

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

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MAY 11TH
LUNCHEON
AT TIMBERLAKE

ROOTED IN HERITAGE, GROWING THROUGH INNOVATION: WOOD PRODUCTS, TECHNOLOGY, AND EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for a luncheon exploring how the Itasca region is honoring its deep logging and papermaking legacy while embracing new possibilities. From the enduring value of traditional wood and paper products to emerging innovations like nanocellulose, sugar extraction, and biofuels – and what this all means in layman’s terms – this conversation will focus on unlocking the full power of a tree and the evolving opportunities ahead for our region.

Sponsored by:



When: May 11, 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
May 8, 2026

Calendar of Events

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



SPEAKER:



TOM RADOVICH
Executive Vice President
Minnesota Forest Industries (MFI)

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

RSVP Deadline: 05/08/26
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:
Waterways Restoration
for your sponsorship of this luncheon!

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April Customer Service Award Winner

Matt Sackett

BARTENDER AT THE PINES

Congratulations & Well Done



WELCOME TO MATT, WHOSE DEDICATION AND EXTRA EFFORT CREATE A MEMORABLE AND TRULY SPECIAL DINING EXPERIENCE

Pictured with Chamber Ambassador, Laurie Clausen from Edward Jones, and Owners of The Pines: Kyle and Amanda Lussier

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

Roots & Wings Early Learning Center, LLC

Roots & Wings Early Learning Center is proud to serve families in our community with a nature-based program that nurtures curiosity, confidence, and a deep sense of belonging. Designed for infants through preschoolers - with summer options for school-aged children - our center blends high-quality early childhood education with the wonder of the outdoors, encouraging children to explore, discover, and grow through hands-on experiences in every season.

With dedicated educators, a play-rich curriculum, and an environment built on safety, connection, and joy, **Roots & Wings** offers a place where children feel grounded as they learn - and brave enough to spread their wings.

Visit us at www.rootsandwingselc.com for more information.



Pictured from Left to Right: Chamber Ambassadors LeAnn Hardy, City Limits Storage and Laurie Clausen, Edward Jones. Staff members: Ava Lievsay, Michelle Rolfes, Jessica Johnson, Alisha Johnson, Sara Maki, Claire Letendre, Elizabeth Whittaker, Melody Grover, Maria Simmons, Maleah Knigge, Anikka Mendonsa Family: Carly Hand, Sandy Crowe, Dane Kennedy, Carol Burke, Kelsi Sjostrand, Madi Sjostrand, Drew Sjostrand, Sherri Alto, Donna Derby, Meg Sjostrand, Henry Sjostrand, Rich Derby, Easton Sjostrand County Commissioners: Terry Snyder and John Johnson. Center, Rob and Krista Sjostrand (owners) and grandchildren Averi, Sadie, and Henry Sjostrand. Chamber Present April Arnason, Chamber Ambassador Jenna Fischer, The Emeralds at Grand Rapids.

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE POST-SESSION LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

HEAR DIRECTLY FROM YOUR LEGISLATORS ABOUT THE OUTCOMES OF THE 2026 SESSION

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Timberlake Lodge Hotel

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NORTHERN MINNESOTA SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW



July 24-26, 2026 at the Itasca County Fairgrounds

Swap Meet: Over 200 vendors with vintage treasures, handmade goods, car parts, and collectibles - food booths and food trucks, live music, family activities and daily themes!

Car Shows:

- Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm: Yanmar Arena Hosted by Northern Cruisers Car Club
- Sunday, 8 am - 2 pm: Itasca County Fairgrounds

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www.GRANDMN.com 218.326.6619 Northern Minnesota Swap Meet & Car Show



FRIDAY, JULY 24TH	1 PM - 7 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 25TH	8 AM - 5 PM
SUNDAY, JULY 26TH	8 AM - 2 PM

Welcome New Members!

Blackwater Builders, LLC



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218-360-5226



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Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Hazelton Law Group



521 N Pokegama Ave
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