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Gloria's Gems

KUDOs to the hard-working Board & Committees of Spud Fest. Really great job! This brings thousands of people to our community. It is truly a special event and takes enormous time & effort. In another month or so, they will start planning for 2019 and would love to have additional people join the Board or one of the Committees. Let me know if you are interested in keeping this event going in the years to come!!

Joint Legislative Meeting: 1/2 of a percent sales tax?

Big Lake Chamber members Raeanne Danielowski, Allen Snegosky, Tim Suchy, Rep. Nick Zerwas and I joined the Elk River Legislative Committee on Friday, June 29th to hear a presentation from Andrew Witter, Public Works



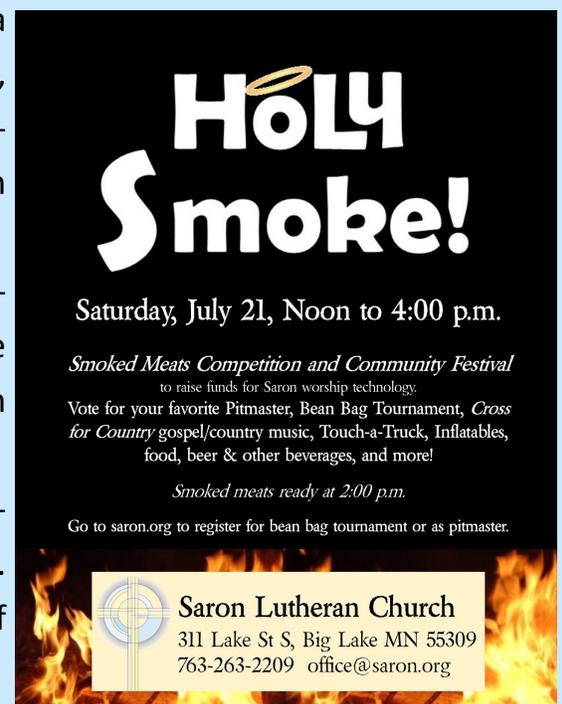
Director of Sherburne County on funding options to fill an estimated \$140 million gap in county transportation needs through 2040.

Five of our seven neighboring counties have implemented

a Local Options Sales Tax. Based on a 33-page Univ of MN Extension study, 1/2 of a percent sales tax would generate \$3.26 million each year with 30% of this paid by non-residents.

Sherburne County had the largest percentage increase in population in the state in 2016. This growth puts a strain on our roads and bridges.

Funding recommendations will be presented to the County Board in August. Contact me if you would like a copy of the study or provide input.



**HOLY
Smoke!**

Saturday, July 21, Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Smoked Meats Competition and Community Festival
to raise funds for Saron worship technology.

Vote for your favorite Pitmaster, Bean Bag Tournament, *Cross for Country* gospel/country music, Touch-a-Truck, Inflatables, food, beer & other beverages, and more!

Smoked meats ready at 2:00 p.m.

Go to saron.org to register for bean bag tournament or as pitmaster.

 **Saron Lutheran Church**
311 Lake St S, Big Lake MN 55309
763-263-2209 office@saron.org

Welcome New Members

The Grind Nutrition at 651 Rose Drive in Big Lake: Owner Joe Deidrick. Stop in for great teas and your favorite flavor of shakes.

McDonald's of Big Lake at 330 Jefferson Blvd with Tim Genck as owner. Come out and enjoy your favorite sandwich, fries, salad and drink.



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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 Friday, July 20th. 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!



*McPete's
Entertainment
Center*



Saturday, August 18th, 2018, 1pm to 5pm

- 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 6 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 Mini-Golf hole. Includes 4 passes.
- Bowling Lane Contest Sponsor \$250**
Prominent logo recognition at bowling lane. You choose a game with prizes. Includes 4 passes. Must bring a small table.
- Carnival Game Sponsor \$150**
Just like the old time bazaars. You choose a game with prizes. Includes 4 passes. Must bring a table and tent if needed.
- Bronze Sponsors \$150**
Name recognition at bowling lanes. Includes 4 passes.
- Community Sponsor \$50**
Name recognition at Mini-Golf course.
- I am interested in volunteering at the Block Party**
Wear your company shirt and mingle!

Carnival Game & Bowling Lane Sponsor Ideas

*****Please contact the Chamber Office to ensure your activity is available.***

- 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.
- 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 lands 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 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 event 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.
- Ring Toss**
Participants throw rings onto cones. The more rings on the cones, the more points you get, leading to a grand prize.

We are also looking for businesses to donate bag stuffers that will go into 100 draw string bags. The first 100 kids that attend the Block Party will receive these giveaways. There are two options for these bag stuffers: 100 of one item to be placed in each bag or 10 larger items to be put in 10 grand prize giveaway bags.

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

2018 Legislative/Policy Outcomes

Staff from the Minnesota Chamber summarized the 2018 State Legislative Outcomes to area Chambers on June 4th in St. Cloud.

**MINNESOTA
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

GROWING MINNESOTA

Key legislation including tax and supplemental budget bills were passed by both Houses, but unfortunately vetoed by Governor Dayton. This included reductions for lower individual income tax rates, lower corporate tax rates, streamlining environmental reviews and permitting and full conformity to Section 179, allowing immediate expensing for equipment.

Reduced costs and streamlined care in the workers' compensation system received unanimous support in the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.

At the May 29th Big Lake Chamber membership meeting, Rep. Nick Zerwas and State Senator Mary Kiffmeyer happily reported that the City of Big Lake will receive \$1 million for its waste water treatment facility. An additional \$157 million is allocated from the Corridors of Commerce for Hwy 169 North to a freeway in Elk River in the next four years and \$56 million to add a third lane on I-94 from St. Michael to Albertville.

New Board Member

The Board welcomed Allen Snegosky, Commercial loan officer at Sherburne State Bank at their June meeting. In addition to joining the Board, Allen is a member of the Block Party Committee.

Thanks for joining us Allen!



Member FDIC

Do you have broken or damaged items lying around the house? Instead of throwing it away, fix it!



Big Lake Fix-It Clinic



Do you have a broken sewing machine, drill, or phone? Does your jacket need mending? Let our knowledgeable volunteers help you fix it! Free guided assistance is available! First come, first served. All ages welcome! Please bring any tools or supplies that might be helpful. No oversized items. Items must be small enough to carry. This is a family friendly event and open only to Big Lake residents.

Thursday, July 12th, 2018

3:00 – 6:00pm

Senior Center, next to City Hall
160 Lake Street North

Examples of what to bring: Toaster, small stereo, jewelry, radio, sewing machine, lamp, toys, curtain/linens, blender, small furniture, fan, printer, coffee maker, etc.

Volunteers Needed!

Do you have skills in electronics repair, computer repair, sewing, wood working, or general tinkering? We need volunteers to help others repair items. Call or email Katie Stelzner at 763-307-6040 kstelzner@biglakemn.org for more information.



THE INAUGURAL IPA INVITATIONAL

Lupulin Brewing and ERX Motor Park challenged top IPA brewers to create their most innovative single, double, and triple IPAs for their inaugural IPA Invitational. Come join thousands of hop fans and indulge in the best hoppy brews from around the country! Live music and food trucks will be part of the festivities.



SO WHO'S IN?

12welve Eyes - MN
18th Street - IN
Ale Asylum - WI
Barrel Theory Beer
Company - MN
Bent Paddle - MN
BlackStack Brewing - MN
Brewing Projekt - WI

Dangerous Man - MN
Drekker - ND
Fair State Brewing
Cooperative - MN
Finnegans - MN
Insight - MN
Junkyard Brewing - MN
Listermann Brewing - OH

Mikkeller - CA
Modist Brewing - MN
Odd13 - CO
Pipeworks - IL
Surly Brewing - MN
Tailgate - TN
Toppling Goliath - IA
War Pigs - IL/WI/IN

FOR FULL DETAILS AND TICKETS:
LUPULINBREWING.COM OR ERXMOTORPARK.COM

AUGUST 4TH • 1-4:00PM • ERX MOTOR PARK, 21591 US-169, ELK RIVER, MN 55330

Ambassador Meeting: Join us on July 13th at El Loro at 11:45pm.



BIG LAKE LIONS ANNUAL
"Ron Nelson Memorial"
GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday, August 4th, 2018 / 1:00 pm Shotgun Start

Elk River Golf Club
20015 Elk Lake Road NW, Elk River, MN 55330

\$75 per PERSON includes: 18 holes Golf, Cart, & Dinner

Dinner will be back at Big Lake Township/Lions Park, 21960 County Rd 5 NW in Big Lake and will be a steak dinner with all the fixin's



4 PERSON SCRAMBLE TEAMS
*MEN'S * WOMEN'S * MIXED*



SIGN UP AT MCPETE'S SPORTS BAR & LANES, LUPULIN BREWING
or TOOTSIE'S TAVERN IN BIG LAKE!
OR

mail registration form and payment to:
Big Lake Lions, PO Box 128, Big Lake, MN 55309

Get registration forms at McPete's, Lupulin or Tootsie's or download from www.facebook.com/BigLakeLionsClub/

BE A "HOLE" SPONSOR AT THE TOURNAMENT - \$75

KARAOKE
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TO THE BUFF
FRIDAY NIGHTS!

July 6th, 13th, 20th,
August 3rd, 24th, and 31st
9pm-1am

Event Schedule: friendlybuffalo.com/events



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MEMBER FDIC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	<p>HAPPY 4th!</p> 	5 Music in the Park at Lakeside Park 7pm	6 Block Party Committee @ McPete's -noon	7
8	9	10 Chamber Board Meeting	11 Farmers Market at Lakeside Park 3pm	12 Fix It Clinic, Sr Center 3-6 pm Music in the Park at Lakeside Park 7pm	13	14
15	16	17	18 Ambassador Mtg at El Loro 11:45 am Farmers Market at Lakeside Park 3pm	19 Music in the Park at Lakeside Park 7pm	20	21 Holy Smoke @ Saron Lutheran
22	23	24	25 Farmers Market at Lakeside Park 3pm	26 Music in the Park at Lakeside Park 7pm	27	28
29	30	31				

Mark Your Calendar!

- Saturday, August 4th @ 1pm: Big Lake Lions Golf Tournament, Elk River Golf Club
- Saturday, August 11th @ 2 pm: Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association BBQ Competition at Lupulin Brewing
- Saturday, August 18th: 1-5 pm **BLOCK PARTY** at McPete's Entertainment Center