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## MCCE in the News:



### Tax loophole hitting Minn. farmers, businesses likely to get closed this year, leaders say

From **BEMIDJI PIONEER**: Minnesota farmers and businesses hit with unexpected state taxes after trading in equipment and machinery could see a fix in the tax code that caused problems last year. The four leaders of Minnesota's Legislature on Tuesday night said they

expected a proposal to align the state's tax code with federal tax code would pass in 2020. Existing state tax code includes a loophole that forced some farmers and business owners to immediately pay income taxes for the financial gain they saw after trading in equipment in 2018. ... **My tax chair would like that," Hortman, D-Brooklyn Park, said during a "lightning round" of questions at the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce's annual legislative priority dinner Tuesday evening.** ... Rep. Greg Davids, R-Preston, last year put forth a bill aimed at bringing the state code into conformity with the federal code. And under his bill, those who face penalties or interest from the Minnesota Department of Revenue stemming from the unpaid debts would have those expenses canceled. "We owe it to our farmers and small business owners to get this fixed - it's unreasonable to expect them to come up with tens of thousands of dollars, especially for farmers and businesses that may be struggling," Davids said in a news release Wednesday. Read more [here](#).

## Third Thursday Networking Events:



### Third Thursday Networking:

Beginning March 19th we will be kicking off our Third Thursday Networking Events!

We are excited to bring you an opportunity to meet, mingle, and network with our local businesses & employees. However, networking only works when we have people participate. So please help us get these

opportunities off to a stellar start by marking the dates on your calendar and joining us!

Networking events will always be the third Thursday. The host business can choose from 3 different times of the day ("Morning Mingle", "Noontime Networking", or "Social with the Chamber") and each one will have its own registration page on our website & FB event page too. Our first host is Old Course Sauk Centre on March 19th starting at 4:30 PM. [Click here for details!](#) Registration is appreciated and helpful for planning purposes, thank you. Full list of participating businesses will be posted soon, so keep an eye on the events calendar for locations and times...but rest assured you will have an opportunity to network and collaborate with your peers EVERY THIRD THURSDAY!

## Welcome New Members:



Please help me welcome our new chamber members.

Stop in their businesses to say hello and let them know that their support for our chamber and our community is appreciated! Their contact information can be found on our website or click on the link.

[Cute & Curvy](#) \* [Crazy J's](#)

## What's Going On?



Please check our website events calendar for a guide to see what's going on around town!

[Click here to check the events calendar on our website for all the details regarding the events listed below!](#)

Feb. 21st & 22nd - Country Cat Test Drive Event!

Feb. 22nd - SC Youth Hockey Meat Raffle at the Bear Trap, Carnival of Compassion

Feb. 28th - Legion & VFW Fish Fry

Feb. 29th - Cute & Curvy Grand Opening, ATE Grand Opening, Live Music at Next Door Bar

Mar. 1st - HFS Spring Fest - 25th Annual Celebration

Every Wednesday evening the bars on Sinclair Lewis Ave. have their Poker Walk. Every Sunday Evening at 6:30pm: Bingo @ American Legion Post 67

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