



**Bridging Business and Community**

## **March 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, March 12th, 2024**

**Guest Speakers: Terry Gaalswyk, College President and  
Rebecca Weber, Dean of Student Services**

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

**Where: Minnesota West Community & Technical College, Granite Falls Campus.**

**Use the NORTH entrance by the flagpole.**

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

## March

5<sup>th</sup>- **Book Club**- GF Avera Care Center 3:30-4:30pm  
6<sup>th</sup>- **Library Club** at the Granite Falls Library 3:15-4:15pm  
9<sup>th</sup>- **Flannel Pub Crawl**- American Legion Post #69, Granite Run & The Rock: Dining & Events  
12<sup>th</sup>-**Business Over Breakfast**- at MN West Technical & Community College  
15<sup>th</sup>- **Taylor Swift The Eras Tour Event** at the GF Library  
15<sup>th</sup>- **Artist Salon: Betsy Pardick** at The YES! House  
17<sup>th</sup>- **St. Patrick's Day**  
19<sup>th</sup>- **Spring begins!**  
19<sup>th</sup>-**National AG Day! Thank a Farmer!**  
20<sup>th</sup>- **Library Club** at the Granite Falls Library 3:15-4:15pm  
24<sup>th</sup>- **Palm Sunday**  
29<sup>th</sup>- **Good Friday**  
29<sup>th</sup>- **National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day**  
31<sup>st</sup>- **Easter Sunday**

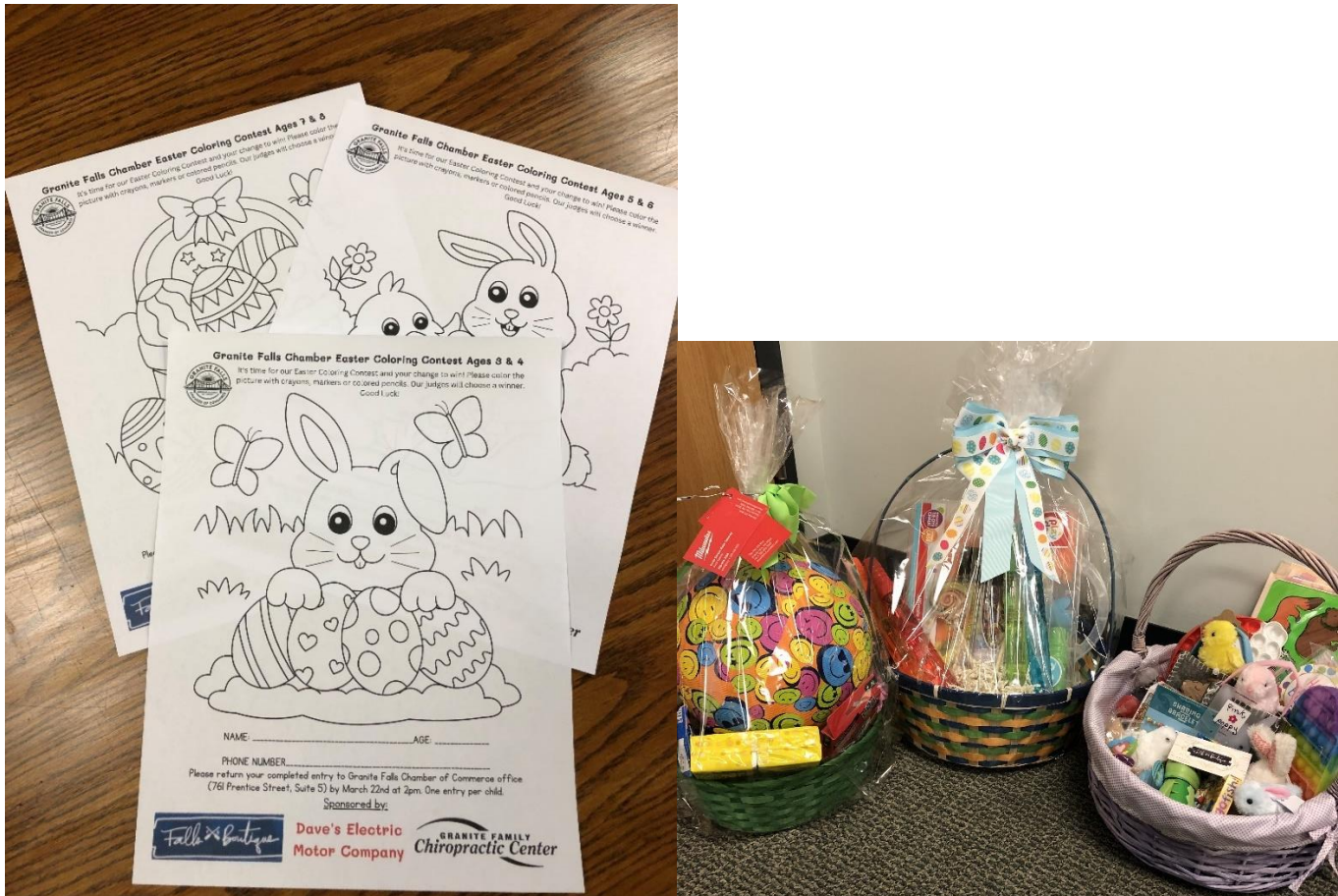


## April

**All Minnesota Shop Hop April 1<sup>st</sup>- May 31<sup>st</sup> at Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More**  
3<sup>rd</sup>-**Library Club** at Granite Falls Library 3:15-4:15pm  
6<sup>th</sup>- **Healing Hearts Night in the Barn Fundraiser** at Lee-Mar Ranch  
9<sup>th</sup>- **Business Over Breakfast**- Pioneer PBS  
9<sup>th</sup>- **Book Club**- GF Avera Care Center 3:30-4:30pm  
17<sup>th</sup>- **Library Club** at Granite Falls Library 3:15-4:15pm  
11<sup>th</sup>- **Statewide Tornado Drill Day** 1:45pm and 6:45pm  
25<sup>th</sup>- **Artist Salon: Janel Guertin** at The YES! House

## Easter Coloring Contest

Go to our website, [granitefallschamber.com](http://granitefallschamber.com), or stop at our visitor's center, 761 Prentice Street, for your coloring sheets.



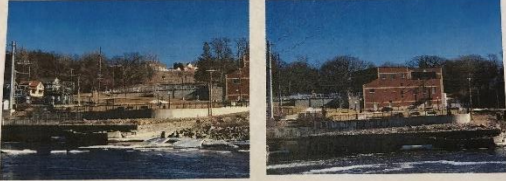
Thank you, Dave's Electric Motor Co. & Trailer Sales, Falls Boutique, and Granite Family Chiropractic Center for providing the Easter baskets for the three winners.



# 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!



## Thank you, FM BANK, for sponsoring this year's Ole & Lena Medallion Hunt. Thank you for your support!

## Library Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny has hidden eggs all over our library! Come and find them! Every time you come to the library, you can find 1 egg and bring it to the librarian. Put your name and number on the slip of paper inside and we will enter you for a drawing at the end of the month for Easter! 1 entry per day/per visit.



## Calling All Swiftie Kids!

**Date:** March 15      **Place:** GF Library

**Time:** 3:15pm- Bracelet making

4pm- Watch Taylor Swift

Eras Tour @ the library

\*\*\*The movie is PG-13. There is some adult language in the movie. Feel free to come for bracelet making and then depart before the movie begins.

\*\*\*Some snacks will be provided.



## **Holiday Lights & Decorations Contest Winners!!**



## ***Congratulations to the Granite Falls Public Library!!***

*Traveling Trophies were awarded to this year's winners! Pictured: Chamber Board of Director, Kelly Kruger, Full Circle Realty Group; Nicole Howe, Librarian; Michelle Vavricka, Programming & Site Librarian; Chamber Board of Director Carolyn Lindquist, Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More.*



## ***Congratulations to Dave's Electric Motor Co. & Trailer Sales!!***

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**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 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Granite Falls - Serving the surrounding communities.***

## February Business Over Breakfast

Thank you, Terry Iron, Lead Therapeutic Riding Instructor at Lee-Mar Ranch Equine center for your presentation. It's a great program!



*"Healing Hearts  
with Hands and  
Hooves"*



## February Business After Hours



Thank you, Pam Rosenau and MVTV Wireless Internet Provider, for hosting the quarterly Business After Hours. It is a great service.

## **Reserve Your Spot in 2024!**

Monthly Business Over Breakfast openings: 7:30-9 am. at Pioneer PBS Conference room

Second Tuesday of the Month: April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, and July 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

August 8<sup>th</sup>, and November 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

## 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	Hoffman & Brobst
American Legion Post #69	Holmstrom, Greg & Lynn
Anderson, Barry & Kathy	Holmstrom, Kvam & Blackwelder
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	Project Turnabout
Freitag, Avis	Prairie's Edge Casino & Resort
Garcia Gray Productions	Prairie Mercantile Antique Store
Granite Falls Assembly of God	Rock Haven Church
Granite Falls Economic Development Authority	Smiglewski, Cindy
Granite Falls Energy	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Granite Falls Kiwanis, Popcorn Stand	Southwest Initiative Foundation
Granite Falls Lions Club	Summit Carbon Solutions, Ames, Iowa
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.	Wing Bain Funeral Home
Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More	Women's Rural Advocacy Program
Henry Hill Apartments, MBG Property Management	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 February's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of February, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has increased activity, with our Ole & Lena Days page, Contact Us page, History page, Member Directory page, and Events page getting the most activity. The most traffic was reported on 2/11/24 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: "Ole is missing! Lena is worried and wondering what happened to

him...." We have 1,570 followers. The Facebook page, which the Chamber has, **Ole and Lena Days**, has 608 followers and the top viewed page was "Lena was found! Ole is still out there!" Most viewers are from Granite Falls, Montevideo, Marshall, Clarkfield, and Cottonwood. 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**

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

**Treasurer: Cynthia Miller, Celtic Cross Massage**

**Secretary: Pam Rosenau, MVTV Wireless Internet Provider**

**Director: Kevin TeBeest, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home**

**Director: Kelly Kruger, Full Circle Realty Group**

**Director: Samantha Godfrey, CherryRoad Media**

**Director: Jennifer Garcia Gray, Garcia Gray Productions**

**Executive Director: Bonnie Vik**

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

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