



Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

The Voice of Business for November



When: Nov 18, 2024

Where: Timberlake Lodge Hotel

Time: 11:45 a.m.
Buffet lunch, 12:00 pm Luncheon begins.

Cost: \$15.00 members
\$20.00 nonmembers

RSVP required: 218-326-6619 or email Stacia@grandmn.com no later than Nov 14, 2024



Calendar of Events for 2024

Chamber Monthly Luncheon
November 18, 2024
@Timberlake Lodge

How to Value Your Business with Nick Dunnom, Sunbelt Advisor
November 13, 2024 @ GRACC Conf Room

Taking Care of Business @ Timberlake Lodge
Dec. 4, 2024

Chamber Committee Meetings

Ambassador - Third Wednesday/ monthly, noon - 1:00pm

Government Affairs - Last Friday/ monthly, 7:30am - 9:00am

Forestry Affairs - Last Friday/ monthly, 9:15am - 10:45 am

Chamber members, you are welcome to come and check them out to see if you are interested in joining.

The Chamber Challenge: What is fact and what is fiction in the school district



Superintendent Matt Grose is set to deliver the State of ISD 318 School Address, focusing on the district's achievements and plans for the future. As public education faces scrutiny and speculation, this address will also tackle a crucial question: What is fact and what is fiction in the school district?

Academic and Student Success
Innovation and Community Support
Fiscal Responsibility and Future Goals

By addressing common misconceptions and providing clarity on district operations, the State of ISD 318 School Address will offer valuable insights into the district's direction and ongoing commitment to educational excellence. Community members are encouraged to attend and learn about the exciting developments happening in ISD 318, as well as to discern fact from fiction in today's educational landscape.



Matt Grose is the Grand Rapids Area Schools Superintendent. He is actively involved in leadership, chairing the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative (IASC) and serving on boards such as the Governor's Broadband Task Force, Blandin Foundation's Broadband Strategy Board, Think Small, childhood education advocacy group.

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Taking Care of Business



A fun old fashion
Taking Care of Business
December 4, 2024
4:00pm - 7:00pm
Timberlake Lodge
Grand Rapids, MN



- AEOA
- Bark & Beyond
- Cenex - Northern Star Co-op
- Century 21 Land of Lakes
- Compass North
- Deerwood Bank
- Dondelinger
- Duluth Airport
- Essentia Health
- Free Range Food Co-op
- Grand Rapids Herald Review
- Grand Rapids Players
- Itasca Economic Development Co.
- IASC
- Itasca Life Options
- Itasca Youth for Christ
- Judy Garland & Children's Museum
- Lakes Gas
- Lakeview Behavioral
- Lucky 7 Bear Bait
- Magnetic North
- Members Co-op Credit Union
- Midland Title
- Moments Hospice
- Northwoods Acupuncture
- Oak Hill Assisted Living
- Park State Bank
- Paul Bunyan Communications
- Paymasters
- Payroll Vault
- Pinnacle Marketing Group
- Providence Financial Advisors
- Rapids Riders
- River Grand Senior Living
- Riverwood Healthcare
- Setri Barrel Saunas
- Rapid Garage Door & Awning Co.
- The Plum Catalyst
- The Title Team
- Thrivent Financial
- Timberlake Lodge Hotel & Restaurant
- Trails Inn Quadra
- Travel Leaders
- True North Salon & Spa
- US Bank
- White Pine Jewelers
- West Cohasset Chapel
- Widseth



We are all in this together!! Bring your Cousin Eddy & Aunt Bethany! Clark will have the place lit!



New Chamber Members



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30711 Zims Lane
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-9025



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1250 South Pokegama Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(616) 915-5739



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1255 S Pokegama Ave Unit 11,
Grand Rapids MN, 55744
218-203-9673

This Month's Business Spotlight Recipient:



Once a month, a Chamber Member Business in good standing will be randomly selected during the monthly luncheon and featured for the upcoming month.

This randomly drawn business will have the opportunity to showcase themselves offering them exposure through the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce network

This initiative expresses gratitude to all businesses and individuals supporting the Chamber's mission of advocating for business interests.



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Ribbon Cuttings

Up North Sewing & Embroidery



Up North Sewing & Embroidery, based in Coleraine, MN, specializes in custom embroidery for both personal and business needs. From logo swag like clothing, bags, and hats to personalized gifts such as hand towels, holiday stockings, and more, I create items perfect for any occasion. You can also find me at markets and craft fairs throughout the year, or connect with me on Facebook (@upnorthsewingandembroidery) or Instagram (@upnorthsewingandembroidery). You can also find me on Etsy (www.etsy.com/shop/UpNorthSewingEmb) and my direct website (www.upnorthsewingandembroidery.com) for more details and to place your custom orders! Pictures left to right : Jenna Tadych - The Emeralds, Debbie Tahtinen - Midland Title, Katy Buhr - Owner, Becky Gilbert - The Title Team, Laurie Clausen-Edward Jones.

A&B Mishaps LLC



A&B Mishaps LLC celebrated their ribbon cutting with their new owner and new building. Our philosophy begins by being dependable and a professional partner that can be counted on when needed, we are honest, we respond promptly and are committed to being the safest and best company in the industry. Our mission is to continue to bring affordable towing services and customer service to the area. Our services include towing a variety of vehicles, lockouts, roadside service, and we also offer off-road recovery services. Pictured left to right are Robert Hughes (Owner), Russ Mostoller (Driver), Joseph Axtell (Driver), Miguel Swanson (Driver), and Ashley Axtell (Office Assistant). Debbie Tahtinen - Midland Title, Greg Bounds - Century 21, LeAnn Hardly - City Limits Storage

Thrivent Financial



Benjamin D Weerts rejoined Jeffrey A Hakala, and the Mission Creek Associates team with Thrivent in Grand Rapids. Ben and Jeff are financial advisors who have worked together with Thrivent for over 20 years. Thrivent is a diversified financial services organization that helps people achieve financial clarity, enabling lives full of meaning and gratitude. Thrivent and its subsidiary and affiliate companies serve more than 2.4 million clients, offering advice, insurance, investments, banking and generosity products and programs online and through financial advisors and independent agents nationwide. Their team includes Office Professionals Kari Weerts and Paula Mackey. Ben and Jeff are excited to be back together serving clients in our Grand Rapids area community. Office is located at 201 4th St. NW Suite I, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. To reach Ben or Jeff, please contact them by phone at 218-999-4649 or email Ben at benjamin.weerts@thrivent.com or Jeff at jeff.hakala@thrivent.com. Debbie Tahtinen - Midland Title, Becky Gilbert - The Title Team, Greg Bounds - Century 21, LeAnn Hardy - City Limits Storage

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