



February 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

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

The YES! House, a project by the art's non-profit Department of Public Transformation (DoPT) Our guest speaker will be Luwaina Al-Otaibi, Community Engagement & Events Coordinator

Coffee, juice & light breakfast 7:30 am. Program @ 8 am.

Pioneer PBS conference room

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

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; Almich's Market; Pioneer PBS & Prairie's Edge Casino Resort.

Upcoming Member Events:

Every Thursday- Burger Day- Granite Run Golf Course

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

Every Thursday- Bingo- 7 pm- American Legion

Sunday Brunch- American Legion 11- 1:30 pm



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

February



January 28- February 4- Ole & Lena Days

1st- Lefse making with Sharla at KCC

2nd- Ground Hog's Day

3rd- National wear **RED Day**

3rd- 14 Puzzle Tournament @ American Legion Post #69

4th- Bert Raney & Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast @ YME Gym

4th- Winter Fest Craft & Vendor Show @YME Gym

4th- Buck Euchre Tournament @ The Rock: Dining & Events

4th- Firemen's Dance @ Prairie's Edge Casino Resort

9th- Business After Hours @ The Yes! House, 5:30-7pm

9th- National Pizza Day

11th- Buck Euchre Tournament- American Legion Post #69

12th- Lincoln's Birthday

12th- Super Bowl Party @ American Legion Post #69

14th- Business Over Breakfast The Yes! House @ Pioneer PBS conference room

14th- Valentine's Day

20th- President's Day

20th- Washington's Birthday

21st- Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)

22nd- Ash Wednesday

24th- Fish Fry- American Legion Post #69 5-8 pm

27th- March 25th- Granite Area ArtsCouncil- YME student Art

OLE & LENA Days

Saturday, January 28th

Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Presents:

MID-WINTER CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER
CARNIVAL MARDI GRAS

Saturday, January 28, 2023



Social Hour - 6:00 PM
Dinner - 7:00 PM
Entertainment - 8:00 PM

Tickets - \$60 each, Includes Dinner & Entertainment

The Rock: Dining & Events Granite Falls, MN

Silent Auction, Heads or Tails and a 50/50 Raffle

PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE GRANITE FALLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (320)321-3202



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Monday, January 30th

Medallion Hunt Begins

The medallions will be hidden within the city limits. Prizes for finding the medallions are \$100 (one per family). Clues will be posted on Facebook by the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce, YME Community Ed. & Activities, and FM Bank, and will also be announced on KDMA. One medallion may be claimed per family.

Ole & Lena Jokes

All week on KDMA Radio. Mail or email your Ole & Lena jokes to KDMA Radio P.O. Box 513, Montevideo, MN 56265 news@kdmnews.com

Wednesday, February 1st

Lefse Making with Sharla

5:30-6:30pm

Kilowatt Center


The YES House is sponsoring an Ole & Lena lefse demonstration and skit with Sharla Bengtson.

NEIGHBORING the series |  YES! HOUSE


EXPLORE  MINNESOTA

Saturday, February 4th

Bert Raney Elementary & The Granite Falls Kiwanis
Invite you to:
A Pancake Breakfast



YME Epseland/Aux Gym
Concession Stand area
Saturday, February 4th
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Age 13 & Over - \$7.00, Age 5 to 12 - \$5.00, Age 4 and Under - Free!
Thank you for your support!

 **Kiwanis**
CLUB FOR GRANITE FALLS, MN

Craft & Vendor Show

9:00am-1:00pm

YME Auxiliary Gym

The Blender Co. Coffee & Drinks truck will be parked in the gym parking lot.

Lions Buck Euchre Tournament

1:00pm

The Rock

Sponsored and run by the Granite Falls Lions Club. 100% of entry fees will be given out as prize money. Find a good partner and join us for a fun afternoon. Registration starts at noon and cards will fly at 1:00pm.

18th Annual Granite Falls Volunteer Fire Dept. RAFFLE

Drawing to be held February 4, 2023 at 10 pm
Prairie's Edge Casino Resort
Granite Falls, Minnesota

Drawing Prizes:

- Grand Prize: 2023 Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium from Brokaw in Ridewood Falls
- 2nd Prize: 2200 Watt Honda Generator
- 3rd Prize: Beretta A300 Ultima 12 Gauge Shotgun
- 4th Prize: Savage Area Axis II Stainless 25-06 Rifle
- 5th Prize: Ruger 10/22 Carbine 22LR Rifle
- 6th & 7th Prize: Gift Certificate Single Person Flight Fagen Fighters WW2 Museum
- 8th Prize: \$250 Gift Certificate Heartland Hunting Preserve
- 9th Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate Stella + Poppy
- 10th Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate Falls Boutique

Need not be present to win. Donor # 3,32793-23-012

TRIBUTE TO ALL FIRST RESPONDERS

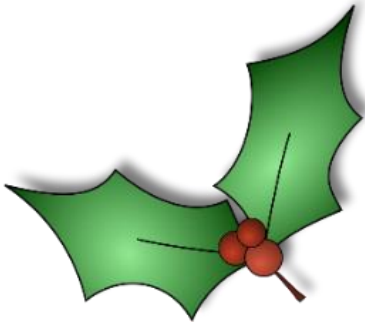
Raffle tickets can be purchased from Granite Falls Firemen or at the Granite Falls Bank

Granite Falls Firemen's Dance
Sponsored by Prairie's Edge Casino Resort
February 4, 2023
Doors: 7:00 pm | Dylan Scott: 8:00 pm
After Party: 10:00 pm
General Admission Tickets: \$50 in advance | \$60 at the door
Standing Room Only | 18 plus show
* Limited seating available *

Tickets on sale at the Gift Shop Box Office or online at www.prairiedgecasino.com
*2023 Please be patient on property as we are doing our best to handle large crowds, as we are short staffed.

 **DYLAN SCOTT**

Photos courtesy of the Upper Sioux Community



Ole & Lena Days January 28– February 4, 2023

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 Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser, Carnival Mardi Gras**, with entertainment by **Divas Through the Decades** on **Saturday, January 28th**, and hunt for the **Ole and Lena Medallions** starts **Monday, January 30st**. Join the local Kiwanis Club for a **Pancake Breakfast** and check out the **Winter Fest Craft and Vendor Show** on **Saturday, February 4th**. Finish the week off by finding a partner to compete in the **Buck Euchre tournament** put on by the Granite Falls Lions at **The Rock: Dining & Events on Saturday, February 4th** and the culminating event, the **Fireman's Dance** which always proves to be a great time on **Saturday, February 4th** at the **Prairie's Edge Casino Resort**. The **Granite Falls Volunteer Fire Department** is having its **18th Annual Raffle** for a 2023 Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium. Drawing held at **Prairie's Edge Casino Resort** on **Saturday, February 4th**. It is a time-honored tradition and fun for all ages. You can contact the YME Community Education Office at 320-564-4081, ext. 111 for more information.

Granite Falls Library

Grades 2-5!

Experiments, games, and more each time!

Door Prizes!

3:15pm-4:15pm

- Feb 1st & 15th
- Mar 1st & 15th
- Apr 5th & 19th (2:15-3:15pm)
- May 3rd & 17th

YOU ARE INVITED!

Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

AFTER HOURS

at **The YES! House**

726 Prentice Street, Granite Falls

Thursday, February 9th @ 5:30-7:00pm



DEPT OF PUBLIC
TRANSFORMATION



YES!
HOUSE

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Mid-Winter Celebration Fundraiser

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
(520) 521-5202

This past Saturday, The Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce had its annual community event: Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser. A kick-off to Ole & Lena Days. This year, Divas through the Decades performed and lead the crowd through hit songs of the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, and today. Silent auction items and games rounded out the evening with money raised to support Chamber operations, Chamber community events, advertising for events, promoting Granite Falls businesses and Granite Falls.

Thank you to our sponsors:

Platinum level- FM BANK, Granite Falls



Gold Level- Homefront First/Rosewood Specialty Care, Montevideo



Silver Level- Almich's Market, Prairie's Edge Casino Resort, YME Schools

Bronze level- Alicia Beck of Country Financial, CherryRoad Media/ Advocate

Tribune, Granite Falls Energy

Carl's Bakery- Cake

Thank you to the businesses and individuals who donated to our silent auction:

American Legion Post #69

Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home

Aus Floor & More

Beth Toland

Country Financial Alicia Beck

Fagen Fighter WW II Museum

Falls Boutique

Flowers from the Heart

Forever in my Heart Pet

Cremation

Granite Falls Dairy Queen

Granite Falls Redi-Mix

Granite Falls Woodworks

Granite Hardware

Granite Run Golf Course

Greg & Lynn Holmstrom

Heather's Book Nook & SEW

Much More

Jimmy's Pizza

KDMA Radio

Korthuis Jewelry

Mediacom

MN West College

MVTV Wireless Internet

NAPA Auto & Truck Parts

Pioneer PBS

Stella & Poppy

Subway

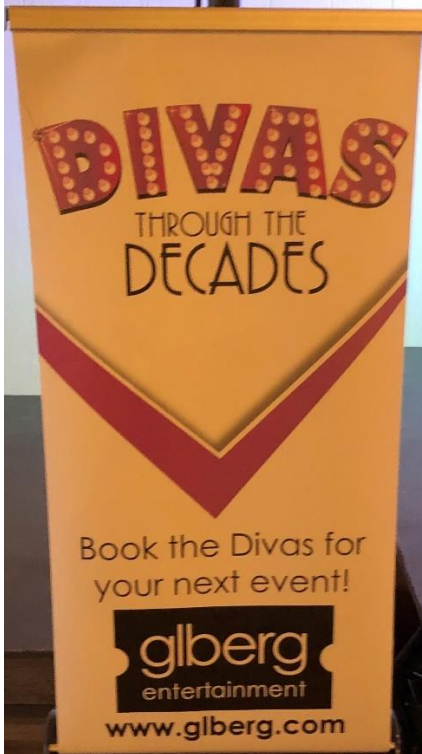
The Falls SPaw

The Meat Shoppe

United Way of Southwest MN

Upgren State Farm Agency

Mardi Gras at the Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser



Reserve Your Spot in 2023!



Monthly Business Over Breakfast openings: 7:30-9 am.

Second Tuesday of the Month:

June 13th, and July 11th.

Quarterly Business After Hours openings: 5:30-7 pm.

August 10th, and November 9th.

- *Educate others about your business.*
- *Increase exposure of the products and services you offer.*
- *Make connections with local business colleagues.*
- *Show off your facility, finished products and more.*

JANUARY Business Over Breakfast



Thank you, Mark, Kim & Kelly, Granite Falls Living at Home Block Nurse Program for your educational & informative presentation.

GRANITE FALLS
LIVING AT HOME
BLOCK NURSE PROGRAM

Holiday Lights & Decorations Contest

Traveling Trophies were awarded to Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home and National Independent Health Club Association



Pictured: Pam Rosenau, MVTW Wireless Internet, Chamber Board Secretary, Lynette Ray and Judy TeBeest, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home, Alicia Beck, Country Financial, Chamber Board Treasurer.



Pictured: Alicia Beck, Country Financial, Chamber Board Treasurer, Erica Martin, Customer Experience Rep. for NIHCA, Holly Johnson, Executive Director, NIHCA, Bonnie Vik, CF Chamber Executive Director, Pam Rosenau, MVTW Wireless Internet, Chamber Board Secretary

2023 Membership Campaign-

The Granite Falls Chamber is excited to be reintroducing a Membership Tiered Rate Structure. The Board has been working hard on this project, grouping things together in a tiered system. Membership Investments are due on January 1, 2023.

Congratulations to our newest member: **The YES! House**, a project by the art's non-profit Department of Public Transformation

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

Almich's Market	Koenen, DuWayne & LaVonne
Anderson, Barry & Kathy	Kramer Law Office
Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home	Kubly, Pat
Aus Floor & More	Ladner, Diane
Betsy Lavin Interior Design	Mediacom
Bjorndal, Scott & Karla	MN West Community & Technical College
Bollman, Dave & Jodi	MVTV Wireless Internet
CherryRoad Media/GF Advocate Tribune	NAPA Auto & Truck Parts
Country Financial, Alicia Beck	Picht's Auto Body
Dairy Queen, Granite Falls	Pioneer PBS
Danielowski, Bob	Prairie Mercantile
Dave's Electric Motor Company & Tailer Sales	Prairie's Edge Casino Resort
Down on the Korner	Project
Farmer's Co-Operative Elevator, Hanley Falls	Turnabout
Flowers from the Heart	Rock Haven Church
FM BANK	Scenic Valley Real Estate
Forever in my Heart Pet Cremation	Southwest Initiative Foundation
Freitag, Avis	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Granite Falls Economic Development Authority	Summit Carbon Solutions
Granite Falls Energy	The Rock: Dining & Events
Granite Falls Kiwanis Club	The Sawmill
Granite Falls Living at Home Block Nurse Program	The YES! House, Department of Transformation
Granite Falls Lutheran Church	Thrivent
Granite Falls Public Library	United Way of Southwest Minnesota
Granite Falls Woodworks	West Central Sanitation
Granite Family Dentistry	Wing-Bain Funeral Home
Granite Family Eyecare	Women's Rural Advocacy Programs
Granite Hardware	Yellow Medicine East
Great Plains Natural Gas Company	
Hardee's, Granite Falls	Donations:
Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More	Granite Falls Historical Society
Holmstrom, Kvam, & Blackwelder	National Independent Health Club (NIHCA)
HomeFront First/ Rosewood Specialty Care	Olson Sanitation
Hughes Real Estate	
Jennings, Mark	
Kilowatt Community Center	



Update on January's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of January, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has had increased activity, with our Job Opportunities page, Ole & Lena Days page, Member Directory page and Mid-Winter Celebration page getting the most activity. On **Facebook**, we reached the most people with the following posts: The Chamber's annual Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser event, Thank you to GF Living at Home Block Nurse Program for speaking at the monthly Business Over Breakfast, Announcing the annual Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lights & Decorations Contest Winners, which were from Highway 212, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home. We have 1,470 followers and Instagram 210. The Facebook page which the Chamber has, **Ole & Lena Days**, has 557 followers and the top viewed page was the Chambers Mid-Winter event with almost 3,000 persons reached... Clue 1, on Monday, January 30th received the next most reached. Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.



Granite Falls Chamber
baseball caps & T-shirts are for sale at the Chamber office & at Thrifty White Drug Store

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



Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board

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

Treasurer: Alicia Beck, Country Financial

Secretary: Pam Rosenau, MVTV Wireless Internet

Director: Kevin TeBeest, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home

Director: Kelly Kruger, Scenic Valley Real Estate

Executive Director: Bonnie Vik

Lobby Hours: Monday- Friday 9 am- 5:30 pm.

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

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