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



Early October is Manufacturing Week and the Big Lake Chamber Board encourages our members to support our local manufacturers Check it out on page 6!

Whirl Air Flow has been a Chamber member until the economic downturn with the COVID-19 pandemic dramatically slowed down their orders. Please consider any connections you may have to bring business to them as well as any of our manufacturers!

MANUFACTURER OF THE MONTH:

For 74 years Whirl Air Flow has been design-  ing, developing, engineering and fabricating pneumatic conveying systems with the last 17 years in Big Lake. They test their systems and utilize a 330 ft. overhead conveyer to transport supplies and products in their 40,000 sq. ft shop area.

Owner Ed Mueller describes their work over the years, “we have been an innovator in these systems, which transport flowable bulk materials such as sugar and sand for a variety of industries. Our equipment and crew can shape, weld and customize large sheets of carbon steel, stainless, and aluminum in our ASME-certified fabrication facility to meet our buyers’ needs.”

This week their crew was producing parts and conveyers heading to Ramsey MN as well as GA, NJ and WA.

With the drop in sales this spring and summer due to COVID-19, Whirl Air Flow reduced their employees from 30 to 10. Federal elections slow down orders but Mueller is optimistic that 2021 will bring more orders.



At left Plant Manager Brian Hedtke and Welder Todd Pierce stand by a conveyer heading to WA. At right Hedtke stands between the mini-tester and large pneumatic blender.



Monty's Tropical Hideout



located west of Big Lake: Owner Ken Montague, previous owner of Montague's Kitchen in Loretto, has 20 years in the restaurant industry . They serve authentic Jamaican cuisine and signature island cocktails that are "a must try". Their experienced Executive Chef Devan Bracht lives in Big Lake. General Manager Roxann Jorgensen has several years in the industry and is very familiar with the Jamaican culture. They offer a unique farm to table experience and invite you to come soon. Call 763-262-6508. Ribbon-cutting photo at left was taken before September Business after Hours. From left in back is



Becky Jacobs of Northstar Technology, Sue Emberland from Monticello Times, Devan Bracht, Partner John Graham, Tim Suchy of Edward Jones and Dan Weber of Sherburne County. Front row is Heidi Hanson from PATRIOT News, General Manager Roxann Jorgensen, Owner Ken Montague and Cory Laugen of State Farm Insurance.

Magic Mushrooms in the Crystal Garden

at 171 N. Lake Street in Big Lake is owned by Kristin Wolf, who has returned to her hometown roots. They offer many different classes, personal healing sessions, readings of many types, circles, private parties tailored to your needs along with crystals, jewelry, aromatherapy, divination tools, teas and holistic supplements. They have several practitioners that are certified in various healing modalities and are open Thursdays and Fridays from 12 pm to 7 pm, and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm with other days available by appointment. Please message Kristin at 612-805-7111, or email thedreadednana@gmail.com. Ribbon-cutting ceremony outside their office last month included Cory Laugen of State Farm, Gloria Vande Brake of the Big Lake Chamber, Practitioner Kara Flaskerud, Owner Kristin Wolf, Paul Knier of Cabot Lodge Securities, Practitioner Char Savoie, Tim Suchy of Edward Jones & Donna Clarksean of Old National Bank



Big Lake Car Condo, LLC

owned by Richard Heinrichs is located south of The Buff and El Loro Mexican Restaurant. Building this fall, this highly-secure, gated campus with automated security and safe access 24/7 has units available for sale. Owners can choose their location, design and amenities before construction. It will be an exclusive yet fun environment with car events, all the amenities you require, and the camaraderie of other passionate collectors. Photo is from their website and for more information click [here!](#)



Style Catering

located at Carousell Works at 160 Lake St. N, is owned by Kyle Geroux and Stacy Borchardt. Together they have over 25 years experience in the hospitality industry. They are fully licensed and insured as required by the State of Minnesota. They cater corporate events, meetings, weddings, graduations, and any special event their clients may have They also have a very experienced baker who specializes in hand-made pies, cakes, and specialty pastries from scratch. They will provide coffee and cookies at the Big Lake Political Candidates Forum and will host and cater the Chamber's November annual membership meeting.





HALLOWEEN PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

4-6 pm on Friday, Oct 30, 2020

**COME OUT for a scavenger hunt with families and friends
in your Halloween Costumes!**

Match clues with a list of 14 members published on www.biglakechamber.com and the Big Lake Chamber Facebook page at noon on 10/30. Take a Photo of Your Group at each member you visit and email the photos to info@biglakechamber.com to win a **great prize!**

Prizes Awarded: Most Members Visited & Most Creative Costumes

Prizes include: \$100 Cash, \$100 Trails Gift Card, \$100 Paver at Freedom Rock, Pet Exam & Engraved Pet Tag, Study Bible. \$25 Gift Cards and other items.



Majority of Photos will be taken outside at designated areas.
Please observe social distancing guidelines!

NOMINATIONS DUE LATER THIS MONTH FOR 2020 MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Chamber Ambassadors and the Board are accepting nominations for the **2020 Member of the Year** award.

Cabot Lodge Securities will sponsor the award along with dinner tickets for 2 at our December 3rd Holiday Social. At right is the award criteria, deadline and requested information. Please submit your nomination by **October 28th**.



First Annual MEMBER of the Year Award



Nominations from Chamber members are due Wednesday, Oct 28th at the Chamber office or emailed to info@biglakechamber.com. Voting by Chamber members will occur in November.

Criteria

- Owner(s) and/or staff volunteer or support community organizations
- Is a Chamber member in good standing.

Nomination:

Please nominate your Chamber member by responding to these two questions:

- I would like to nominate _____
- This member is deserving of the Member of the Year Award because (please include comments about your nominee's initiative, innovation, leadership, growth and/or staff motivation): _____



JOIN US AT OUR POLITICAL CANDIDATES FORUM!

The Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee is hosting the **2020 Political Candidates Forum** on Monday, October 19th at the Big Lake High School Auditorium. Meet and Greet the candidates and candidate registration will be at 6 pm and candidates from the various races will share their priorities and answer questions starting at 6:30. DATA*Success* owner Kevin Thompson will moderate the forum.

Candidates will be asked to introduce themselves and identify their priorities before responding to questions from the Committee. The general public will be encouraged to submit questions. Questions from citizens unable to attend the event will be considered if submitted to info@biglakechamber.com before noon on Thursday, Oct. 15th.

Following is a list of candidates (listed alphabetically) who are encouraged to attend:

Big Lake Township: Bruce Aubol, Dean Brenteson, Eric Rosa, Mark Hedstrom and Judy Wilts

Big Lake Mayor: Paul Knier and Mike Wallen

Big Lake Council: Ketti Green, Sam Hanson, Ken Halverson, Alan Heidemann and Paul Seefeld

Big Lake School Board: Katelyn Anne Bland, Barbara Chaffee, Lori Kampa, Tony Scales and Amber Sixberry.

State Representative District 30A: Chad Hobot and Paul Novotny

State Senate District 30: Mary Kiffmeyer and Diane Nguyen

US Representative District 6: Tom Emmer, Patrick Munro and Tawnja Zahradka

The Chamber, volunteers, candidates and guests will be observing COVID-19 guidelines. Sherburne Wright Cable Commission (SWCC) will be taping the forum for viewing later on the City of Big Lake Cable TV Channel 180 and on the Big Lake Chamber website.

The schedule for the specific races will be posted on the Big Lake Chamber FB page and website. All citizens are encouraged to be informed about the candidates through this Forum and to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd from 7 am-8 pm at your local precinct. Voters can also request an absentee ballot application [here](#) and clicking on the Voter and Election tab in the upper right corner. Ballots can be returned by mail, dropped it off at Sherburne County Courthouse during their business hours or at their secure, outside election drop box pictured at right until 3 pm on Nov. 3rd.

Photo in the upper right is 2018 School Board candidates from left: Derek Nelson, Lynette Brown, Tonya Reasoner and Dan Nygaard with Moderator George Wallin.

Photo to the left shows the public attending the 2018 Forum.



**BE VISIBLE YEAR-ROUND WITH YOUR AD IN
CHAMBER COMMUNITY GUIDE!**

The Chamber Board selected Monticello Times to print our 2020-21 issue of Big Lake Community Guide, which will be out in December. All active members of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry will be listed in this Guide along with great articles and information about local services. Consider an ad to offer your products and services year-round!

DON'T MISS OUT!



**ON THE 2020-21
BIG LAKE CHAMBER
COMMUNITY GUIDE**

The Monticello Times in cooperation with the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce will be publishing the Big Lake Community Guide

DECEMBER 10, 2020

This admired magazine will feature local community events, business, parks, city map and editorials, with distribution in the Big Lake area.

**CONTACT OUR OFFICE TODAY!
DEADLINE NOVEMBER 2**

Guide will be available online at monticellotimes.com and biglakechamber.com

ADVERTISING INFORMATION:

1/8 PAGE..... \$199 <small>(3.403" x 2.333")</small>	1/2 PAGE..... \$450 <small>(3.403" x 10" or 7" x 4.833")</small>	INSIDE COVER..... \$899 <small>BACK OR FRONT</small>
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For space reservations and layout assistance, contact:

SUE EMBERLAND

SHOW APPRECIATION TO OUR LOCAL MANUFACTURERS!

The first week of October is Minnesota Manufacturers Week, supported by Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and the Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association. The week is designed to raise public awareness of the importance of manufacturing, highlight the impact of manufacturing in our community and region, and to honor area manufacturers.

According to the City of Big Lake Manufacturing Week Proclamation, this sector added nearly \$53 billion to the Minnesota economy last year, the second largest contributor to our state's gross domestic product. And our state's manufacturing exports brought in \$21 billion. Employees in manufacturing are highly-skilled and average over \$68,000/year, 16% more than the state's average wage.

In past years City of Big Lake Community Development Director and Chamber Board member Hanna Klimmek had organized tours of various manufacturers in the City but this year it isn't possible as manufacturers wish to protect their employees from potential exposure to COVID-19.

The Chamber Ambassadors and Board greatly appreciate the value that area manufacturers provide to the Big Lake economy and encourage our members to show appreciation to one or more with phone calls, emails, or perhaps coffee, donuts, gift cards/certificates for a drawing among their employees. And if you have any opportunity to purchase their products in the near future, please let them know you appreciate their being in the Big Lake area.

Area manufacturers include:

- Cargill Protein--Jared Johnson – jared_k_johnson@cargill.com
- Flour City Bending--Mike Flesch – mikeflesch@flourcitybending.com
- Howmet Aerospace--Russell Scheller – Russell.scheller@howmet.com
- Industrial Molded Rubber Products--Laura Nysted – lnystedt@imr-inc.com
- LISI MEDICAL Remmel--Susan – susan.smith@lisi-medical.com or Amy – amy.zinken@lisi-medical.com
- Lupulin Brewing Company--Jeff Zierdt – Jeff@lupulinbrewing.com
- Paragon Store Fixtures--David Grimm – dgrimm@paragonstorefixtures.com
- Thompson Woodworks--Darlene Thompson – darlene@thompsonwoodworks.com
- Whirl-Air-Flow-Ed Mueller – emueller@whirlair.com



If you weren't able to show your appreciation this week, I'm sure they'd appreciate hearing from you anytime this month! Diagram to the right is from MN Dept of Employment and Economic Development.





YOUR VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

VIRTUAL ENTREPRENEUR LAB



Any business in Sherburne County at a pre-launch start-up, an in-home daycare, a local restaurant, or a large manufacturer that's been in business for 50 years can now have FREE access to virtual business consulting, business management coaching, rural entrepreneur roundtables (with businesses from around the country) and more...at the click of a button.

This is ongoing business coaching and consulting for things like marketing, product launch, ecommerce, business planning, growth planning and all at NO cost to business owners. The Sherburne County Virtual Entrepreneur Lab is funded via CARES Act dollars for the first 12 months to help our local businesses navigate through these uncertain times and continue to prosper. Please visit the Virtual Entrepreneur Lab [here](#) for more information!

SHERBURNE COUNTY GRANTS FOR BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS STILL AVAILABLE THROUGH 10/31

The Business Relief Fund for up to \$30,000. Check it out [here!](#)

A Rent and Mortgage Assistance program for both Businesses and Non Profits (50% share from Mar-Nov 2020) that do not qualify for the other two programs. Check it out [here!](#)

Non-Profit Community Resource Round II for up to \$75,000. Check it out [here!](#)

Lupulin Brewing Company featured on MN Chamber website for the nearly \$7000 in energy grants and rebates and over \$6000 in first year energy savings after consulting with their Energy Smart consultants! Check it out [here!](#)



MN Chamber is offering a Litigation Risks Relating to COVID-19 Webinar To receive the pre-recorded webinar, sign up [here!](#)

COVID-19 UPDATE

MN Dept of Health warns bars, restaurants of masking violation fine scam

Bars and restaurants are warned that a masking violation scam is occurring in MN. Several locations have received calls stating their businesses were part of a scheduled compliance check and they owe a fine for masking violations. The Minnesota Department of Health has announced that they, or any other public health agency, will always work with a business over a series of inspections before any fine would become necessary, and will never issue a fine on an initial inspection.

Sherburne County COVID cases: as of Oct 9th, we've had 1312 confirmed cases and 16 deaths. The county's 7-day daily average count is 12.6 after being under 10 last month. Big Lake's cases total 244 after being at 163 last month. Check it out [here!](#)



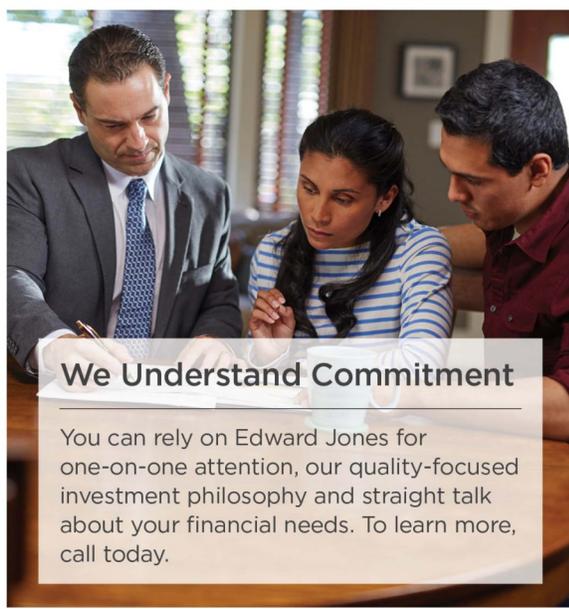

**CHAMBER CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING
AT BROWNS PARK**

Late November 2020

\$80 fee includes, tree, stand, electrical fees and hook-up and recognition sign as well as removal and disposal of your tree.

Sponsors will be responsible for providing their own lights and decorations. Only LED lights will be allowed.

For more information or register by Nov 9th call 763-263-7800, info@biglakechamber.com OR www.biglakechamber.com/events/Details/christmas-tree-decorating

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Tuesday October 13, 2020
Wednesday October 14, 2020
Thursday October 15, 2020
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

St. Cloud Rivers Edge Convention Center
10 - 4th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Sign up for an appointment time now.

This helps us keep wait times short and give people plenty of space.

Register online:

<https://www.primarybio.com/r/stcloud>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/>

If you are not able to sign up online, or need a translator, call 1-855-612-0677 for assistance.

Minnesota Department of Health | health.mn.gov | 651-201-5000
Contact healthcommunications@state.mn.us to request an alternate format.
08/06/2020

ST. CLOUD STATE COLLEGE

2nd ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE RAISES MORE MONEY!

The Golf Committee is pleased to announce that at their Sept 17th 2nd Annual Golf Scramble at Monticello Country Club, they increased their profits over last year by \$2,165 or a 34% increase. New sponsors this year included Old National Bank-Business Development Team as a dinner sponsor, two additional master sponsors, Northstar Technologies with Becky Jacobs in photo to the left as a party cart sponsor, 1 additional classic (or hole) sponsor, a golfer bag sponsor and a tent sponsor. One additional team played this year.



The Business Development Team of Old National Bank at left with Barry Cleasby, Jake Lindquist, Tom Lindquist and Schulz won first place with the lowest score and each received an award and a \$50 gift certificate from Monticello Country Club. At upper right Cabot Lodge Securities' team of Craig Johnson, Matt Baker, Neil Haus and Paul Knier won 2nd place and each received \$25 in gift certificates from the Club (photo taken by Karah Hawkinson of Sherburne History Center). At left the Big Lake Lions team of Chuck Martinson, Gary Corbett, Erv Danielowski and Norm Leslie received free golf lessons from a pro. Master Sponsor Liberty Bank's team was played by some of the BLHS boys golf team in the photo at right.



Golfers were able to purchase from Naomi Jacobson of Riverwood Bank, Hawkinson and Master Sponsor Tim Suchy of Edward Jones in photo at left a Pro Package at \$40/ team which increased game sales nearly 17% over last year. Silent Auction purchases enjoyed friendly competitive bidding and sales increased 45.5%. Photo at right includes Master Sponsor Yvonne Blum of Minnco Credit Union, Dr. Scott Schulz of Great River Spine & Sport, Donna Clarksean of Old National Bank and Jeff Nagorski golfing with Riverwood Bank. Over \$1000 in credit card purchases for games and silent auction items were done at the event which greatly increased sales of both. For the last two years this event has raised the most funds for the Chamber.

Other Master Sponsors included Cargill, Minnesota Limited, Monticello Country Club,



Sherburne State Bank and West Metro Buick GMC, who also sponsored a Hole in One with a Buick Encore GX. Dahlheimer Beverage sponsored the beverage cart. Classic or hole sponsors present at their holes were at left Janell Houston and Kevin Thompson of DATA Success, Great River Spine & Sport in upper right photo with Riverwood Bank golfers and at right Denea Donavon & Donna Clarksean of Old National Bank.



MEMBER NEWS!



Big Lake
Chamber
of Commerce & Industry

BIG EAGLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

HALLOWINE & BINGO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020
6:30 PM AT YOUR HOUSE

This year, we are unable to host our annual Beer and Wine Tasting. In an effort to raise money for Big Eagle Lake, please join us by being a host house of an evening of FUN and BINGO!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

SERVE APPETIZERS

ENCOURAGE GUESTS TO BRING THEIR FAVORITE BEVERAGE

COLLECT \$20 DONATION PER PERSON

PLAY BINGO!

Join your Big Eagle Lake neighbors via Zoom for bingo hosted by Raeanne Danielowski (Sherburne County Commissioner and former Big Lake mayor) at 7:15 and Gloria Vande Brake (Executive Director of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce) at 8:15 and WIN PRIZES!

IF INTERESTED IN HOSTING A PARTY PLEASE CONTACT
BIGEAGLELAKEBOARD@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION
DEADLINE TO RSVP OCT. 23
DONATIONS FOR PRIZES HAPPILY ACCEPTED

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*March 20 • April 17

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THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

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For Sale: \$249,900

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1000 Meadow Oak Drive, Monticello, MN

Owners have replaced furnace, hot water heater, complete remodel. Property had mold - photos of remodel to be provided. Tenants are moving out 11/30/2020. Owner of the property is a Real Estate Broker in the State of MN.



INDEPENDENCE STEM ELEM SEEKING PARTNERS



Big Lake Independence STEM Elementary School wants to partner with business and community groups to provide enhance student connections to real world and service learning. Previous partners will be contacted directly. New partners can sign up at [Independence Community Partnership Survey](#). For more information, contact Assistant Principal Katie Thompson [here!](#)



Hours:
 M, T, Th 1:00-6:00
 Wednesday 11:00-6:00
 Friday 1:00-5:00

Important Dates:

- Oct. 12th- 16th: Physical Health Week!
See page 2 for details
- Oct. 19th: Story Quilts
- Oct. 20th: Fall Inspired Craft!
- Oct. 21st: Game: Monopoly
- Oct. 22nd: Climb Theatre
- Oct. 23rd: DIY Sugar Scrubs
- Oct. 26th: Game: Jenga
- Oct. 27th: Painting
- Oct. 28th: Decorate Mini Pumpkins
- Oct. 29th: Blind Halloween Drawing
- Oct. 30th: Halloween Party!

The Wave is open for study hours this Fall. This is a time to come and work on school, study with friends, and have a quiet space to work.



Check out our events and hours at [here!](#)



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytime Themed Fridays: staff will have a theme each Friday, just as if it was storytime. Books will be on display for checkout, a related craft kit will be available for pickup. Check the Big Lake Public Library Facebook page or the Big Lake Library Events page each Friday. For ages 3-6. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Friends of the BL Library.

Friday, Oct. 9, 16,23

10-2 p.m.



Tootsie Tuesdays

10-1 pm

Take & Make Pony Bead Key Chain with a kit. For ages 6 and up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

ADULT EVENTS

Take & Make A Turkey Pinecone with a kit to grace your fall and Thanksgiving tables. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

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, Reading and Craft programs, Bookclub for Teens, Gingerbread House, and lots of programs for all ages.

Stop limping along with duct-taped work-from-home technology. Contact Sovran [here](#) for work-from-home services including VPN setup, user access, remote management and monitoring, licensing, document sharing and collaboration personal computing and cameras and other IT technical services .



 City Pages named **Lupulin Brewing** in their list of the Minnesota Top 40 Beers. Lupulin Hooley was ranked #5 in Best IPA and Lupulin Coffee Shop Assault Vehicle ranked #2 in Best Stout.

 **Friends of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge** is hosting a Sandhill Celebration, a virtual fundraiser that allows viewers to provide a gala dinner item fit for a sandhill crane. Donations will support refuge activities and programs, and the conservation of wildlife and wild places. Donate [here!](#)



 **Options, Inc.** is seeking financial donations due to restricted state funding, Amazon gift cards to purchase activity materials/educational curriculum, colored pencils and art materials and cases of water. Call Brenda at 763-263-3684.

Rivers of Hope is seeking donations of copy paper, sanitizing wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, postage, gift cards for clients such as gas; manila folders, AA and AAA batteries; white out tape; refrigerator (regular sized); cardstock paper and Swiffer Sweeper wet cloths refills. They also need a volunteer to install light bulbs and assist with carpet/office cleaning. Call Chrissy at (763) 314-0265.



 **Keller Lake Commons** has available spacious 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom Assisted Living Apartments. They accept CADI and Elderly Waiver immediately, with no private pay requirement. Cable is provided. They offer virtual tours. Check it out [here!](#)

Big Lake Community Food Shelf received 940 packages of LED bulbs this week for their clients from Xcel Energy. Xcel Energy offers three low-income energy efficiency programs in Minnesota: Home Energy Savings Program, Low-Income Home Energy Squad, and Multi-Family Energy Savings.



 **Abba Pregnancy Resource Center** will be moving to their new Women's Center at the Landmark Plaza in Elk River this fall. Tours will be available upon request. They need to raise \$120,000 for the build-out. They have cancelled their fall fundraising banquet due to the unpredictability of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may donate to their build-out, medical services expansion or annual operating budget [here!](#)

October's Business After Hours!

October's Business After Hours on **Thursday, October 15th at 5 pm** will be held at El Loro. To allow for ample seating, everyone must register by 3 pm on the 15th [here](#). A drawing from the Network Prize box will be conducted with prizes totaling \$120. 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 Oct. 27th Membership Meeting at Monty's Tropical Hideout. Dr. Kristi McAlpin from the Big Lake Area Vet Hospital was at our September membership meeting and won prizes worth \$335 from the Network Box. Members who had their names drawn previously but were not present to win include Angell's Construction, Big Lake Community Food Shelf, Coborn's, Freedom Strategy Group, and Trail's.



More prizes are needed but current Network Prizes include:

4-pack of Works Plus Car Wash at 

Address Stamp from Monticello Printing

Free drink at



\$20 Trails Gift Card donated by Mayor Mike & Shelly Wallen

October Membership Meeting



Join us for our October membership meeting at 11:30 am on Tuesday, Oct. 27th at one of our newest members, Monty's Tropical Hideout west of Big Lake. Executive Director Teresa McNamee of Rivers of Hope will speak on Domestic Violence in the Workplace. Domestic and family violence stretches beyond the walls of an individual's home. Incidents of violence can occur in the community setting, including the workplace. Is your business prepared to respond when violence affects your employees?

Registration begins at 11:30 am, lunch at 11:45 and the meeting starting at noon. Lunch is \$15. Please register [here](#) by noon on Thursday, Oct 22. Photo is Big Lake City Administrator Clay Wilfahrt and City Planner Lucinda Meyers presenting information on the Framework 2030 initiative at the September meeting.



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, Nov. 25th Full page ads can be added for only \$25 per month.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Board 12:30 Council Chambers	14	15 Business after Hours 5 pm at . Register here.	16	17
18	19 Political Candidates Forum 6 pm at BLHS Auditorium	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Membership Mtg 11:45-1 pm at Monty's Tropical Hideout. Register here!	28	29	30	31

Mark Your Calendar!

Tuesday, November 3rd from 7 am-8 pm ELECTION. Vote at your precinct

Wednesday, November 11th VETERANS DAY. Office Closed

Thursday, November 19th at 5 pm Business after Hours

Tuesday, November 24th at 11:30 Annual Membership Meeting hosted by Style Catering at Carousell Works. Speaker is Traci Leffner of Sovran. Register [here!](#)

Monday, November 30th at 5 pm Christmas Tree Decorating (tentative)

Thursday, December 3 Holiday Social

Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 9-noon Community Fair at BLHS with Winter Farmers Market