

CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events:

- Triathlon May 23rd.
- Houston Hoedown Days
July 28th- 30th.
- Lawn Chair Concerts
Wednesday's starting
July 12th - August 23rd.
- Taste of Trail -
September 23rd.
- Business Trick or Treating
- Friday October 27th.
- Small Business Saturday -
November 25th.
- Holidazzle - Saturday
December 2nd.



CHAMBER NEWS:

The Houston Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses and individuals working together to enhance the wellbeing of the Houston area community. Our focuses are community support, business development and economic wellbeing, and tourism.

Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Legion. Meetings are open to the public.

At the present time we have 41 Chamber Members, and if you would like to join, please contact us at houstonmchamber@gmail.com

Check the website for events: <https://www.houstonmchamber.com/>

Ribbon Cuttings: (Chamber Members are invited to attend)

- Monday May 1st @ 2:30 pm – Forsyth House
- Thursday May 11th @ 11:00 am – Houston Area Museum
- Monday May 15th @ 11:30 am – Rushford State Bank



MARCH EVENTS:

The first weekend of March was the International Owl Festival. Owl Pancake breakfast was on Saturday morning, followed by a host of activities at the school for the young at heart and old. The International Owl Center had owl shows throughout the day, where you could learn more about the different types of Owl that the International Owl Center has.

The Annual Chamber Meeting was held on Monday March 20th. We elected new officers for 2023, they are as follows: Ron Evenson – President, Rod Torgerson – Vice President, Patrick Forsyth – Treasurer, John Evenson – Secretary, Vicki Olson – Board Member. Our guest speaker was Allison Wagner from CEDA. Allison gave us an update on County EDA programs that are offered throughout the County. Allison also talked about the need for Daycare’s in Houston County, and they are working with First Child. Allison also told us about a program that the schools are working with local businesses to give our students a chance to see what opportunities that Houston County has to offer and hope they will stay in the area. Allison also stated that Houston County EDA is looking for another person to sit on the Houston County EDA Board. Houston County EDA Board meet the first Wednesday of each month from 8:05 a.m. to 9 a.m. usually in the Historic Courthouse in Caledonia. If you are interested in sitting on the Houston County EDA Board, contact her at: allison.wagner@cedausa.com

Every Saturday the Library has Storytime for families with little kids at 10:00 a.m. The staff does a wonderful job with Storytime. Watch the Chambers Website and Library’s Facebook page on what the subject will be.

Ended the month with Evolv Fitness Center having an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Thank you for all that came out to support Evolv Fitness Center.

BUSINESS PROFILE



Root River Market Cooperative – 23 years and counting

As your small-town grocery store, we exist because of the foresight of a group of people back in 1999 who decided to start a grocery store, when we had none, as a Cooperative. We are a member owned store, and for the mere price of \$100 anyone can be part owner in the Market. We have a Board of Directors who work along with our Store Manager keeping the store moving forward. In recent years improvements to the store include new coolers and freezers, refinancing the mortgage and more. Our prices are competitive with stores in the area and the convenience of shopping local saves customers' time and gas. The departments we have within the store include meat, a bakery, fresh fruit and vegetables, organic, rotisserie chicken and more. Our employees are local, which contributes to our local economy.

Join us on Thursday April 27, 2023, for our Annual Meeting at the Houston Elementary Gym. Registration will start at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be a light lunch provided along with reports and an election of officers and door prizes. You must be a member to vote, so if you are not currently a member you may get an application at the Market anytime.

