



November 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

Come over to the Pioneer PBS Conference Room and hear from the YME Superintendent, Rich Schneider, on the CEO Program, and an update on school happenings in the Yellow Medicine School District

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

Doors open at 7:30 am., program at 8 am. at Pioneer PBS conference room.

RSVP 320-321-3202 or via email to:

granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com

**Chamber Business Members: Free, Individual Members: \$5, Friends: \$10
Pay at the Door. Walk-ins Welcome**

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- Burger Day- Granite Run Golf Course

Every Thursday- Bingo- 7 pm- American Legion

Every Thursday- Knock-out Nachos & \$1 off Margaritas- The Rock: Dining & Events

Every Saturday- The Rockin' Bloody Mary 11-2 pm @ The Rock: Dining & Events

Second Monday- Book Club- GF Avera Care Center- 7 pm

Fourth Tuesday- heart 2 heart Memory Café – Senior Center- 9-10:30am.



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

November

1st- All Saint's Day

5th- Daylight Savings Time

6-11- Caring Rose Sale @ Flower's From the Heart

9th -Business After Hours 65th Anniversary/Open House at the Granite Falls Chamber

10th- Veteran's Day

10th & 11th- Cinderella- YME

14th-Business Over Breakfast- YME CEO program & updates @ Pioneer PBS

16th- Blackhawk Concert @ Prairie's Edge Casino Resort, 8 pm

23th- Thanksgiving Day

25th- Small Business Saturday



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Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

CELEBRATING

65 YEARS

of Bridging Businesses & Community

Date: November 9, 2023

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Place: NEW CHAMBER LOCATION!!

761 Prentice Street, Suite 5
Prentice Place Commons Building



December

7th - Pearl Harbor Day

12th - Business Over Breakfast- KCC

12th - Poinsettia Day

14th - Judging begins for the Holiday Lights & Decorations Contest

21st - Winter Solstice

25th - Christmas Day

27th - National Fruitcake Day

31st - New Year's Eve

31st - Outlaws & Highwaymen @Prairie's Edge Casino Resort

31st - Roy Orbison, Tom Petty & Friends Rock & Roll Tribute @Prairie's Edge Casino Resort



***** Looking for businesses/organizations to present for
Business Over Breakfast in 2024*****

January 9th

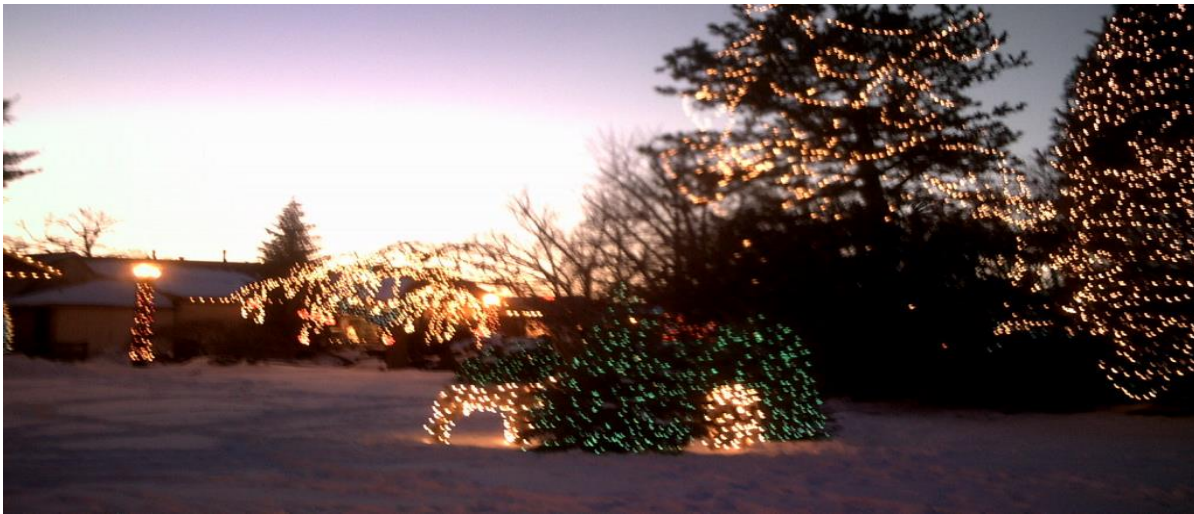
February 13th

March 12th

April 9th

May 14th

Business Over Breakfast meets monthly to learn and mentor each other, grow businesses together & share business experiences. It has been proven to be the fastest way to market & grow businesses in a quick and extremely cost-effective way.



Holiday Lights & Decorations Contest

WINNERS ANNOUNCED FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

All Downtown & Highway 212 Businesses are encouraged to participate.

Show your community support and holiday flair by decorating your business.

Two trophies will be awarded, one in each area.

Judging begins December 14th.

Follow us on Facebook & vote for the winner!!



Beat the Winter Blues with the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser.

Saturday, January 27, 2024. "50's Sock Hop".

Entertainment by The Holy Rocka Rollaz.

2024 Membership campaign: Membership Investments due January 1, 2024. Watch your mailbox for more information.

Thank you for your continued support!

Congratulations & Welcome to our New Member:



First Dollar was awarded to Henry Hill Apartments, Under New Management

Pictured: Samantha Godfrey, CherryRoad Media, Chamber Board of Directors; Pam Reinke, Property Manager; Carolyn Lindquist, Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More, Chamber President; Kelly Kruger, Scenic Valley Real Estate, Chamber Board of Directors; Kevin TeBeest, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home, Chamber Board of Directors.

Henry Hill Apartments

MBG Property Management

150 7th Avenue

Granite Falls, MN

Property Manager Pam Reinke

320-564-4030



Thank you for all who participated in the Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Trunk N Treat Event. Cold and snow flurries could not deter the 300 ghosts, goblins & witches that visited 13 trunks with tricks and treats.

Thank you, Granite Falls Ambulance, Fire Department, and Police for your participation. Thank you, Granite Falls Kiwanis Club and Almich's Market for their donations this year. Greatly appreciated!!



Winner of the "Best in Show" Trunk was Granite Family Chiropractic, for "Barnyard."



The Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce held a new logo contest. Voting was conducted on Facebook and direct emails to our members.

Logo #4 won!! with overwhelming votes. Thank you to all who participated.



“Meet the Chamber Board”



Name: Samantha Godfrey

Chamber Member Business:

Tribune/CherryRoad Media

Something people might not know about your

business: CherryRoad media started out as a Technology Company and Jeremy, our CEO, wanted to help the small local newspapers like our to be within the community.

Role/Title at the Business:

Multimedia Sales Executive/ Inside Sales Rep.

Career advice for a high school student:

Don't give up on your dreams, they will come true!

Favorite thing to do in the Granite Falls area: I enjoy watching the river flow, especially downtown.

October Business Over Breakfast

Thank you, Carmen Haugen, Flower's from the Heart, for hosting the October Business Over Breakfast. **Remember Rose Week is November 6-11th**. New merchandise is in at the Granite Falls location and the Montevideo store's new location is 215 South First Street, Montevideo.



Update on October's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of October, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has had increased activity, with our Trunk N Treat, Contact Us, Events, Member Directory and Newsletter pages getting the most activity. Google.com, prairiesedgecasino.com, and exploreminnesota.com referred visitors to our website. On Facebook, the posts that received the most views were: "Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce updated their profile picture." (Our new logo), "Join us for our 65th Anniversary Celebration, Thursday, November 9th," and "Vote for your favorite top two logo choices." We have 1,523 followers with Granite Falls being the top cities for views location. Montevideo, Marshall, Clarkfield and Willmar were very close. Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.

Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

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

Director: Cindy Miller, Celtic Cross Massage

Director: Samantha Godfrey, CherryRoad Media/Advocate Tribune

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