

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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GLORIA'S GEMS



A couple weeks ago I listened to Dr. Stacey Rizza, Executive Medical Director for International Clinic Academic Affairs at Mayo Clinic speak on coronavirus. Her staff is conducting clinical trials to determine the best treatment options.

"Persons 75 years old & older are more vulnerable to this disease as well as those who are overweight and who smoke," Rizza noted. Her recommendations for all citizens was to wear masks when inside buildings and sanitize high-touch areas such as door handles and counters.

While businesses can do their part in meeting guidelines, citizens also need to do their part in stemming the spread. The Chamber's COVID-19 Preparedness Plan is posted in the office but if anyone would like to receive a copy, I will email it to you. Enjoy a safe summer!

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:



One of our well-known businesses has been strongly impacted by Governor Walz's Executive Orders to stem the spread of COVID.

Russell's on the Lake was one of 4 impacted businesses willing to share their story on our Facebook page (the others are El Teca Barber Shop, Lupulin Brewing and Trails). Check them out <u>here!</u>

"It's been a few tough months," Owner Larry Sperr candidly noted. "Catering became non-existent. Take-out was only 17-18% of our normal sales. Some of my kitchen staff left to work elsewhere."

Now with patio and inside-dining limited to 50% of capacity, Sperr wants to fully open up his services. Summertime is one of their best seasons! Please call for reservations at 763-263-6111.



"I greatly appreciated the tremendous support of the community during this very difficult time," emphasized Larry.

NEW MEMBERS

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Commerce & Industry

PATRIOT is a new weekly newspaper distributed via mail to Becker, Clear Lake, Clearwater

and Big Lake. Their goal is to be a community-friendly newspaper covering news, events, sports and government. The Patriot is owned and managed by Bill Morgan, Chris Meyer, Carol Hanson and Kathy Nelson. They are located in the old Citizen building in Becker. Their website is <u>patriotnewsmn.com</u> and phone number is 763-275-0275. They can also be found on Facebook and Twitter (@PatriotNewsMN).

They advise their advertisers: "when you support your local community, your local community will support you."

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Sovran specializes in Minnesota's small to medium sized businesses along with partnering with nonprofit organizations, advocacy groups and civic/social entities. Traci Leffner, President of Sovran can be reached at 651.905.5535 and their website is <u>www.sovran.com</u>.

RIBBON CUTTING

Big Lake Chamber Board and Ambassadors joined Minnco Credit Union at its ribbon

cutting on June 26th. Left is Minnco CEO Doug Hallstrom, Minnco Branch Manager Yvonne Blum, Chamber Executive Director Gloria Vande Brake, Board Secretary Brenda Geldert of Options, Board Chair Paul Knier of Cabot Lodge Securities, Chamber Ambassador Raeanne Danielowski and Board Treasurer Hanna Klimmek of City of Big Lake. Check out their services <u>here!</u>

BIG LANG	Chamber					
Saturday, Aug. 15	10-2 pm					
Platinum Sponsor & Locate	d at Sports Bar					
FUN FOR THE WHO	DLE FAMILY					
Inflatable BB Gun Range Police Vehicles						
Games	Music					
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For Sale: \$135,000

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All buildings must be removed, corner lot 2 blocks south of HWY 10, Zoned R3 - Residential High Density, great set-up for condo/ apartment style buildings





For Sale: \$959,000

0.65 A.C. 12390 Sherburne Ave, Becker, MN

Becker Professional Building, 97% occupied, substantial offstreet parking, secure building with updated HVAC, multiple bathroom and kitchen facilities



BLOCK PARTY AUGUST 15

BLOCK PARTY NEEDS SPONSORS & VOLUNTEERS!



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 2020 Community Fair are encouraged to participate. Back-up date is Oct. 3rd. Volunteers are also needed at registration tables, food booth and set-up and take down.

For the reasonable price of \$5 for adults and children 3 years and old, families and friends can enjoy mini-golf, bowling, great games by our sponsors and try their hand at the Scouts' BB gun range.

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.

Platinum sponsor is McPete's (donating bowling & shoes, mini-golf & fountain drinks at food stand).

Gold sponsors include Big Lake Police Department-Drive Safely, Coborn's (donating food), Minnco Credit Union and Sherburne State Bank.

Silver sponsors are Big Lake Area Vet Hospital, Kwik Trip, Liberty Bank and Old National Bank.

Bronze sponsors include Big Lake Lions, DATA*Success*, Great River Spine & Sport, Michelle Backlund CPA, Minnesota Limited, Monticello Times and State Farm Agency.

The Wave Youth Center is a community sponsor.

Six bikes will be given away to youth attending this event. Sponsors are retired Big Lake Schools Superintendent Steve & Nancy Westerberg, Big Lake Spud Fest, Liberty Bank, Minnco Credit Union, State Farm Agency and The Wave Youth Center.

McPete's Entertainment Center Sig Lake MN 55309 Saturday, August 15th, 2020 from 10 am-2 pm. Back-up date is Oct 3rd
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 0 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 Min-Solf 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. Bowling Lane Contest Sponsor \$150 (Game Ideas on Backside) Just like the old time bazans. 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 bazans. You choose a game with prizes. Includes 4 passes. Must bring a table and tent if needed. Bronze Sponsors \$150 Name recognition at Norling lanes. Includes 2 passes. Community Sponsor \$50 Name recognition at wolling lanes. Includes 2 passes. 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! <u>All logos must be emailed to info@biglakechamber.com for marketing materials by July 24th</u> ****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:
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Office Phone: 763-263-7800 Email: info@biglakechamber.com FOOD PROVIDED BY

MEMBER NEWS!





Get into the outdoors with this Day Camp full of exploration and discovery of the natural world!

(For ages 5-12)



Register Today 763.263.6445

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



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8 a.m.-4:30 p.m Highland Park

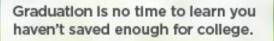
Saturday, September 12, 2020 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Lions Park | 21960 County Rd. 5, Big Lake

All dogs must be on a leash. Only healthy dogs will be vaccinated. Dog licenses are required for Township residents and can be purchased for \$20 at the event. Prices are expected to be similar to 2019 prices below: One year Rabies: \$10, Canine DHPP: \$16, Canine Lymes \$30 Thank you to Barrington Oaks Veterinary Hospital - Elk River!

Cash payment required. Checks and card payments will not be accepted. Questions? Contact the Big Lake Township at 763-263-8111.

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GOLF SCRAMBLE SEPT 17th

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR 2ND ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Golf Committee is seeking sponsors and teams for the 2nd Annual Golf Scramble on Thursday, September 17th 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! Teams who sign up before August 20th can save \$40!

Committee members include Chair Scott Schulz of Great River Spine & Sport, 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), Jon Swanson of Minnco Credit Union and Karah Hawkinson of Sherburne History Center.

For more information, you can contact any Committee member, email the Chamber office or sign up here.





\$20,000 HOLE IN ONE PRIZE sponsored by

Team with Lowest Score receives \$200 to use at Pro Shop

Early Bird by Aug 20th: \$80 each or Team of 4 at \$320

After Aug 20th: \$90 or \$360 per Team of 4

Register or sponsor at www.biglakechamber.com/golf-scramble



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FIND MINNESOTA SUPPLIERS: Grow Minnesota! MN Supplier Match database includes 60 searchable categories, including a special section dedicated to sourcing PPE supplies. Upon request, the Grow MInnesota! staff will assist you by researching and identifying re-

sources within MN Supplier Match or outside of the database. During COVID-19 this is free to any business. Buyers: email suppliermatch@mnchamber.com to receive login credentials. Suppliers can be any Minnesota B2B business -there is a current need for high priority suppliers (e.g. suppliers of key PPE, cleaning supplies, etc.) Registration form can be obtained here!

Big Lake Chamber joined 70 other Chambers two weeks ago to inform Governor Walz that

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businesses are ready to full open. We want our businesses, employees and customers to be safe!

MN Department of Employment & Economic Development reported Sherburne County is second to Wright County in central Minnesota with the largest number of employees in the food and drinking places industry at

2589 or 10% of its workers. This industry was forced to cease or limit operations by Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wiith personal care services these two sectors provided 20,529 jobs in Central Minnesota in 2019, accounting for 7.4% of total jobs in the region.

The extra \$600/week from the federal government under the CARES Act for persons receiving unemployment will end the week of July 25th.

MN Department of Transportation would like all those who travel central Minnesota roads to complete District 3's freight plan survey here by July 10th. They will use this information to better understand trends, issues and needs to our central Minnesota freight transportation system.

Sherburne County expanded their Outdoor Capacity Fund last month for bars and restaurants to include a one-time 50/50 reimbursement of equipment purchases up to \$1000. Rental of patio tents, tables and chairs is still available up to \$1000/month with receipts. This is being cofunded with the Initiative Foundation. Check it out here!

Retail Doctor Bob Phibbs says here that retailers must embrace digital innovation along with BOBPHIBBS providing necessary customer service skills to their employees so customers can be offered and purchase other products and services.

RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Minnesota Chamber has a tool kit for small businesses impacting 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.

U.S. Chamber updated its Guide to PPP Loan Forgiveness. This guide reflects recent substantive changes made by Congress and the administration to the PPP program to provide borrowers with more flexibility. These changes include:

- Extending the time to spend PPP funds from 8 weeks to 24 weeks;
- Lowering the amount that must be spent on payroll from 75% to 60%;
- Extending the deadline to restore FTEs and payroll from June 30, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2020; and
- Setting the repayment term for loans made after June 4, 2020 at five years.



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EDUCATION/YOUTH

MN Department of Employment & Economic Development is offering online



courses with Coursera, the leading online learning platform that offers courses from 200 top universities and businesses around the world, including more than 60 courses from the University of Minnesota. This partnership is made possible by the <u>Coursera Workforce Recovery Initiative</u>. Learners in Minnesota who choose to sign up for Coursera will need to complete their registration before September 30, 2020 and will have full access to training through March 2021. Courses will cover job-relevant skills in business, technology, and data science as well as courses related to professional and personal development. These include Professional Certificates from companies like IBM, Google, and Cisco that are aimed at helping prepare people for entry-level careers in fields like IT. Other in-demand industries with relevant upskilling content on the platform include construction, manufacturing, and health care. Minnesotans interested in extending their Coursera access after March 2021 will have an option to pay for additional access.

The Wave Youth Center

Monday-Thursdays from 1:30-3:30p

Outside activities are held (weather permitting) at field next to Mary of the Visitation church. Register at <u>https://thewaveyc.org/</u>

Climb Theatre will be coming to the field from 1:30-3:30pm on Thursday July 9th and 23rd, and possibly every Thursday in August! works. They use games and prepared scenes to discuss challenging topics and build skills in the areas of accountability, resiliency, empathy, advocacy and self-control.

Check out our virtual meetings on FB.









The Big Lake Library is open by appointment for computer/wifi/printer usage, self pickup of requested items and browsing of the book shelves. Curbside pickup is still available. All during our regular open hours.

Every Monday in July a Story Stroll will be out in front of Independence School. Titles are as follows: July 13-Little Owl's Day; July 20-Mouse Paint and July 27-Rainbow Fish

Every Wednesday and Friday, the library is offering a Take and Make craft. Wednesdays are for ages 3-6, Fridays for ages 6 and up.

Wednesdays July 8: Planting

July 15: Bubble Painting July 22: Dino Dig

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July 29: Helicopter Pinwheel

Fridays July 10: Kite

July 17: Fingerprinting

July 24: Bird Feeders

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. Lupulin Brewing has a new beer called Black is Beautiful Imperial Stout. Please reserve a table here or call ahead at 763-263-9549 to ensure no waiting for a table. New summer hours are Mon-Thu: 4:00pm-9:00pm, Fri-Sat: 1:00pm-10:00pm and Sunday: 1:00pm-8:00pm.

Join neighboring business as you network playing golf Thursday, July 23 at Elk River Area Chamber of Com-CHAMBER merce's Ballots & Birdies at The Links at Northfork in Ramsey. Please register by July 10th here!

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

> Information **MN DEED Career Force** has scheduled a Veterans Virtual Resources Fair on Thursday, July 16th from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Veterans, National Guard and Reserves, transitioning service members and

their families can learn about resources, services and benefits. Register here!

New Store Manager Gordy Midas is welcomed to Big Lake Coborn's by outgoing manager Mitch Utecht.

Summer Photo-

Residents are invited to submit pictures that they feel define the Big

on the City website, Facebook page, and any other marketing material hat you love the most about the City of Big Lake in the sumr share it with us! All photos can be submitted to Corrie Scott, Recreation and

Communication Coordinator, at cscott@biglakemn.org by September 4, 2020. Note: when submitting photos via email, make sure to select "Actual Size."

The bigger the picture the better!

community this summer season in the 2020 Summer Photo Contest! on of a photo will release the photo to the City of Big Lake. The photo m

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MEMBER **ANNOUNCEMENTS**









July's Business After Hours!

July's Business After Hours on Thursday, July 16 at 5 pm will be held at Lupulin Brewing Company. To allow for ample seating, everyone must register by 3 pm on the 16th 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 Aug. 21st Business after Hours at The Buff. Members who had their names drawn previously include Big Lake Community Food Shelf and Trail's. Photo above includes those attending our June Business after Hours at McPete's. From left is retiring Big Lake Superintendent Steve Westerberg, Dr. Scott Schulz from Great River Spine & Sport, Tim Suchy of Edward Jones, Dan McElwee of St.Croix Valley Insurance and Becky Jacobs of Northstar Technologies.

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 11:45 am on Tuesday, August 25th at Carefree Country Club. Alicia Maxwell, Sherburne County Substance Use Prevention Coalition Coordinator & Angie Charboneau-Folch, Big Lake High School Assistant Principal will share how they are making our community safer and healthier by reducing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among youth and over time, among adults. Registration and lunch are at 11:45 with the meeting starting at noon. Please register here!

American Express is offering their card members \$5 back in the form of a statement credit after they



spend \$10 or more at an eligible small business, up to 10x – in-store or online. Visit ShopSmall.com to learn more about how to enroll and make the most of this offer. Businesses should check the Shop Small map to see if they are on it.

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, Aug 19th. 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!





JULY 2020 CALENDAR

Sunda	y Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Block Party Mtg 12:15 at McPete's	10	11
12	13	14 Board 12:30 City Council Cham- bers	15 Golf Scramble Committee noon at Trail's	16 Business after Hours 5 pm at Lu- pulin. Register <u>here.</u>	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	29	31			

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, Aug 15 Big Lake Block Party from 10-2 pm at Mc Pete's. Back-up date is 10/3. Thursday, Aug 21 Business after Hours 5 pm at The Buff. Register <u>here!</u> Tuesday, Aug 25th Membership Meeting 11:45-1 pm at Carefree Country Club. Register <u>here!</u> Thursday, Sept 17 Golf Scramble at 10 am at Monticello Country Club. Tuesday, Sept. 29 Membership Meeting at 5:00 pm at Russell's on the Lake. Monday, October 19 at 6 pm Political Candidate Forum at Big Lake High School.