

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

The Voice of Business for April



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APRIL 13TH
LUNCHEON
AT TIMBERLAKE

STRENGTHENING OUR REGION: COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR WORKFORCE AND EDUCATION

Join us for a panel discussion with leaders from **Minnesota North College** and **Bemidji State University** where we will explore how higher education partnerships can help address workforce needs, support local employers, and create stronger pathways for students and communities across our region.

Sponsored by:



SPEAKERS:



JOHN HOFFMAN
President
Bemidji State University



MIKE RAICH
President
Minnesota North College



MARAH JACOBSON
Vice President
Bemidji State University



BART JOHNSON
Vice President
Minnesota North College



JESSALYN SABIN
Dean of Career and Technical Programs
Minnesota North College



TRENT JANEZICH
Executive Director of Advancement & Customized Training Solutions
Minnesota North College

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

RSVP Deadline: 04/10/26
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!



Minnesota North College

Thank you to:
Minnesota North College
for your sponsorship of this luncheon!

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March Customer Service Award Winner

BRITTANY NEAGBOUR, DPT

GRAND ITASCA CLINIC & HOSPITAL



Congratulations & Well Done

TO BRITTANY FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR HER PHYSICAL THERAPY PATIENTS!

Pictured with Chamber Ambassador, Laurie Clausen from Edward Jones and colleagues, Benjamin Guck and Gerry Wyland.

When: April 13, 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
April 10, 2026

Calendar of Events

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



Monthly Luncheon

Strengthening Our Region:
Collaborative Solutions for
Workforce and Education
April 13, 2026
Timberlake Lodge

Winter Leadership

Workshop Series
April 22, 2026
Sugar Lake Lodge

Annual Dinner

April 30, 2026
Timberlake Lodge

Monthly Luncheon

Rooted in Heritage, Growing
Through Innovation: Wood
Products, Technology, and
Emerging Opportunities
May 11, 2026
Timberlake 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 Cuttings

Cottonwood Cleaning, LLC

Owners: Nolan & April Kuck

We excitedly welcomed **Cottonwood Cleaning LLC** to the Chamber with a ribbon cutting last week!

"We're a locally owned and operated cleaning company serving Grand Rapids and the surrounding area, offering light routine cleans to detailed deep cleans for both commercial and residential properties. To schedule a cleaning, just call us at 218-212-9991 today!"



Pictured from left to right: Chamber Ambassadors Jenna Fischer - The Emeralds, Kari Weerts - Thrivent Financial, Chamber President April Arnason, Ambassador Jennifer Raushel - Members Cooperative Credit Union, Cottonwood Cleaning owner's Nolan & April Kuck, Chamber Ambassadors, Leah Geisler - Wildwood Design, Lori Flint - Midland Title, Greg Bounds - Century 21, and Kerry Larsen, Chamber Business Relations Coordinator

The Emeralds at Grand Rapids

"**The Emeralds at Grand Rapids** is excited to announce the opening of our skilled nursing secured unit. Our secured unit will offer short term rehabilitation & long term care to individuals needing a safe & secure environment.

This 19-bed unit features secured access points, a secured outdoor space, dining & common areas, private & semi-private room options and more!

For further information, call us at 218-326-3431 and schedule a tour!"



Pictured from left to right: Chamber Ambassadors: Lori Flint, Midland Title and Kari Weerts, Thrivent Financial, Kirstin Rivard, Chelsey Lindstrom, Susan Kessler, Maddie Keute, Tricia Wedge, Nicole Brunette, Neil Grunke, Jenna Fischer, McKenzie Loidolt, Esther Hagen, Marcus Kubichek, Dan Strittmater, Katie Collins, Chamber Ambassador Laurie Clausen, Edward Jones and Chamber President April Arnason

Business Spotlight

Itasca Dog Lodge has been locally owned and operated by Jacob and Tiffney Bartz since 2017. Nestled on 30 acres, it is the Grand Rapids area's only upscale dog boarding facility where the owners live on site. Their goal is simple: to ensure every dog is happy, comfortable, and well cared for during their stay.

Dogs come from across Minnesota to lodge there, including many who have never been boarded before. Seeing those dogs settle in comfortably and providing their owners with peace of mind has made the business incredibly rewarding. All dogs must be up to date on rabies, bordetella, and distemper vaccinations.



While the facility is beautiful, it's the passion and care behind it that truly sets **Itasca Dog Lodge** apart. Jacob and Tiffney, along with their children Karsten, Myles, and Georgia, enjoy being involved in the day-to-day operations and supporting other small businesses in the community.

They wish to personally thank the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce for all the support they have have given.

Future dog lodge guests are encouraged to visit the website and review all the frequently asked questions.

<https://www.itascadoglodge.com/> 218-301-9532



Welcome New Members!

International Black Bear Show



9969 50th Ave
Brainerd, MN 56401
218-820-8459
blackbearshow.com



OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

20092 Edison Circle East
Clearwater, MN 55320
320-558-3000
franklinoutdoor.com

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



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