

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

The Block Party was truly a great success, thanks to our great volunteers and sponsors. As the largest fundraiser, the Block Party netted \$5643 in profit or a 4% increase over last year.

Youth & their families enjoyed activities from McPete’s, Big Lake Police, Centra Care Hospital’s ambulance, Dean-o-mite Entertainment, and DOJO Karate and their bounce house.



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CHAMBER’S 30th ANNIVERSARY

FEATURED BUSINESS of the MONTH:



Editor and Publisher Gary Meyer served as Vice-President and later President of the Big Lake Chamber in its early years. Gary remembers

when specific board positions were allocated for retail and industries. He notes that in the recent past, retail owners have been busy in their own fields but he would like to see them promote their products and services and provide their knowledge, ideas & expertise with community organizations such as the Chamber.

Tribune staff are always present at community events when they are able and they support many non-profit organizations.

Welcome New Member: Dan's of Big Lake



Owners Dan and Stacy Minor joined the Chamber last month at the suggestion of Chamber Board member Allen Snegoski of Sherburne State Bank..

Opened in 2000, Dan's offers "great value & low cost" with top quality, pre-owned cars, pickups & SUVs. Their certified mechanic checks out each vehicle they buy to ensure customer satisfaction. Their lot includes many late-model vehicles with remaining factory warranty!

Sons Jacob and Luke both sell while Jacob oversees vehicle maintenance and Luke manages inventory and keeps the website current.

Ambassador Meeting:

Join us on Wednesday, Sept 12 at 11:30 at Trail's Grill & Sports Bar.



LIBERTY ELEMENTARY

FREE
5:00 to **OCTOBER 5**
7:00 PM

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/2vuSjyW>



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Big Lake
Chamber
 of Commerce & Industry

MEMBER NETWORKING

SEPTEMBER'S BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

BRING YOUR FAMILIES

Let's Party!



BACK TO SCHOOL **BBO**

Tuesday, September 11th

6:00pm-9:00pm

Doors open at 5:30pm

FREE Admission, Indoors

All Ages, Kids Games, Prizes,

DJ Dance Party & Photo Booth!

Kids Buffet \$6, Adults \$9



16722 198th Ave.

Big Lake, Mn 55309

www.friendlybuffalo.com



Enjoy
 Funny
 Photos!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Tuesday, September 25th

from 11:45-1 at Lupulin Brewing Company

Join us at Lupulin Brewing for lunch as President & CFO Jeff Zierdt speaks on "Managing Growth & Community Involvement." As Jeff states, "Lupulin Brewing was a dream in 2012 and now we are the 29th fastest growing brewery in the country based on 2017 data." Jeff has 32 years of broad-based manufacturing, project management and leadership experience. Plan on attending to hear the company history, managing growth for the future and continuing support of our local community.

Registration is at 11:45am and lunch/presentation at 12pm. Cost is \$15 a person. [Register here!](#)



SAVE THE DATE: Oct 30th Membership Meeting at

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church from 11:45-1 featuring our non-profit organizations. Listen as they describe their services, successes and needs.

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

Candidates for Big Lake City Council, County Commissioner, School Board and state and federal 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. Kevin Thompson, owner of *DATA*Success, will moderate the forum. Members in the audience can submit questions. Photo at left is from the 2016 political forum.

Our Secretary of State office reports that Minnesota was #1 in voter turn-out in 2016. We can do our part to keep that record in 2018 by being informed about the candidates and voting on Tuesday, November 6th.

Congressman Tom Emmer receives US Chamber award

The Chamber's prestigious Spirit of Enterprise Award is given annually to members of Congress based on their votes on critical business legislation as outlined in the Chamber's How They Voted scorecard (<https://www.uschamber.com/how-they-voted/2017>).



Members who supported the Chamber's position on at least 70 percent of those votes qualify to receive the award. Congressman Emmer received 93% ranking on key business votes while MN US Senators received less than 30%. This is the 30th year that the U.S. Chamber has formally honored the accomplishments of this select group of members of Congress.

Congressman Emmer received this award at the St. Cloud Chamber on August 29th.

KUDOS TO OUR BLOCK PARTY SPONSORS:

Platinum Sponsors: Big Lake Spud Fest & McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes

Gold Sponsors: Big Lake American Legion Post 147, Cargill, Connexus Energy & Sherburne State Bank

Silver Sponsors: Big Lake Area Veterinary Hospital, CentraCare Health-Big Lake, Coborn's, Dan's of Big Lake, Klein Bank, Kwik Trip, Xcel Energy & Rep. Nick Zerwas

Bronze Sponsors: Big Lake "Do It Best" Lumber, Big Lake Lions, DataSuccess, Great River Spine & Sport, Lupulin Brewing Company, Majestic Creations, Michelle Backlund, CPA & Minnesota Limited

Community Sponsors: Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 147, Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Blue Bunny Ice Cream, Edward Jones, & Loch Jewelers, .



Sherburne State Bank helping youth with their favorite SuperHero face



Big Lake Ambassadors painting faces of excited youth!



Great River Spine & Sport providing back, shoulder & neck relief to the weary!

At left, Klein Bank staff awarded \$10 gift certifications to youth who made the Hole in ONE!



KUDOS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

- * Big Lake Ambassadors and leaders
- * Dr. Kristi & her family from Big Lake Area Veterinary Hospital
- * Boy Scout Troup #93 and their leaders
- * Paul Knier of Cabot Lodge Securities
- * Mayor Raeanne Danielowski
- * Janell Houston & Kevin Thompson of DataSuccess
- * Carol Gragert & Tim Suchy of Edward Jones
- * Kyle Geroux of Keller Williams
- * Brenda Geldert of Options Inc.
- * Former Chamber director Lori Schoening
- * Katie Vande Brake



Volunteers cooking & serving hotdogs, brats, water, pop & chips


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) _____

SHERBURNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE TOURS

Wildflower & Native Grasses: Saturday, Sept 8th from 10-noon at Oak Savanna Learning Center.

Wildlife: Saturday, Sept 29th from 10-3 pm at Oak Savanna Learning Center with live animals, horse-drawn wagon rides & nature crafts.

To pre-register, contact the Refuge Headquarters office at 763-389-3323 or sherburne@fws.gov.



Photo by Su Johnson

SHOOT OUT for Scouts

Friday, September 14, 2018 • Wild Marsh Sporting Clays, Clear Lake, MN

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

• Fun & Challenging Course • Great Prizes & Silent Auction

• Recognition of Top 3 Teams • Picnic Meal Included!

SHOOT OUT for Scouts Info

Please contact Paul at 320-251-3930 or paul.ravenberg@scouting.org.

Proceeds to Benefit Local Scouting

Your support helps fund youth shooting sports programs:

- Adult Leader Training
- Hunters Safety Courses
- Range Safety Training
- New Ranges
- Merit Badge Clinics
- AND, MORE!



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NEW DATE ANNOUNCED



Movie in the Park

Friday, September 14th
Lakeside Park

Activities from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Movie starts at Dusk (Approx 8:15pm)
Food by Rocket Concessions

In the event of inclement weather, activities will be canceled.

All Children dressed in their favorite Disney Costume will receive a free ice cream treat!

Local Food truck onsite!
ROCKET CONCESSIONS!



Dojo Karate
Bounce House!
Big Lake Ambassadors
Face Painting

Tommy Guyer's Petting Zoo:
Bunnies Chinchillas
Llamas Baby Goats
Ferrets Many More!

Runtime: 109 minutes, Rated: PG

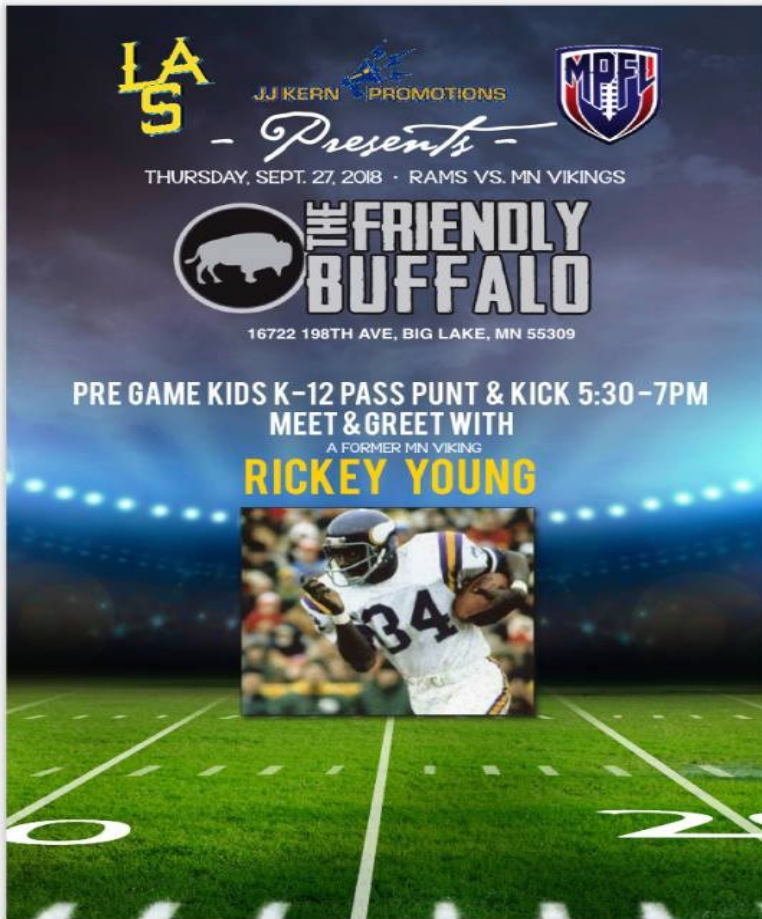
A Big Lake Community Event Jointly Partnered by:
The City of Big Lake
The Sherburne Wright Cable Commission

Thank you to our Sponsors:

Big Lake Knights of Columbus
Big Lake Spud Fest
Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary
Climb Theatre
Kwik Trip of Big Lake

A Special thank you to Sherburne Wright Cable Commission for providing the movie equipment at no charge! Watch your City Government Channel! Charter: Channel 180.





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THURSDAY, SEPT. 27, 2018 · RAMS VS. MN VIKINGS

THE FRIENDLY BUFFALO
16722 198TH AVE, BIG LAKE, MN 55309

PRE GAME KIDS K-12 PASS PUNT & KICK 5:30-7PM
MEET & GREET WITH
A FORMER MN VIKING
RICKEY YOUNG



BIG EAGLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

4TH ANNUAL BEER & WINE TASTING

Silent Auction & Live Music

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

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

TICKET SENTER YOU INTO THE DRAWING FOR CASH PRIZES, NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT BIG EAGLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION OR CALL 763-263-0099 FOR MORE INFORMATION. THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT ARE USED TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND FISH HABITAT ON BIG EAGLE LAKE

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, Sept 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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Ambassadors @ Third Rail @ 11 Farmers Market at Lakeside Park 3-6 pm	6 Music in the Park at Lakeside Park 7pm	7	8 Chat with the Chief 10-11 am @ Caribou
9	10	11 Chamber Board Meeting @ 12:30 Business After Hours/Back to School BBQ & Dance: Friendly Buffalo 6-9 pm	12 Ambassadors @ Trails Grill @ 11:30 Farmers Market at Lakeside Park 3-6 pm	13 Music in the Park at Lakeside Park 7pm	14 Pumpkin Fest Movie in the Park @ Lakeside Park 6 pm	15
16	17	18	19 Farmers Market at Lakeside Park 3-6 pm	20 Music in the Park at Lakeside Park 7pm	21	22
23/30	24	25 Membership Meeting Click Here	26 Farmers Market at Lakeside Park 3-6 pm	27 Former Vikings Rickey Young 5:30 pm @ Friendly Buffalo Music in the Park at 7pm	28	29

Mark Your Calendar!

OKTOBERFEST: October 13 at Lupulin Brewing

POLITICAL FORUM: Monday, October 22 from 6-8 pm at High School Auditorium

MEMBERSHIP MEETING featuring non-profits: Tuesday, October 30th at Lord of Glory Lutheran Church