

Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

The Voice of Business for July



When: August 10, 2026
*There is no luncheon in July

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
August 7, 2026

Calendar of Events

Visit our website for a listing of our events including learning opportunities!



Northern MN
Swap Meet & Car Show
July 24-26
Itasca County Fairgrounds

August 10, 2026
Monthly Luncheon presentation by MiningMinnesota at Timberlake Lodge

August 18, 2026
Business Finance: From Start-Up to Succession
Timberlake Lodge

To Learn More:
grandmn.com/events/

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, email April:
april@grandmn.com

You won't want to miss the last full weekend of July in Grand Rapids where you can *Roll In & Rock Out!*

WEEKEND OF WHEELS

...ROLL IN & ROCK OUT!

July 24-26, 2026 in Grand Rapids, MN

Live Music:

- Rapids Radio Rockfest, Friday, July 24, downtown Grand Rapids
- All day Saturday, July 25, Itasca County Fairgrounds

Swap Meet: Over 200 vendors with vintage treasures, handmade goods, car parts, and collectibles, food booths and food trucks, family activities! Don't miss Bike Night Friday and Kids' Day Sunday!

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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FRIDAY, JULY 24

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

SWAP MEET & FOOD TRUCKS! BIKE NIGHT! RAPIDS RADIO ROCKFEST!

- **1:00-7:00:** Swap Meet, Food Booths & Car Corral OPEN! *pinkgo*
- **4:00-7:00:** Motorcycles park for free (enter off Ridgewood Road near roundabout)
- **5:00:** Gates Open/**7:00:** Music: Rapids Radio Rockfest 2.0



Featuring Bands:
• Foghat
• Rare Earth
• Iron Butterfly

DAILY ON-SITE PARKING

- \$15 Weekend Pass
- \$10 per Day
- \$5 Motorcycles
 - Free! Friday 4 - 7
- \$15 RV/Pull Campers

SATURDAY, JULY 25

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

SWAP MEET ALL DAY! LIVE MUSIC! CAR SHOW @ YANMAR ARENA!

- **8:00-5:00:** Swap Meet, Food Booths & Car Corral *pinkgo*
- **8:00-3:00:** Car Show @ Yanmar Arena *with Northern Cruisers Car Club*
 - 1401 NW 3rd Ave, Grand Rapids, MN
- **9:00-3:00:** Shuttle Running
 - To/From Yanmar Arena
- **11:00-6:00:** Live Music with Expanded Beer Garden
- **11a-1p:** Michaela James
- **1:30p-3:30p:** Ditty Wish
- **4p-6p:** Kim Nagler from Hobo Revival

VENDOR REGISTRATION & EVENT INFORMATION



grandmn.com 218-326-6619

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

SWAP MEET ALL DAY! CAR SHOW @ FAIRGROUNDS! KIDS DAY!

- **8:00-2:00:** Swap Meet, Food Booths & Car Corral *pinkgo*
- **8:00-2:00:** Car Show @ Itasca County Fairgrounds
 - 1336 Fairgrounds Rd, Grand Rapids, MN
- **11:00-2:00:** Ninja Anywhere Obstacle Wall
- **11:30, 12:30, 1:30:** MegaJump BMX Bike Show

THANK YOU SWAP MEET SPONSORS



Paul Bunyan
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WOMEN'S UNCONFERENCE

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October 8, 2026

This day is designed to bring us together to experience what belonging really looks and feels like. This year's theme,

WE & ME

is an invitation to invest in both. To reflect on the person you are becoming, while recognizing the impact you have on those around you.

REGISTRATION
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HeraldReview
GrandRapidsMN.com

Ribbon Cuttings

Denton HR Company

Does your business have employees but no dedicated HR staff?

Denton HR Co. is here to help!

Founded by Josh Denton, SHRM-SCP, Denton HR Co. is a fractional HR consultancy serving small businesses and nonprofits across Northern Minnesota - including the Grand Rapids area.

With over 10 years of executive-level HR experience, Josh provides the strategic HR support your organization needs, without the cost of a full-time hire. Clients receive a dedicated, experienced HR partner who knows their business and is in their corner.

Contact Josh: <https://dentonhrco.com/>; josh@dentonhrco.com; (218) 213-0388



Pictured from left to right: Chamber Ambassador, Lori Flint- Midland Title; owner of Denton HR, Josh Denton; Chamber Ambassador LeAnn Hardy-City Limits Storage; and Chamber President, April Arnason.

Borealis Health, PLLC

Borealis Health was honored to celebrate its official ribbon cutting and the expansion of accessible, patient-centered mental health services in Grand Rapids, MN.

Owner Dr. Jennie J. Bata, APRN, DNP, FNP-C, PMHNP-C, provides an integrative model of care that recognizes the essential connection between physical and mental wellbeing. With dual board certification (family practice/psychiatry) and extensive clinical experience, Jennie offers comprehensive psychiatric evaluations, medication management, ADHD testing, medication genetic testing, hormonal assessments and whole-person support tailored to each individual's unique needs.

Jennie brings more than twenty years of diverse healthcare experience, including primary care, psychiatric care, long-term care, and specialized work with autism spectrum disorders and developmental disabilities. After relocating to Northern Minnesota, she founded Borealis Health to meet the region's growing need for compassionate, integrative mental health services delivered in a respectful and confidential environment. The clinic looks forward to serving individuals and families across the Grand Rapids area and contributing to a healthier, more resilient community.



Pictured from left to right: Chamber President, April Arnason, Chamber Ambassadors, Jennifer Raushel - Members Cooperative Credit Union, Lori Flint - Midland Title, Borealis Health owner, Dr. Jennie Bata, Chamber Ambassadors, LeAnn Hardy - City Limits Storage, Becky Gilbert - The Title Team, and Kari Weerts -Thrivent Financial.

Blossom Up Gardening & Landscaping

Denise Carlson, owner of **Blossom Up Garden & Landscaping**, recently celebrated the opening of her new business venture with a ribbon cutting!

Denise specializes in creating beautiful, welcoming outdoor spaces for both residential and commercial properties. Her passion is helping clients bring their landscaping visions to life while creating environments that are joyful and functional.

Services include:

- Custom seasonal container designs
- On-site planting
- Garden fertilization and weed control
- Mulching, pruning, and watering
- Spring and fall clean-up services

Whether you're looking to refresh an existing landscape or create something entirely new, Denise is ready to help make your garden and landscaping dreams a reality.

Contact Denise at Blossom Up Garden & Landscaping to get started!
(218) 244-4187 or email blossomup4u@gmail.com



Pictured from left to right: Chamber Ambassadors, Jennifer Raushel-Members Cooperative Credit Union, LeAnn Hardy-City Limits Storage, and Kari Weerts-Thrivent Financial, Debbie Carlson, Denise Carlson- Blossom Up Owner, Nancy Carlson, Breanna Church, Chamber Ambassadors, Lori Flint-Midland Title, Laurie Clausen-Edward Jones, and Chamber President April Arnason.

Occupational Development Center (ODC)



Pictured from left to right: Chamber Ambassador, Laurie Clausen-Edward Jones, Courtney Christie-Day Services Supervisor, Gene Waters, Michael Gray, Donna Nelson, ODC President/CEO Lane Young, and Chamber Ambassador, Lori Flint-Midland Title.

The **Occupational Development Center (ODC)** recently celebrated a ribbon cutting! ODC is a nonprofit social enterprise that specializes in providing employment training and support for individuals with diverse abilities who want to work. We constantly strive to develop stronger relationships with all government agencies, providers, local employers, and family members so that we can continue to learn together to provide better opportunities for inclusivity and sustainable employment.

ODC provides with a multitude of services in life skills, vocational & employment training needs. We work with businesses in their communities to provide individuals with an option to experience work in a highly integrated setting.

For more than 50 years, ODC has proudly served Northern Minnesota, helping individuals achieve greater independence and success through meaningful employment opportunities.

Visit our website www.odcmn.org; Contact Gene at gwaters@odcmn.org, or call 218-326-8574

June Customer Service Award

Congratulations & Well Done
Frank Gangi
WOODLAND BANK



Pictured from left to right: Chamber Ambassador LeAnn Hardy-City Limits Storage. From Woodland Bank, Jeanne Nicklason, Jamie Randolph, Frank Gangi, Sophia Pocrnich, Tina Carlson and Brian Nicklason.

Frank has a remarkable ability to brighten customer days with his warm personality, positive attitude, and exceptional service!

If you would like to nominate someone who demonstrates exceptional customer service, contact: kerry@grandmn.com

Welcome New Members!



Duluth Entertainment Convention Center

350 Harbor Drive, Duluth, MN 55802
218-722-5573

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

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