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GLORIA’S GEMS

I was pleased to have been invited by one of our members, Lupulin Brewing to their expansion celebration several weeks ago.



Co-founders Jeff Zierdt and Matt Schiller do put on a party in style! City, county, state and even US Congressional officials and legislators along with others thanked them for their hard work and success in growing their brewery into a manufacturing facility that makes craft beer. They provided tours along with a sample of their new sour beer.

Kudos to them as well as the City of Big Lake staff and City Council along with Sherburne County who were willing to take a “chance” on a new business!



MEMBER OF THE MONTH: LUPULIN BREWING

Lupulin’s \$4 million expansion was completed in March and will increase the brewery’s capacity from 3,500 barrels to 25,000 in the next few years. In addition to retaining their 15 full-time jobs, they will add another 15 full-time as well as more part-time jobs by 2021. They also purchased 22,500 sq. ft or nearly half of the building so that they can create an event space and barrel room. With increased distribution throughout Minnesota and into North and South Dakota, they have also increased their canning capacity.



Lupulin is introducing two new sour beers, Star Damage & Waking the Grapevine, through its Scribbled Lines Brewing.

Finance & Commerce awarded Lupulin Brewing its 2019 Progress Minnesota in the Food & Beverage Division.



US Congressman Tom Emmer stops by to congratulate Lupulin in the photo to the left. Some of the large new tanks can be see in the right photo.



WANTED: GOLFERS



The Chamber's first annual Golf Scramble would like more golfers!

Thanks to the enthusiastic Golf Committee members of Julie Evans, Karah Hawkinson, Hanna Klimmek, Paul Knier, Dr. Scott Schulz, and Tim Suchy, the Chamber will be hosting their first annual Golf Scramble on Thursday, May 23rd from 9-5 pm at the Monticello Golf Club.

Master Sponsors include :



Dahlheimer Beverage is sponsoring the beverage cart



IST Insurance Specialists will provide \$20,000 to a Hole in One golfer. **KWIK TRIP** is providing a free continental breakfast and Phillips Wine & Spirits will provide one free drink.

Classic sponsors include:  -Paul Knier,



There is still room for 3 more classic sponsors and sponsors for the party carts. Silent auction prizes at a value of \$20 or more are still welcome.

Items such as pens, golf balls, hand sanitizers, chapsticks, and snack items with your business card attached are welcome for the golfer welcome bags. Please drop off 80 items at the Chamber office by noon on May 21st or email info@biglakechamber.com for pick-up.

Volunteers are needed from 8:30-10:30 on Thursday, May 23rd to help with set-up, registration, breakfast, and sales of mulligans and putting strings.

This event helps the Chamber keep their dues at a reasonable cost so your contributions in time and financial support are greatly appreciated!

Both individual golfers and teams are welcome. You can go online to register at [Golf Scramble here!](#) Additional information is on the flyer to the right.

1st Annual GOLF SCRAMBLE
Building Community Connections

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 FROM 9-5 PM
MONTICELLO COUNTRY CLUB
1209 GOLF COURSE RD, MONTICELLO MN

GOLFERS

Enjoy games such as Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to Pin, Mulligans, Par 3- Circle, Putting String, & "Ace in the Hole"

HOLE IN ONE \$20,000 PRIZE sponsored by 

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- Team with Highest Scores receives FREE lessons by pro!

Continental Breakfast provided by **KWIK TRIP**

 Providing Free Drink

Master Sponsors include:









Individual golfers or TEAMS welcome!
Register at www.biglakechamber.com/golf-scramble

SCHEDULE

9 am Registration & Continental Breakfast
10 am Shotgun
2 pm Social Hour
4 pm Awards Dinner

Classic (Hole) Sponsors:

CenterPoint Energy
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Options, Inc.
Russell's on the Lake




Call 763-263-7800
Email info@biglakechamber.com

NEW MEMBER: SMITH, PAULSON, O'DONNELL & ERICKSON

The Board recently accepted Smith, Paulson, O'Donnell & Erickson (SPOE) as new members of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

SPOE, located in Monticello, has five attorneys with over 138 years of combined legal experience, including two Minnesota State Bar Association Certified Specialists; an honor held by approximately three percent of attorneys practicing in Minnesota. Their attorneys are supported by a staff of highly qualified assistants with 47 years of combined legal experience.

For businesses, SPOE provides legal assistance in transactions and collections, employment and labor, and property owner issues.



NEW BICYCLE RACKS

The City of Big Lake installed eight bicycle racks throughout the community last week. They are placed at the Big Lake Police Department, Public Works, City Hall, and various parks including Lakeside Park. These bike racks were made possible with a grant awarded by Sherburne County Statewide Health Improvement Partnership.



Bicycle Advisory Group members standing in front of the bike rack that was installed at City Hall include: (front) Janine Foggia, Hanna Klimmek, Michael Healy. (back) Scotty Mitchell, Roger Zeman, Colleen Zeman, Bev Anderson, Brad Schnitzler, Melissa Pribyl, & Corrie Scott



Events



Flower Art: Mollee will help you create flowers from paper. Great craft before Mother's Day. For ages 12+. Limit 20. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Wed. May 8 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

ECFE Storytimes @ the Library: ECFE and the library are partnering to host a weekly circle time! Join us as we sing songs, do movement activities, create fun crafts, and read books. For ages 0-5 and their families. Limit 30. Registration required.

Tuesday, May 14 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Get Garden Inspiration: Create a beaded stake that dances in the breeze. A fun eye-catcher to add to any garden. For ages 10+. Limit 12. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Saturday, May 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Yoga Storytime: Movement enhances early learning. Get stretchy with us. We'll sing and read, move and be still. Please wear comfortable clothing. Parents and Caregivers are encouraged to participate with their children. For ages 3 to 6. Limit 20. Registration required.

Friday, May 17 from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.



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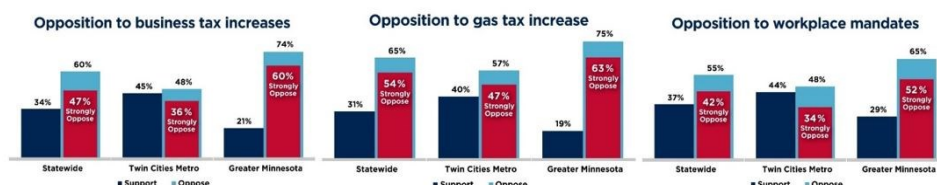
STATEWIDE OPPOSITION TO TAX INCREASES

A recent poll as shown below demonstrates statewide opposition to business and gas tax increases, along with mandates on employers and employees. The resistance was strongest in Greater Minnesota. Among the survey findings:

- Voters statewide oppose the governor’s proposed business taxes by a nearly 2-to-1 margin. In Greater Minnesota, it’s 3-to-1.
- Minnesotans who strongly oppose a new payroll tax to fund a state-run paid leave program outnumber all those who support it. Opposition is stronger in Greater Minnesota where 29 support and 65 percent oppose the proposal.
- Nearly two-thirds of voters statewide oppose the proposed 20-cent-per-gallon gas tax, and 54 percent strongly oppose it. Almost four times as many voters in Greater Minnesota oppose the increase as those who support it.

The Legislature is debating proposals to increase taxes and fees by nearly \$12 billion over the next four years. Much of that burden would fall directly on the business community with cost increases estimated at \$5 billion to \$6 billion. The proposals would set roadblocks to investment, slow economic growth and threaten Minnesota’s affordability

Low-income Minnesotans are hit hardest by Governor Walz’s proposed tax increases. Minnesotans on the bottom half of the income ladder would absorb an average 9.9% tax increase, according to the analysis by



U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Series: Twin Cities

May 8, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

This spring, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce will welcome business builders from across the state to the Small Business Series: Twin Cities. The event will provide business owners and entrepreneurs an intimate opportunity to learn new tools to help them thrive and grow, and to network with their peers and other industry experts in their communities. *Use promo code **SBSMNChamber** and attend for free [here!](#)*

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President Donald Trump
202-456-1111 [Email](#)



NEW ACTIVITIES FOR BLOCK PARTY

The Chamber's Block Party Committee has added several new activities for the Big Lake Block Party from 10 am-2 pm on Saturday, August 17th.

New this year will be classic cars sponsored by Dan's of Big Lake. Big Lake Boy Scouts will sponsor an inflatable BB gun range. McPete's will provide bowling and mini-golf. Dean-o-Mite will entertain with music and games. Big Lake Ambassadors will offer face painting. Big Lake Police and CentraCare Emergency Services staff and vehicles will be available to check out.



Coborn's will provide the food and water and McPete's fountain beverages.

Chamber Board approved starting the event a few hours earlier to accommodate other community events that occur that day. If you would like to be a sponsor of this event, please contact one of the Committee members: Dr. Kristi McAlpin of Big Lake Area Vet Hospital, Bill Blackhurst of Boy Scouts, Trisha Lindahl of City of Big Lake, Heather Eidem of CentraCare Health, Tim Suchy of Edward Jones & Allen Snegosky of Sherburne State Bank. The sponsorship form is on the next page.

Platinum Sponsors are:



Gold Sponsor to date is:



Silver Sponsor includes:



Bronze Sponsors:



All activities including some booths from sponsors are offered at one low price of \$5/person for the entire 4-hour event. Food and beverages are additional costs.

Start collecting 100 items such as inflatable balls, pencils, colors, coloring sheets for the goodie bags for the first children to come.

Volunteers are needed to set-up and take down, collect money at the registration tables, provide wristbands and work at the food booth. This event helps the Chamber keep their dues at a reasonable cost so your contributions in time and financial support are greatly appreciated!



McPete's Entertainment Center



Saturday, August 17th, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm

- Platinum Sponsor \$1,000**
Premiere logo recognition on main stage and on all marketing materials. Includes 10 passes.
- Gold Sponsor \$500**
Prominent logo recognition at inflatables and on marketing materials. Includes 6 passes.
- Silver Sponsors \$250**
Prominent logo recognition on batting cages. Includes 4 passes.
- Hole in one Contest Sponsor \$250 (Maximum 2 Sponsors)**
Prominent logo recognition and contest table on Mini-Golf hole. Includes 4 passes.
- Bowling Lane Contest Sponsor \$250 (Game Ideas on Backside)**
Prominent logo recognition at bowling lane. You choose a game with prizes. Includes 4 passes. Must bring a small table.
- Carnival Game Sponsor \$150 (Game Ideas on Backside)**
Just like the old time bazaars. You choose a game with prizes. Includes 4 passes. Must bring a table and tent if needed.
- Bronze Sponsors \$150**
Name recognition at bowling lanes. Includes 4 passes.
- Community Sponsor \$50**
Name recognition at Mini-Golf course.
- I am interested in volunteering at the Block Party**
Wear your company shirt and mingle!

(PLEASE CHOOSE ONE BELOW)

- I would like Sponsor passes I am not interested in Sponsor passes

Here's your invitation to participate. Sign up today! Due by July 24th
You do NOT have to be a Chamber member to participate. All are welcome!
[All logos must be emailed to info@biglakechamber.com for marketing materials by July 24th](mailto:info@biglakechamber.com)

******Participating sponsors are required to bring their own tents and tables******
If you wish to sell tickets at the event for your own organization, a minimum \$150 sponsorship is required!

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment information: Checks payable to Big Lake Chamber, P.O. Box 241, Big Lake, MN 55309

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVC: _____

Total credit card charge _____ Cardholder (if different than above) _____
 Phone # _____ Email address _____

BLHS Named National Leader in Work-based Learning



Big Lake High School's Relevant Experience Apprenticeship Learning (REAL) program recently received national recognition from Project Lead The Way (PLTW), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor.

REAL strives to create college and career readiness opportunities for all students through work-based learning, including successfully placing students in apprenticeships to learn practical and theoretical aspects of highly-skilled occupations. It provides all students opportunities to gain exposure and experience through exploration in the field of their choosing through registered apprenticeships.

PLTW is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for PreK-12 students and teachers across the U.S. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, Big Lake High School students will have the opportunity to participate in PLTW Engineering courses and earn college credit. Unique partnerships with local companies such as Chamber member **Arconic** give students additional opportunities to gain real-world experience through registered apprenticeships.



It is time once again to put the snow and ice of this Polar Vortex year behind us and focus on the warm waters of Big Lake and the annual Big Lake Spud Fest!

Big Lake Spud Fest was born here in 1972. The founders of the festival were looking for a means to provide funds for summer youth recreation programs and an event for Big Lake and surrounding areas that promoted a strong sense of community and sharing. Over the years, Big Lake Spud Fest has grown into more than just a simple summer event! We now sponsor and implement new events year-round, providing fun and safe activities for all who attend!

As with any nonprofit organization, we rely on community leaders such as you for donations and volunteer hours. We also provide sponsorship opportunities for businesses and organizations that advertise with us. Imagine reaching over 20,000 people in just four days! We would like to extend to you an opportunity to become a part of Big Lake Spud Fest's history and help sponsor one of the longest running community events in the area.

Below are the levels of sponsorship we offer:

LOADED TATER SPONSORSHIP = \$1,000

Your company logo/banner will appear on our website sponsorship page and main stage throughout our event. You will be recognized in our final newspaper publication.

TWICE BAKED POTATO SPONSORSHIP = \$500

Your company logo/banner will appear on our website sponsorship page. You will be recognized in our final newspaper publication.

TATOR-TOT SPONSORSHIP = \$250

Your company logo/banner will appear on our website sponsorship page.

FRENCH FRY SPONSORSHIP = \$50 + and/or BINGO PRIZE DONATIONS

Your company name will be listed on our website sponsorship page.

(Regretfully, our bylaws prohibit a sponsor from selling a product and/or service during Big Lake Spud Fest.)

Not sure what to sponsor? We have so much to offer! How about one of the bands? Or the fireworks on Friday night? Did you know we have a softball tournament that runs all week-end? If you have any ideas regarding activities, contest or other forms of sponsorships, please do not hesitate to call on us.

In addition to these sponsorships, we also have the opportunity for businesses to donate bingo items that will be given away during the three days and nights of the Big Lake Spud Fest. Your company name will be added to the donation list to win and your business will also be announced at the time of the giveaway. If this sponsorship opportunity interests you, please check the bingo donation on the enclosed form with a description of the donation that is being provided. Please drop off your donation at the Big Lake Chamber office.

We hope that you will take the next step with us in becoming a part of the wonderful history of Big Lake Spud Fest. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call Raeanne Danielowski or Don Orrock (phone numbers listed below).

Thank you very much for your consideration and continued support!

Sincerely,



ECFE in the PARK!

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2019 Dates & PARKS
 June 12 - LIBERTY ELEMENTARY
 June 26 - WRIGHTS CROSSING
 July 10 - HUDSON WOODS
 July 24 - SHORES OF LAKE MITCHELL
 Aug 7 - SANFORD SELECT ACRES
 Aug 21 - LAKESIDE

Join us this summer in the PARK!
 From 10:00 - 11:30 am
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- community resources
- and more!

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For children ages Birth - 5 and their families!

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 Participants registered by May 1, 2019 will receive free ECFE in the Park "SWAG!"

Early Childhood: Phone: 763-562-3232 Email: ecfe@biglakece.org Website: www.biglakece.org Book and Arts: graphics@creativeclub.org

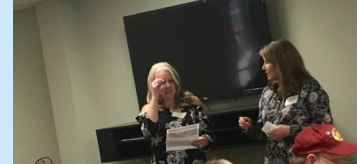
MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us for our May 28th membership meeting at Friendly Buffalo with a legislative wrap-up. State Senator Mary Kiffmeyer and Representative Nick Zerwas will share results of our legislative session. Members will also hear words of wisdom from retiring Sherburne County Administrator Steve Taylor. Registration is at 11:45 am with the meeting starting at 12pm. Lunch includes a salad bar buffet with chicken wild rice soup and breadsticks. Members are asked to register by Tuesday, May 21st [here!](#)

April membership meeting included presentations from 11 non-profit members about their programs and services to a group of 35 members. The first photo shows Chief Administrative Office Bryan Bauck of CentraCare Health in Monticello discussing their near completion of a \$5.8 million renovation of their emergency room and specialty services.. Stacie Skalak & Brenda Geldert of Options in the photo to the right share their services for persons with disabilities.



The photo to the left include some of those attending!





Golf Mixer

Thurs, July 18

3:00 pm

Open to the Public - At Pebble Creek Golf Course
Teams, Sponsors, Door Prize Donations & Volunteers Welcomed!



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
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Business After Hours & Networking Prize Drawing


In addition to great networking, May's Business After Hours on **Thursday, May 16th starting at 5 pm** at The Third Rail will include a Network Prize drawing with a value of \$145. All Chamber members are entered into the Network Box. If the lucky winner isn't present, the business name will be placed back in the box and another business will be drawn at the May 28th membership meeting. There is no charge but we ask you to [register here](#) to allow for adequate space.

Prizes at this time include:

Ticket to free drawing event  valued at \$35

 \$25 gift certificate

1/2 hour massage at 

\$30 Gift Card at 

Monticello Printing \$30 towards Printing

 \$25 gift card

FUTURE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

June 20th - Friendly Buffalo
 July 18th - Lupulin
 August 15th - McPete's
 All events begin at 5 pm

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- Kayla Miller, Director of Wellness
Guardian Angels of Elk River, Inc.



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MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



In addition to seeking sponsorships, they would like donations from area businesses and groups for prizes for Bingo. Members can drop off prizes at the Chamber Office.

Spud Fest also needs many volunteers to continue this successful event: [click here to volunteer!](#)

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge offers FREE guided **bird** tours on Saturdays, May 11 & 18 from 8-10 am. Participants can learn about what species can be found around the refuge in the springtime, such as raptors, waterfowl, and warblers. Each tour will be approximately 1-3 miles long. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and close-toed shoes and, if you choose, bring binoculars, camera, field guides, water, a snack, sunscreen, and bug spray. For more information, contact the Refuge office at 763-389-3323 or sherburne@fws.gov.



Is seeking advertisers for their monthly newsletter that is published 6 times a year (May-Oct.) and distributed to over 400 members and their families and friends! Interested members can contact Community Media directly [here](#) or call 941-375-3699 ext: 118

As part of our involvement with GROW MINNESOTA of the MN Chamber of Commerce, our members can participate in the MN Job Match by using the following link through the MN Chamber of Commerce website to post any jobs or internships: <https://www.mnchamber.com/grow/mn-job-match>



Save the Date for the 3rd Annual Youth Apprenticeship and Career Fair, scheduled for Thursday, September 19th. Over 40 (and growing) area businesses set up informational displays as an opportunity for all 9-12 grade students to see what kinds of careers are available to them right in our surrounding areas. This exposure might lead to other opportunities to explore the career further through tours, job shadowing, college visits, or maybe even lead to a work-based learning experience through Youth Apprenticeship. Over one thousand students will be in attendance!



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VOLUNTEER FOR A CHAMBER COMMITTEE in 2019

In addition to its Board of Directors, the Chamber has seven Committees that members can be involved. Several of these are short-term Committees around a specific event while others advise the Board on specific issues. Please consider volunteering for one of the following and email your interest to info@biglakechamber.com:

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|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Ambassadors | Block Party | Economic Development |
| Golf Scramble | Governmental Affairs | Holiday Social |
| Community Fair | | |

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

CENTRAL MINNESOTA
Benton - Sherburne - Stearns

BIKE TO WORK WEEK

May 13th - May 17th

Bike to Work Week is a national event that promotes bicycling as a mode of transportation.

Join communities across Central MN in celebrating Bike to Work Week!
Grab some co-workers, bike to work, snap a photo and share.
Entries will be entered to win breakfast delivered to work the following week for those who participated.

To Enter*

1. Post your photo on Facebook or Instagram
2. Use the hashtag #BikeMeetsWork2019 & include your place of employment
3. Or submit your photo to SHIP.RALAG@gmail.com
All photos must be posted or submitted by 5:00 pm on 5/17

*By submitting an entry and participating in this contest, I agree and acknowledge the guidelines as outlined in the Photo Waiver and Release and give permission to the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership to use the photo in promotional materials. See reverse side or email SHIP.RALAG@gmail.com for details.



In honor of World Migratory Bird Day

Spring Celebration

May 18th at Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

Environment ^{for} the Americas

10 am to 1 pm
Oak Savanna Learning Center
Plant Sale
Nature Craft
Guided Hikes
Live Bee Display
Interpretive Displays
Eagle's Nest Nature Store
Food available for purchase

Bird Tour
Blue Hill Trail
8 am to 10 am

Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive
Dawn to Dusk

Special Presentation:
"Keeping Wild Families Together"
11:00 am
Tami Vogel
The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Visit biglakechamber.com for more information. Pre-register for events by emailing therbarber@fws.gov or calling (507) 399-3323

Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, 1200 13th Ave SW, Zimmerman, MN 56005
Oak Savanna Learning Center, Address: 1200 13th Ave SW, Zimmerman, MN 56005
Blue Hill Trail is a site used by Big Lake Chamber of Commerce (LCC)
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing services to those unable to attend. Please direct all requests for special accommodations to the Big Lake Chamber, 763 940 3323, info@biglakechamber.com or 119 400 871 8319 at least two weeks prior to the event.

Newsletter Tidbits

Due

Want to include something in the Chamber Newsletter? Send us a 1/4 page ad or a few sentences to include in next month's newsletter by Wednesday, Friday, May 24th. Full page ads can be added for only \$25 per month. Are you a new member? Ask the Chamber how to redeem your free full page ad!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Block Party Committee noon @ McPete's Golf Committee noon @ Trails	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Ambassadors 11:30 @ Friend- ly Buffalo	9	10	11
12	13	14 Chamber Board Meeting 12:30 at City Council Chambers	15 Golf Scramble Committee noon at Trails	16 Business after Hours 5 pm @ The Third Rail. Register here	17	18
19	20	21 Sherburne Co. Area United Way 2019 Coborn's Annu- al Golf Tourna- ment info here!	22	23 Golf Scramble. Golfers register here	24	25
26	27	28 Membership Meeting 11:45 @ The Friendly Buffalo. Regis- ter here!				

Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday, June 5: Block Party Committee meeting at noon at McPete's Entertainment Center

Thursday, June 16: Business after Hours at Friendly Buffalo

Thursday, July 18: Business after Hours at Lupulin Brewing

Saturday, August 17 from 10-2 pm: Big Lake Block Party @



Tuesday, August 27 at 11:45-1 Membership Meeting at Carefree Country Club