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GLORIA'S GEMS

During this next year I plan to feature our dedicated Board members in our monthly newsletters.

In addition to the monthly board meetings, they serve on at least one other Chamber Committee. They encourage other businesses to join the Chamber and offer great ideas on improving the Chamber and the Big Lake community. Please join me in thanking them for their service.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

“I love Big Lake and am excited to pitch in wherever way I can to help it grow”, exclaimed newly-elected Chamber Board Chair Paul Knier of Cabot Lodge Securities.

Knier has been a financial advisor for the past 27 years and with Cabot Lodge Securities since 2010 when they purchased his company. He maintains Series 7 and Series 66 licenses. He is a graduate from University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management. Office manager Scott Brodeen has been with him for 10 years.

Serving on the Chamber board for the last 20 months, Knier is also a member of the Chamber's Golf Committee. He has completed his first year on the Big Lake City Council. Some of his Council Committees include Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Finance Committee and Labor Management Committee.

“As with any part of life, what you get out of it is what you put in,” noted Knier. “I encourage everyone to share their gifts to the Chamber and Big Lake.”

Paul and his wife Julie have 5 children ages 12-22. He volunteered at the 2019 Golf Scramble in the photo on left.

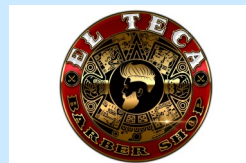


WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Realty Group: Realtor Carla Swanson attended the January membership meeting featuring the House 30A Candidates Forum and joined the Chamber within days. Her husband Brad joins her in their business and they became silver sponsors of the Big Lake Community Fair! They can be reached [here!](#)



El Teca Barbershop: Owner Oscar Cooper at El Teca Barbershop is beginning his second year of business in Big Lake. City of Big Lake Community Development Director Hanna Klimmek encouraged him to consider joining the Chamber. He can be welcomed as a new member Tuesday-Saturday from 10-6 pm at 171 Lake St. or call 763-207-8822.



Edina Realty-Ryan Benjamin became a realtor after being in the automotive business for 21 years. He has lived in the Big Lake/Becker area for 10 years. Along with his expertise in negotiations and networking, his company also provides support to his customers. He can be reached [here!](#)




GRAND PRIZE
\$2500
CASH

February 22nd, 2020
— at 12:00pm —

BIG LAKE LIONS
LITTLE HOLE
ICE FISHING CONTEST

Tickets \$20 Advanced Price, \$25 Day of Event Price
For more info visit BigLakeIceFishing.org

New This Year
THE FISH OF THE DAY
\$600 Prize
Sponsored by
McPete's

Big Lake Spudfest and Ed Haus Foundation sponsor

FREE KIDS FISHING DERBY
Held before the Main Event
From 10:00-11:30am

BIG LAKE SPUD FEST

Thank you to our Sponsors!

McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes
RC RAINVILLE-CARLSON INC. Roofing and Sheet Metal Since 1924
Ed Haus Foundation



Sherburne History Day
The County's 164th Birthday!
Saturday, February 15
10:00 am—Noon
at the
Sherburne History Center
10775 27th Ave SE - Becker
Free Family Event!
Crafts*Games*Cake

www.sherburnehistorycenter.org
763-262-4433

SherburneHistory

OUR NEW STATE REPRESENTATIVE: PAUL NOVOTNY



Voters in Tuesday Feb 4th's special House 30A election approved Republican-endorsed Paul Novotny as their new House 30A representative. Novotny has been employed for 30 years with the Sherburne County Sheriff's office.

Both Representative Novotny and DFL-endorsed candidate Chad Hobot of Elk River attended the January 28th Membership meeting in their only public forum before the special election. Photo below right taken by Riverwood Bank Jim Finn captures the forum and includes Governmental Affairs Chair and moderator Allen Snegosky of Sherburne State Bank. Novotny won with a 63% margin.

In his acceptance letter, Novotny indicated his excitement to "get to work at the state capitol on the things I was elected to do: Protect Life and the Second Amendment, fixing on roads and bridges and ending fraud and abuse and giving the taxpayer a better tomorrow than yesterday."



We congratulate Representative Novotny! He begins his work next Tuesday when Session begins.

CHAMBER DAY AT THE CAPITOL



Join Chamber members across Minnesota at the Chamber Day at the Capitol Thursday, Feb 27th from 1-5:30 pm at the State Capitol. Attendees will be initially briefed by Minnesota Chamber on key issues impacting the business community. Appointments have been scheduled with State Senator Mary Kiffmeyer and are pending with newly-elected State Representative Paul Novotny. Reception is at 4 pm. Cost is \$30 each and you can register [here](#). Contact the office if you would like to carpool.

2020 Census

The 2020 Census will count everyone who lives in the U.S. as of April 1, 2020 (Census Day). Census statistics help determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and some experts indicate MN will lose a congressional seat. Census results also determine how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local, and federal lawmakers every year for the next 10 years. Beginning in mid-March, households can respond to the census online or by phone. Additionally, about one-quarter of households will receive a follow-up paper questionnaire at that time. Beginning in mid-April, households that have not responded will receive a paper questionnaire.

Everyone is encouraged to complete their questionnaire.



COMMUNITY FAIR

March 21st 9-noon

COMMUNITY FAIR EARLY REGISTRATION DUE FEB 18

The deadline for March 21st's Community Fair early bird booth registration with a \$20 discount is Tuesday Feb. 18th.

The Winter Farmers Market vendors will join the Community Fair at the Big Lake High School. Entertainment is being planned in the gym with booths around them. Big Lake School's Jazz Band, Robotics Team and Evolution Tae Kwon Do will provide entertainment. Big Lake Ambassadors will offer face painting. Caricatures by William B. Morgan is available. Free food will be offered with lots of give-away items including bikes for youth who attend and register.

Because booth pricing is remaining the same as the last three years, sponsorships of \$250, \$500 and \$1000 are being requested to pay for the costs of providing entertainment in the gym. Big Lake Spud Fest is a Gold Sponsor with Connexus Energy, Old National Bank and Realty Group as Silver Sponsors.



Shop Local

BIG LAKE WINTER FARMERS MARKET

November 16 • December 21
January 18 • February 15
*March 21 • April 18

*MARCH MARKET LOCATED AT HIGH SCHOOL 9AM-12PM

THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

BIG LAKE CITY HALL
160 LAKE STREET N, BIG LAKE, MN

www.biglakemn.org
Questions? Contact escott@biglakemn.org or 612-297-6331

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2020 Community Fair
Saturday, March 21, 2020
9 am—noon
Big Lake High School

**With Winter Farmers Market
& Entertainment !**

BUSINESS NAME: _____

TYPE OF BUSINESS/ MAIN SERVICES: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Registration fee includes: 8x10 draped booth, 1 8ft. draped table & two chairs, fully carpeted area, & promoting for Community event. Set up times: 7:00 -9 am on 3/21

- ◊ 6 PREMIUM Booth Spaces at entrance of Fair- for an additional \$50: only available until February 18, 2020 (same day that Early Bird Discount ends)
- ◊ Early Bird- \$20 Discount on registration if paid by February 18, 2020
- ◊ Sales of new, pre-packaged items will be allowed at booths.
- ◊ **PLEASE NOTE:** Open food is NOT permitted in any part of the gymnasium. If you wish to give samples, we are offering one complimentary food court table with a paid booth in the gymnasium

Food Court is for FREE FOOD samples ONLY; sales in the court will NOT be permitted

Booth Space:	Sub-total:
<input type="checkbox"/> Chamber member**: 1 booth @ \$200.00; additional booths @ \$125 each (does not include electricity)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Chamber member: 1 booth @ \$350.00 ; additional booths @ \$200 each (does not include electricity)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Premium Booth Space ___ x \$50.00 additional charge to booth fee.	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Court Table (members) # of tables ___ x \$75.00 (includes electricity)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Court Table (non-members) # of tables ___ x \$125.00 (includes electricity)	_____

Extra, Optional Items:

- Electricity \$20 (one outlet per booth, limited availability, bring your own cord) _____
- Additional skirted table 4ft__ 6ft__ 8ft__ x \$30.00 (do not bring your own) _____
- Complimentary Food Court table with paid booth for food samples (does not include electricity)

Full Payment Must Accompany This Registration Form

Payment Information: Checks, Cash, or Visa/MasterCard accepted. Make checks payable and mail to:
Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry, PO Box 241, Big Lake, MN 55309

Name on Card _____ Number _____ Expiration _____

Signature _____ Date _____ CVC _____

\$20 discount if payment received by February 18th, 2020

Total Paid: _____

Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 4th, 2020

*Your booth is NOT confirmed unless payment is received. A confirmation email will immediately be sent as soon as payment arrives. If you do not receive a confirmation email from the BLCC&I, we did not receive your info or payment. Please look for your email and contact us if you do not receive it within one week of sending your registration. **If you check member pricing, you must be up-to-date on your membership dues**

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 28th

Golf Committee Chair Dr. Scott Schulz of Great River Spine & Sport recently announced the Chamber's 2nd Annual Golf Scramble will be Thursday, May 28 from 10-5:30 pm at the Monticello Country Club.

Schulz and Committee members Paul Knier of Cabot Lodge Securities, Hanna Klimmek of City of Big Lake, Tim Suchy of Edward Jones, Julie Evans of Insurance Specialists Team (IST) and Karah Hawkinson of Sherburne History Center are seeking sponsors and teams. Golfers registering by April 28th will enjoy an early bird savings. You can contact any Committee member, email the office or sign up [here](#).

Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry 2nd Annual GOLF SCRAMBLE
Building Community Connections

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020 FROM 10-5:30 PM
MONTICELLO COUNTRY CLUB
1209 GOLF COURSE RD, MONTICELLO MN

SPONSORSHIPS

Master Sponsor: \$625 for sponsorship of event & includes green fees, cart, light breakfast & dinner for 4 golfers.

Classic Sponsor: \$200. Includes sponsorship of a golf hole with signage. You are encouraged to have a game or event at your golf tee box.

Dinner Sponsor:  Business Development Team


Beverage Cart Sponsor (2): \$450. Your company logo on carts

Driving Range Sponsor: \$200. Signage at the driving range. Can have table set-up to greet golfers the day of the tournament.

Putting Contest Sponsor: Donate prize.

Party Cart: \$200. Party Cart will be decorated to theme of the Golf Scramble & have sponsor's logo on signage on the cart. Sponsor can also provide prizes.

*** All sponsors will be recognized in Big Lake Chamber Newsletter, Facebook, & Big Lake Chamber Website and Special Recognition at the Awards Dinner.

Social Hour FREE drink provided by 


SCHEDULE

10 am Registration & Continental Breakfast
11 am Shotgun start
3:30 pm Social Hour
4:30 pm Awards Dinner



GOLFERS

Enjoy games such as longest drive, longest putt & closest to pin

\$20,000 HOLE IN ONE PRIZE sponsored by 

Team with Lowest Score receives \$200 to use at Pro Shop
Register or sponsor at www.biglakechamber.com/golf-scramble

After April 28th: \$50 or \$360 per team of 4



**FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE
FEBRUARY 1-29**

Join RiverWood Bank as we collect items for our local **FOOD SHELF**.

DONATION IDEAS: Canned and boxed goods, baby food, peanut butter, soups, laundry soap, dish soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, other personal care items, and cleaning supplies are welcome.



Donations will be delivered during March Food Share Month.



RiverWoodBank.com



Big Lake SCHOOLS Early Childhood Programs

SUPPORT OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Sweetheart Ball & fundraiser

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 ~ 6-8PM

PIZZA & CONCESSIONS • PHOTO BOOTH & FACE PAINTING
SILENT AUCTION • MUSIC & DANCING

liberty elementary

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For children ages birth - second grade & their families!

Superintendent Search Survey

The Big Lake School Board is asking community members and parents to provide input into the characteristics and priorities of the next superintendent along with your thoughts on the strengths and challenges that exist in the district. The survey found [here](#) is available through Friday, Feb 8th.

Superintendent Steve Westerberg who served on the Chamber Board for the past 3 years announced his retirement in May.

The Wave Youth Center meets the needs of the body, mind and spirit of area youth. They had 421 youth come in their first 35 days, not counting Christmas vacation.

HOURS: School Days: M,T,TH,F 2-6p; W 2-5:30p

Non School Days: M,T,Th,F 11-6p;

W 11-5:30p



Events



Join the Friends of Big Lake Library. See page 10 for details!

CHILDREN

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten: A reading program designed to increase the awareness of early literacy and to encourage parents to embrace their role as their child's first teacher. For ages 0-5. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

TEEN EVENTS

"Who Done It" Escape Room: Grab your friends and form a group for a 60 minute "scavenger" hunt. Limited space. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Wed., Mon., Feb 10

3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

ADULT EVENTS

Wall Pouch Basket Weaving: Create a beautiful, simple envelope style hanging wall basket. This basket will take storage vertical! Great for an office, mail, dried flowers or a yarn stash. No experience needed. Limit 11. A Legacy event.

Thursday, Feb 20

5:00 to 8:00 pm

FAMILY EVENTS

Library Lover's Month

February is National Library Lover's Month. Help us celebrate YOU! Find all 10 hearts in the library for a chance at a cool February prize.

Monday, Feb. 3 to Saturday, Feb. 15

During library open hours

Yo Yos for Quilts: Remember those Depression Era quilts that kept you warm at Grandma's? Maybe one of those was a YoYo Quilt. Learn how to make those cute yo yos that can be used for much more than quilts. For teens and adults. Limit 12. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Follow and like us on FB. Register on the online library events calendar <https://griver.org/events/6/all/all/0/calendar/2019-12>




Wright Technical Center
OPEN HOUSE

We invite you to visit our state-of-the-art facility and learn more about the exciting Career & Technical programs and answer any questions!

WHEN: Monday, April 13, 2020
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

WHO: All students, parents, business partners and community members.

1405 3rd Ave NE
Buffalo, MN 55313

Come for a hotdog, chips, beverage and a chance to win fabulous door prizes.

Questions about the Open House event, please call 763-682-4112.



The WRIGHT path for High School

WRIGHT TECHNICAL ACCEPTING BIDS



The student-built house project at Wright Technical Center is accepting bids until 3 pm on March 27th . Minimum bid is \$79,900.

Special features and specifications for this house project are: 1560 sq. ft., open floor plan with vaulted ceilings in living room, dining room and kitchen, 3 bedroom rambler, one full bath, one ¾ bath in master bedroom, angled bay window in living room, patio door in dining area, first floor laundry, kitchen island, custom quality cabinets and vanities, all light fixtures, switches and outlets installed, Marvin Integrity Casement windows and patio door, Dura Core Entrance Door Systems, Main-street vinyl siding and accessories, 20" blown in insulation in attic-R60.



See details [here](#) or contact Mike Anderson, Construction Trades Instructor, 763-684-2214 or the office at 763-682-4112, for more information.

Business Expo & Craft Show

Sunday
February 16th
11am - 3pm



More Info and Vendor List:
thebuffmn.com/expo



Formerly The Friendly Buffalo
16722 198th Ave.
BIG LAKE, MN
thebuffmn.com



EMPLOYER TAX SEMINAR

What you need to know about paying taxes and state and federal laws

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 | 8:30-3:30 | NO COST

**RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARY IN MAPLEWOOD
3025 SOUTHLAWN DRIVE
MAPLEWOOD, MN 55109
REGISTER AT WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM**

Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations to attend this seminar should contact the Minnesota Business Tax Education Partnership at ui.mnstate.mn.us or call 651-259-0779.

We are an equal opportunity employer and program provider. The event is free, but you must register online. Visit www.uimn.org and search "Educational Seminars" for more information.

Topics covered:

- Properly classifying workers
- Minnesota Tax ID & withholding
- Wage detail reporting and filing
- State & federal labor standards
- Workers' compensation
- Business requirements and responsibilities

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us for our February membership meeting on Tuesday, February 25th at 11:45 at Independence STEM Elementary School as they share exciting activities in science, technology, engineering and math for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. A tour is available after the meeting. Chartwells will provide a penne and spaghetti pasta buffet with alfredo and Italian meat sauce, Caesar salad and cookies at a price of \$15. Registrations and lunch is at 11:45 with the meeting starting at noon. [Register here!](#)



NEW BOARD DIRECTOR NEEDED!

The Chamber Board has an opening for a board member. We meet monthly at City Hall on the second Tuesday at 12:30 pm. If interested please contact a Board member listed on page 1 or the office.

BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION/GROW MN

The Chamber joined the City at Options Inc last week. Options empowers and supports 262 adults with disabilities to live and work in the community. They employ 67 staff and have a fleet of 28 vehicles to transport their clients.



At right is Options Director of Employment Services and Quality Assurance Stacie Skalak, Big Lake City Administrator Clay Wilfahrt, Community Development Director Hanna Klimmek, Options Executive Director Brenda Geldert, Chamber Chair and Councilperson Paul Knier and Chamber Board member and Options Board Vice-Chair Ken Geroux.

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The Crown Room
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6 PM, FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2020

Fashion Show **Caffles**
Dinner **Cash Prizes**
Learn the Charleston **Dessert Auction**

\$35 TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
SHERBURNEUNITEDWAY.ORG
OR TEXT FASHIONSHOW20 TO 41444

Presented by: Sherburne County Area United Way WOMEN UNITED! United Way

The Friends of Big Lake Library is seeking new members of any age who want to support the library. They meet the first Monday of each month at the library. In March they meet at 1:30 pm and April thru Dec is at 5:30 pm. They support programs such as Storytime, Winter and Summer Reading programs, Craft programs, Bookclub for Teens, Gingerbread House, Wednesday Crafts and Books at the school in Summer and lots of programs for all ages at our local library.



Sherburne History Center Second Winter Lecture Series 202 will be held on Wednesday, February 12, at 2:00 pm. SHC Program Coordinator Karah Hawkinson will be speak on the communities of Sherburne County, and show lots of vintage photos. The event is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call the Sherburne History Center at 763-261-4433 or visit their website [here](#) for additional events including Renae Elert speaking on whaling history on Wednesday, Feb 26 and the Museum of Russian Art (TMORA) of Minneapolis's Russian art and culture program on Saturday, February 29, at 1:00 pm. Local artist Linda Croteau will be also be showing some of her oil paintings from February 1 until April 15.

Women of Today needs donations for the candy and toys that they give out to hundreds of children at their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4. Donations can be left at the Chamber office.

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge is offering a free afternoon of snow boarding with a bonfire, treats and hot drink on Feb 22nd from 1-4 pm at Oak Savanna Learning Center. Preregistration is requested at sherburne@fws.gov or call (763) 389-3323.



Best Western Plus needs 100 door prizes, cash and volunteers for their 14th Annual Operation Valentine on Feb 16th from 3-7 pm for those serving in the Armed Forces and their families at the hotel. Volunteers are also welcome.



ARE YOU FRIENDLY, APPROACHABLE AND AGE 55+?

If so, we need you! Volunteer at Big Lake Schools through RSVP.



Tasks can include:

- Helping in the classroom
- Leading recess games
- Helping in the Library
- Working in the garden
- Sharing your special interests
- And more! We can work with you to find a great fit!

GET IN TOUCH

RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program)
(763) 635-4505 / rsvp@ci.stcloud.mn.us
www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/RSVP

Big Lake Schools District Office
(763) 262-2536
communications@biglakeschools.org

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Join our next Tri Wellness at Work Learning Collaborative for FREE to receive guidance, tools, and resources to customize your workplace wellness program.

EMPLOYERS WILL LEARN BEST PRACTICE STRATEGIES IN:

- Fundamentals of Workplace Wellness
- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Breastfeeding Support
- Tobacco Use and Cessation
- Lifestyle and Stress Management

"Whether you are just beginning a workplace wellness committee or have had one together for years...the information offered through this program is so organized and informative. It's definitely worth the time!"

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

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- Improved productivity
- Increased employee recruitment and retention
- Bolstered employee morale and commitment
- Improved time and stress management



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Apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/Tri-Wellness-at-Work>
Application Deadline: February 20th, 2020

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Business After Hours & Networking Prize Drawing

In addition to great networking, February's Business After Hours on **Thursday, February 20 starting at 5 pm at The Third Rail** will include a Network Prize drawing with a value of \$335. All current members are entered into the drawing and members must be present to win. 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 February 25th Membership Meeting at Independence STEM Elementary School. You can register [here](#) at no cost

In January both A Catered Event and Angell's Construction were drawn as winners but as they were not at the events, their names were placed back in box for future drawings.

Last month's attendees below right include Jonathan Hopkins of Protection Plus Home Inspections, Chamber Vice-Chair Monice Parrish, Dr. Scott Schulz of Great River Spine & Sport and Chamber Chair Paul Knier of Cabot Lodge Securities.

Prizes at this time include:

\$25 gift certificate



Chiropractic treatment at



\$30 Gift Card at



Monticello Printing free address stamp

\$25 Gift Card at



WANTED: A used camera with zoom and lighting capabilities.



Email details to info@biglakechamber.com



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 Thursday, Jan. 23rd. 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

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2	3 Community Fair 11 City Large Confer- ence Room	4 House 30A Spe- cial Election 7 am -8 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10 Member/Prospects Visits 1-2 pm. Call office for visit!	11 Board 12:30 City Large Conference Room	12 Ambassadors 11:30 The Buff/ Friendly Buffalo	13	14	15
16	17 Presidents Day. Office closed	18 Community Fair early bird regis- trations due here Community Fair 11 in Conf. Room	19 Member/Prospects Visits 1-2 pm. Call office for visit! Golf Committee noon at Trails	20 Business after Hours 5 pm at The Third Rail. Regis- ter here .	21	22
23	24	25 Membership Mtg 11:45 at Inde STEM Elem. Reg- ister here!	26	27 Chamber Day at the Capitol. Register here	28	29 LEAP YEAR

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, March 19 Business after Hours at 5 pm.

Tuesday, March 4 Booth registrations for Community Fair due [here!](#)

Saturday, March 21 Community Fair at Big Lake High School from 9am-noon.

Tuesday, March 31 Membership Mtg at 11:45 at Hideout Restaurant. Register [here!](#)

Thursday, May 28 Golf Scramble at 10 am at Monticello Country Club. Register [here!](#)

Saturday, August 15 Block Party from 10-2 pm at Mc Pete's.