

JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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GLORIA'S GEMS:

For the last several years Carefree Country Club has welcomed our Chamber members to their club for our August membership meeting. They have a beautiful facility! After our August 30th meeting, stay awhile longer to enjoy a tour and even golf! You can <u>register here</u> and listen to several of our non-profit members.

I've also joined the Big Lake American Legion and Auxiliary at the Carefree's fun and exciting 4th of July parade!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH: CAREFREE COUNTRY CLUB

Carefree Country Club has been a member of the Big Lake Chamber for nearly 20 years. Carefree is a member-owned, seasonal recreational vehicle community nestled on 337 acres of shady oak trees with views of their private 15-acre Fawn Lake and their executive 18 hole-golf course, which is free to their members. Members enjoy bountiful wildlife and a quiet, peaceful environment for recreation, relaxation, and renewal. They also offer heated swimming pool, hot tub along with tennis, pickleball, bocce ball and horseshoe courts.

Activities Director Victoria LaBau is retiring this year after 6 years in her duties as key contact for new and prospective members, and planning and organizing various educational and recreational activities. Her husband Mike is also retiring as Park Manager and they have a full -time golf course manager and 9 part-time employees.

"We love it here," exclaimed Victoria, "and plan to live here next season. We have 6 homes available for sale for anyone wanting enjoy what we offer.

"We are glad to be a part of the Big Lake community," Victoria continued, "and keep abreast of what is happening so that we can forward information to our members. Many of our members live out of state and are not from this area. We also love hosting the August



Chamber meeting and enjoy having folks visit our location."

Check out their website here! Photos are submitted.





MEET YOUR NEW MEMBERS!

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Starz Dance Studio

Starz Dance Studio has been a part of the community for 25 years! Starz is a traditional dance studio with classes running September to May with a recital in May. They offer classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, Hip Hop, POM, and Pointe. They also offer summer classes for preschool to 12th grade. Their dancers have had the opportunity to dance at Valleyfair, Timberwolves games, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Outback Bowl, and the Tap Jam for Taryn in Morris. Starz runs a chapter of the National Honor Society for Dance which allows them to encourage their dancers in both academic and artistic excellence. Check out their website here and contact owner Jennifer Shaw at 763-262-7837 or email her here!

Ribbon-cutting Event Travelers Country Club on the Mississippi hosted the June Business after Hours with a ribbon-cutting as new members. Pictured below on the left are Chamber Executive Director Gloria Vande Brake, Jake and Becky Jacobs of Northstar Technologies, Park Manager Tami Rangel cutting the ribbon along with other members of the Club.













BIG LAKE MUSIC IN THE PARK

CHAMBER SPONSORS LUPULIN BEER TENT

With the support of City of Big Lake, Lupulin Brewing Company and our members, the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry is sponsoring the Lupulin Beer Tent at the last 6 weeks of Music in the Park band performances. Lupulin is donating all of its staff time in organizing and selling.

With the Chamber Board's support, staff learned a lot about temporary liquor licenses and liquor liability insurance. We appreciate the work Insurance Specialists Team (IST) did to re-

search the most cost-effective insurance. On July 7th Edina Realty-Ryan Benjamin sponsored the Lupulin Beer tent from 5:30-8:15 pm. Last Thursday, July 14th Knight Barry Title Company spon-Knight Barry sored the Lupulin Beer Tent.

On July 28th one of our newer members, Pillar to Post Home Inspections is sponsoring the Lupulin Beer Tent with Band 51 performing.

There are 3 remaining weeks left for members to still sponsor the Lupulin Beer Tent: July 21st with Maiden Dixie (and also our Business after Hours event!), Aug 4th with Humboldt Station and Aug. 11th with Cate Fierro: Amy.

A donation jar will be at the Lupulin Beer tent for anyone wishing to donate toward the High School



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AUG 20th BLOCK PARTY

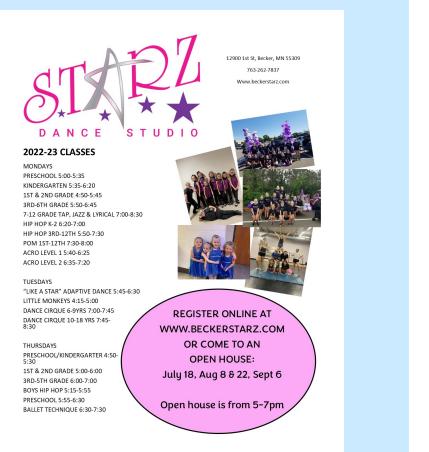
ONLY \$150 TO SPONSOR A BOOTH AT BLOCK PARTY!

ETERATION

Businesses and non-profits can share their products and services at the Big Lake Block Party on Saturday, August 20th from 10-1:30 at McPete's for just \$150. Other sponsorships are also available; contact Gloria or a Committee member if interested. This is one of the Chamber's largest fundraisers and we are able to keep our dues down because of your support.

For just \$5 each youth and adults can participate in unlimited bowling and mini-golf, the Scouts inflatable gun range, Plinko games, fishbowl, tossing games and lots of activities at our booths. New this year is free haircuts offered by El Teca Barbershop!

Members can also purchase tickets <u>here</u>! Volunteers are needed to join our Committee and volunteer at the event. Committee members include Dr. Kristi McAlpin of 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.





SAVE TIME at the event by prepaying your registration on the August Events Calendar at biglakechamber.com



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GOLF SCRAMBLE

GOLFERS & SPONSORS NEEDED FOR SCRAMBLE!



Both golfers and sponsors are needed for the Chamber's 4th Annual Golf Scramble Thursday, ^{COUNTEXCLU} Sept 15th at Monticello Country Club. The theme is "Team Up with the Chamber" and golfers and sponsors are encouraged to wear their favorite sports gear. 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 to swing on a difficult hole.

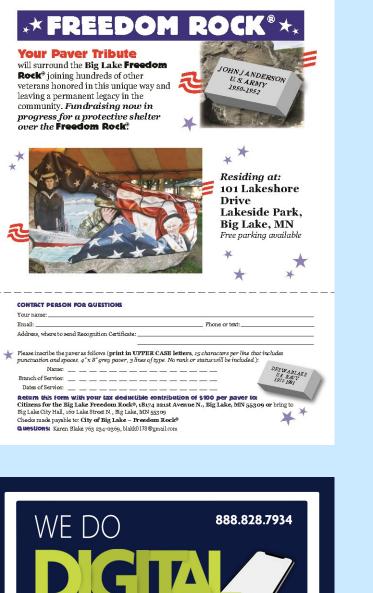
More teams are needed this year so please invite the golfers you know to come! Proceeds from this event helps keep member dues down.

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, Tim Suchy of Edward Jones, Julie Evans of Insurance Specialists Team, Yvonne Olderbak of Minnco Credit Union and Cory Laugen of State Farm.





MEMBER ADS





heer for Reading erburne County Area United W Be a contestant or watch others at our game show night filled with wine, appetizers, and a lot of fun! Auctions & Balilles This event will benefit our Imagination Library program. Tickets: \$50 per person 5:30 in the afternoon POUR! Wednesday August 17th 15704 90th St NE SUITE 200 2022 Otsego, MN 55330 Buy your tickets online sherburneunitedway.org/cheers-for-reading/ **BUSINESS** SPOTLIGHT Monthly Feature **Monticello Times & Crow River News** Let us tell your story in these special Business Spotlight page feature. Each of the 5 areas (Albertville, Big Lake, Monticello, Rogers and St Michael) will run once a month in the pages of the Crow River News and Monticello Times community newspaped e low cost of only \$45.00 a month, your 2 column by 2" ad (2 cc 00) runs in both paid newspapers EVERY month with a special 1, 1g YOUR business running once in the cycle at no additional cost Don't miss out on the opportunity to promote your business EVERY month! Call TODAY to reserve your



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Minnesota Did you know we are #9 in the country as "Most Fun" state by WalletHub and reported by Minnesota Monthly? We ranked 3rd in the country for performing arts and 5th for parks and recreation. For those who are competitive, we beat our neighboring states: Wisconsin ranked 18th, South Dakota at 29, Iowa 33 and North Dakota was 38th. <u>See the details here!</u>



Sherburne County is seeking input on the revision of its Comprehensive Land Use **Plan** Wednesday, July 20 from 3:30-5 pm at the Government Center. <u>Learn more here</u>. RSVP by <u>emailing</u> Sherburne County Senior Planner Marc Schneider or calling (763) 765-4454.

MN's Primary Election is Tuesday, Aug 9th from 7 am-8 pm at your precinct. With multiple candidates running for the statewide offices of Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General within the parties, this election will narrow down the candidates in each party for the November 8th Election Day, which will also include local candidates for city council, school board, township, state House and Senate and US Congress. Citizens can now obtain absentee ballots from Sherburne County here! The filing period for local candidates is August 2 – 16. The Chamber will sponsor a political candidates forum for local candidates on Monday, Sept 26 for local candidates. In cooperation with Becker and Elk River Area Chambers of Commerce, we will host a candidates forum on Monday, Oct. 10th for 4 Sherburne County Commissioner races and Auditor/Treasurer. Both forums will begin at 5:30 for a "Meet & Greet" and will be held at Big Lake High School Auditorium. Sherburne Wright Cable Commission will video-record the forums.

TRANSPORTANT OF Hiring a Teenager? MN Dept of Labor & Industry can answer your questions on age restrictions, hours of work and more! <u>Check it out here!</u>



Frontline Worker Pay: eligible workers have until July 22nd to apply for frontline worker pay if they worked at least 120 hours between March 15, 2020-June 30, 2021 in 19 industries. They could not have received more than 20 cumulative weeks of unemployment insurance. Nearly 900,000 applicants applied in the last month. All approved applicants will receive an

equal payment this fall up to a maximum of \$1500. Please register and view this information at <u>www.frontlinepay.mn.gov</u>



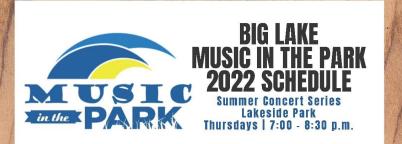
Join Minnesota Chamber at Vikings Training Camp Aug. 1st at 1:30. <u>Register here!</u>

Listen to Managing Partner Mary Grove of Bread and Butter Venture at the 2022 Women in Business Conference Aug. 2nd from 8-1 pm at Mystic Lake Center. <u>Register here!</u>





MEMBER ADS



June 2: Rockin' Hollywoods | 50's - 80's Rock June 9: Sweet Siren | Rock, Pop, Country June 16: Mick Sterling: Born to Run | Springsteen Tribute June 23-26: Celebrate Spud Fest's 50th at BLHS! June 30: Thrillbillies | Country, Southern Rock July 7: Shane Martin Band | Modern Country, Rock July 14: Lady Luck | Rock, Pop, Country July 21: Maiden Dixie | Country, Rock July 28: Band 51 | Rock, Pop, Country August 4: Humboldt Station | 70's - 90's Rock, Country August 11: Cate Fierro: Amy | Amy Winehouse Tribute

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Questions? Contact Corrie Scott at 612-297-6331 or visit biglakemn.org for more information.



EDUCATION/YOUTH



BLHS YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP & CAREER FAIR



All businesses, non-profits and governmental units are invited to attend the 5th annual Big Lake High School Youth Apprenticeship & Career Fair on Thursday, Sept. 22nd. Educate your future employees on your services, products and great working environment.

The Fair is an opportunity to provide EXPOSURE to the many career options in today's market. Businesses can share their careers and the pathways to those careers. Watch this video invite! REGISTER HERE.



BRARY



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 Mon-

Check out our events at here!

day of each month at the library at 5:30 pm.

CHILDREN EVENTS

Storytime Fridays: Children ages 2-6, with a favorite adult, enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and early literacy skills through reading, singing, talking, and playing. Social distancing measures will be in place at programs. Please stay home when sick. Limit 20. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library. Friday, July 22, 29, Aug. 5 & 12 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Nature Explorer Camp: Join our Nature Explorer Club for fun craft make & takes, activities, and experiments. A new Explorer Camp Kit will be available each month during the Summer Reading Program. For ages 5-12. While supplies last. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library. Tuesdays, Aug. 9

During library open hours

Back to School Scavenger Hunt: Search the Big Lake Library for the hiding school supplies and enter for a chance at some school supply prizes. Find the school bus for a treat. For ages 5 to 12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

July 15-Aug 8

During library open hours

FAMILY EVENT

Raptor Center of MN: Learn about a variety of raptors that live in Minnesota by attending the Raptor Center of Minnesota program. A Locally Growin event. Independence Elementary School's west gym.

Wednesday, July 27



MEMBER NEWS

RiverWood BANK Riverwood Bank promoted Cole Hendry to Branch Manager in late May. Cole serves on the Chamber's Ambassadors Committee and is the treasurer of the Big Lake Economic Development Authority. Congratulations Cole!

BW Best Western PLUS.

Best Western Plus Chelsea Hotel's General Manager Perry Sloneker was named Monticello Citizen of the Year for his volunteer work with the Rotary, community theatre, Monticello Chamber board, and the Swan City Heritage Foundation. He also shared his musical talents at the Monticello Riverfest all-city worship service Sunday, July 17th in Ellison Park. Congratulations Perry!

PATRIOT News is celebrating the start of its third year and greatly appreciates its adver-PATRIOT tisers so that they can continue to provide local news and sports. They are offering a free ad with the purchase of 3 ads. Email Carol here by July 30th for more information.

Sherburne State Bank recently promoted Allen Snegosky to Chief Lending Officer. Allen Sherburne is serving on the Chamber Board and as Governmental Affairs Committee chair. See their ad on page 8!

Sherburne History Center's next Genealogy Programs are scheduled for July 23 and Sherburne**History** center August 20 at 10:30 am.

RE/MAX RESULTS Liz Fagen of RE/MAX Results continues to encourage people to nominate citizens to be fea-



tured on a new website called The Faces of Big Lake. Check out their website. The link to nominate someone is here.

Did you know? You can list your Job Openings on the Chamber website at no cost? Promote your products or services to other members without a fee on our **Deals** page. For just \$150/year, you can promote your name, logo, and website on the front page of our website with Logo Link. This is limited to 1 business per industry.







July's Business After Hours

July's Business after Hours is scheduled for 5 pm on Thursday, July 21st at Lakeside Park. Music in the Park's band will be Maiden Dixie. A sponsor for the Lupulin Beer tent is still needed. Please <u>register here</u>! Photo to the right is our June Business after Hours golfers enjoying the course at Travelers Country Club on the Mississippi!

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. Two of our newest members, Stacey Stanley of Edina Realty Heitz Gardner Group and Tami Rangel from Travelers Country Club on the Mississippi each won over \$400 in prizes in the last few months. 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:

\$10 Gift Certificate Massage





Massage and First Chiro Check



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More prizes are welcome!

Aug 30th Membership Meeting

Our **August Membership Meeting** will be held Tuesday, August 30th at 11:30 am at Carefree Country Club. Several non-profits members including Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association, Friends of the Big Lake Library, Options and SCORE will share their stories. Registration and lunch is at 11:30. Introductions and Committee Reports begin at noon.



Catered lunch by Ember Coffee Company includes choice of butter croissant with choice of premium ham or smoked turkey, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayo, mustard, chips, pickle and locallymade cookie for \$15. Golf and tours available after the meeting. Please register <u>here</u> by Wednesday, Aug. 24th.



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 July 27th. 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!







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Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, August 18th at 5 pm: Business after Hours

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 July).

Register here!

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022: Golf Scramble at

