

MAY 2022

NEWSLETTER

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GLORIA'S GEMS: Kudos to Nurses!

Last week was National Nurses Week and our Member of the Month was honoring their staff. When my late husband, daughters and I were hospitalized at different times, the nursing staff provided great care, patience and guidance, even when we were in pain and not feeling the best. Nurses frequently volunteer at major events to offer medical expertise. They truly deserve our appreciation!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH: Keller Lake Commons

"Value your elders. Our residents have such amazing stories," advised Keller Lake Commons Housing Director Nicole Keller, "Spending time with them while listening to their stories is so rewarding. They have lived such amazing lives and have wonderful experiences to share with the younger generations."

Keller Lake Commons offers independent and assisted living for seniors. Owned by Vision Quest Property Management since 2016, Keller Lake has 30 team members. They accept Elderly Waiver, CADI waiver, and Housing Support immediately upon admission. They currently have openings for one-bedroom apartments, which have full kitchens, walk-in showers, and a full cable TV package for no extra charge.

Nicole, has worked in healthcare her entire career: started as a CNA and worked her way up through the healthcare field. She has a degree in Healthcare Management and recently became a Licensed Assisted Living Director. Director of Nursing Lynn Wynne has been a Registered Nurse for over ten years. Lynn and Nicole regularly attend Chamber

membership meetings as shown in the photo.

"We would love to have volunteers, " continued Nicole, "for various activities such as nail painting, socializing with residents, card games, music at dinner or in the afternoons, etc. Any volunteer work or involvement from the community is welcomed.

"Growing an assisted living program during a pandemic hasn't been easy," concluded Nicole, "and we truly appreciate the support of the community."



MEET YOUR NEW MEMBERS!

Complete Auto Service located at 101 Lake St. South in Big Lake offers comprehensive auto repair services that include car care services, brakes, undercar services, heating and cooling Services, electrical, transmission Services, internal engine services, diesel repair, heavy-duty Services, and towing. They also offer insurance-approved windshield repair and replacement, either onsite or mobile. Manager Jared Bjorklund says, "Our goal is to offer the best services available at affordable prices to get you back on the road in no time. You'll be hard-pressed to find the same level of expertise that our auto mechanic specialists provide! We have years of experience working on both domestic and import vehicles of all makes and models and can work with you to find cost-effective repair and maintenance alternatives." You can contact them by phone at 763-263-7867 or send them an email. You can also check out their website here!

 3 Sons Hardware owner Lori Ables says, "We're proud to be a member of the True Value family, and we're here to serve our community. Whether you're a pro or taking on a DIY home improvement project for the first time, we're right here

in your neighborhood with the expert advice, tools, equipment and the products you need to get the job done. Come in and see us today." They are planning on a ribbon cutting and open house in late June or early July. Their phone # 763-263-2019 and you can check out their website here!







BIG LAKE BLOCK PARTY NEEDS SPONSORS!

One of the Chamber's largest fundraisers is the Big Lake Block Party and we are able to keep our dues down because of your support.

The Block Party is scheduled from 10-1:30 at McPete's Entertainment Center. For just \$5 youth and adults can participate in unlimited bowling and mini-golf, the Scouts inflatable gun range and lots of activities at our booths.

Below is the registration forms. Members can also purchase tickets <u>here!</u>

More volunteers are needed to join our Committee. Committee members include Dr. Kristi McAlpin of

TWELVETH ANNUAL

☐ I would like Sponsor passes

Office Phone: 763-263-7800 Email: info@biglakechamber.com

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



Saturday, August 20th, 2022 from 10 am-1:30 pm.

Platinum Sponsor \$1,000 (includes bike sponsor for cash sponsor) Premiere logo recognition on all marketing materials. Includes 10 passes.						
Gold Sponsor \$500 (includes bike sponsor for cash sponsor) Prominent logo recognition at inflatables and on marketing materials. Includes 6 passes.						
Silver Sponsors \$250 Significant logo recognition. 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. Bike Sponsor \$150						
Sponsor a bike that the youth register to win! 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)						

Here's your invitation to participate. Sign up today! Due by July 28th You do NOT have to be a Chamber member to participate. All are welcome!

☐ I am not interested in Sponsor passes

****Participating sponsors are required to bring their own tents and tables****
If you wish to have a booth or sell tickets at the event for your own organization, a minimum \$150 sponsorship is
required! Payment information: Checks payable to Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry, P.O. Box 241, Big Lake, MN 55309 Name on Credit Card Credit Card Number: Total credit card charge _ Email address

Big Lake Area Vet Hospital, Amber Digiovanni of Minnco Credit Union, Allen Snegosky of Sherburne State Bank, Bill Blackhurst of Scouts and Dan McElwee of St. Croix Valley Insurance.



Carnival Games & Bowling Lane Sponsor Ideas

Below are some ideas for the Carnival Game, Hole in One Mini-Golf and Bowling Lane Sponsorships. This list is simply a starting point. If you would like to add another idea or alter an

*	already existing idea, feel free! The Chamber volunteers can help set up your activity. Please contact the Chamber Office to ensure your activity isn't duplicated by anyone else.
	Bean Bag Tournament Teams of two try to win at an old fashioned game of bean bags! Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams.
-	Giant Jenga This activity includes life size Jenga pieces. Players try to remove the Jenga pieces without knocking the tower over. If they are the last to remain in the game by not knocking the tower over, then they win a prize.
-	Fish Pond This activity includes a pool of water that is filled with glass fish bowls. The participant gets a chance to throw a ping pong ball and if it aloads in the bowl, they get to take a goldfish home with them.
-	Minute to Win It This activity is more open ended. Participants will be given a challenge that they need to complete in under a minute. If they complete the challenge, they receive a prize.
-	Cake/Cookie Walk This activity can be done in one of two ways. Either the sponsor can donate the baked goods that kids will win, or they can sponsor the evert and the Chamber will purchase the baked goods from a local business.
_	Limbo Contest Two participants face off and try to out-limbo each other. Winner of the two gets a prize.
-	Spin the Wheel to win a prize
-	Dunk Tank Select individuals who don't mind getting wet if a participant throws the ball at the target!
	Ring Toss Participants try to throw rings onto cones. The more rings you land on the cones, the more points you receive and the closer you get to a grand prize.
	Other

Note: The Wave Youth Center will offer water balloons form 1-1:30 pm so attendance at booths may decline

Contact the Chamber Office for questions or if you have bag stuffers that need to be picked up.

FOOD PROVIDED BY COBORN'S



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We're not the "new kid" in town anymore, but we're as eager as ever to make more friends. If you haven't met our talented team yet, stop by for a visit! We'd love to show you why almost 30,000 members depend on Minnco for their financial services!



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GOLF SCRAMBLE



JOIN US AT OUR 4th ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE!

The Chamber's 4th Annual Golf Scramble will be Thursday, Sept 15th at Monticello Country Club. Registration and a continental brunch starts at 10 am with the putting contest at 10:30 and shotgun at 11. Phillips Wine & Spirits will again offer a free drink ticket during social hour. Old National Bank is our dinner sponsor, catered by Von Hanson's Meats.

Golfers can receive \$20,000 if they get a Hole in One, sponsored by Insurance Specialists Team. Prizes will be awarded to the golfers who have closest to the pin, longest putt and longest drive. For just \$40, golfers can purchase a "Swanny Pro Package" which includes a mulligan, a putting mulligan, a power drive and a ball toss. A Pro will also be available on a more difficult hole.

More teams are needed this year so please invite the golfers you know to come! Proceeds from this event helps keep member dues down.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Committee members: Chair Dr. 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 and Cory Laugen of State Farm.

Chamber 4th Annual GOLF SCRAMBLE

THURSDAY, SEPT 15, 2022

MONTICELLO COUNTRY CLUB 1209 GOLF COURSE RD. MONTICELLO MN

"TEAM UP With The Chamber": Wear Your Favorite Sports Gear!

SPONSORSHIPS

Dinner Sponsor:

OLD NATIONAL BANK

Golf Ball Sponsor: \$1000 with your logo on 30 dozen golf balls and a team of golfers

Master Sponsor: \$625 for sponsorship of event & includes green fees, cart, light brunch &

dinner for 4 golfers



Classic Sponsor: \$200. Includes sponsorship of a golf hole with signage. Host a game or event at your golf tee box.

Beverage Cart Sponsor (2): \$450. Company logo on carts

Driving Range Sponsor: \$200. Signage at the driving range

Party Cart: \$200. Party Cart will be decorated to theme of the Golf Scramble & have sponsor's logo on signage on the cart. Sponsor can also provide prizes.

Brunch Sponsor:

Social Hour FREE drink



Snack Sponsor:



*** All sponsors will be recognized in Big Lake Chamber Newsletter, Facebook, & Big Lake Chamber Website and Special Recognition at the Awards Dinner.



GOLFERS

Enjoy games such closest to pin, longest putt & longest drive.



HOLE IN ONE PRIZE: \$20,000 Hole in One

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

Early Bird by Aug 31st: \$80 each or Team of 4 at \$320

BUY Swanny Pro Package for \$40

After Aug 31st: \$90 each or Team of 4 at \$360

Register at www.biglakechamber.com/golf-scramble



SCHEDIILE

10 am Registration &

10:30 Putting Contest for

50% of pot

11 am Shotgun start

Social Hour

Awards Dinner

YOUR VOICE in GOV'T





El Loro's Lorenzo Marcias & Emily Lanager-Chesley received the Citizens Commendation Award by Acting BLPD Chief Sam Olson. With their assistance, a child was located from an Amber Alert, the suspect arrested and the child was returned unharmed. Our thanks to you both! Photo to the left is from BLPD Facebook page.



MN Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED) recently announced that with the successful legislation of the MN House and Senate and Governor's Walz's signature, the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has been replenished. Employ-

ers who paid the double or triple-digit increase of the first quarter have received a credit in their accounts.

Legislative Budget Deal: MN House & Senate leaders and Governor Walz announced a broad framework of a budget deal with this week remaining in session. The deal calls for \$4 billion in new spending in education, public safety, health care and more, as well as \$4 billion in tax relief over the next three years and leaving \$4 billion unspent in the event of an economic downturn. The agreement provides spending targets of \$1 billion for education, \$1 billion for health care and human services, \$450 million for public safety, \$1.5 billion in additional investments and \$1.4 billion in capital investment projects, with details to be negotiated by committee chairs and conference committees.



Delegates to the State Republican Convention selected Dr. Scott Jensen and former state senator as the endorsed candidate for Governor on the 9th ballot. Delegates from the newly-formed Senate District 27A including the Big Lake area is shown on the picture

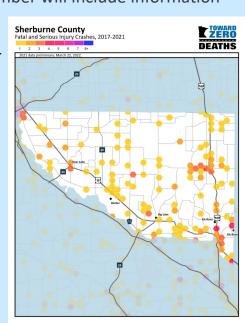


at left. The DFL convention is this weekend and the Chamber will include information

and photos from anyone wishing to submit them.

Toward Zero Deaths released the map to the right on the fatal and serious crashes in Sherburne County from 2017-2021.





BIG LAKE SPUD FEST



BIG LAKE SPUD FEST CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Big Lake Spud Fest is celebrating 50 years on June 23-26 with many great activities. Consider being a sponsor ranging from \$50-\$1000. Businesses can also sponsor one of the bands, the fireworks on Friday night, the softball tournament



that runs all week-end. Consider donating some of your logo promotional items for Bingo prizes as well as volunteering for a variety of needed duties through the event. The Chamber office is collecting Bingo prizes and selling Spud Fest buttons for only \$2. See the list of activities and sign up to volunteer here!

BIG LAKE KEEPS CHAMBER PARKS CHALLENGE TROPHY!

For the second year, the Big Lake Community retains the Sherburne County Area United Way Chamber Parks Challenge Trophy. Big Lake citizens had the most entries into April's challenge to explore local parks.

Wrights Crossing, Sanford Select Acres, Browns Park and Highline Park were featured in weekly videos on the Chamber's Facebook page with Jack Merwin of the City of Big Lake Parks Advisory Committee participating and producing them. We thank our sponsors: Centra Care, City of Big Lake, Debbie's Cleaning, NewAge and Profusion CBD.



DETAILSTuesdays, 6 - 10 p.m.

EMR: May 24 - July 12 EMT: May 24 - August 30

LOCATION Wright Tech Center 1405 3rd Ave NE

Buffalo, MN

COURSE FEE

EMR: \$500

EMT: \$1500

Funding may be available. Contact merion larson@co.steorns.mn.us or tzipoy@cmits.org for infa.

Our blended EMR and EMT courses provide dynamic and interactive computer-based training directly to students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Students come to class "ready to go" already having learned the subject matter.

Hands-on sessions ensure that the students master both the knowledge and skills needed to successfully complete the course.

NOTES:

- Includes textooek and FISDAP exams.
- National Registry examited is not included (FMT).
- Due to the accelerated format, se f-study is highly
- As part of the ambulance ridge-alongs, EMT participants must be able to pass a background check

REGISTER ONLINE

Ridgewater.edu/customized

This course is offered through a partnership with Central Minnesota EMS and Wright Technical Center .



FREEDOM ROCK* **Call for pavers**



Lakeside Park, Big Lake

Want to be part of the next group of pavers that will be engraved and ready for viewing next month?

DREWA BLAKE U.S.S. MAY'T 1977-1961**

Deadline: May 20

Money raised will be used to build a protective shelter over the rock.

Thank you for your support!

Questions: Karen Blake 763 234-0369 or blakk0178@gmail.com

COMMUNITY FAIR



SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY FAIR!

Cosponsored by Big Lake Community Education, the Big Lake Community Fair on Saturday, April 23rd at Big Lake High School was very successful. The event had the largest number of attendees at 928 and the largest number of exhibitor booths at 56 tables since 2018!

Six bikes and 3 scooter/skateboard combos were given away by our sponsors.

All proceeds from the 2022 Community Fair will go to Big Lake High School Volunteerism Scholarships.

We thank all our sponsors, volunteers and exhibitors.

The photo at right shows City of Big Lake Interim City Administrator Hanna Klimmek of City sharing information to the attendees. Below one of the Big Lake School choirs entertained the attendees.







TRI WELLNESS at WORK WEBINARS

A Statewide Health Improvement Partnership collaboration between Stearns, Benton, and Sherburne Counties is offering local businesses a no-cost workplace wellness opportunity where businesses can learn about starting and maintaining an effective and sustainable wellness program.

This is a great opportunity for employers who are thinking about starting a wellness program, need help in specific areas, or want to network with other area employers around workplace wellness.

Anyone can participate but registration is required for this no-cost opportunity. For more information, For more information contact Kristy at Kris-

ty.Heying@co.sherburne.mn. us. You can register here. All webinars are 9-10 am.

> May 19: **Health Equity**

June 14: **Tobacco Use and Exposure Reduction**

July 14:

Sustainability and Evaluation

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Culver's Monticello Fundraiser for Big Eagle Lake

Tuesday, May 17th from 4-8 PM Culver's Monticello 9395 MN-25, Monticello, MN

Please join us to support the efforts to keep
Big Eagle Lake beautiful.

Up to 20% will be donated for all purchases made from 4-8PM whether at the counter or the drive-through.

Thank you for your support! Big Eagle Lake Community

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EDUCATION/YOUTH



VISION TRANSPORTATION OFFERS MOBILE APP



Vision Transportation, now offers a tracking service called BusWhere to the parents, guardians and students who ride their buses. They will be able to watch buses on a map in real-time, see how long the bus spends at each stop, and receive notifications with real-time ETAs and automatic notifications if a bus is running late. Parents wanting to sign up can email here!

The Big Lake High School Graduation is June 3rd. And the Chamber's first Volunteerism Scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded to 2 graduates. Stayed tuned next month to learn who will receive them!

Summer Weekend Tournaments at Big

Lake Schools include:

Fastpitch Ice Breaker Tournament: May 20-22

<u>Youth Baseball Tournament:</u> June 3-5 <u>Youth Baseball Tournament</u>: June 10-12 <u>Youth Baseball Tournament</u>: June 17-19

Note: date subject to change!





Hours: Mon 1-6p; Tues 10a-5p; Wed 1-7p; Thur 1-5p; Fri 10a-5p; Sat 10a-1p. **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.

Check out our events at here!

CHILDREN'S EVENT

Nursery Rhyme Challenge: Join the fun of this scavenger hunt challenge. Follow the numbers around the library, read the clue and fill in the blanks of the nursery rhyme. This is a great parent/child game! Once all the nursery rhymes have been found, return to the library desk for a special treat. For ages 2-8. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Monday, Today to Saturday, May 28 During library open hours.

ADULT EVENTS

Stone Mandalas: We will use this meditative art technique on rocks. Supplies are provided for this in-person class. . Social distancing measures will be in place at programs. Please stay home when sick. For ages teens and adults. Limit 10. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Thursday, May 26

3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

FAMILY EVENT

Classical guitarist Jeff Bianchi: Enjoy the classical guitar stylings of New York-born Jeff Bianchi during this Music in the Library event. For all ages. A Legacy event.

Saturday, May 21

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.



MEMBER NEWS



Sherburne**History** center

Sherburne History Center is offering an "Open Mic" for local poets to express their work beginning on May 19th. For more information contact Mike Brubaker

at 763-275-2210.



Big Lake American Legion is hosting Memorial Day events Monday, May 30th at 9 am at Veterans Memorial Park and 10 am at Big Lake cemetery. The Auxiliary will provide a lunch at Big Lake Township Lions Park following the service.

Sovran is offering a free webinar on cyber security Wednesday, May 18th at 11:30 at their Eagan office. You can register here!



City of Big Lake's Music in the Park concert series begins Thursday June 2nd for a full season in 2022 to celebrate its 10-year anniversary! The concerts are held at Big Lake's scenic Lakeside Park located right off of Highway 10 and has drawn over 70,000 people from the surrounding areas including St. Cloud and the Twin Cities. Check out the schedule here!

The Big Lake Farmers Market supports local farmers, crafters, and musicians and offers a variety of exciting programs that rely on sponsorships including the Power of Produce and Frequent Shopper programs, kids' activities, Music at the Market, Senior Day coupons, and our card reader. The Big Lake Farmers Market is proud to offer monetary compensation for each musicians' time and dedication to their passion. The market also invested in a card reader so that customers can use their debit-credit and SNAP-EBT

cards to purchase goods from vendors who cannot afford this technology.

Both the Music in the Park and the Farmers Market programs are funded through grants and sponsorships. Email Corrie Scott <u>here</u> if you want to be a sponsor.

Celebrating their 7th year Lupulin Brewing's Owners
Matt & Jeff will each lead a tour on Saturday, May 21st
where you can experience Lupulin behind the garage door!
Tickets for the tour can be purchased using this link at a fee of \$10
each. Tour spots are limited, Matt and Jeff will only be hosting 20
people each, with tours running from 12PM - 2PM starting every half
hour. Participants will receive a free beverage of your choice & a
glass to take home. Proceeds will go to the Big Lake Fire Department
for their extraction equipment, and the Big Lake Police Department's
canine unit.



May's Business After Hours

May's Business after Hours is scheduled for 5 pm on Thursday, May 19th at El Loro. If you see Lorenzo or Emily, be sure to congratulate them on their Citizens Commendation Award (see page 6. To provide adequate seating, please register here!

Attend our Meetings to Win Prizes!

At every Business after Hours and Membership Meeting, 2 names are drawn from our Network Box containing all of our members. One of our new members, Tami from Travelers Country Club on the Mississippi won over \$400 in prizes. Members who missed the opportunity to win the prizes from previous network opportunities include Driscoll Accounting Services, Ember Coffee Company, Freedom Strategy Group, Howmet, Michelle Backlund, Monticello Times, Scouts, Sherburne History Center and Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home. Members who are present while their name is called win prizes valued at over \$400 which include:







FREE Drink



Monticello Printing Certificate PATRIOT 2 Color Ads, notepad

More prizes are welcome!

May 31st Membership Meeting

Our May Membership Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 31st at 11:30 am at The Buff. State Senator Mary Kiffmeyer and Representative Paul Novotny will update us on the legislative session. State Senator Andrew Mathews also plans to attend. Announcements and introductions begin at noon. Enjoy a pasta bar with meat and alfredo sauce, breadsticks & caesar salad for \$15. Members can attend virtually. Members can also attend virtually. Please register here by Thursday, May 26th.



At left, Sherburne County Parks Coordinator Gina Hugo informed the members on the county park developments at the April membership 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 Monday, May 30th. 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!



MAY 2022 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	y Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting 12:30 McPete's and virtually	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	19	Community Fair 2 pm Community Education Office Business After Hours 5 pm at El Loro. Register here	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY	Legislative Membership Meeting 11:30 @ The Buff. Register here!				

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, June 19th at 5 pm: Business after Hours at Travelers Country Club on the Mississippi

Saturday, August 20th from 10-1:30 pm: Block Party at



Tuesday, August 30th from 11:30-1 pm at Carefree Country Club (no meetings in June or July)

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022: Golf Scramble at

