



# Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

## The Voice of Business for July

### 2024 Northern Minnesota Swap Meet and Car Show

**July 26-28 at the Itasca County Fairgrounds**  
**Friday 3 pm - 7 pm, Saturday 8 am - 6 pm,**  
**Sunday 8 am - 3 pm**

Visit us to shop at 200+ vendors offering antiques, vintage items, car parts, and more. Enjoy food booths, food trucks, and breakfast from 8 am - noon on Sat. & Sun. Don't miss the Sunday car show. The event attracts nearly 20,000 visitors supporting many of our area businesses.



Thank you to our members, Paul Bunyan Communications and IM Hotel, for sponsoring this year!



#### Looking for a few more volunteers!

There are several volunteer shifts open:

Car Corral (Fri & Sat) 7th Ave Entrance (Fri & Sat) Car Show Parking (Sun)

\*Shifts avg 3 hours

If you would like to join us, please call 218-326-6619 or email: [Stacia@grandmn.com](mailto:Stacia@grandmn.com)



#### Car Show Sunday, July 28th

The Car Show is Sunday 8 am - 3 pm with over 100 cars to check out! \$10 per car displayed  
 Dash Plaque for the first 100 car registrations  
 No Awards. Cash drawing at 3 pm for registered participants.  
 Must be present to win!



**CAR SHOW**  
 Saturday  
 July 27, 2024

YANMAR ARENA  
 (Formerly IRA Civic Center)  
 Hwy 38 N, Grand Rapids MN

www.northernrcruisersclub.com

**CAR SHOW**  
 Saturday 7/27 9am - 3pm  
 Gates Open at 8am

**REGISTRATION**  
 Friday 7/26 4pm - 6pm  
 Saturday 7/27 8am - 11am

**MORE INFORMATION**  
 Contact Tami 218-259-3799 or  
 Chuck 218-244-0742  
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# This Month's Business Spotlight Recipient:



**Blandin Foundation™**  
STRENGTHENING RURAL MINNESOTA

Blandin Foundation's mission is to connect, fund and advocate for ideas and people to inspire resourcefulness and move rural places forward. The foundation's vision is for rural Minnesota places that welcome diversity, address injustice, and embrace change to create a sustainable and equitable future.

**Our Values:**

- We Love Rural**
- Lead With Compassion**
- Courage Through Change**
- Seeds for the Future**

**History and Horizon**

Mr. Blandin founded the Blandin Foundation in 1941 as a tribute to the rural workers and communities. His ownership of the Grand Rapids paper mill grew into a deep civic commitment to the area. His legacy emphasizing resilience, sustainable growth and a spirit of community harmony. He designed the foundation to adapt to changing times, for the "betterment of mankind". Today, we remain focused on addressing the evolving needs of rural Minnesota.

**Resources for Rural Minnesota**

We realigned our work to meet current rural challenges, staying true to Mr. Blandin's vision.

**Rural Grantmaking**

In 2023, we awarded 73 grants totaling \$11.6 million to support sustainable, equitable futures in rural Minnesota.

- Community Wealth-building Grants: Helping communities retain knowledge and resources.
- Small Communities Grants: Providing funding, skills, and system changes to the smallest communities.
- Rural Placemaking Grants: Enhancing arts, culture, natural resources, and community pride.

**Rural Capacity Building**

- **Scholarships:** Funding education up to a bachelor's degree for students from Itasca County and surrounding areas. In 2023, we awarded \$1.5 million in scholarships to 354 local students.
- **Community Relationships:** Partnering with rural communities to provide resources and programming that foster collaboration and growth.



**Rural Advocacy**

The foundation amplifies rural voices in change-making conversations, advocating for those sidelined by outdated policies that no longer support rural Minnesota communities.

**Connect with Us**

For more information about the Blandin Foundation, give us a call - 218-326-0523 or 877-882-2257 or email [info@blandinfoundation.org](mailto:info@blandinfoundation.org). [www.blandinfoundation.org](http://www.blandinfoundation.org)

Join the Chamber for your chance to be premiered. The Chamber of Commerce works to help you create jobs, and helps to solve business problems. Make sure you support your Chamber, because they are supporting you. Call Kerry Larsen at 218-326-6619 or email [kerry@grandmn.com](mailto:kerry@grandmn.com)

## Ribbon Cutting TRU Healthcare



TRU Healthcare is proud to serve the Grand Rapids community, offering exceptional Home Health Aide, Skilled Nursing, and in-home therapy services.

As a Medicare-certified home health agency, our mission is to be the best in the world at caring for people. Our services are designed to benefit a wide range of individuals, including the elderly, those recovering from surgery, patients with chronic conditions, and anyone needing assistance with daily activities or medical care at home. By offering personalized care plans, our skilled professionals help to improve quality of life, promote independence, and assist families in managing complex healthcare needs. Whether it's through skilled nursing care, therapeutic services, or daily assistance from our home health aides, TRU Healthcare is committed to supporting the diverse needs of our community.

In this photo from left to right: Jennifer Davey (Operations Manager), Tiffany Grigsby (Home Health Aide), Todd Gray (RN Case Manager), Corinne Thayer (RN Case Manager), GRACC Ambassadors- Debbie Tahtinen - Midland Title, Danielle Witherill - Edward Jones, Laurie Clausen- Edwards Jones, LeAnn Hardy - City Limits Storage, and Stacia Rom - Applebee's

## Ribbon Cutting North Shore Mortgage



North Shore Mortgage celebrated their Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting event at their new mortgage production office located at 1251 S. Pokegama Avenue in Grand Rapids on May 17th! Based out of Duluth, MN, North Shore Mortgage has been a division of North Shore Bank for over 30 years. Over the years, North Shore Mortgage has expanded to add locations in Cloquet, Hermantown, and Superior - establishing themselves as the #1 mortgage originator in the area! They are now here to serve the Grand Rapids area as well. North Shore Mortgage is led by Grand Rapids native, Brad Gallop, VP Mortgage Lending, and the Grand Rapids location is managed by Tim Bymark, Mortgage Loan Originator. Tim has been involved in the mortgage and real estate industry for over 20 years. Tim was born and raised in the Grand Rapids area and he has extensive knowledge of the local market. Tim works diligently to provide a great experience for his customers while also educating them throughout the loan process. You can reach Tim at [tbymark@northshore.bank](mailto:tbymark@northshore.bank) or 218-256-2996. More info on North Shore Mortgage can be found at [www.northshore.bank](http://www.northshore.bank). Equal Housing Lender.

In the photo: L to R: Brian Murphy, SVP Chief Lending Officer, Brad Gallop, VP Mortgage Lending, Tim Bymark, Mortgage Originator, Ken Johnson, President/CEO, Joe Johnson, Senior Vice President GRACC Ambassadors L to R: Stacia Rom- Chamber Liaison & Applebees, Laurie Clausen-Edward Jones, Debbie Tahtinen-Midland Title, Greg Bounds - Century 21, Danielle Witherill - Edward Jones

# Register Your Team Now



Grand Rapids Area  
Chamber of Commerce

Golf Outing & Fun Day  
at Pokegama Golf Course  
Thursday, September 19, 2024  
\$400 Hole Sponsorship (Limit 20)  
\$250 Prize Sponsorship  
Individual Golfer - \$125  
More info coming soon - Also available at [grandmn.com](http://grandmn.com)  
For info email [Kerry@grandmn.com](mailto:Kerry@grandmn.com)



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