on KDMA.

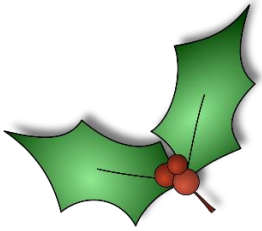
One medallion may be claimed per family.

Sponsored by Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce & FM BANK, Granite Falls.



Get ready to go out and find the Ole & Lena Medallions!!

Sponsored by The Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce & FM BANK; Granite Falls location



Ole and Lena Days

Celebrate the region's Norwegian heritage and shake off the winter blues with a fun-filled, week-long celebration featuring some favorite annual events. The week kicks off with the Chamber's Midwinter Celebration and hunt for the Ole and Lena medallions. Learn to make lefse, join the local Kiwanis Club for a pancake breakfast and check out the craft and vendor show. Finish the week off by finding a partner to compete in the Buck Euchre tournament put on by the Granite Falls Lions and the culminating event, the Fireman's Dance which always proves to be a great time. It is a time-honored tradition and fun for all ages. Look for flyers with more information in January. You can also contact the YME Community Ed. Office at 320-564-4081, ext. 111 for more information.

The YES! House Presents Luke LeBlanc Band in Concert

Friday | December 1

Doors at 6:30 PM | Show at 7 PM | The YES! House

Minneapolis-based folk-rock singer-songwriter Luke LeBlanc and his band perform at The YES! House, on tour with his new album, *Places*. LeBlanc has shared the stage with Charlie Parr, Erik Koskinen, and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. Local talent Betsy Pardick will open the night!

Artist Bio:

Luke LeBlanc is a Minneapolis-based singer-songwriter who delivers dynamic and versatile original performances that feature a warm, organic merging of rootsy folk and pop. As noted by *The Current*, LeBlanc's music is "so delicate, understated, and careful in its construction that you forget it's taking apart how to live in such an unstable world while giving solace and a place for rest." Luke's music has received critical acclaim from numerous music outlets, including *Bluegrass Situation*, *BBC Ulster*, and *Glide Magazine*. His newest record, *Places*, is streaming everywhere.

Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

CELEBRATING
65 YEARS

of Bridging Businesses & Community

Date: November 9, 2023

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Place: NEW CHAMBER LOCATION!!

761 Prentice Street, Suite 5
Prentice Place Commons Building



Thank you to everyone that came to our Anniversary & Open House.

Thank you to Dave's Electric Motor Company & Trailer Sales for donating bottled water for our celebration!



**Businesses and Individuals that have renewed their Membership Investment in
2024:**

Bjorndal, Scott & Karla

FM BANK

Freitag, Avis

Granite Falls Energy

Granite Family Dentistry

Granite Family Eyecare

Kubly, Pat

MN West Community & Technical College

MVTV Wireless Internet

Rock Haven Church

Upgren Agency- St. Farm

Wing-Bain Funeral Home

Women's Rural Advocacy Program

Thank you for your continued support!

Welcome to our Newest Chamber Member:

IMS Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning

Thank you for your support!!



Update on November's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of November, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has had increased activity, with our Events, Contact Us, History, First Dollar, Holiday Lights and Job Opportunities pages getting the most activity. Google.com and Bing.com referred visitors to our website. On Facebook, the post that received the most views was: "It was a wonderful turnout for the Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce annual Trunk N Treat event held Saturday, October 28th....." We have 1,523 followers with Granite Falls being the top city for views location. Montevideo, Marshall, Clarkfield and Willmar were very close. Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.

Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

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

Treasurer: Cindy Miller, Celtic Cross Massage

Secretary: Pam Rosenau, MVTV Wireless Internet

Director: Kevin TeBeest, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home

Director: Kelly Kruger, Scenic Valley Real Estate

Director: Alicia Beck, Country Financial

Director: Samantha Godfrey, CherryRoad Media/Advocate Tribune

Director: Jennifer Garcia Gray, Flower's from the Heart

Executive Director: Bonnie Vik

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 10 am – 2pm.

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