

### Mission Statement

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

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Or by appointment

## GLORIA'S GEMS

*One of my personal challenges these last ten months as your executive director is to keep our webpage and Facebook updated and fresh with our events as well as yours. I greatly appreciate your patience.*

*So I was pleasantly surprised when I heard from Cargill last week that 50% of the candidates who attended their on-site hiring event for Big Lake identified the Cargill Job Fair post on our Chamber's Facebook page as their source.*

*The credit, of course, goes to all of you who saw the post and shared with others. All members are able to share their events directly on our Facebook page. Feel free to add it or email me your item.*

### MEMBER OF THE MONTH:



Last spring Cargill announced a \$20 million investment in their egg processing facility in Big Lake.

Since then the additional 17,000 sq. ft. addition has been completed and the first of three production lines has started. “We’ve hired 20 new employees at Big Lake, which included some transfers from our Monticello plant, “ reported Justin Hubbard, Senior Employee Experience Specialist. “This totals 88 employees at Big Lake and we plan to hire around 35 more this summer to add the second and third lines.”

Once all the production lines are operating, Cargill indicated that the facility’s need for eggs from family farms in the area will double to 170 million/year. The picture to the left is the Big Lake plant prior to the expansion.



## GOLF SCRAMBLE JUST 2 MONTHS AWAY!

Thanks to the enthusiastic Golf Committee members, the Chamber will be hosting their first annual Golf Scramble on Thursday, May 23rd from 9-5 pm at the Monticello Golf Club.

Master Sponsors to date include :



IST Insurance Specialists Team will provide \$20,000 to a Hole in One golfer. **KWIK TRIP** is providing a free continental breakfast and Phillips Wine & Spirits will provide the first drink during Social Hour.



Classic sponsors include: Connexus Energy, DataSuccess, Jackson National Life Insurance, Old National/KleinBank and Options, Inc.

There are still many opportunities to sponsor as noted in the poster to the lower left.

Below is a flyer for golfers and their teams to register. Early bird registration is due April 20th. You can go online to register at [Golf Scramble here!](#)

**1st Annual GOLF SCRAMBLE**  
Building Community Connections

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 FROM 9-5 PM  
MONTICELLO COUNTRY CLUB  
1209 GOLF COURSE RD, MONTICELLO MN

**SPONSORSHIPS**

**Master Sponsors:** \$625 for sponsorship of event & includes green fees, cart, light breakfast & dinner for 4 golfers

**Classic Sponsor:** \$200. Includes sponsorship of a golf hole with signage. You are encouraged to have a game or event at your golf tee box.

**Dinner Sponsor:** Receives signage at table at start time and also at the dinner buffet.

**Beverage Cart Sponsor (2):** \$450. Your company logo on carts

**Driving Range Sponsor:** \$200. Signage at the driving range. Can have table set-up to greet golfers the day of the tournament

**Putting Contest Sponsor:** Donate prize.

**Party Cart:** \$200. Party Cart will be decorated to theme of the Golf Scramble & have sponsor's logo on signage on the cart. Sponsor can also provide prizes.

**HOLE IN ONE \$20,000 PRIZE** sponsored by  Providing 1st Drink during Social Hour

Continental breakfast is provided by **KWIK TRIP**

\*\*\* All sponsors will be recognized in Big Lake Chamber Newsletter, Facebook & Big Lake Chamber Website and Special Recognition at the Awards Dinner.

Sponsor at [www.biglakechamber.com/events](http://www.biglakechamber.com/events) and search for golf.

Golfers: register by April 20th for \$60 savings on team of 4

**SCHEDULE**

9 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

10 am Shotgun

3 pm Social Hour

4 pm Awards Dinner

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DataSuccess, Old National/Klein Bank,  
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**GOLFERS**

Enjoy games such as Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to Pin, Mulligans, Par 3- Circle, Putting String




**HOLE IN ONE \$20,000 PRIZE** sponsored by 

**First, Second & Third Prizes with Trophy**

- Team with Lowest Score receives \$200 to use at Pro Shop
- Team with Highest Scores receives FREE lessons by pro!

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Options, Inc

Early Bird by April 20th: Team of 4 at \$300  
After April 20th: \$90 or \$360 per Team of 4  
Register at [www.biglakechamber.com/events](http://www.biglakechamber.com/events) and search for golf.

**Your first step into Spring ...**

Grow your business in minutes!

- USPS Every Door Direct Mail
- USPS Multi-Channel Marketing
- USPS Permit Mailing
- USPS Commercial Shipping

Big Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Spring into Action presentation  
April 24th 2019 at 11:30 am  
Big Lake City Hall: City Council Large Conference Room.

Presented by: Cynthia Watson  
USPS Business Development Specialist &  
Kelly Johnson Big Lake Postmaster  
Presentation and Q&A.

**JOIN US FOR LUNCH & LEARN**

Cynthia Watson & Kelly Johnson of US Post Office will share ways to grow your business with Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM), Multi-Channel Marketing, Permit Mailing & Commercial Shipping at our first Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, April 24th at 11:30 am in the large Conference Room of City Hall.

The Chamber has a bulk mail permit and provides it at no additional charge to any of its members. Members can save \$.26 each on letters and postcards they mail when they do 200 or more, using the Chamber's stamp!

Carol Gragert, Senior Branch Office Administrator of Edward Jones, has used the Chamber's bulk mail permit and will share her expertise with the group.



Coffee and water will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. There is no cost but please [register here](#) by Wednesday, April 10th so that enough handouts can be available.

**Big Lake Lions PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**April 14, 2019**

**8:30am to Noon**

Big Lake Lions/Township Park  
21960 - County Road 5

- Pancakes
- French Toast
- Scrambled Eggs
- Sausage
- Juice, Milk & Coffee



**Big Lake Lioness Club will be having a bake sale!**

Adults - \$8.00

Kids (10 & under) - \$4.00

**PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE BIG LAKE ROBOTICS TEAM**



**Events**



**Annual Spring Booksale:** The newest titles, familiar classics, children's material, movies, music; all this and more can be yours! Drop by our book sale, hosted by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

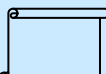
Friday, April 5, Saturday, April 6 and Monday, April 8 during library open hours

**Basic Knitting Class:** Looking to take up something new? Learn how to knit from Pam Whitcomb. All supplies provided. For teens and adults. Limit 10. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Thursday, April 11 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**ECFE Storytimes @ the Library:** ECFE and the library are partnering to host a weekly circle time! Join us as we sing songs, do movement activities, create fun crafts, and read books. For ages 0-5 and their families. Limit 30. Registration required.

Tuesday, April 23 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.





## MANDATED PAID LEAVE

### ACTION ALERT!



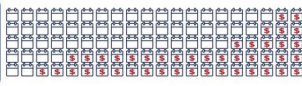
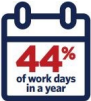
The Minnesota Legislature is advancing proposals that mandate up to 24 weeks of paid leave - that's 44 percent of work days in a year! This mandate in HF 5/

SF1060 applies to all private-sector employers, regardless of size. If enacted, Minnesota would be the only state in the nation with such expansive and expensive mandates. HF 5 is moving through the committee process and has now been included in the House Jobs and Economic Development Omnibus bill, HF2208. It is making its final stops this week before it likely heads to the House floor for a vote. While our state legislators oppose this, Governor Walz may support this. Please contact his office listed below.

If enacted, Minnesota would be the only state in the nation with such expansive and expensive mandates in terms of eligibility, qualifying events, benefits and employer obligation.  
Due to cost and complexity, only six other states - CA, NY, NJ, IL, MA, WA, and Washington, D.C. - have enacted versions of paid leave mandates.



#### COSTS MATTER



## FEDERAL TAX CONFORMITY

Governor Walz unfortunately proposes to adopt the new federal definitions without offsetting rate reductions or other pro-growth tax reforms. He instead would use the tax increases on businesses to pay for additional state spending and some individual income tax relief.

## SENATE BUDGET



MN State Senator Mary Kiffmeyer reported last week that Senate Republicans released their two-year budget which focused on “increased funding for our schools, roads and bridges, and public safety without any new tax increases...” This budget includes \$30 million for broadband expansion in Greater Minnesota, ... dedicates \$8.1 billion to roads and bridges— without raising the gas tax or increasing license plate tab fees,” she noted. Regarding education, \$65.7 million is added over the previous budget – in career and technical education, \$75 million for schools to enhance safety protocols as well as an increase in funding for K-12 education. This is in contrast to Governor Walz’s budget of \$49.4 billion which includes \$3.5 billion in new taxes and fees, including an additional 20 cent gas tax increase.

### LEGISLATIVE CONTACTS

**State Representative Nick Zerwas**

651-296-4237 [rep.nick.zerwas@house.mn](mailto:rep.nick.zerwas@house.mn)

**State Senator Mary Kiffmeyer**

651-296-5655 [sen.mary.kiffmeyer@senate.mn](mailto:sen.mary.kiffmeyer@senate.mn)

**Governor Tim Walz**

651-201-3400 [Leave message here!](#)

**Congressman Tom Emmer-MN Office**

763-241-6848 [Email](#) (3) 241-6848

**US Senator Amy Klobuchar - Metro Office**

612-727-5220 [Email Amy](#)

**US Senator Tina Smith - Metro Office**

651- 221-1016 [Email](#)

**President Donald Trump**

202-456-1111 [Email](#)



**BIG LAKE BLOCK PARTY AUGUST 17th**



The Chamber's Block Party Committee has started planning for the Big Lake Block Party from 10 am-2 pm on Saturday, August 17th. McPete's has graciously offered their facilities to the Chamber as one of our largest fundraisers. Dean-o-Mite will entertain with music and games. Big Lake Police and CentraCare Emergency Services staff and vehicles will be available to check out. Coborn's will provide the food.

Chamber Board approved starting the event a few hours earlier to accommodate other community events that occur that day. If you would like to be a sponsor of this event, please contact one of the Committee members: Dr. Kristi McAlpin of Big Lake Area Vet Hospital, Bill Blackhurst of Boy Scouts, Trisha Lindahl of City of Big Lake, Heather Eidem of CentraCare Health, Tim Suchy of Edward Jones & Allen Snegosky of Sherburne State Bank. The sponsorship form is on the next page.



**Save the Date:**

Saturday, August 17  
from 10 am-2 pm



**ENJOY for only \$5/person:**

- Bowling
- Mini-Golf
- Music & Fun Games
- Tours of Police & Ambulance Vehicles



Inflatable BB Gun

Face Painting  
by Big Lake  
Ambassadors



Lunch provided by



Building a **CULTURE OF LIFE** in our communities

Will you partner with us to reach more youth?

**Abba Pregnancy Resource Center  
Fundraising Banquet**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

Social Hour 6:00 pm | Seating 6:45 pm  
Dinner & Program 7:00 pm

Rockwoods Banquet Center | Otsego, MN

No Cost to Attend  
Reservations Needed for  
This Adult Only Event

**Please consider  
sponsoring a table**  
Half Table (4 People) \$400  
Full Table (10 People)  
\$800

**RSVP by April 29, 2019**

event@Abbaprc.org | 763-445-9650 or by mail





**McPete's Entertainment Center**



**Saturday, August 17th, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm**

- 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 (Game Ideas on Backside)**  
Prominent logo recognition at bowling lane. You choose a game with prizes. Includes 4 passes. Must bring a small table.
- Carnival Game Sponsor \$150 (Game Ideas on Backside)**  
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!

(PLEASE CHOOSE ONE BELOW)

- I would like Sponsor passes     I am not interested in Sponsor passes

**Here's your invitation to participate. Sign up today! Due by July 24th**  
**You do NOT have to be a Chamber member to participate. All are welcome!**  
[All logos must be emailed to info@biglakechamber.com for marketing materials by July 24th](mailto:info@biglakechamber.com)

**\*\*\*\*Participating sponsors are required to bring their own tents and tables\*\*\*\***  
*If you wish to sell tickets at the event for your own organization, a minimum \$150 sponsorship is required!*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

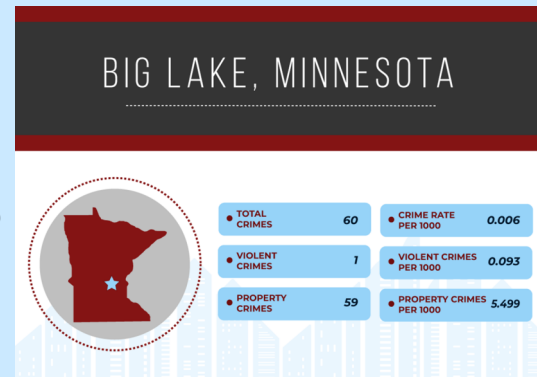
**Payment information:** Checks payable to Big Lake Chamber, P.O. Box 241, Big Lake, MN 55309

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Total credit card charge \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## BIG LAKE IS SAFEST CITY IN MINNESOTA

The National Council for Home Safety & Security ranked Big Lake as the safest city in Minnesota in 2019, followed by Orono, Hibbing, Lino Lakes and Grand Rapids. Overall Minnesota ranked 5th safest in the nation for violent crimes and 14th safest for property crime (where 1st is the lowest crime). Congratulations to the Big Lake Police Department, the City Council and all citizens in Big Lake!



### CentraCare Health has two educational opportunities:



1. Eat, Drink and Be Mindful on Tuesdays, beginning April 9, 2019 through May 14, 2019 from 5-6 p.m. in the Mississippi Conference Room in the lower level of CentraCare Health – Monticello Medical Building. Cost is \$55. To register, visit [centracare.com](http://centracare.com) or call 320-534-3096
2. The Bounce Back Project is hosting Becoming our Top 20 Selves featuring author Willow Sweeney on Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 7 – 8 p.m. at the Monticello High School. Event is free.

### BRAND NEW LUXURY SUITES

725 6th Street, Elk River - Jackson Hills Residential Suites



#### AMENITIES / FEATURES

- Washer/Dryer Hook Ups in Unit
- Screened in Balconies
- Heated Parking Garages
- Professional Management
- Small Dogs Allowed on 1st Floor
- Hardwood Flooring

Contact us today for pricing & showings!  
Units are filling up quickly!

Email | [CR2@THEBRIGGS COMPANIES.COM](mailto:CR2@THEBRIGGS COMPANIES.COM) Call | 763-633-1080



## OPEN HOUSE!

Come see our brand new Luxury Suites in Elk River!

### DETAILS:

One, Two & Three Bedroom Units available!

Available for Move In end of May/ Early June! Get your applications in now, units are going quick!

### WHEN & WHERE:

SATURDAY APRIL 6TH  
Stop In Anytime Between  
11 AM & 1 PM

725 6th St, Elk River MN 55330



## FIX-IT CLINIC

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

11:00am - 1:00pm

Big Lake Senior Center

Located in City Hall

160 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN

Do you have broken or damaged items lying around the house? Instead of sending them to a landfill, get them fixed and learn valuable repair skills!

Examples of what to bring include small appliances and items such as clothing, curtains, jewelry, coffee makers, fans, toys, lamps, stereos, blenders, frames, etc...



### Volunteers Needed!

People with skills in electronics repair, electrical repair, sewing, wood working, or general tinkering are needed to make this event a success!

If you are interested in volunteering or have any further questions, please contact Corrie Scott at 612.297.6331 or [cscott@biglakemn.org](mailto:cscott@biglakemn.org).

## APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us for our April 30th membership meeting at the Community Room next to Big Lake Police Department and Public Library as we learn more about some of our non-profit members. Agencies including Big Lake Spud Fest; CentraCare St. Benedict's Senior Community; Friends of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge; Guardian Angels; Legacy Foundation of Big Lake; Options, Inc; and Wright Technical will share their mission, activities and needs. Coborn's will provide a buffet. Meeting begins at 11:45 and lunch will be \$15. Members are asked to register by Friday, April 26 [here!](#)



First photo to the left is BL High School Principal Bob Dockendorf updating the members at the March membership meeting about the national task force he serves on. Next photo is Brian Koslofsky of Wright Technical reviewing their programs. To the right is SCSU President Dr. Robbyn Wacker sharing their programs and cooperative ventures with area businesses.



Tropical!  
**True Colors FASHION SHOW**  
Fundraiser for iEmpower Youth

Join us for a night of Fun, Fashion, & Fundraising!



All proceeds go to the  
**iEmpower**  
Youth program in our local schools

Friday, April 12th • 6pm  
The Crown Room in Rogers

Buy tickets online:  
SherburneUnitedWay.org/tickets  
or call 763.633.5865



**BIG LAKE  
SPUD FEST**  
Supporting local youth and community since 1972!

It is time once again to put the snow and ice of this Polar Vortex year behind us and focus on the warm waters of Big Lake and the annual Big Lake Spud Fest!

Big Lake Spud fest was born here in 1972. The founders of the festival were looking for a means to provide funds for summer youth recreation programs and an event for Big Lake and surrounding areas that promoted a strong sense of community and sharing. Over the years, Big Lake Spud Fest has grown into more than just a simple summer event! We now sponsor and implement new events year-round, providing fun and safe activities for all who attend!

As with any nonprofit organization, we rely on community leaders such as you for donations and volunteer hours. We also provide sponsorship opportunities for businesses and organizations that advertise with us. Imagine reaching over 20,000 people in just four days! We would like to extend to you an opportunity to become a part of Big Lake Spud Fest's history and help sponsor one of the longest running community events in the area.

Below are the levels of sponsorship we offer.

**\*LOADED TATER SPONSORSHIP = \$1,000\***

Your company logo/banner will appear on our website sponsorship page and **main stage** throughout our event. You will be recognized in our final newspaper publication.

**\*TWICE BAKED POTATO SPONSORSHIP = \$500\***

Your company logo/banner will appear on our website sponsorship page. You will be recognized in our final newspaper publication.

**\*TATOR-TOT SPONSORSHIP = \$250\***

Your company logo/banner will appear on our website sponsorship page.

**\*FRENCH FRY SPONSORSHIP = \$50 + and/or BINGO PRIZE DONATIONS\***

Your company name will be listed on our website sponsorship page.

(Regretfully, our bylaws prohibit a sponsor from selling a product and/or service during Big Lake Spud Fest.)

Not sure what to sponsor? We have so much to offer! How about one of the bands? Or the fireworks on Friday night? Did you know we have a softball tournament that runs all week-end? If you have any ideas regarding activities, contest or other forms of sponsorships, please do not hesitate to call on us.

In addition to these sponsorships, we also have the opportunity for businesses to donate bingo items that will be given away during the three days and nights of the Big Lake Spud Fest. Your company name will be added to the donation list of prizes to win and your business will also be announced at the time of the giveaway. If this sponsorship opportunity interests you, please check the bingo donation on the enclosed form with a description of the donation that is being provided. Please drop off your donation at the Big Lake Chamber office.

We hope that you will take the next step with us in becoming a part of the wonderful history of Big Lake Spud Fest. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call RaeAnne Danielowski or Don Orrook (phone numbers listed below).

Thank you very much for your consideration and continued support!

Sincerely,

RaeAnne Danielowski  
2018 Board of Directors  
Phone: 612-219-2857

Don Orrook  
2018 Board of Directors  
763-331-2274




**Business After Hours & First Networking Prize Drawing**

April's Business After Hours on **Thursday, April 18th starting at 5 pm** at Trails will include our first Network Prize drawing with a value of \$145. Chamber members who attended March 21st Business after Hours and March 26th Membership Meeting have their names entered into the lucky blue Networking box. If the lucky winner isn't present, those attending the April Business after Hours will have their names added to the box and a winner will be drawn at the April 30th membership meeting. There is no charge but we ask you to [register here](#) to allow for adequate space.




Photo to right is from March Economic Development Business After Hours at Russells

Prizes at this time include:

Ticket to free drawing event  valued at \$35

\$25  gift certificate

1/2 hour massage at  **GREAT RIVER**  
SPINE & SPORT

\$30 Gift Card at  \$25 gift card

**RUSSELL'S**  
**BOZZETT'S**  
On the Lake


**FUTURE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

May 16th - Third Rail  
June 20th - Friendly Buffalo  
July 18th - Lupulin  
August 15th - McPete's



**We Understand Commitment**

You can rely on Edward Jones for one-on-one attention, our quality-focused investment philosophy and straight talk about your financial needs. Contact an Edward Jones financial advisor today.



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**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

**Rhythm & Brews**  
Wine, Beer, and Music

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**  
**7:00pm**  
**Pizza Pub, Princeton**  
202 N. Rum River Drive

Beer & Wine Sampling  
Raffles & Games

**Tickets \$25 each**

Available at the **Sherburne History Center**  
10775 27th Ave. SE Becker - 763-261-4433 or 763-262-4433 (metro)  
**Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge HQ**  
17076 293rd Ave NW Zimmerman - 763-389-3323

Ticket Required for Entry - Must be 21 or older to attend

Live Music by Waxwing




## MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Create & Connect  
STUDIO

Is hosting this Friday, April 5 a free event at the studio for International Kids Yoga Day! It's Mini + Me Yoga for kids 18 months - 5 years old alongside their parent/caregiver! Anyone who pre-registers for the event (which isn't required) will receive a coupon code for a free Kids Yoga session (ages 2-12 Saturday mornings) (\$10 value). [Click here to register!](#)



Big Lake  
SCHOOLS

Save the Date for the 3rd Annual Youth Apprenticeship and Career Fair, scheduled for Thursday, September 19th. Over 40 (and growing) area businesses set up informational displays as an opportunity for all 9-12 grade students to see what kinds of careers are available to them right in our surrounding areas. This exposure might lead to other opportunities to explore the career further through tours, job shadowing, college visits, or maybe even lead to a work-based learning experience through Youth Apprenticeship. Over one thousand students will be in attendance!



Is seeking advertisers for their monthly newsletter that is published 6 times a year (May-Oct.) and distributed to over 400 members and their families and friends! Interested members can contact Community Media directly [here](#) or call 941-375-3699 ext: 118



BIG LAKE  
SPUD FEST  
EST. 1972

Is seeking donations from area businesses and groups for prizes for Bingo. The City of Big Lake has already donated three of its sand buckets filled with a towel, water bottle and free annual parking pass to Lakeside Park. Spud Fest needs many volunteers to continue this successful event: [click here to volunteer!](#)



making good things happen  
KleinBank  
www.kleinbank.com

Will be converting to Old National Bank the weekend of April 12-15.



OLD NATIONAL



Join Lupulin Brewing on Saturday, April 20th in the taproom for the 2019 release of Straight Hash Homie! For the first time ever, they'll be selling their 100% Hop Hash DIPA in crowlers, releasing at 4:20pm! Party all day on the patio and in the big yellow tent: food trucks will be on-site, and live music.



BIG LAKE  
COMMUNITY  
FOOD SHELF

Received 20 pounds of food and cash donations from



RiverWood  
BANK

customers and employees.

## VOLUNTEER FOR A CHAMBER COMMITTEE in 2019

In addition to its Board of Directors, the Chamber has seven Committees that members can be involved. Several of these are short-term Committees around a specific event while others advise the Board on specific issues. Please consider volunteering for one of the following and email your interest to [info@biglakechamber.com](mailto:info@biglakechamber.com):

Ambassadors	Block Party	Economic Development
Golf Scramble	Governmental Affairs	Holiday Social
Community Fair		

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY



The Minnesota Business Tax Education Partnership is holding a seminar in **St. Cloud, Minnesota** for employers and their representatives who are interested in information on state and federal employment taxes and other employer responsibilities. These seminars will be presented by experts from the Minnesota Department of Revenue, Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Program, the United States Department of Labor, and the MN Department of Labor and Industry.

April 17<sup>th</sup> (8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) seminar content will include information on:

- Worker status (independent contractor vs employee)
- Employment Tax basics (withholding, depositing and reporting)
- Unemployment Insurance (tax rates, wage reporting, benefit account issues)
- State & Federal Labor Standards (Wage & Hour)

Seminar Date and Location:

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: [Rasmussen College - St. Cloud](#)

226 Park Ave. S.

St. Cloud, MN 56301

Fee: No fee

Register: Advanced registration is required. [Click here!](#)



**Winter Farmers Market**  
 Saron Lutheran Church • 3:00-6:00pm  
 311 Lakes St. • Big Lake, MN 56301 • 2nd Friday of month  
 November 9 • December 14\* • January 11  
 February 8\* • March 8 • April 12\*  
\*Market Closed on Wednesdays and on the day after Thanksgiving

Debit/Credit & Snap/EBT Accepted  
 Market Bucks Match Program  
 Live Monthly Musicians  
 Free Kids Activities  
 Vendor Products:  
 Homemade and homegrown produce, baked goods, meat, eggs, syrup, honey, tea, salsa, pickles, jam, crafts, and more!

[www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org)

Qualifying Chamber Code of 112271331 or 0204@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, Friday, April 26th. 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 Block Party Committee noon @ McPete's  Golf Committee noon @ Monti Country Club	4	5	6
7	8	9 Chamber Board Meeting 12:30 at City Council Chambers	10 Ambassadors 11:30 @ Friend- ly Buffalo	11	12 Winter Farmers Market 3-6 pm @ Saron Lu- theran. Seniors receive \$3 cou- pon.	13
14	15	16	17 Golf Scramble Committee noon at Trails	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Chamber Lunch & Learn about Bulk Mail. <a href="#">Register here</a>	25 Business after Hours 5 pm @ Trails. <a href="#">Register here</a>	26	27 Early Bird reg- istration expir- ing for Golf Scramble teams. <a href="#">Click here</a>
28	29	30 Membership Meeting 11:45 @ BL Police. <a href="#">Register here!</a>				

**Mark Your Calendar!**

May 1: Block Party Committee meeting at noon at McPete's Entertainment Center

May 4: Fix-It Clinic at BL Senior Center

May 16: Business after Hours at Third Rail

May 23: Golf Scramble at Monticello Country Club

May 28: Membership Meeting Legislative WrapUp with Senator Mary Kiffmeyer & Representative Nick Zerwas at Friendly Buffalo