

Mission Statement

“Committed to the success of the Big Lake business community through information, communication, cooperation and support for all.”

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Tuesday & Wednesday
8 am - 10 am
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GLORIA'S GEMS

One of the items on my “bucket list” that I was able check off last month was being an election judge! I’ve enjoyed politics since I was a teenager!

As an election judge during the primary election, I acquired much greater respect to the city, township & county officials training us, organizing schedules, trouble-shooting issues and much more. With the new computerized voting machines, we had little trouble with the final counts at the end of the day. And we certainly are hoping for lots more voters out for the general election!!

CHAMBER'S 30th ANNIVERSARY

FEATURED BUSINESS of the MONTH:

Virginia Bruns, CPA of Terning & Ross Company was one of the original Chamber members thirty years ago.

At the time, she was owner of Johnson-Bruns Company. Her parents the Johnsons were both CPAs and started their company in 1958 and Virginia joined them in 1977. They both worked until they were in their 80's. She sold to Terning & Ross Company last January and continues to help her clients with their accounting, taxes and payroll needs. Her daughter also works part-time in the business. Years ago Virginia attended a business expo in Milaca and encouraged the Chamber to start one here. She expressed her thanks to the Chamber Board and volunteers, adding that “the Chamber does a good job keeping businesses out in front of everyone!”



7th Annual Big Lake
**Pumpkin
Fest**
and
Craft Show



**FAMILY EVENT
& FUNDRAISER**

TICKETS

**\$10/Person
Max \$40/Family
Military Discount
Includes a Pumpkin**

**Benefiting
Big Lake Community
Food Shelf, Beyond the
Yellow Ribbon—Big Lake
& Great River Family
Promise**

Oct 13, 2018 • 11 am - 3 pm • Big Lake Township's Lions Park



**8k Race • Lil' Squash Dash • Pumpkin Patch
Pumpkin Carving Contest • Pumpkin Sling Shot
Pie Eating Contest • Seed Spitting Contest • Petting Zoo
Inflatables • Hay Rides • Food Concessions • and more!**

Find us on Facebook @BigLakePumpkinFest

Hosted by Lord of Glory Lutheran Church
www.lordofglorylutheran.org

Free Veterans Dinner

sponsored by Big Lake American Legion
& Auxiliary Unit 147 & BLBTYR Committee

Welcome New Member:

HIDEOUT RESTAURANT & BAR



At the suggestion of Lupulin Brewing Company, Hideout Restaurant & Bar joined the Chamber in September. Owner Rowan Brown and his staff offer Asian, Jamaican and American dishes, sure to please everyone! They catered at the September membership meeting with a great spread! Open every day but Mondays. See their menu at www.hideoutbarandgrille.com



Octoberfest 2018
October 13th 12pm-11pm

BEER RELEASE • FOOD TRUCKS
LIVE MUSIC • HEATED TENT

LUPULIN BREWING COMPANY

Ambassador Meeting:
Join us on Wednesday, Oct 12 at 11:30 at Friendly Buffalo

RIBS N RIDES
FOR THE RIBBON

3rd Annual Backyard BBQ Cook-Off & Bike Rally

BRING THE FAMILY OUT FOR A FUN FILLED DAY OF BBQ, MUSIC, DOORPRIZES, SILENT AUCTION AND MORE!

- BIKE RALLY 10AM-3PM (\$20, INCLUDES RIB KIT)
- OPEN TO PUBLIC 1PM-5PM \$5 rib kits, \$2 each additional tickets
- YOU BE THE JUDGE FOR OUR PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD
- COOK-OFF JUDGING STARTS AT 3PM (COOKING TEAMS WANTED!)
- JUDGES ARE YOUR LOCAL POLICE and FIRE
- CASH PAYOUTS AND TROPHYS—1st-3rd in RIBS, CHICKEN, and PEOPLES CHOICE
- SILENT AUCTION 1PM-4PM

TOOTSIE'S TAVERN
BIG LAKE, MN
Saturday, Sept 29, 2018

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT



Beyond the Yellow Ribbon: Big Lake

CONTACTS: ribsnrides@yahoo.com

BBQ Cook-Off & Sponsors: Thad Yaker 763-286-5821 or Cassie Yaker 612-490-5528

FAMILY FUN FEST

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY

FREE 5:00 to 7:00 PM OCTOBER 5

Join us for our 3rd Annual Early Childhood Resource Fair!

- Promote your business
- Distribute brochures, coupons, and promotional items
- Reach hundreds of families in the community
- Demonstrate community support and involvement!

Requirements:
Set up and staff your booth. Provide an activity or game appropriate for children 6 and under. Door prizes are encouraged but not required. See registration site for more details!

Register online using the link below, to participate in this community and business success building opportunity!
<https://bit.ly/2vuSjvW>

SPONSORED BY MINNESOTA EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOLS INITIATIVE **Big Lake Community Education** **EARLY CHILDHOOD EGFE FAMILY EDUCATION**

BIG LAKE CHAMBER WINS TRI-CHAMBER BOWL-ATHON



Big Lake & Monticello bowlers appreciate the contributions of the sponsors.



Bowlers and Chamber members enjoy appetizers provided by McPete's!



Big Lake Bowler Jenny Schwab throws a strike for the team!

Thanks to our 8 bowlers and sponsors (Edward Jones, Great River Spine & Sport and McPete's Entertainment), the Big Lake Chamber bowling team beat the Monticello bowlers on August 16th at McPete's.

Bowlers on the winning team included Dave Miskow, Matt Pantze, Sam Olson, Jenny Schwab, Troy Schwab, Dewey Sommerdorf, Jeff Stang, and Sean Workman.

The Becker Chamber wasn't able to participate in the Bowl-athon this year.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Tuesday,
October 30th from 11:45am-1 pm at
Lord of Glory Lutheran Church



Join us to hear from our non-profit organizations about their services, successes and needs. Registration is at 11:45am and lunch/presentation at 12pm. Cost is \$15 a person. [Click here to register!](#)



Carefree Country Club hosted over 20 members at our **August membership** meeting. Barry Ross of Arvig Media shared ideas for members to increase their online presence through their webpage. Hwy 10 BBQ catered a delicious meal of pork & chicken sandwiches & coleslaw.

BIG EAGLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

4TH ANNUAL BEER & WINE TASTING

Silent Auction & Live Music

FIRST FRIDAY IN OCTOBER 6:30 TO 9 PM
AT THE FRIENDLY BUFFALO

\$20 AT THE DOOR OR IN ADVANCE FROM BOARD MEMBERS

TICKETS ENTER YOU INTO THE DRAWING FOR CASH PRIZES, NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

Free Veteran Dinner
for Veterans, Active Military and Guest.

Saturday, October 13, 2018
11am-3pm (or until gone)
Big Lake Township Hall ~ Lion's Park
21960 Co Rd 5
Indoor Seating
(Rain or Shine)

★ Parking at Lion's Park
★ Dinner will be catered by The Pork Chop Guys
★ See our Facebook page for more information

Sponsored by... Big Lake American Legion Post 147,
Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 147

BIG LAKE POLITICAL FORUM: Monday, October 22, 2018, 6pm to 8:30pm at the High School Auditorium

Candidates for Big Lake City Council, County Commissioner, School Board, state representative and US Congressional candidates have been invited to Big Lake's non-partisan political forum.

Meet and Greet the candidates will be from 6:00-6:30 pm. Members in the audience can submit questions. Vote on Tuesday, November 6th.



Chamber staff participated in the **Youth Apprenticeship Career Fair** on Sept 20th at Big Lake High Schools. Hundreds of youth learned about potential jobs at Chamber members while answering trivia questions. Other Chamber members having booths included Arconic, City of Big Lake Sherburne County Economic Development and Wright Technical Center.



Election Judges

The Town of Big Lake is hiring Election Judges for the 2018 General Election ~ November 6, 2018.

To be eligible, Judges must:

- Be eligible to vote.
- Be able to read, write, and speak English.
- Cannot be a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a Candidate on the ballot in the same precinct.
- Training is required and provided. Election judges are paid for their time for training.

If you are interested in being an Election Judge or have questions, please contact Brenda or Jayme at 763-263-8111 or Info@BigLakeTownship.com



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CHAMBER MEMBERS CELEBRATED **1 YEAR GRAND OPENING AT RUSSELL'S** on Sept. 9th. Russell's provided free food and a band for hundreds of local patrons. Included here is Raeann Danielowski, owners Larry and Mark Speer, Gloria Vande Brake and Mary Korfiatis of Shore View Townhomes Association.

OPTIONS INC celebrated 39th

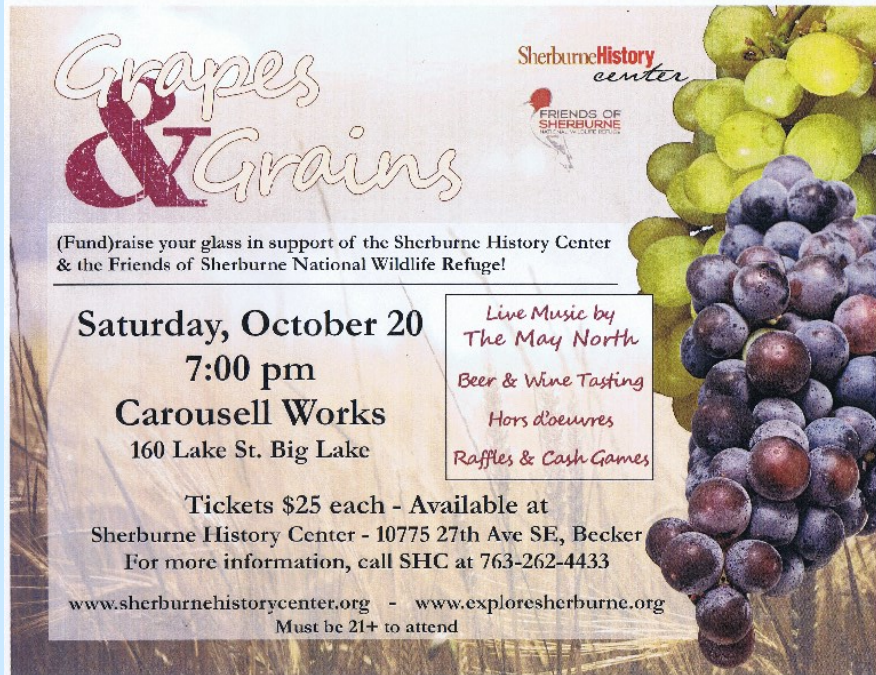
Years of service to individuals with disabilities.

Client Patti Benner gave a short history as Options Inc celebrated their 39th Anniversary. Big Lake Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Gloria Vande Brake; Big Lake Community Development Director Hanna Klimmek; Mayor Raeanne Danielowski; Options Community Employment Coordinator Stacie Skalak, Options Executive Director Brenda Geldert, Donna Clarksean, branch manager of Klein Bank; Ken Geroux, owner of Ken Geroux Construction; and Paul Knier of Cabot Lodge Securities helped in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.





Thirty-seven members listened to Lupulin's CFO Jeff Zierdt speak about their growth, awards & expansion plans at the September membership meeting.



Grapes & Grains

SherburneHistory center
FRIENDS OF SHERBURNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(Fund)raise your glass in support of the Sherburne History Center & the Friends of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge!

Saturday, October 20
7:00 pm
Caroussel Works
160 Lake St. Big Lake

Live Music by
The May North
Beer & Wine Tasting
Hors d'oeuvres
Raffles & Cash Games

Tickets \$25 each - Available at
Sherburne History Center - 10775 27th Ave SE, Becker
For more information, call SHC at 763-262-4433
www.sherburnehistorycenter.org - www.exploresherburne.org
Must be 21+ to attend



Winter Farmers Market

Saron Lutheran Church • 3:00-6:00pm
311 Lake St S, Big Lake, MN 55309 • 2nd Friday of month

November 9 • December 14 • January 11
February 8 • March 8 • April 12

Now Seeking Vendors!

Debit/Credit & Snap/EBT Accepted
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Live Weekly Musicians
Free parking

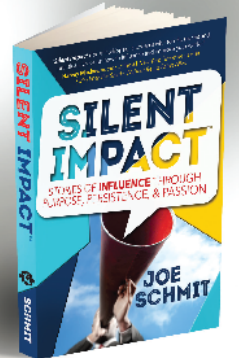
www.biglakemn.org

Questions? Contact Corie at 612.297.6331 or cscoff@biglakemn.org.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

COST:
Free!
All are welcome

LOCATION:
Monticello High School
Auditorium
5225 School Blvd., Monticello

LEARN MORE:
Go to the Upcoming
Events page on
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WHO IS JOE SCHMIT?

Joe Schmit is an author, award-winning broadcaster, community leader and popular keynote speaker. As a sports broadcaster he has covered every major sporting event in the past 3 decades and has interviewed many of the biggest names in sports. He joined KSTP-TV in 1985 and has won 18 Emmys from the National Television Academy. He was also honored with a National Headliner Award in 2001. Joe is also a regular on 1500ESPN radio.



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4th Annual Kids' Photography Contest

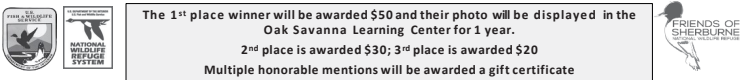
Focus on: Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

Submission Deadline: October 6, 2018



- ✓ Each K-12 participant may only submit one photo. Photos will not be returned once submitted.*
- ✓ Examples of photos accepted for the contest:
 - 1) Landscape/Scenery
 - 2) Snapshot (Plants and Animals—Flowers, Birds, Insects, Mammals, etc.)
- ✓ All photos must be taken by and edits completed by the contestant.
- ✓ Photos must be 8 x 10 and submitted **by mail or in-person only, postmarked by Oct. 6, 2018.** Winners will be announced November 14, 2018 at the Sherburne NWR Photo Club meeting (all entries will be displayed at the Oak Savanna Learning Center (OSLC) throughout the month of December)
- ✓ Photos are to be taken on the refuge during daylight hours, only in areas open to the public. Explore on your own or join us! (for more details visit fws.gov/refuge/Sherburne)
 - 1) May 12: Kids' Photography Workshop, OSLC, 1:00pm-3:00pm
 - 2) May 19: Photography Hike, OSLC, 9:00am-11:00am
- ✓ Detach and mail Entry Form below to: *Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest*
17076 293rd Ave NW
Zimmerman, MN 55398





The 1st place winner will be awarded \$50 and their photo will be displayed in the Oak Savanna Learning Center for 1 year.
2nd place is awarded \$30; 3rd place is awarded \$20
Multiple honorable mentions will be awarded a gift certificate

*Submission of your photo gives the refuge permission to use your photo for future promotion

4th Annual Photo Contest-Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge-2018 Entry Form

Contestant Name _____ Grade _____
 Parent/Guardian Name _____ School _____
 Address _____ Phone _____

When and where was your photo taken on the refuge?:

Mahnomon Trail Blue Hill Trail Wildlife Drive

Headquarters County Road/Other (describe location) _____

Refuge Event (event name and location) _____

Debbie's Cleaning Service

"BusyBee"



Need some help with your Fall cleaning?
 Buzz Debbie at 763-568-5558 or 763-263-9300 for the Fall Special and get your appointment scheduled today!

SHERBURNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE TOURS

NIGHTTIME EXPLORATION:

Saturday, October 13 from 7 pm -9 pm

Oak Savanna Learning Center

Join refuge staff for a special night hike. Bring your observation skills and dress for the weather.

To pre-register for this free event, contact the Refuge Headquarters office at 763-389-3323 or

sherburne@fws.gov.



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COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR!

City of Big Lake, MN

Citizens and Business Leaders are invited to join Mayor Raeanne Danielowski for coffee and casual conversation to exchange information and discover ways to work together to improve Big Lake and enhance the quality of life for all who live and work here.

Bi-Monthly, Mayor Danielowski will serve as your host for Coffee with the Mayor events.

- ENJOY SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS
- RECEIVE CITY UPDATES
- DISCUSS ISSUES/CONCERNS
- ASK QUESTIONS
- OFFER COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
- All while enjoying a fresh cup of coffee and a snack!

Please take the time to come out and help Big Lake become the best that it can be! There is no charge to attend these events. All are welcome!

HELD THE 2nd SATURDAY IN THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER AND DECEMBER
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at:
Coborn's Deli
711 Rose Drive, Big Lake, MN



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Bike Benefits Member

Do you want to encourage biking in Big Lake, promote your business, and increase customer loyalty, all at the same time?
Become a Bike Benefits Member!



Bicyclists visit your business, they purchase a \$5 helmet sticker, and then receive discounts at participating businesses (decided by the businesses themselves), including yours, which increases their incentive to return!

How the program works:

Step 1: Reach out to the business community and get them involved in the program.

Step 2: Businesses, restaurants, cafes, grocery stores and establishments of all sizes join as program participants, sell the \$5 program helmet stickers and promote Bike Benefits.

Step 3: A city-wide program develops which concurrently supports more biking and local business.

Step 4: Individuals bike to more places more often. Businesses see more bike traffic, increased customer loyalty amongst bike riding customers and instantly become a bike-friendly establishment through participation.

Becoming a NEW Bike Benefits Member Includes:

- 10 program helmet stickers, 2 large member decals, 1 small member decal, 1 index card
- Comes with 10 all-weather Bike Benefits program helmet stickers @ \$2.50 each, 2 window decals showing participation/Bike Benefit program description, 1 small decal for the cash register (or place where you want people to see it but don't have a lot of room), and 1 index card which explains the program and encourages point of purchase sticker sales. Please include under "comments" if you need additional materials.

To enroll in the program, go to the Bike Benefits website:

http://www.bicyclebenefits.org/#/new_member and contact Katie Stelzner at City Hall if you need any assistance (763)-307-6040 or kstelzner@biglakemn.org.

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, Oct 24th. 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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Big Eagle Lake Improv. Assoc. Beer & Wine Tasting 6:30-9 pm @ Friendly Buffalo	6
7	8	9 Chamber Board Meeting @ 12:30	10 Ambassadors 11:30 at Friendly Buffalo	11	12	13 Coffee with the Mayor 9-11 @ Coborn's Deli PumpkinFest & FREE Veterans Dinner 11-3pm Big Lake Township Hall-Lions Park Lupulin Oktoberfest noon-11 pm
14	14	16	17	18	19	20 Grapes & Grains for Sherburne History Center & Friends of Sherburne Nat'l Wildlife 7 pm at Friendly Buffalo Ribtoberfest for Food Shelf at Lupulin & Blood Drive
21	22 Political Forum 6-8:30 pm at High School Auditorium	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Membership Meeting. Click here to register!	31			

Mark Your Calendar!

ELECTION DAY: November 6th. BE SURE TO VOTE!
Winter Farmers Market: November 9 from 3-6pm at Saron Lutheran
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Tuesday, November 27th