



## September 2021 Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter includes updates from the Board, recognizes renewing and new members, shares upcoming events, photo gallery and more.

### Business Over Breakfast

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeff Williamson, College Provost**

**When: Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

**Gathering Time: 7:30 a.m. Program at 8 a.m.**

**Where: Minnesota West Community & Technical College,  
use North entrance, by the flagpole**

**RSVPs appreciated. 320-321-3202 Walk-ins Welcome**

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## Business of the Month



### **“Building Teams One Person at a Time”**

#### **Gail Branger, Owner/HR Consultant-Trainer of Branger Consulting**

I have been working in Human Resources in all capacities since 1991 – prior to that I sold group life and health insurance to small businesses. I’ve handled the day-to-day HR issues, benefits, payroll, reporting, policy writing and more for business in agriculture, education, hospitality and manufacturing.

Many people think they do not need HR until they NEED HR. During my career I’ve been effective in crisis management from an HR perspective for issues including plant closing, avian influenzas, sexual harassment, and discrimination complaints, dealing with COVID-19, and worst of all the affects of a pool accident that resulted in the death of a child

Along with being SPHR® certified I am a certified Everything DiSC Trainer, 5 Behaviors of an Effective Team and an overall MSI certified Corporate Trainer. During my career I have written training to meet the need of the business I work with including (1) ADHD and ADHD Look A Likes for a charter school; (2) Developed standards for hotel room cleaning, training, inspection and reviews; (3) Multiple on boarding modules to not only introduce but bring the employee into the culture of your company.

While I have been in the HR arena for over 3-decades, I have ventured out as a consultant for the past 3-years. My ideal client is a small to medium sized business who needs HR assistance. This can be to augment your current team or as a stand-alone service. The benefit is to allow you to do what you do best and let me handle the murky things that can cause you problems down the road.

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**If you would like to be featured here in the “Business of the Month” section of our newsletter, call 320-321-3202 or email [granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com](mailto:granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com)**

# Upcoming Member Events:

## September

5<sup>th</sup>-**Summer Roll-in** American Legion 11 am-8 pm.

7<sup>th</sup>-**YME Schools-First Day of School**

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>- **Flea Market** at Prairie Mercantile Antiques on Hwy 212

12<sup>th</sup>- **Summer Roll-in** American Legion 11 am-8 pm.

14<sup>th</sup>- **Business Over Breakfast** Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeff Williamson, Provost MN West

17<sup>th</sup>- **Caring & Sharing Golf Tournament-** Project Turnabout Fundraiser/Granite Run Golf Course 11 a. Lunch, 12 Noon Start.

17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>- **City-Wide Garage Sale**-Facebook page Granite Falls Area Garage Sale

18<sup>th</sup>- **Ribfest**- American Legion-start at 8 am., serve to public 4pm.



**GRANITE FALLS AREA CHAMBER of COMMERCE**

**KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL**  
SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

# Trunk N Treat with Costume Contest

**Event registration - Trunk Participants. Register Yours by Oct. 25.**

**Sponsored by Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce & Granite Falls Kiwanis Club**  
*You do not need to be a Chamber or Kiwanis Member to Host a Trunk. This is a community-wide, COVID-19 sensitive event.*

**Event Timing:** Saturday, October 30, 2021, 2 -5 p.m. Rain Delay is Sunday, October 31, 2021.

**Event Address:** Parking spaces along 8th Avenue in downtown Granite Falls. More details to follow.

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29th Annual Phil Kelly

*Caring & Sharing  
Golf Tournament*



A fundraising event benefiting people seeking treatment at  
Project Turnabout Centers for Addiction Recovery

**Friday, Sept. 17, 2021**  
**11:00 AM - Lunch**  
**12 Noon - Start**  
**Granite Run Golf Course, Granite Falls, MN**




*Scan for Details:  
Register, Sponsor or  
Donate Today!*

Contact Lois at [lschmidt@projectturnabout.org](mailto:lschmidt@projectturnabout.org)  
or call us at (320)-564-4911 for more information.

[www.ProjectTurnabout.org/golf-2021](http://www.ProjectTurnabout.org/golf-2021)

**GRANITE FALLS  
AMERICAN LEGION POST #69**



**2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Rib Fest  
Saturday, Sept. 18**



**1st Place \$1500<sup>00</sup>**  
**2nd Place Green Mountain Pellet Grill**  
**3rd Place \$500<sup>00</sup>**



**Rules:**  
- Use this form to register with the Granite Falls American Legion Post #69- \$100 to reserve your spot!  
- Saturday, September 18th, 2021 starting at 8.00 AM Serve ribs to the public at 4:00 PM  
- Judging at 4:45  
- Ribs will be judged on • Appearance • Taste • Tenderness  
- You supply your own grill or smoker  
- First 20 entries accepted  
- All contestants will be handed their case of ribs at 8:00 am Sat. Morning!  
- All contestants will be also given a bucket to collect tickets (for ribs and votes)

**Locally Sponsored**

**You think you have skills?  
Now is your chance to prove it!!!  
Call 320-564-2537 - Ask for Rob**



Name/Nickname of Team: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Upcoming Member Events:

## October

1-3- **Meander Art Crawl**- [www.artsmeander.com](http://www.artsmeander.com)

12<sup>th</sup>-**Business Over Breakfast**-Guest Speaker Dustin Uppren, State Farm Insurance

30<sup>th</sup>-**Trunk N Treat**

### New Chamber Membership:

Branger Consulting Featured in this newsletter under Business of the Month

### Renewal Membership:

El Nida Birth & Family Ministries- 667 Prentice Street, Granite Falls, MN

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### *Membership Benefit*

*Knowing that finding and retaining the right employees for your business is a top challenge. I wanted to remind you that one of your Chamber investment benefits is the ability to create a job posting to be displayed on the Chamber's website. To do this, simply send us an email with the job description and/or link to your website and your contact information.*

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## ANNOUNCING

### New Chamber Board of Directors



Alicia Beck  
Insurance Agent  
Country Financial  
140 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite C  
Granite Falls, MN 56241  
320-564-3250



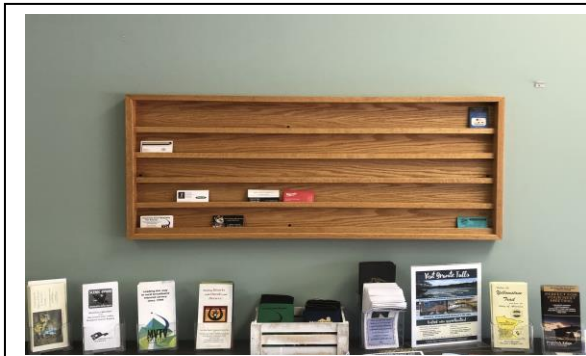
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## Save The Dates:

Small Business Saturday- Saturday, November 27, 2021

Annual Chamber of Commerce's Lights & Decorations Contest

Midwinter Celebration- Saturday, January 29, 2022



New! Our wooden business card holder is waiting for your business card!

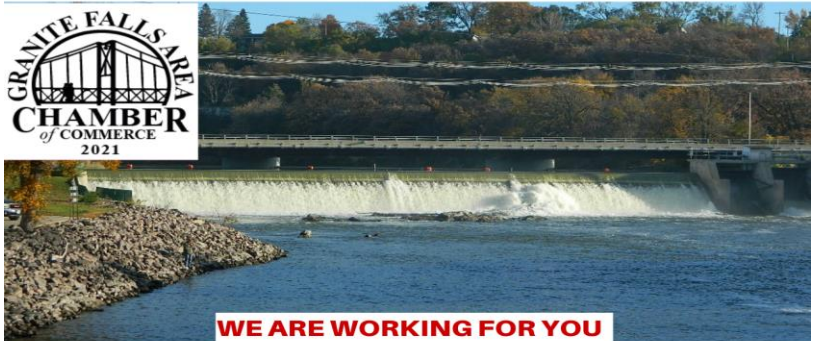
## Photo Gallery

First Dollar Award was presented to Adara Home Health. Carolyn Lindquist, Chamber Vice President, Mariah S., Administrative Assistant, Sherry Mathiowetz, Chamber President, Dani T., Adara Clinical Information Specialist, Bobbie C., Customer Relations Manager at the Granite Falls and Hutchinson Branches, Andrea A., Adara General Manager, Alicia Beck, Chamber Director



August Business Over Breakfast was held at the Anderson – TeBeest Funeral Home, the guest speaker **Rich Schneider, YME Superintendent.** “Returning to Learning” this Fall with COVID19 impacts, updates to the building and new personnel was the focus of discussion.





**WE ARE WORKING FOR YOU**

Because we know how important it is for you to succeed in business, we are here to partner with you, bring opportunities your way & help you grow!

**Community Promotion**

Business referrals  
Display Business info  
Community Packets  
1st Dollar award  
City Map  
Leadership  
Perspectives  
Events

**Economic Development**

Get Rural MN  
MN Chamber -  
Statewide  
Work with City &  
EDA  
Promote Jobs  
Advocate for  
Changes

**Events**

Mid-Winter  
Celebration  
Western Fest  
Kickoff  
Trunk N Treat  
Shop Local  
Meander  
Holiday Lights  
Contest

**This is where we want to Live, Work & Play!**

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**Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board**

**President: Sherry Mathiowetz, Hughes Real Estate**

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

**Treasurer: Nancy Beasley, Dave's Electric Motor Company**

**Secretary: Larissa Schwenk, Granite Falls Library**

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

**Director: Alicia Beck, Country Financial**

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