

**MEMORIAL DAY**



**Bridging Business & Community**

## May 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- Partnership**

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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**



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**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 Tuesday- Pizza Night- at the American Legion

**Every Wednesday- Burger Basket Night \$8- American Legion**

Every Thursday- Flatbreads- The Rock: Dining & Events

**Every Thursday- Burger Night at Granite Run Golf Course**

Every Thursday- Bingo 7 pm- American Legion

**Every Saturday- The Rocking Bloody Mary at The Rock: Dining & Events 11am to 2pm**

**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 at Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More**

**1<sup>st</sup>- Popcorn stand opens 7-9:30 pm Daily**

**3<sup>rd</sup>- "Light Up the Night" Daddy Daughter Dance- Bert Raney Elementary 6 pm**

**4<sup>th</sup>- Learning From Your Neighbor- 6:30 am at Memorial Park Shelter House**

**4<sup>th</sup>- City Wide Garage Sales**

**7<sup>th</sup>- Welcome Home Pelican event @ Sorlien Park 5:30-7pm**

**7<sup>th</sup>- MN West Graduation & Nurse Pinning at YME**

**8<sup>th</sup>- Yoga with Sydonia 6-7 pm at The YES! House**

**9<sup>th</sup>- Business After Hours- Sherry Mathiowetz, Marshall Area Homes at The Rock: Dining & Events 5:30-7pm**

**10<sup>th</sup>- Open Mic Night with Betsy Pardick at The YES! House 6:30-9pm**

**10 & 11<sup>th</sup>-Flea Market at Prairie Mercantile**

**11<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day Makers Indoor Market- 10-2 pm at The YES! House**

**12<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day**

**14<sup>th</sup>- Business Over Breakfast- CherryRoad Media @ Pioneer PBS**

**14<sup>th</sup>- Beyond the Clock with Donna Neuwirth 4-5 pm The YES! House**

**18<sup>th</sup>- Armed Forces Day**

**18<sup>th</sup>- Artist Salon at The YES! House**

**19<sup>th</sup>- Community Meal at GF Lutheran Church 5 pm**

**19-25<sup>th</sup>- National Travel & Tourism Week**

**20<sup>th</sup>- Activate Rural Public Workshop- The YES! House 9 am-3pm**

**22<sup>nd</sup>- Yoga with Sydonia 6-7 pm at The YES! House**

**27<sup>th</sup>- Memorial Day**

**31<sup>st</sup>- YME Graduation Commencement 7pm**

June

5<sup>th</sup>- *Scrubs Camp* at MN West, Granite Falls Campus 9 am

5<sup>th</sup>- *Yoga with Sydonia* 6-7pm at The YES! House

10, 11, 13 & 14- *College is for Me*- Minnesota West, Granite Falls Campus 8:30 am-12:30pm

11<sup>th</sup>- *Business Over Breakfast*- Holly Johnson, WesternFest Committee at Pioneer PBS

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

14<sup>th</sup>- *Open Mic Night* with Betsy Pardick at The YES! House 6:30-9pm

14 & 15- *Flea Market* at Prairie Mercantile

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

19<sup>th</sup>- *Kick-off to WesternFest- Downtown Cowboy Crazy Days*

19<sup>th</sup>- *GF Chamber Hula Hoop Contest* 5-6pm

19<sup>th</sup>- *Yoga with Sydonia* 6-7pm at The YES! House

20<sup>th</sup>- *Summer begins!*

20-22 *PRCA Rodeo* at Lee-Mar Ranch (Full Schedule on page 10-11)

21<sup>st</sup>- *Street Dance*- Canyon Cowboys- American Legion parking lot 9 pm- 1 am

22<sup>nd</sup>- *Grand Parade* at 1 pm.

22<sup>nd</sup>- *Street Dance* Coconut Tiger- American Legion parking lot 9 pm- 1 am

2024 Flea Markets:

Granite Falls Prairie Mercantile Antique Store

110 E. Hwy 212

Second weekend, May - September



**105<sup>th</sup> Season Opener: Kiwanis Popcorn Stand  
OPENS Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. 7- 9:30 pm Daily.**



The Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to

# WELCOME HOME PELICANS

A FUN & FREE EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES

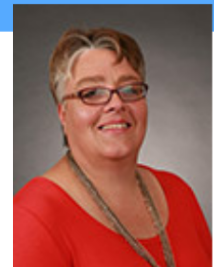
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

5:30PM - 7:00 PM

SORLIEN PARK, BY THE DAM  
IN GRANITE FALLS, MN



**PRESENTER: AMY RAGER**  
WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION,  
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Would you like to have a  
booth/table at this event?

Chamber Members: Free  
Non-members: \$20

Contact info:

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone # to call/text with updates: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT:**

I ***am*** a Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Business Member and registration fee is included with membership.

I ***am not*** a Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Business Member, I am enclosing the Pelican Vendor Participant Fee of \$20.

I would like to know more about becoming a member.

- At your table/booth you may have a drawing, games, giveaways, etc...
- Pelican Participants are encouraged to bring and display a banner to promote your business/organization for the day!
- We are looking forward to hosting a safe, family friendly, outdoor event for the children in our community. Please join us!

Questions? Call (320)321-3202 or Email [granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com](mailto:granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com)



**You are Invited to an Update on the  
local Markets! Q&A session, at the  
Rock Thurs. May 9th 5:30pm-7pm  
Please RSVP @ 320-226-6941**

Is it a good time to buy or sell  
- will the interest rates go up  
or down? What are the  
important improvements I  
should be making to help sell  
my home?

Join us for a Business after  
hours at The Rock in Granite  
Falls - hors d'oeuvres will be  
served. You may also  
choose to order food on  
your own at this great  
restaurant.

The Rock: Dining and Events  
1940 11th Ave  
Granite Falls, MN 56241

Sherry Mathiowetz - Realtor  
320-226-6941  
[sherry@marshallareahomes.com](mailto:sherry@marshallareahomes.com)





# Hula Hoop Contest

*Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5 pm*

5:15 pm --- 6 yr. olds and younger

5:20 pm --- 7-10 yr. olds

5:25 pm --- 11+ yr. olds



**\$20 cash prize per age group**

**FREE local treat certificate to all participants**

*Registration required at the Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce + CVB booth.*

**Certificates provided by: Dairy Queen, Subway & Hardees**

**Sponsored by: Citizens Alliance Bank, and FM BANK.**





## 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 third annual shop hop during the months of April & May 2024. 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/groups/AllMinnesotaShopHop](https://www.Facebook/groups/AllMinnesotaShopHop)







## Nicole Zempel joins The YES! House as Program and Facilities Assistant!

We're excited to announce that DoPT and The YES! House has added another member to our team! Nicole Zempel has been a supporter of The YES! House from the very beginning. She has been a member of the inaugural Creative Collaboration Team and is now officially part of the DoPT staff!

The YES! House Program & Facilities Assistant supports a culture of welcoming and curiosity through public office hours, program and event support, and general facility stewardship. Join us in welcoming Nicole Zempel and celebrating Earth Day

by taking small steps to make a big impact. Whether it's reducing waste, planting trees, or advocating for change, together we can create a healthier, more sustainable world for generations to come.

## April Business Over Breakfast



Thank you, Meg Louwagie, CEO of United Way of Southwest Minnesota, for your presentation. Very fun and informative!



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

**Flowers from: Flower's From the Heart & Almich's**



**Ice Cream Cake from Granite Falls**

**Dairy Queen**



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

**2024 Western Fest Raffle Tickets are on sale now.**

**Kick-off To WesternFest**

**Wednesday, June 19 Downtown (Prentice Street) Events...**

- Cowboy Crazy Days .....9am - 5:30pm
- Avera GF Ambulance Squad Burger & Brat Feed.....11am-8pm (Rain or Shine)
- Kid's Night, by the Women's Auxiliary @ Legion (bingo, fish pond & cake walk) ..5:30-8:00pm
- *Little Scrapper* Pedal Tractor Pull, donated by Bisbee ..... **Registration 6:15-:45pm**  
Pull Begins @ 6:45pm
- Hula Hoop Contest by GF Chamber.....5:00 - 6:00pm
- Kiddie Parade (Main Street) *To enter, Call Erica @ 320-379-1023*

- (Line up at 5:30pm by Veteran's Park, at the south end of Prentice St.) .....6pm
- Queen Candidates & Royalty Appearance .....6:30pm
- Mini Silhouettes Dance Team Performance .....6:35pm
- FREE Root Beer Floats sponsored by Rock Haven Church .....6:30pm-8pm

### Thursday, June 20 Events...

- Paint Pouring, Ages K-6, sponsored by the GF Library @ East Side of Walking Bridge .....11am-1pm
- Book Bingo, Ages K-6, sponsored by the GF Library @ East Side of Walking Bridge .....12:30pm-1:30pm
- Fishing Contest for ages 4 - 13 @ East Side of Walking Bridge .....1:30pm - 3pm
- Face Painting & Watermelon Feed (FREE) @ East Side of Walking Bridge ..3:15pm
- **PRCA RODEO, LEE MAR RANCH - KIDS NIGHT!** .....7:00pm
  - FREE Pony Rides - Thurs. ONLY by the Split Rail Saddle Club .....5:30pm-7:00pm
  - Mutton Bustin' (Must register online only; no entries at the rodeo .....6:15pm
  - Royalty/Candidate Introductions .....6:55pm

### Friday, June 21 Events...

- **PRCA RODEO, LEE MAR RANCH - 1ST RESPONDER NIGHT!** ..... 7:00pm
  - Mutton Bustin' (Must register online only; no entries at the rodeo) .....6:15pm
- Street Dance & Food Stand, Sorlien Park .....4pm-close

### Saturday, June 22 Events...

- Pancake Feed & Bloody Mary Bar @ the American Legion.....8am-11:00am
- The Western Fest 5K, starts & stops at the KCC - Sponsored by Avera & Big Stone Therapies
  - Kids Races \$10 each (1K ages 6 & Under; 2K for ages 7-12) .....9am
  - Adult Races \$15 each (5K ages 13 and up) .....9:30am
- Miss. Western Fest Brunch, Upstairs @ American Legion .....11am
- Inaugural Bean Bag Tourney at the Legion ..... 2pm
- GRAND PARADE {New Parade Route: Down 9th Ave to Prentice} .....1pm
- Miss Western Fest Pageant, YME Auditorium .....3:30pm
- **PRCA RODEO, LEE MAR RANCH - VETERANS NIGHT!** .....7:00pm
  - Mutton Bustin' (Must register online only; no entries at the rodeo) ....6:15pm
- Intros of the new 2024 Miss Western Fest & Princesses, Sorlien Park .....10:30pm
- \$10,000 RAFFLE DRAWING, Sorlien Park .....10:30pm
- Street Dance & Food Stand, Sorlien Park .....4pm-close

**IF Questions, email: [WesternFestRodeo@gmail.com](mailto:WesternFestRodeo@gmail.com)**



Earlier this week, four YME students were notified that they were selected to be a part of the 2024-2025 Minnesota River Valley CEO class. Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities is built to challenge students in ways typical coursework does not. It is a fast-paced, creative, hands-on learning environment.

Students from Montevideo, YME & Lakeview each will have students selected to join the inaugural class. Minnesota River Valley CEO is a revolutionary concept in entrepreneu... See more

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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: Member Directory, Events, Contact Us, Welcome Home Pelican Event, and History Pages. Google.com brings more visitors to our website. On **Facebook**, we reached the most people with the following posts: Congratulations to the Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Easter Coloring Contest Winners! ... We have 1,576 followers, with 27.2 % male, and 72.8% female. Our audience is mostly Granite Falls with Montevideo, Marshall, Clarkfield, and Sacred Heart not too far behind. Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.



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**Director: Samantha Godfrey, CherryRoad Media**

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**Executive Director: Bonnie Vik**

***New Office Hours: Tuesday- Thursday 9:30 am – 3pm.***

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