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Or by appointment

**GLORIA'S GEMS**

After listening to candidates for different public offices at Big Lake's Political Forum on Monday evening, Oct 22nd, I want to commend them for being willing to serve us as well as those currently holding office. Elected office is often a thankless job and the vast majority of those serving aren't in it for the money it gives them!!

Once elected, elected officers often serve on many more committees that just their primary board or council. Serving in elected office is truly a commitment of time and energy. Thank you!

**CHAMBER'S 30th ANNIVERSARY**

**FEATURED BUSINESS of the MONTH:**

Last month Options Inc. celebrated 39 years empowering and supporting adults with disabilities in living and working in the mainstream of community life. They provide work skills development, placement assistance and supervised work crews at various businesses, non-profit and public organizations.



Chamber records indicate they were one of the earliest members of the Chamber when it had only one-fourth of the members we have today!

Executive Director Brenda Geldert notes, “A few years ago, we made a commitment to becoming more actively involved in the chamber. As a business in Big Lake for 39 years, we needed to have a greater sense of belonging to this community. Through our Chamber membership, we have developed so many relationships and have become more community-focused.” We thank you for being a member all these years!



## CHAMBER'S HOLIDAY EVENTS: TREE DECORATING & OUR SOCIAL

See the flyers below regarding two fun events happening in the next six weeks!

Sign-up to decorate a tree is Sunday evening, Nov. 11th.

**CHAMBER HOLIDAY TREE DECORATING**  
**AT BROWNS PARK**

**Monday, Nov. 26, 2018**  
**5pm - 6pm**

Entry open to Big Lake Chamber members.  
\$80 fee includes, tree, stand, electrical fees and hook ups  
as well as removal and disposal of your tree.  
Members will be responsible for providing their own lights  
and decorations. Only LED lights will be allowed.  
Volunteers will help with set-up.  
Join the Legacy Foundation celebrating the lighting of the  
Big Tree at 6 pm!! Warm up afterwards with some free hot  
chocolate, coffee, and treats at Carousel Works.  
Email [info@biglakechamber.com](mailto:info@biglakechamber.com) OR register on website

**Entry Form**

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Entry form due by November 11, 2018  
Return form to Big Lake Chamber Office

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SAVE THE DATE:  
December 14th, 2018 from 6-9 pm

*Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry*  
**2018 Holiday Social**  
**Celebrating 30 Years !!**



Entertainment by  
Spinning Sound and the  
BLHS Chamber Choir

Games, auctions and  
much more!

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# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS & MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## November 8th's Business After Hours:

The **Hideout Restaurant and Bar** is hosting and providing appetizers for Chamber members and their employees from 5-7 pm on Thursday, Nov 8th.

Stop by & welcome one of our newest members. Try out one of their Jamaican or Asian cuisine! There is no cost but feel free to register so enough food can be provided!

[Click here for more information!](#)



## MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lupulin Brewing Company** announced its first collaboration beer with Mankato Brewery, **HERO Hazy IPA** to bring attention to Men's Health and Cancer Awareness during the month of November. The inspiration behind this beer, is our hero Jonathan Zierdt, close friend to Mankato Brewery founder, Tim Tupy, and the brother to Lupulin Brewing co-founder, Jeff Zierdt. We've created a mind-blowing mash up of malt and hops for this Double IPA that is a golden liquid hop juice. This Double IPA comes in at 8.18% ABV and 66 IBU's and is significant as this is Jonathan's date of birth (8/18/66).

A portion of the proceeds and donations will go to the Jonathan Zierdt Cancer Fund, a donor advised fund of the Mankato Area Foundation. Jonathan Zierdt is the President & CEO of Greater Mankato Growth, Inc. Jonathan has been battling cancer for five years.




**Riverwood Bank** announced their appointment of **Naomi Jacobson as a Personal Banker** to their team in Big Lake. Naomi is from Monticello, but no stranger to the Big Lake community having worked for the City, telephone company, and Klein Bank. Naomi is active in the community including involvement in both the Big Lake and Monticello Chambers, Big Lake Transit Development and BNI.

**Klein Bank** became a division of Old National Bank on November 1st. Since its founding in Indiana in 1834, Old National has focused on community banking and being their clients' financial partner in all aspects of life. We provide extensive services in retail and commercial banking, wealth management, investments and brokerage and have more than 180 banking centers serving communities in Minnesota, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Wisconsin. Little visible changes at the Big Lake bank is expected in the near future.

Members can submit their announcements to [info@biglakechamber.com](mailto:info@biglakechamber.com).

**WELCOME NEW CHAMBERS MEMBERS:**

Three new Chamber members joined this last month:

 **1. Create & Connect Studio:** Owner Amanda Sabourin offers educational classes in yoga & art as well as private parties and team-building events. They provide family events as well as adult activities such as Art & Wine and Coffee & Canvas. Private parties up to 40 can also be scheduled. At right see a collage of projects.



**2. Haller Realty:** Dustin Frank provides residential, commercial and land sales. He grew up in Big Lake and tries to take the stress out of buying and selling real estate and making the transaction go as smooth as possible while still having fun in the process.



**3. Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home** recently remodeled the former KleinBank Building to provide funeral services to help area residents during the loss of their loved one. Owners Doug & Deb Dingmann carry on four generations of service, including pre-planning, grief & healing and honoring veterans.



**Ambassador/Holiday Social Planning Meeting**

Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 11:30 at Friendly Buffalo!

**ACE** Annual bike building  
SOLID WASTE, INC.  
763-427-3110

This year marks our 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary for this event. Last year, **ACE donated 161 bikes and this year our goal is to donate over 250!** The children that received these gifts believe they experienced a miracle - a miracle that you helped make possible!

Please make your checks payable to **“ACE Solid Waste Christmas Promise.”** To ensure timely ordering of bikes, we would like to receive your contribution by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



If this is your first year of getting involved, we hope it brings you the same Christmas joy it gives us and the kids who receive the bikes. If you have supported us in the past – thank you again for your support!

Mail To: ACE Solid Waste C/O Jessica N. 6601 McKinley Street NW. Ramsey, MN 55303

Or call Jessica: 763.235.9921

JessicaN@acesolidwaste.com

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**MEMBER to MEMBER DEALS**

Two of our Chamber members are the first to offer “deals” to other Chamber members and their employees.



The Third Rail Bar and Grille, who catered our October membership meeting this past week, is offering the 1st beer for \$1 to all Chamber employees who present a company badge or business card.



AutoStop Body & Mechanical Repair is offering 10% off any oil change, regular or synthetic through the end of the year to any employee who mentions they work

for a Chamber member!

[Click here to check it out!](#)

If you are interested in offering deals to other members and their employees, contact the office.

*City of Big Lake's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Holiday Lighting Contest 2018*



**2 Business Winners**

- 1st Place: \$50 Gift Card to any City of Big Lake Business
- 2nd Place: \$25 Gift Card to any City of Big Lake Business



**2 Residential Winners**

- 1st Place: \$50 Gift Card to Lake Liquors
- 2nd Place: Seasonal Lakeside Park Pass and Beach Towel

Judging Will Be Held Between December 13th – 20th, 2018  
Winners will be announced on December 21st, 2018 on the City Facebook Page and Website at [www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org)

**Contest Rules:**

- Outdoor Displays Only
- Open to anyone (Residential and Businesses) located within the Big Lake City Boundaries
- Must Register for contest by turning in below registration to City Hall (160 Lake St. N, Big Lake, MN 55309) or by emailing to Corrie Scott at [cscott@biglakemn.org](mailto:cscott@biglakemn.org) by Wednesday, December 12th

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  Business  Residential  
Business Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I agree to release my full name and address in all City publications of the Holiday Lighting Contest.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**MOTHER SON**  
SPECIAL DINNER & DANCE

*Join Us For a  
Special Mother Son Dance.  
Pasta Bar & Kid's Buffet.*

**\$13 Per Adult \$10 Per Child  
Children Under 1yr FREE  
Sunday, November 11th, 2018  
Doors Open 12pm**

**Must Pre-Register by November 5th.**

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**NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Tuesday, Nov 27th from 11:45am-1 pm

Join us as Big Lake High School Principal Bob Dockendorf and Technology Educator Wade Olson speak about Relevant Experience through Apprenticeship Learning (REAL), the youth apprenticeship signing day in mid-November and their efforts to be a national pilot for Science Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM). Hear how they offer EXPOSURE, encourage EXPLORATION and create opportunities for EXPERIENCES to our students!



Since it's our annual meeting, members will also vote for two board members. Registration is at 11:45am and lunch/presentation at 12pm. Cost is \$15 a person. Members and guests can register on our website.

**October 30th Membership Meeting**

Eleven non-profit members including Abba Pregnancy Resources, Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Big Lake Community Food Shelf, Big Lake Lions Club, Boy Scouts Troop 93, Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, Rivers of Hope, Saron Lutheran Church, Sherburne County Area United Way, Sherburne History Center, and Tri-County Action Program (Tri-CAP) spoke at the Chamber's October membership meeting. The meeting was hosted by Lord of Glory Lutheran Church and catered by The Third Rail. Twenty-six members listened as the non-profits shared their stories and dreams.



*Stephen Loch of Loch Jewelers shared Belgium chocolates to members after his recent trip.*



*Left: Ali Noble of Big Lake Community Food Shelf shares this year's programs.*



*Right: Karah Hawkinson of Sherburne History Center discusses their programs and exhibits.*



**REMEMBER TO VOTE Tuesday November 6th from 7am-8pm**

## MN CHAMBER 2019 SESSION PRIORITIES

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GROWING MINNESOTA

Join Chamber Executive Director Gloria Vande Brake, area businesses and legislators at the MN Chamber 2019 Session Priorities on Wednesday, January 9 at the RiverCentre in St. Paul from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. This will be one of the first events that Minnesota’s new governor will speak. Tickets are \$150 each and interested members must commit by December 12th to be at the Big Lake table. See Gloria for more details

**BIG LAKE POLITICAL FORUM** on October 22nd was attended by 80 area residents.

Fourteen candidates for US Congress, MN House, Sherburne County Commission, Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer, Big Lake City Council and Big Lake School Board presented their priorities and answered questions from the audience and the Legislative Committee.



*Moderator Dr. George Wallin from Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association along with Brad & Su Johnson of Friends of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge kept the candidates on schedule. Left, Sherburne County Commissioner candidates Paul Seefeld and Raeanne Danielowski address the audience while candidate for State Rep Nick Zerwas speaks.*



*Thanks to Sherburne Wright Cable Commission, the High School, Coborns for donating water to the candidates, Carousell Works for stage décor and all the volunteers!*

## 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!

## ARCONIC hosts Manufacturing Tour



As estimated 50-60 adults and youth toured Arconic on October 24th. Displays and samples were available for viewing by various departments along with tours through the plant. Arconic in Big Lake manufactures high performance, engineered products and solutions for the aerospace and commercial transportation industries so at least 90% of products they make are shipped out of the Midwest. Below, tour guides Jason, De'Andre & Adam answered Gloria's questions.



## 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

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**TWO BOARD SEATS ARE OPEN**

The Chamber Board has two openings for three-year terms on the Board starting January 1, 2019. Nominations can be submitted to the Chamber Office, President Tim Suchy or Secretary Hanna Klimmek until Nov. 9th.

Ballots will be distributed to members on or before 11/12 to vote via email or at the November 27th annual meeting.

Re-running for their seats are Ken Geroux and Tim Suchy.



**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, Nov 21st. 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!



**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

**Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge**

**Brande Road to Remain Open and Lead Free Ammunition Encouraged for the 2018 Firearms Deer Season**

Areas on Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge will be open for the firearms deer season from November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Hunters are reminded to review the refuge hunting regulations brochure, found at refuge information kiosks or the website, that outlines areas open for hunting, hunting information, and special regulations. Hunters are encouraged to use lead free ammunition, as bald eagles are present at the refuge during the deer hunting season and eat carcasses and gut piles. When those remains contain lead bullet fragments, eagles may eat lead and can die.

The Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive is within an area open to firearms deer hunting and will be closed to vehicle traffic from Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> and, weather permitting, will reopen on November 13th. NEW for 2018, the Brande Road will remain open and will be maintained for vehicle access to Long Pool through firearms deer season.

Website: [www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/) Phone Number: 763-389-3323

Sherburne Refuge Headquarters: 17076 293<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW, Zimmerman, MN (Sherburne County Road 9, 5 miles west of Hwy. 169)



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				1	2	3
4	5	6 <b>ELECTION DAY: VOTE</b> 7am-8 pm!	7	8 Business After Hours 5-7 pm @ The Hideout Restaurant 	9 Winters Farmers Market 3-6 pm @ Saron Lutheran	10
11	12	13 Chamber Board Meeting @ 12:30	14 Ambassadors 11:30 at Friendly Buffalo 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <b>Happy</b>  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	23	24
25	26 Holiday Tree Decorating 5 pm @ Browns Park Legacy Lighting the Big Tree @ 6 with hot chocolate & cookies	27 Membership Meeting @11:45	28	29	30	

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**HOLIDAY SOCIAL--Friday, December 14** from 6-9 pm at Friendly Buffalo