



March 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

“MN Epidemic: Vaping in Youth” presented by Ashlie Wubben, SHIP Coordinator for Countryside Public Health, and



“New Edible Cannabis Legislation” presented by Sarah Vonderharr, Chemical Health Coalition(CHC) of Yellow Medicine County



Tuesday, March 14, 2023

7:30 am. Light Breakfast, 8 am. Program

Pioneer PBS Conference room

RSVP 320-321-3202 or

granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com

Individual Members: \$5.00, Friends: \$10.00



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



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

March

1st- Experiments, Games, Door Prizes @ the GF Library

1st- St. Paul Lutheran Church- Hotdish Supper

6-10th- Severe Weather Awareness Week

8th- International Women's Day

9th- Apron making @ the GF Library

12th- Daylight Savings Time

14th- Business Over Breakfast- Countryside Public Health and Chemical Health Coalition of Yellow Medicine County

15th- Experiments, Games, Door Prizes @ the GF Library

15th- Granite Falls Chamber Easter Coloring Contest begins

15th- A Mother's Love- The YES! House

17th- St. Patrick's Day

20th- First Day of Spring

21st- National AG Day! Thank a Farmer!

29th- National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day

April

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

1st- Experiments, Games, Door prizes- Granite Falls Public Library

1st- April Fool's Day

2nd- Palm Sunday

7th- Good Friday

9th- Easter

11th- Business Over Breakfast- Summit Carbon Solutions

13th- Oak Ridge Boys – Prairie's Edge Casino Resort

15th- Experiments, Games, Door Prizes- Granite Falls Public Library

20th- MN Statewide Tornado Drill

22nd- Earth Day- Invest In our Planet

26th- Administrative Professionals' Day

28th- Arbor Day- Plant a tree today



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



Watch Chamber's Facebook page & Chamber's website for Easter Coloring Contest. Begins March 15th, entries due April 1st. Sponsored by El Nido Birth & Family Ministries and Pioneer PBS

Save the Dates



WELCOME HOME PELICANS

Community Educational Program

MAY 11th, 2023 - 5:30 PM - 7PM



Program Sponsors:



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

First Dollar Award- Restoring Wellness by Tami Gabrielson



Pictured: Pam Rosenau, MDTV Wireless Internet, Chamber Board Secretary, Tami Gabrielson, Owner, Restoring Wellness, Carolyn Lindquist, Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More, Chamber Board President, and Kevin TeBeest, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home, Chamber Board of Directors.

We look forward to working with you & wish you continued success!

To submit new business award suggestions, email granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com

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.*

Ole & Lena Medallion Hunt winners:



Congratulations to Jamie Heisner and Kristina Brockman!!



Sponsored by: FM BANK, Granite Falls

February Business Over Breakfast



Thank you, Luwaina Al-Otaibi, Community Engagement & Events Coordinator for The YES! House, Department of Public Transformation for your educational & informative presentation.

February Business After Hours



Thank you, Ashley Hansen, and Luwaina Al-Otaibi for the great presentation and tour of The YES! House, Department of Public Transformation for the Community Business After Hours Event



Update on February's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of February, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has had increased activity, with the Top 5 pages viewed were: Ole & Lena Days, Contact Us, Job Opportunities, Events, and Member Directory pages. On **Facebook**, we reached the most people with the following posts: Lena has been found!, Ole & Lena Medallion Hunt Clue Day Six, and Congratulations Tami Gabrielson of Restoring Wellness for the Chambers' First Dollar Award. We have 1,476 followers and 212 on Instagram. The Facebook page, **Ole & Lena Days**, has 565 followers and the top performing posts were the Ole & Lena Medallion Hunt Day One Clue, Day Four Clue, and Day Five Clue. Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.



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 members: Granite Falls Lions Club; Subway, Granite Falls; Restoring Wellness; and Cindy Miller.](#)

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
Anderson, Barry & Kathy
Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home
Aus Floor & More
Betsy Lavin Interior Design
Bjorndal, Scott & Karla
Bollman, Dave & Jodi
Carl's Bakery
CherryRoad Media/GF Advocate Tribune
Citizen's Alliance Bank
Country Financial, Alicia Beck
Dairy Queen, Granite Falls
Danielowski, Bob
Dave's Electric Motor Company & Tailer Sales
Down on the Korner
Farmer's Co-Operative Elevator, Hanley Falls
Flowers from the Heart
FM BANK
Forever in my Heart Pet Cremation
Freitag, Avis
Granite Falls City
Granite Falls Economic Development Authority
Granite Falls Energy
Granite Falls Kiwanis Club
Granite Falls Living at Home Block Nurse Program
Granite Falls Lutheran Church
Granite Falls Public Library
Granite Falls Woodworks
Granite Family Dentistry
Granite Family Eyecare
Granite Hardware
Great Plains Natural Gas Company
Hardee's, Granite Falls
Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More
Hoffman & Brobst
Holmstrom, Kvam, & Blackwelder
HomeFront First/ Rosewood Specialty Care
Hughes Real Estate
Jennings, Mark

Kilowatt Community Center
Koenen, DuWayne & LaVonne
Kramer Law Office
Kubly, Pat
Ladner, Diane
Mediacom
Miller, Cindy
MN West Community & Technical College
MVTV Wireless Internet
NAPA Auto & Truck Parts
Picht's Auto Body
Pioneer PBS
Prairie Mercantile
Prairie's Edge Casino Resort
Project
Turnabout
Rock Haven Church
Scenic Valley Real Estate
Smiglewski, Dave & Cindy
Southwest Initiative Foundation
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Subway, Granite Falls
Summit Carbon Solutions
The Rock: Dining & Events
The Sawmill
The YES! House, Department of Public Transformation
Thrivent
United Way of Southwest Minnesota
West Central Sanitation
Wing-Bain Funeral Home
Women's Rural Advocacy Programs
Yellow Medicine East

Donations:
Granite Falls Historical Society
Olson Sanitation

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Ways to Engage in the Granite Falls Chamber:

- Volunteer
- Become a Board Member
- Attend Chamber Events

Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications from its members to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. Interested Members are encouraged to complete an application for nomination and election to fill a three-year term.

Primary Responsibilities and Obligations of Board Members:

- Governing oversight of Chamber operations and activities
- Steward and advocate of the Chamber
- Attendance at Board meetings
- Participate and support events.
- Engage and actively participate in Chamber priorities.

Applications are available at the Chamber office, or by emailing granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com to request one. Thank you!



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

EXPLORE  MINNESOTA™

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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