

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

The Voice of Business for March



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MARCH 9TH
LUNCHEON
AT TIMBERLAKE

FIRST CALL FOR HELP IN ACTION: LOCAL CONNECTIONS, REAL SUPPORT

We'll welcome First Call for Help to share how they connect individuals, families, and employers to local services and support. You'll learn what resources are available in our community, how to access them, and how First Call for Help assists people to find housing, food assistance, mental health services, transportation, aging services, and more. Gain a better understanding of how this trusted resource strengthens our community and how you can point people in the right direction when help is needed.

Sponsored by:



SPEAKER:



CRE LARSON
Executive Director
First Call for Help of Itasca County

11:45 Buffet Available
12:00 Luncheon Begins
1:00 Adjourn

RSVP Deadline: 03/06/26
218-326-6619
jennifer@grandmn.com



\$15/Members
\$20/Non-members

Taxes are not included in the price and will be added at event check-in. Gratuity is also not included. Thank you for your understanding and support!



Thank you to:
Moments Hospice
for your sponsorship of this luncheon!

Small Business Education Day Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 9:00 am - 3:00 pm MN North - Itasca Campus



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Join us for a Small Business Education & Networking Day featuring breakout sessions and resources. We will dive into your top priorities based upon your survey responses:

- Creative Financing for Small Businesses
- HR & Employment Law Essentials
- Time Management & Growth Planning
- Marketing & Customer Engagement
- Keynote Speaker: Innovation & Resilience for Small Businesses
- Lunch included!

Register by visiting:
grandmn.com
Or by calling: 218-326-6619

Due to the generosity of our sponsors, attendance and education is **FREE** for Chamber members, SBDC Clients, and MN North students and faculty; or \$50/business.



When: March 9, 2026

Where: Timberlake Lodge

Time: 11:45 am: Buffet
12:00 pm: Luncheon

Cost: \$15.00 members
\$20.00 non-members

RSVP required:
218-326-6619 or email
jennifer@grandmn.com
by March 6, 2026

Calendar of Events

Be sure to visit our website for a listing of all of our events including NEW learning opportunities!



Lunch-N-Learn

Succession Planning with
Northspan
March 4, 2026
Timberlake Lodge

Monthly Luncheon

First Call for Help in Action:
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Real Support
March 9, 2026
Timberlake Lodge

Small Business Education Day

March 10, 2026
Minnesota North College
Itasca Campus

Winter Workshop Series

"I Can't Do It All -
and Neither Can You."
March 25, 2026
Sugar Lake Lodge

Committee Meetings

Ambassador:

3rd Wednesday/Month
Noon - 1:00pm

Government Affairs

Last Friday/Month
7:30am - 9:00am

Natural Resources:

Last Friday/Month
9:15am - 10:45 am

To be added to the invite for these committees, email April:
april@grandmn.com

Ribbon Cutting

I have over 22 years of experience behind the chair as a seasoned hair stylist in Grand Rapids - known for delivering personalized, high-quality hair services. I successfully owned and operated AJ's Salon in Cohasset for 13yrs, and later founded the highly rated **Love Your Hair by Amanda** in Florida.

My passion for hair and commitment to excellence shines through in every cut, color, and style! I offer a wide range of professional hair services at **Love Your Hair by Amanda** in Grand Rapids, along with a peaceful, welcoming, private space. A comfortable salon for everyday people. Professional hair care in a laid-back setting. Your neighborhood hair studio.

Come as you are, leave happy, relaxed, and refreshed! ☺

Whether you're looking for custom haircuts, blonding, gray coverage, highlights, or just a fresh new look, I am here to help you love your hair!

Love Your Hair by Amanda

Cosmetologist: Amanda Tabaka



Pictured from left to right: Chamber President, April Arnason, Chamber Ambassador Kari Weerts, Thrivent Financial, Shirley Nessel, Jada Tabaka, Jazmyn Tabaka, Jason Tabaka, Joan Bergmann, Jaxon Tabaka, Chamber Amassadors: Lori Flint, Midland Title, Danielle Witherill, Edward Jones and Laurie Clausen, Edward Jones.

Business Spotlight



BeMobile Verizon in Grand Rapids is a family-owned Verizon store that has been serving the area for years. Recently, fellow small businesses might have seen our team around town with treats to help check in on how we can help keep them connected.

Many don't know that Verizon can also support business guests:

- Smartphones for you and your team
- Tablets for point-of-sale systems
- Reliable internet to run business systems
- Desktop solutions for reception areas
- Fleet management connectivity

Garrett and the rest of the Grand Rapids team are proud to keep local businesses connected and provide a 5 star experience for the area!

**Stop by our store at: 1200 S Pokegama Ave (near Aldi)
or call 218.327.1155 today!**

Welcome New Members!

Occupational Development Center



401 SE 11th St.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-212-5425

Denton HR Company Josh Denton



23 West Central Entrance #428
Duluth, MN 55811
218-213-0388

Blossom Up Denise Carlson



Deer River, MN 56636
218-244-4187

Bella Rose Chic Boutique, LLC



2 NW 3rd Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-910-7664

West Range Dental



1043 Easy Highway 169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-326-2560

Cottonwood Cleaning, LLC



Bovey, MN 55709
218-212-9991

President – CEO: **April Arnason**
Business Relations Coordinator: **Kerry Larsen**
Events & Marketing Coordinator: **Jennifer Plackner**



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