



## May 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

### “\$tay \$cam \$afe”

The latest trends and how to protect yourself and business by FM BANK, Granite Falls



**Tuesday, May 9th, 2023**

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

**Pioneer PBS Conference room**

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

**Chamber Business Members: Free, Individual Chamber 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

Every Thursday- Bingo 7 pm- American Legion

Every Thursday- Burger Day- Granite Run Golf Course



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

## May

**1-31<sup>st</sup>- All Minnesota Shop Hop- Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More**

**1<sup>st</sup>- May Day**

**3<sup>rd</sup>- Lego Club- Granite Falls Library**

**4<sup>th</sup>- National Day of Prayer**

**5<sup>th</sup>- Cinco de Mayo**

**7-13<sup>th</sup>- National Tourism Week Footbridge will be the color RED**

**9<sup>th</sup>- Business Over Breakfast- FM BANK @ Pioneer PBS**

**11<sup>th</sup>- Welcome Home Pelican Program- Downtown- Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce**

**11<sup>th</sup>- 2023 Commencement Ceremonies & Nurse Pinning- MN West College**

**14<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day Buffet at American Legion, Granite Run Golf Course & The Rock**

**17<sup>th</sup>- Lego Club- Granite Falls Library**

**28<sup>th</sup>- Popcorn Stand opens- 7-9:30 pm Daily**

**29- Memorial Day**

**31<sup>st</sup>- National Smile Day**

## June

**2nd- YME Graduation 7 pm**

**5th-16th- College is For Me- MN West Granite Falls Campus**

**7th- Joe Nichols at Prairie's Edge Casino Resort**

**11<sup>th</sup>- Business Over Breakfast- Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home @ Pioneer PBS**

**14<sup>th</sup>- Flag Day**

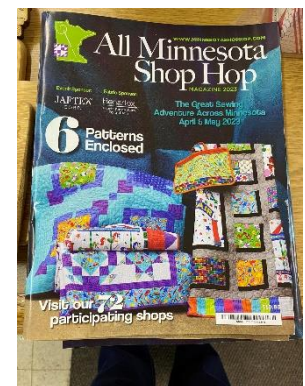
**14<sup>th</sup>- Teddy Bear Band- GF Library at BRE Gym**

**18<sup>th</sup>- Father's Day**

**21<sup>st</sup>- Western Fest Kick-off downtown**

**22-24th- Western Fest**

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





## Shop Hop: Learn, Enjoy and Give Back

Shop Hop is a familiar term to many quilters. These unique events serve many purposes, benefiting quilting and sewing businesses, hoppers, and local communities.

Shop Hops can vary in size from just a few shops in an area or region all the way up to a statewide event. Shop Hops are events meant to bring new customers to stores, and to expose customers to new stores.

Many of us have our “own” store. A place that’s convenient, familiar, and that carries the stuff we like. But there is a whole world of new and different fabrics, notions, equipment, and personalities you’re missing out if you don’t occasionally branch out. A shop hop provides quilters with a specific plan to do just that.

In a day when brick & mortar retail locations are dwindling across the nation, a Shop Hop works to promote and support quilting and sewing stores, so we can touch and feel the fabric *in person* for a long time to come. Most quilters “get this” and understand how important it is to support these places if we want them available in our communities.

For Shop Hoppers, it is also about making memories. Many quilters hop together with friends, family, or their favorite “quiltie”. They’re not just shopping; they’re making memories as they travel around an area together. They not only get to see and enjoy sewing stores, they also enjoy traveling through large and small towns, discovering parts of their home (or a new place) they’ve never visited before.

The towns and cities that hoppers travel through also offer many treasures along the way. Small town main streets still exist and can evoke many fond memories of years ago. Shop hopping can also support these towns as hoppers take a break to enjoy lunch or dinner at a quaint restaurant, or someone along for the ride visits a local antique store, or boutique while hoppers are visiting a sewing store.

Hops are also about other kinds of fun. Most offer some sort of reward for visiting the participating shops like prizes or discounts. And of course you get to express your creative side when you return home to create something beautiful with the items you picked up along the route.

The All Minnesota Shop Hop is coming the State of Minnesota for the second annual shop hop during the months of April & May 2023. This unique hop offers the opportunity to explore 72 participating stores across the state. Start your adventure by picking up the All Minnesota Shop Hop Magazine in stores mid-February. This is a great resource to help you navigate the hop and something you can use all year long as you travel through Minnesota.

Whether you hop to learn, enjoy, or give back, we hope that you’ll mark a few days on your calendar to explore Minnesota and all that its sewing industry has to offer. To learn more, visit [www.MinnesotaShopHop.com](http://www.MinnesotaShopHop.com) and join the Facebook Group [www.facebook.com/groups/AllMinnesotaShopHop](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AllMinnesotaShopHop)





## **WELCOME HOME PELICANS**

### **Community Educational Program**

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



#### **Program Sponsors:**





### **Kick-off to Western Fest**

**Wednesday, June 21**

**Cowboy Crazy Days 9am-5:30pm.**

**Avera Granite Falls Ambulance Burger & Brat Feed 11am-8pm.**

**Western Fest Kiddie Carnival 4:30-7:30pm**

**Hula Hoop Contest**

**Little Scrapper Pedal Tractor Pull & Barrel Train Rides (Sponsored by Bisbee Plumbing and Heating).**

**Kiddie Parade 6 pm downtown; Line up begins at 5:30pm at Veterans Park**

**2023 Western Fest Rodeo, Lee-Mar Ranch June 22-24<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, June 22, Children's Fishing Contest, Face Painting & Watermelon Feed Downtown.**

**Kid's Night @ PRCA Rodeo 7:30 pm.**

**Friday, June 23, First Responder Night @ PRCA Rodeo 7:30 pm.**

**Street Dance Downtown**

**Saturday, June 24, Grand Day Parade 1 pm.**

**Veteran's Night @ PRCA Rodeo 7:30 pm.**

**Miss Western Fest Pageant**

**WF Raffle Drawing & Street Dance, Downtown**

**Rodeo Schedule & Tickets visit <http://www.granitefallsprcarodeo.org>**

**2023 Western Fest Raffle Tickets are on sale now.**

### **2023 Flea Markets:**

**Granite Falls Prairie Mercantile Antique Store**

**110 E. Hwy 212**

**Second weekend, May - September**



**Kiwanis Popcorn Stand opens Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
7- 9:30 pm Daily.**

### April Business Over Breakfast



Thank you, Joe, Scott, Mike, and Pat for your presentation on Summit Carbon Solutions



**SUMMIT CARBON  
SOLUTIONS**

***Don't forget to order for Mother's Day:***



***Flower's From the Heart & Almich's***



***Ice Cream Cake from Granite Falls Dairy Queen***



**Congratulations Aniyah, Adalynn,  
and Ambrea for winning the 2023  
Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce  
Easter Coloring Contest!!**



**Baskets donated by: Pioneer PBS  
and El Nido Birth & Family  
Ministries**

## Reserve Your Spot in 2023!



***Promote your business for FREE!***

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

***Second Tuesday of the Month:***

- *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.*

Update on April's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of April, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has had increased activity, with the Top 5 pages viewed were: Events, Member Directory, Newsletters, Contact Us, and History Pages. On **Facebook**, we reached the most people with the following posts: Thank you, Summit Carbon Solutions for speaking at the Monthly GF Chamber's Business Over Breakfast, and Congratulations to our Annual Easter Coloring Contest Winners. We have 1,483 followers, with 26.9% male, and 73.1% female. Our audience is mostly Granite Falls with Montevideo, Marshall, Cottonwood and Clarkfield. 213 followers on Instagram. 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

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Almich's Market

American Legion Post #69

Anderson, Barry & Kathy

Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home

Aus Floor & More

Avera Granite Falls Health Center

Betsy Lavin Interior Design

Bisbee Plumbing & Heating

Bjorndal, Scott & Karla

Bollman, Dave & Jodi

Carl's Bakery

CelticCross Massage, Cindy Miller

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

El Nido Birth & Family Ministries

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 Lions 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

Granite Run Golf Course

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

KDMA Radio

Kilowatt Community Center

Koenen, DuWayne & LaVonne

Korthuis Jewelry

Kramer Law Office

Kubly, Pat  
Ladner, Diane  
Leap Forward Technologies  
Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center  
Lockwood Motors, Marshall  
Mediacom  
MN West Community & Technical College  
MVTV Wireless Internet  
NAPA Auto & Truck Parts  
Olson Sanitation  
Picht's Auto Body  
Pioneer PBS  
  
Prairie Mercantile Antique Store  
Prairie's Edge Casino Resort  
Project Turnabout  
Restoring Wellness, Tami Gabrielson  
  
Rock Haven Church  
Scenic Valley Real Estate  
Smiglewski, Dave & Cindy  
Southwest Initiative Foundation  
St. Paul Lutheran Church

Subway, Granite Falls  
Summit Carbon Solutions  
The Falls SPaw  
The Rock: Dining & Events  
The Sawmill  
The YES! House, Department of Public  
Transformation  
Thrivent, Mark Jensen  
Travis, Lisa  
United Church of Christ  
United Way of Southwest Minnesota  
Uppgren Insurance State Farm  
West Central Sanitation  
Western Fest  
Wing-Bain Funeral Home  
Women's Rural Advocacy Programs  
Yellow Medicine East Schools  
Donations:  
Granite Falls Historical Society  
Carter, Darrell & Hazel

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**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](mailto: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***

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**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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