



Heartland Chevy Dealers

Friday, June 26, 2026



Friday, June 26, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

432 Hill Ave. Grafton, ND

(Grafton Chamber Parking Lot)

Each entry will receive 1-2 cases of ribs (depending on what each contestant is willing and able to handle cooking) from Jim's Super Valu (approx. value of \$200 per case)

Pick up ribs on Monday, June 22, 2026 between 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Grafton Chamber office

PLUS get \$1.00 per rib you hand out!

Sign up early – space and power sources are limited!

SummerFest 2026 RibFest Entry Form

Team Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cases of ribs requested: 1 or 2 (circle one) **Entry Fee of \$30 per case of ribs requested**

Electrical Needs: _____

(Note: Please be specific as to how many outlets / amps are needed. There is a limited amount of power sources available.)

Please make checks payable to:

Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce

432 Hill Ave

Grafton, ND 58237

**Entry Fee \$30
per case of
ribs requested**

Email: gracha@polarcomm.com

Phone number: (701) 352-0781

Fax number: (701) 352-3043

Please complete this form & return along with your entry fee by June 5, 2026

SummerFest RibFest 2026 brought to you by the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce



“Advancing economic vitality and enhancing the quality of life of the region.”



Set up & Check-In Time:



Cooking will take place at the Grafton Chamber parking lot at 432 Hill Ave, Grafton ND. Contestants may enter the cook-off area as early as 7:00 a.m. to set up and begin cooking. Contestant grilling locations are assigned on a first come/first served basis. The blind judging will begin at 5:00 p.m. (before the event opens to the public). Ribs will be judged on taste, texture, and appearance. "To Go" boxes will be provided to submit your entry to the judges. Each contestant is required to supply their own table/workspace, seating, and any overhang for shade/rain protection. Contestants are welcome to decorate their area with a theme, if they so choose. Event will proceed regardless of weather conditions – rain, wind, or sunshine.

Equipment:



Contestants must supply all required equipment and supplies such as: grills, gloves, utensils, and roasters. Each contestant is responsible for bringing their own extension cords and power strips. *Note: There is a limit to the electrical resources available. Ribs not provided by the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce will not be paid for by the Chamber. If you pick up ribs and do not show up for the event, you will be charged for the ribs, as they cannot be returned.*

Cooking:



All fires must be in containers. Contestants may use wood, charcoal, pellet, gas, or electric smoker grills. All food is required to be handled in a sanitary manner (using cooking utensils/gloves, etc.). Contestants are required to use gloves when serving to the public. Contestants will be provided with 1-2 cases of ribs depending on what you are willing and able to handle cooking. Seasonings, special ingredients, and sauces are not required to be homemade. No sides or other food items are to be given out to the public by the contestants, only ribs and sauce. There will be one vendor supplying salads and other sides. Customers will be required to purchase food tickets and will receive plates, napkins, utensils and sides before entering the rib cook-off area. All rules & guidelines must be followed. The Chamber reserves the right to make additional regulations as they see fit.

Quantities:



Please give modest samples to the public, 1 rib per ticket given. A box will be provided to each contestant for collecting tickets. At the end of the event, all leftover ribs are considered property of the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce and contestants may purchase their own leftover ribs for \$1.00 per rib.

Housekeeping:



All contestants must have a means of catching grease and ashes from their grill. Please do not dump coals, ashes, grease, etc. on the ground. Cook-off space must be kept clean & returned to its original condition by the end of the cook-off or before leaving the area. Please treat the property with respect.

Awards:



RibFest winners will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for these two categories:
Grill Master and People's Choice.

Pay Out:



Each entry will be provided with a collection box for tickets. Chamber staff will collect the box of tickets after the contest. Contestants will receive \$1.00 per ticket collected. Money can be picked up at the Chamber office on or after Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Any money not picked up by July 10, 2026, will be mailed out to contestants.

**Please submit entry form with entry fee to:
Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce
432 Hill Avenue, Grafton ND 58237**

If you wish to withdraw from the competition, please do so by June 5th, 2026
If you withdraw, you will not receive reimbursement for entry fee.