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Bridging Business and Community

February 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

Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center,
Terry Irons, Lead Therapeutic Riding
Instructor, will be the presenter.

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

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

Pioneer PBS 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.

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with Hands and
Hooves"*



Upcoming Member Events:

Every Thursday- Burger Day- Granite Run Golf Course Restaurant

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

February

January 27- February 3rd- Ole & Lena Days

2nd- Ground Hog's Day

3rd- Bert Raney & Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast @ YME Gym 8-11am

3rd- Ole & Lena Days Craft & Vendor Show 9 am- 1pm.

3rd – Lion's Buck Euchre Tournament @ The Rock: Dining & Events 1 pm

3rd- Artist Dialogue & Demonstration, Sonja Madsen- The YES! House 3-5 pm

3rd – Granite Falls Firemen's Dance/Raffle @ Prairie's Edge Casino Resort

7th- WRAP Informational Meet & Greet, 11am-1pm

7th- Library Club- 3:15 - 4:15pm at Granite Falls Public Library

8th- Business After Hours @ MVTW Wireless Internet Provider 5:30-7pm

11th- Super Bowl Party at the American Legion Post #69

12th- Lincoln's Birthday

13th- Business Over Breakfast Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center @ Pioneer PBS conference room

13th- Beyond the Clock- Savannah Barrett The YES! House

14th- Valentine's Day

19th- President's Day

19th- Washington's Birthday

21st- Library Club- 3:15-4:15pm at the Granite Falls Public Library

March

9th- Flannel Pub Crawl- American Legion Post #69, Granite Run & The Rock: Dining & Events

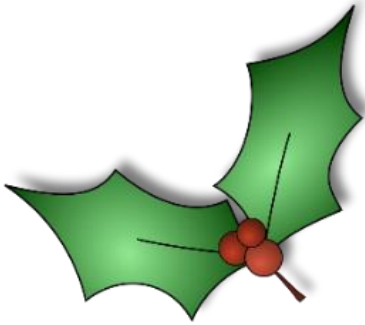
12th-Business Over Breakfast- MN West Technical & Community College

17th- St. Patrick's Day

24th- Palm Sunday

29th- Good Friday

31st- Easter Sunday



Ole & Lena Days January 27– February 3, 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, 50's Sock Hop**, with entertainment by **The Holy Rocka Rollaz** on **Saturday, January 27th**, and hunt for the **Ole and Lena Medallions** starts **Monday, January 29th**. American Legion Post #69 will be having, on **Friday, February 2**, a **Lutefisk Platter for \$17.95** and **Lena's Samples of Newest Beverages**, 5-7 pm. Join the local Kiwanis Club for a **Pancake Breakfast** and check out the **Ole & Lena Days Craft and Vendor Show** on **Saturday, February 3rd**. 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 3rd** and the culminating event, the **Fireman's Dance** which always proves to be a great time on **Saturday, February 3th** at the **Prairie's Edge Casino Resort**. **Dueling Pianos at 6 pm, Foreplay band at 9 pm** and the **Granite Falls Volunteer Fire Department** is having its **19th Annual Raffle** for a 2024 Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium. Drawing held at **Prairie's Edge Casino Resort** on **Saturday, February 3rd**. 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 CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Join us for Business After Hours at the
MVTV Wireless Office!
Light appetizers will be served.

**FEBRUARY 8TH
5:30 - 7:00PM**

**1790 Highway 212 West
Granite Falls**

MVTV
wireless
internet provider



Join the Granite Falls Library and Enjoy Winter Reading!!



2024
WINTER READS
JANUARY 8th -
APRIL 6th, 2024
Sign-up with a Librarian Now!
FREE CHOCOLATE AND PRIZES! JUST FOR READING!

A sign for the 2024 Winter Reads event. The sign features a snowman illustration and text indicating the dates from January 8th to April 6th, 2024. It encourages signing up with a librarian and offers free chocolate and prizes for reading.



Granite Falls Library Club
Grades 2-5! Experiments, games, and more each time! **Snacks!**
3:15pm-4:15pm
-Jan 17th Game Day!!!
- Feb 7th & 21st
- March 6th & 20th
- April 3rd & 17th
- May 1st

A sign for the Granite Falls Library Club. It lists activities like experiments, games, and snacks. The club meets from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Specific dates are listed: Jan 17th (Game Day), Feb 7th & 21st, March 6th & 20th, April 3rd & 17th, and May 1st.



Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser was a success!!

This past Saturday, The Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce had its annual community event: Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser. A kick-off to Ole & Lena Days. This year, The Holy Rocka Rollaz performed and lead the crowd through the 1950's. 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- Citizen's Alliance Bank, Granite Falls and FM BANK, Granite Falls



Silver Level- Almich's Market, Avera Granite Falls Health, Prairie's Edge Casino Resort, YME Schools

Bronze level- CherryRoad Media, Granite Falls Energy, Hoffman & Brobst, MVTV Wireless Internet Services, Southwest Minnesota Initiative Foundation, Project Turnabout, Westberg Eischens, and Western Fest.

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

American Legion Post #69
Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home
Aus Floors & More
Dave's Electric Motor Co. & Trailer Sales
Falls Boutique
Flower's from the Heart
From the Ground Up
Granite Falls Woodworks
Granite Family Dentistry

Granite Hardware
Hardee's
Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More
Holmstrom, Greg & Lynn
Jimmy's Pizza
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NAPA -Granite Falls
Pioneer PBS
Prairie's Edge Casino Resort
Stella & Poppy
The Falls Caffeine Co.
Therapeutic Massage Center
The Rock: Dining & Events
Toland, Beth
Upgren State Farm

**JANUARY Business Over Breakfast
Was canceled, due to weather conditions**



Rescheduled for March 12th.

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: Assembly of God Church, Granite Falls](#)

Almich's Market	Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More
Anderson, Barry & Kathy	Henry Hill Apartments, MBG Property Management
Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home	Hoffman & Brobst
Aus Floors & More	Holmstrom, Greg & Lynn
Avera Granite Falls Health Center	Holmstrom, Kvam & Blackwelder
Bjorndal, Scott & Karla	IMS Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning
Bollman, David & Jodi	Kramer Law Office
Carl's Bakery	Kubly, Pat
Celtric Cross Massage	Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center
CherryRoad Media/ GF Advocate Tribune	Mediacom Communications Corp.
Citizen's Alliance Bank	MN West Community & Technical College
Dairy Queen; Granite Falls	MVTV Wireless Internet
Danielowski, Robert	NAPA Auto Parts/ Star Group, LLC
Dave's Electric Motor Company & Trailer Sales	Picht's Auto Body & Glass
Falls Boutique	Project Turnabout
Flowers from the Heart	Prairie's Edge Casino & Resort
FM Bank	Rock Haven Church
Freitag, Avis	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Granite Falls Assembly of God	Southwest Initiative Foundation
Granite Falls Energy	The Rock: Dining & Events
Granite Falls Lions Club	Thrivent, Mark Jensen
Granite Falls Lutheran Church	United Church of Christ
Granite Falls Western Fest Community Celebration	United Way of SW Minnesota
Granite Family Chiropractic Center	Upgren Agency- State Farm
Granite Family Dentistry	West Central Sanitation
Granite Family Eyecare	Wing Bain Funeral Home
Granite Hardware	Women's Rural Advocacy Program
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.	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!



Update on January's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of January, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has increased activity, with our Ole & Lena Days page, Contact Us page, Member Directory page, Events page, and Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser page getting the most activity. The most traffic was reported on 1/16/24 with Google.com and Bing.com. Most viewers are from Granite Falls, Montevideo, Marshall, Clarkfield, Willmar and Cottonwood. On **Facebook**, we reached the most people with the following post: "First day of the Ole & Lena

Days Medallion Hunt! Good Luck!" We have 1,554 followers and Instagram 217. The Facebook page, which the Chamber has, **Ole and Lena Days**, has 599 followers and the top viewed page was "Ole & Lena Days Medallion Hunt starts today!" Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.

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

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Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board

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