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“Committed to the success of the Big Lake business community through information, communication, cooperation and support for all.”

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Monday - Thursday 8 am - 2:15
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GLORIA'S GEMS



Thousands of area and regional residents will miss not going to the Big Lake Spud Fest later this month, due to its cancellation to minimize the spread of coronavirus.



Even more than our missing the parade, food, rides, Bingo, the beer tent, musical performances and fireworks, area youth and non-profit organizations will miss the donations Spud Fest usually gives throughout the year.

Becky Jacobs of Northstar Technology suggests that we give the dollars we normally spend at Spud Fest to one of the youth or non-profits that might not get funds this year. Check it out on page 8 in our Member Announcements!

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:



Tim Suchy has been a financial advisor for Edward Jones in the Big Lake Office since 2014 and in financial services since 1985. Tim has a BA from Bethel College and Accredited Asset Management Specialist and Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor designations from the College of Financial Planning. Tim and his wife Sandy have lived in Monticello for 26 years. They have two children: Luke and Ashley.

When asked about his choice to be a financial advisor, Tim explained, " In my many years in financial services, I saw so many people ill-prepared for their retirement. My passion is to help people set their retirement goals early in life and keep working to live a similar lifestyle in retirement. It is important to save during those 40 working years to live 25+ years in retirement."

Regarding the Big Lake Chamber, Tim added, "All businesses should be involved in the Chamber. Together we can make a difference in our community." Tim was the Chair for Chamber board the last 2 years and on the board for the past 5 years.



In the photo Tim (right) met with State Senator Bruce Anderson at the Chamber Day at the Capital.

NEW BOARD DIRECTORS

The Chamber's Board of Directors approved two new directors at their May Board meeting.

Yvonne Blum is branch manager of the Minnco Credit Union to open later this month at 613 Rose Drive. Find out more about their services on their website [here!](#)



Oscar Cooper opened El Tecca Barber Shop at 171 Lake Street North last year and volunteered to serve on the Board. He can be reached at 763-207-8822.





After serving for 5 years on the Board, Ken Geroux of Ken Geroux Construction resigned in

April. Karen Tomfohrde of Insurance Specialists Team resigned last December. We thank them for their service to the Chamber.

Graduation is no time to learn you haven't saved enough for college.


For a free, personalized college cost report, contact your Edward Jones financial advisor today.





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Big Lake Farmers Market
Wednesdays | June - August | 5-7 p.m.
Wednesdays | September | 5-6 p.m.
Lakeside Park

Free parking | Local products | Food trucks
Live music | Free activities weekly

biglakemn.org
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BLOCK PARTY NEEDS SPONSORS!



The Big Lake Block Party still needs sponsors for its Saturday, August 15th event from 10 am - 2 pm at Mc Pete's Entertainment Center. Vendors and sponsors of the cancelled Community Fair are encouraged to participate. Back-up date is Oct. 3rd.

Contact a Committee member for more information: Dr. Kristi McAlpin of Big Lake Area Vet Hospital, Corrie Scott of City of Big Lake, Nick Ellingson of Insurance Specialists Team, Yvonne Blum of Minnco Credit Union, Bill Blackhurst of Scouts, Allen Snegosky of Sherburne State Bank and Dan McElwee of St. Croix Valley Insurance.



BIG LAKE BLOCK PARTY
Saturday, Aug. 15
10-2 pm
McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Inflatable BB Gun Range Police Vehicles
Games Music

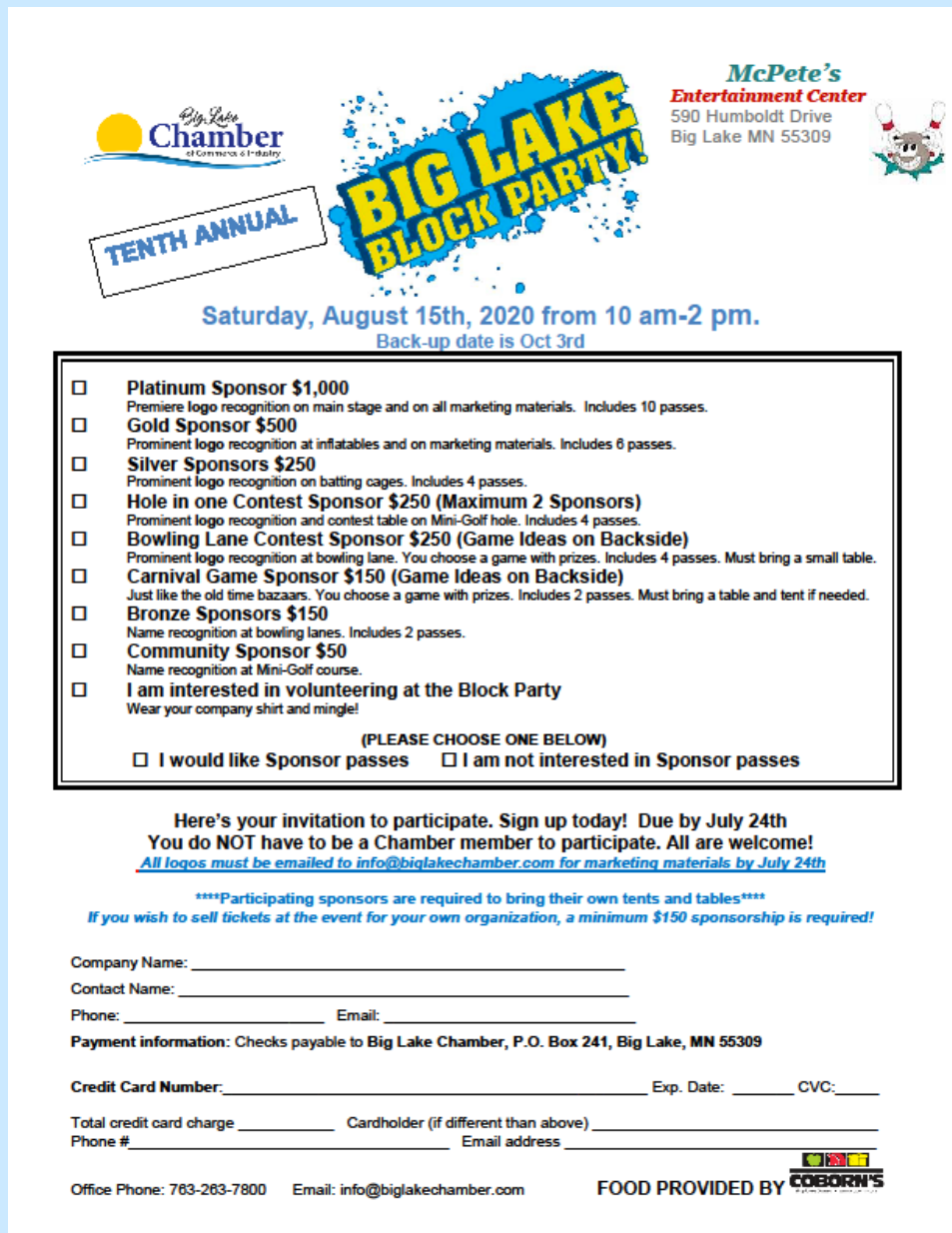
All for just \$5/youth & adult
Children under 2 years old are free

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Back-up date is Oct. 3rd



BIG LAKE BLOCK PARTY!
TENTH ANNUAL
Saturday, August 15th, 2020 from 10 am-2 pm.
Back-up date is Oct 3rd

McPete's Entertainment Center
590 Humboldt Drive
Big Lake MN 55309

- 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 2 passes. Must bring a table and tent if needed.
- Bronze Sponsors \$150**
Name recognition at bowling lanes. Includes 2 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

****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 _____

Office Phone: 763-263-7800 Email: info@biglakechamber.com **FOOD PROVIDED BY COBORN'S**



SUPPORT YOUR MEMBERS!

CHAMBER'S BINGO CARD

Support one or more of our members impacted by the coronavirus pandemic by buying a \$25 gift card or even a \$200 gift card at one of these members below and donating it to the Chamber Bingo contest. This will encourage area citizens to **SHOP LOCAL**. The contest has been extended through June 30th and winners will be announced in early July.

Many of the retailers on the card have posts on the member deal section of the Chamber webpage [here](#).

Sponsors include DATA**Success**, City of Big Lake Mayor Mike and Shelly Wallen and Minnco Credit Union.

Print off some Bingo cards and share with your staff, family and friends.

One resident was going to use a portion of her federal stimulus check to purchase gift cards at area businesses.



MAYOR MIKE & SHELLY WALLEN



BINGO

Spend at least \$10 with any of our members impacted by the coronavirus pandemic from April 9- June 30, 2020. This includes purchases, take-out and gift cards. Place the receipts on the corresponding logos to create a bingo (5 in a row across, down or diagonal) to win a chance at a \$25 gift card to one of our members. Spend \$10 or more at all of our members to win a chance at \$200 in gift cards. Sponsors include DATA**Success**, Mayor Mike and Shelly Wallen and Minnco Credit Union.

Check out these members' deals on our website <https://biglakechamber.com> to see their hours, services and contact information. Note that some may have limited hours or closed temporarily.

Email photo or copy of receipts along with contact information to: info@biglakechamber.com or mail the receipts and contact information to Big Lake Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 241, Big Lake MN 55309 by July 3, 2020. Multiple entries may be submitted but each contestant can only win once.


Winners will be announced on our website and FB. Participants must be 18 years or older.

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| | | PLAYER'S CHOICE of another member on this card! | | |
| | | | Bob & Judy's Market | |
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BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL approved at their May 27th meeting a resolution to temporarily permit outdoor customer service areas and outdoor liquor sales through December 31, 2020. These areas may be located on sidewalks, parking lots and undeveloped land without variances. Liquor permits may need to be adjusted or submitted. Signage permit fees will be waived. No permits are required but plans need to be submitted for review. Contact Amy Barthel at 763-251-2977 for more information.



The Council also approved a letter to Governor Walz indicating that small businesses such as restaurants, bars, day care centers and salons as well as churches need to open as soon as possible.

 **Sherburne County** announced their Outdoor Capacity Relief Fund starting June 1st to assist restaurants and bars in reopening. Qualifying businesses are eligible for up to \$1,000 a month in reimbursement for rental costs incurred for tent, canopy and patio equipment such as tables and chairs. The County is partnering with Three Rivers Community Foundation in Elk River and the Initiative Foundation. All rentals require a receipt in order to qualify for reimbursement. Grants will be dispersed on a first-come, first-served basis and are retroactive to May 20. Applications can be submitted [here](#). To support this relief fund with a tax-deductible donation, visit this link [here](#). Please contact Dan Weber at dan.weber@co.sherburne.mn.us or 763-765-3007 with any questions.



The Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership recently launched Framework 2030, a collaborative effort to develop our region's first-ever strategic land use and economic development plan. The Partnership currently includes the cities of Becker, Big Lake, and Monticello; Becker, Silver Creek, Monticello, and Big Lake townships; and Sherburne and Wright counties. Businesses and citizens are encouraged to contribute your ideas [here](#) and learn more about the project [here](#).

Legislative: A special session may occur around June 12th as the Governor's emergency powers will expire without legislative approval as well as consider a bonding bill, tax bill, workers compensation funding for COVID-19 first responders and other COVID-19 related spending. MN's conformity to Section 179 equipment purchases for small businesses and farmers was not approved and hopefully will be considered. MN's budget surplus was \$1.5 billion in February and now is estimated at -\$2.4 billion in May with the shutdown of businesses and spending relating to coronavirus. Our GDP growth was 21% in February and now is at -5.4% in May.

Unemployment in MN was 3.5% in Feb and now is 14.7% in May. April's 8.1% was among the 5 lowest in the nation.



Minnesota Chamber Virtual Statewide Policy Tour seeks input on how the state impacts your business. These virtual sessions going through June 11st are divided by industry. Register [here!](#)

RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Minnesota Chamber has a tool kit for small businesses impacted by coronavirus pandemic [here](#). This includes webinars, the Governor's Executive Orders, and links to federal and state assistance programs as well as checklists and signage.

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has a Guide to Small Businesses [here](#) that is worthy reading along with questions and answers to the various Executive Orders. It also includes information about MN Small Business Emergency Loans from \$2500-\$35,000 at 0% interest.

2ND ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE RESCHEDULED

Golf Committee Chair Dr. Scott Schulz of Great River Spine & Sport announced the 2nd Annual Golf Scramble has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 17. Sponsors and teams are welcome from 10-5:30 pm at the Monticello Country Club.

While some of the sponsors have already signed up, many more are needed for a great day of fun and networking. New this year is the potential to be a golf ball sponsor!

In addition to Dr. Schulz, Committee members include 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.

For more information, you can contact any Committee member, email the Chamber office or sign up [here](#).

2nd Annual GOLF SCRAMBLE




THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 FROM 10-5:30 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"

\$20,000 HOLE IN ONE PRIZE sponsored by 

DINNER sponsored by  -Business Development Team

Social Hour FREE drink sponsored by 

Team Prizes

- Team with Lowest Score receives trophies & \$200 to use at Pro Shop
- Team with Highest Scores receives FREE lessons by pro!

Master Sponsors:



Early Bird by August 20th: \$80 or \$320 per team of 4
After August 20th: \$90 or \$360 per team of 4

Individual golfers or TEAMS welcome!
info@biglakechamber.com

Register at www.biglakechamber.com/golf-scramble

SCHEDULE

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

CLASSIC SPONSORS

Cabot Lodge Securities
CenterPoint Energy
Connexus
Great River Spine & Sport
Northstar Technology
Old National Bank
Options Inc
Von Hanson's Meats



The Big Lake Freedom Festival



The 2020 Music in the Park concert series begins on Thursday, July 2nd.

The event will include 3 hours of live music by Outside Recess, Food Trucks and a Beer Garden!

Sponsors include: Big Lake Legacy-Music in the Park, Big Lake Lions, Lake Liquors, Minnco Credit Union, Big Lake Spud Fest, City of Big Lake, Big Lake Police Department, Lupulin, Northern Lighter Pyrotechnics, Options Inc, and Outside Recess.

The group has also put together a GoFundMe campaign to raise money to support an awesome fireworks show over Big Lake, that can be enjoyed by the entire community, as we celebrate our freedom & independence!

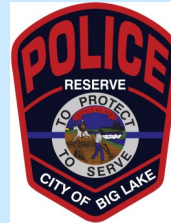
Check out the GoFundMe link [here](#) if you'd like to donate (every little bit helps)!



VISION TRANSPORTATION

Last week Vision Transportation creatively arranged their buses to honor the Big Lake High School 2020 graduates. The Big Lake Police Department used their drone to capture the photo.

A parade featuring the graduates driving through Big Lake on 5/29 and the virtual graduation ceremony is on the school's FB.



The Wave Youth Center

The Wave will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3:30p with a limit of 8 youth, a volunteer, and the director.

It's a first-come, first-serve basis or you can email Jess at director@thewaveyc.org that you/your youth will be attending. Social distancing will be observed as well as strict cleaning and the use of hand sanitizer.

Check out our virtual meetings on FB..



Curbside Pickup Available: Monday 1-7, Tuesday 10-1, Wednesday 1-7, Thursday 2-6, Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-1.

*Summer Reading Program starts today for ages 0-18. Reading logs available curbside at the library or use Beanstack to track reading. Prize will be given at the end of the program. The Summer Reading Program ends July 31st. All paper reading logs should be returned in the outside book return.

*All library items can be returned to the outside book return.

*Watch the Big Lake Library's Facebook page for dates of Take and Make craft kits being handed out during curbside hours for a variety of age groups.

*STEM Lab: Paper Airplanes--This is a Facebook video program that will go live on Monday, June 22nd, 3:30p. For ages 5 and up.

*Print2Go now available at the Big Lake Library. Send your prints to the library from home or phone, for printing and pick up curbside. Exact change is appreciated.

New hotline # is 1-833-GET-GRRL (1-833-438-4775 to renew your card, place holds, access databases and more.



Join the Friends of Big Lake Library. Friends are seeking new members of any age who want to support the library. They meet the first Monday of each month at the library 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.

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

Backyards & Beyond

Get into the outdoors with this Day Camp full of exploration and discovery of the natural world!
(For ages 5-12)

July 24 or Aug. 6
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Highland Park

Register Today:
763.263.6445



Thank you to our Partners:
City of Big Lake, Spud Fest, Big Lake Library, Sherburne County 4-H



CHECK OUT OUR MEMBER DEALS on our webpage [here!](#)

NORTHSTAR TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS President Becky Jacobs suggests that all area citizens who usually attend Big Lake Spud Fest contribute the dollars they would have normally spent at Spud Fest directly to the youth, non-profit or community organizations that Spud Fest supports. You can check out all the organizations they have sponsored last year [here!](#) While we regret we can't hold the event due to the COVID-19 virus, we do recognize that these essential services and programs in our community need our help!




CenterPoint Energy  **Xcel Energy**  Customers of **CENTERPOINT ENERGY** and **XCEL ENERGY** can now receive cost-effective opportunities for energy savings, combined with advice and planning for future projects to save even more when the time is right through Home Energy Squad's virtual home visits. To find out more, [click here!](#)

MONTICELLOR TIMES is publishing a special **SHOP LOCAL section** in their JUNE 18 & 25 editions, of the Monticello Times and Crow River News. *Two Weeks... Two Papers... for one low rate.* Ad Sizes are as low as \$99 for a **2x2"** (3.22" w x 2" h). Please contact Sue at 762-271-6478 or at her new email address Sue.emberland@apgecm.com by Friday, June 12th to reserve your ad space.



SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) is offering an online Boots to Business ReBoot entrepreneurship training program for veterans and their spouses interested in starting their own business on June 5th. Check it out [here!](#)

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CBDC) is available via phone to assist small businesses navigate an unknown future. They advise clients how to start, manage and grow a business and their services are available at no cost. Check it out [here!](#)

OPTIONS Inc.  in Big Lake is seeking donations for masks for their adults with disabilities to use now and when they reopen. To find out more, contact Brenda Geldert at brendageldert@options-inc.org.



CentraCare – Monticello Foundation created a Feed the Heroes fund for individuals interested in making monetary donations that will be used to purchase meals for our health care workers from our local restaurants who are also struggling at this time. Make a donation [here](#) to help us feed our dedicated health care heroes

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ABBA Pregnancy Resource Center donations can be safely given online [here!](#)

June's Business After Hours!



In keeping with social distancing, June's Business After Hours on **Thursday, June 18 starting at 5 pm** will be held at McPete's Sports Bar on their patio or inside if dine-in services are permitted. To allow for ample seating, everyone must register by noon on the 18th [here](#). A drawing from the Network Prize box will be conducted with prizes totaling \$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 July 16th Business after Hours at Lupulin Brewing Company.

Prizes at this time include:

- \$25 gift certificate 
- Chiropractic treatment at 
- \$30 Gift Card at 
- Monticello Printing free address stamp
- \$25 gift card at 

August Membership Meeting



Join us for our August membership meeting at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, August 25th at Carefree Country Club. Registration and lunch are at 11:45 with the meeting starting at noon. Please register [here!](#)

Twenty-four members joined our May membership meeting to hear an update on the Legislative Session from State Senator Mary Kiffmeyer and Representative Paul Novotny.

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 Wednesday, June 24 th. 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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| 7 | 8 | 9 Board 12:30 City Council Chambers | 10 Ambassadors 11:30 | 11 Block Party Mtg 12:15 at McPete's | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Golf Scramble Committee noon at Trail's | 18 Business after Hours 5 pm at McPete's. Register here . | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, July 16 Business after Hours 5 pm at Lupulin. Register [here!](#)

Saturday, Aug 15 Big Lake Block Party from 10-2 pm at Mc Pete's. Back-update is 10/3.

Thursday, Aug 21 Business after Hours 5 pm at The Buff.

Tuesday, Aug 25th Membership Meeting 11:45-1 pm at Carefree Country Club. Register [here!](#)

Thursday, Sept 17 Golf Scramble at 10 am at Monticello Country Club.

Monday, October 19 at 6 pm Political Candidate Forum at Big Lake High School.