

JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

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GLORIA'S GEMS

This month I need to recognize one of the newest Chamber Committees, the Golf Committee.



Karah Hawkinson of Sherburne History Center, Hanna Klimmek of City of Big Lake, Paul Knier of Cabot Lodge Securities, Dr. Scott Schulz of Great River Spine & Sport and Tim Suchy of Edward Jones & Board President worked very hard contacting businesses to golf or sponsor the Golf Scramble as well as organizing fun games.

As Dr. Scott emphatically stated, "We couldn't have had such a successful event without the hard work of our Committee members." It was through their work that the Chamber profited almost \$6300.



Left: Hanna Klimmek of City of Big Lake & Karah Hawkinson of Sherburne History Center welcome the golfers. Right: Tim Suchy of Edward Jones is selling putting strings to golfers.

EVENT OF THE MONTH: GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry hosted its first annual golf scramble on Thursday, May 23rd at the Monticello Country Club.

"This event has been a great success, "exclaimed Dr. Scott Schulz of Great River Spine & Sport and Chair of the Chamber's Golf Committee. "We had 13 teams come out to golf, as well as 18 sponsors. Many golfers told us they had a great time and want to return next year!"

The golf team of Cabot Lodge Securities-Paul Knier tried their skill at the Insurance Specialists Team (IST) Hole in 1 \$20,000 prize!

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SPUD FEST in 3 WEEKS!



NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Big Lake Spud Fest chairwoman Raeanne Danielowski strongly encourages Chamber members to "volunteer themselves and several of their staff at Spud Fest. We need help during Bingo, the parade, clean-up and even serving beer." Groups from non-profits can also help out in some of the activities or in clean-up. Please sign up here!

Spud Fest begins at 6 pm on Thursday, June 26th with the Carnival and demonstration of the Big Lake Robotics at the Big Lake Middle School. New this year with the Carnival are advanced day passes (unlimited for the day) and mega passes (unlimited rides for the weekend). Spud Fest does make some profit on the advanced ticket sales, day and mega passes but no profit on the individual tickets purchased during the weekend. Advance tickets can be purchased at Coborn's Service Desk and Old National Bank until June 27th at 3 pm or at the Spud Fest Family Night at the Library on Thursday, June 27th between 4:30 and 5:30.



Spud Fest Buttons can be purchased for only \$1 from the Big Lake Ambassador Candidates or email them at biglakeambassadors@gmail.com as well as at Great River Spine and Sports, Old National Bank & McPete's! If you have a button and find the medallion, you will win \$150! Without the button, you only get \$50. Clues for find-

ing the medallion are published weekly in the West Sherburne Tribune and posted on the front window of Great River Spine & Sport. When you buy and wear a button, you are showing your support for the Big Lake Spud Fest. Buttons will also be sold at the bingo tent during the week-end.

"We can also use donations from Chamber members for Bingo prizes", continued Danielowski. Members can drop them off at the Chamber office or City Hall or email the Chamber if you would like them picked-up.

Live Entertainment and a softball tournament continues all weekend along with the Lakes Run and motorcycle run on Friday and Saturday. Thousands of area residents gather for the Parade starting at 11 am on Saturday, June 29th. New this year on Saturday afternoon is the Food Truck Fest. Sunday offers Potato Pancake Breakfast, Potato Soup Spud Fest and the Big Lake Lioness's Smity's Amateur Fiddlers' Contest with all activities concluding on Sunday, June 30th at 5 pm. A complete schedule is available here!

BLOCK PARTY



er August 17 from 10-2



SPONSORS NEEDED FOR BLOCK PARTY

There is still time to sponsor one of the Chamber's largest fundraiser events, the Block Party. These events help keep Chamber dues down for the members and supports various programs.

The Block Party Committee has added several new activities for the Big Lake Block Party from 10 am-2 pm on Saturday, August 17th. New this year will be classic cars sponsored by Dan's of Big Lake. Big Lake Boy Scouts will sponsor an inflatable BB gun range. McPete's will provide



bowling and mini-golf. Dean-o-Mite will entertain with music and games. Big Lake Ambassadors will offer face painting. Big Lake Police and CentraCare Emergency Services staff and vehicles will be available to check out.











Coborn's will provide the food and water and McPete's fountain beverages.

All activities including some activities from sponsors' booths are offered at one low price of \$5/person for the entire 4-hour event. Food and beverages are additional costs.

Chamber Board approved starting the event a few hours earlier than last year. 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.

Additional sponsors include: Gold Sponsor

and Bronze Sponsor



Silver Sponsor



Members are also asked to start collecting 100 items such as inflatable balls, pencils, colors, coloring sheets for the goodie bags for the first children who come to the Block Par-

sheets for the goodie bags for the first children who come to the Block Party.

Volunteers are needed to set-up and take down, collect money at the registration tables, provide wristbands and work at the food booth. Please email the Chamber if you're able to help! Photo to the right from last year is provided courtesy of West Sherburne Tribune.





2019 BLOCK PARTY

Sponsorship Form



Office Phone: 763-263-7800







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.								
П	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)								
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	☐ 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

****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:		_							
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Email: info@biglakechamber.com

FOOD PROVIDED BY COBORN'S



YOUR VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

STATE LEGISLATORS AT MAY'S MEMBERSHIP LUNCH

Representative Nick Zerwas and State Senator Mary Kiffmeyer updated 32 Chamber members at the May 28th membership meeting at The Friendly Buffalo.

The legislators had just completed many late nights during the last weeks of the session and their special session, which lasted 24 hours and concluded at 7 am a



few days earlier. Zerwas was pleased they were able to avoid a 20 cent gas tax. Federal tax conformity was approved and taxes lowered for middle-income taxpayers. They were also able to block the reduction of a 68% cut from nursing homes that had been supported Governor Walz and DFL House leadership. Kiffmeyer reported they avoided some bad policy bills including gun control, elections and Planned Parenthood sex education materials in elementary schools. She supported the state contracting with a private company to process driver's licenses and vehicle registrations. Unfortunately, the bill allowing for more lawful gambling proceeds staying in the communities was not approved by the legislators but Kiffmeyer encouraged non-profits to work together and try again.

JC's U-Lock Storage owner and Sherburne County Commissioner introduced Sherburne County Administrator Steve Taylor whose last day is June 22nd. He informed members that Sherburne County is the



third fastest growing county in the state and has 63% of its 96,468 residents having some college. He was pleased that the Government Center expansion was completed under budget and that commissioner board meetings will now be taped for public access. He also indicated disappointment that the legislature didn't approve \$20 million in industrial park improvements for Becker to attract 50 permanent high-tech jobs at Google to replace Sherco's closing in the next few years.

LUNCH WITH GOVERNOR KRISTI NOEM of SOUTH DAKOTA

Brought to you by Women in Business: Wednesday, June 19th at Nicollet Island Pavilion

No state's economic success is judged alone, but by the strength of its competition, and allies. Come join the Minnesota Chamber in a lunch conversation with Governor Kristi , that state's first female governor. She left college to help run her family's ranch in South Dakota after her father passed away unexpectedly. After expanding the family business, she was elected to the US House of Representatives. What is South Dakota doing to build statewide economic opportunities for its citizens? Although our states differ, how can we both confront challenges of workforce or affordability? Governor Noem's experience and exuberance are certain to energize the audience and stimulate some great table conversation. Register here.

NEW MEMBER



NEW MEMBER: THE BANK OF ELK RIVER

The Bank of Elk River is a community bank that has been family-owned and operated since 1885. That year W.L. Babcock and a few prominent businessmen formed a part-



nership to help the burgeoning community of Elk River. With \$10,000 of capital, they started The Bank of Elk River. The bank was chartered in 1885, making it the oldest bank in Sherburne County. They provide mobile banking and cash management solutions to individuals and business. Check out their unique history as well as their products and services <a href="https://example.com/here/banking-new-mail-re-law-english-banking-new-mail-re-law-engl



AUGUST 27th MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us for next membership meeting on Tuesday, August 27th at Carefree Country Club. Tim Zipoy, Business Service Coordinator at Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services will offer tips as he challenges businesses and non-profits, "Is Your Corporate Culture Retaining Employees?" Registration is at 11:45 am and the meeting starts at 12pm. Please RSVP by August 23rd here.

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18 Holes Golf, Cart, & Dinne	er at Big Lake Township/Lions Park, 21960, County Rd 5 NW, Big Lake, MN 55309							
	(Steak dinner and fixin's)							
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A HOLE FOR ONLY \$75.00 or DONATE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM?								
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QUESTIONS??? Please call Lion Tim Suchy at 763-262-9988 or								
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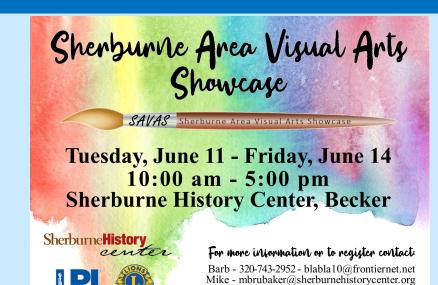
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES





Thank you to our sponsors:
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Big Lake Spud Fest, &
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Events



10775 27th Ave SE - Becker - 763.262.4433

www.sherburnehistorycenter.org

Celebrate Summer Reading with magician Nathan Stockwell

Magician Nathan Stockwell will surprise and delight with his family-friendly Comedy Magic Show, for kids and adults! A Legacy event. Friday, June 14 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Big Lake Farmer's Market Kid's Day

Find the library at the Big Lake Farmer's market for a fun kids activity and sign up for the Summer Reading Program. For ages 3 to teen. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Wed., June 19 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

CLIMB Theater-The Lion and the Mouse

Molly the Mouse dreams to be a Super Hero! A play about kindness, fairness and that big things come in small packages. For ages 3-10. Limit 50. Registration required.

Monday, June 24 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Dollipops-Spudfest Kickoff

Get ready to sing, dance, and laugh with the engaging, high-energy, highly interactive kids' show — The Dollipops! Dolli and Pop are sisters who have traveled all the way from Sweet Tart City to bring you on a magical and musical road trip that is sure to get kids (and their parents!) moving, grooving, and making memories. From classic beach tunes to current Hollywood and pop hits, Dolli and Pop use music to allow kids the chance to use their imaginations, to sing and dance along, and even to enjoy their very own four and a half minutes of fame! For ages 3-12. Limit 50. Registration required. A Legacy event.

Thursday, June 27 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.



Don't forget to visit the library at ECFE in the Park!!



SUCCESSFUL GOLF SCRAMBLE

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First place trophies with the Chamber's logo & \$200 in pro shop certificates were given to the Great River Spine & Sport team (featured to the right) with the lowest score while the team with the highest score received free lessons from the golf pro. There were only 4 strokes separating the top teams of Great River Spine & Sport, State Farm and Monticello Country Club. Prizes were given out to the men & women with longest drives and



longest putts. Featured in the left photo,

Golf Pro Amanda O'Donnell offered golfers a better shot on her par 5 hole. Many golfers enjoyed door prizes and bidding on silent auction items.

Master Sponsors were Cargill, Edward Jones, Minnesota Limited, Monticello Country Club, Sherburne State Bank & West Metro Buick GMC.

Insurance Specialists Team (IST) sponsored a \$20,000 prize for a golfer getting a Hole in One on a Par 3 Hole. Two golfers were close to making that prize. Photo at right includes golfers from State Farm, Gloria at the Chamber and Karen Tomfohde of IST.

Dahlheimer Beverage sponsored the beverage cart and Phillips Wine & Spirits offered a free drink to the golfers. Kwik Trip provided the continental breakfast and Von Hanson's Meats the hotdogs for lunch.

Classic sponsors were Cabot Lodge Securities—Paul Knier, CenterPoint Energy (as Driving Range sponsor), Connexus Energy, DATA *Success*, Foster White Insurance, Great River Spine & Sport, Jackson National Life Insurance Company, Old National Bank, Options Inc, Russell's on the Lake & Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home. Additional businesses who contributed items for golfer bags, door prizes and silent auction items include Innovations Plus, Big Lake Police Department Casey's, Centra Care-Monticello, City of Big Lake, Create & Connect Studio, Debbie's Cleaning, Grand Casino-MilleLacs, Jerry's Auto, Loch Jewelers, Majestic Creations, Monticello Printing, Riverwood Bank, Sherburne History Center, and Trail's.



Left: Brenda Geldert & Stacie Skalak of Options Inc share their programs and services with a golfer.

Right: Great River Spine & Sport provide a "much-needed" massage to golfers as well as lunch!



EDUCATION







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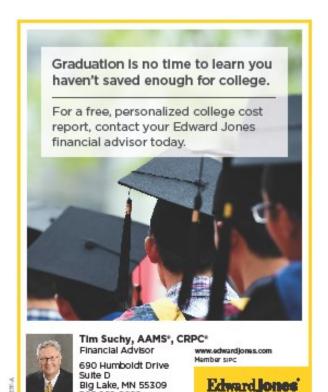




Thursday, September 19th 2019

Online Registration now open http://tinyurl.com/YACFregistration





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OPPORTUNITES

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Visit our website at guardianangelsmn.org for an application or contact Lynn Owens, Volunteer Coordinator at 763-241-4460 or lowens@ga-er.org. New Volunteer Orientation and Background Study are required.

Participants must be 12 years or older to join.



Choose from activities such as crafts, games, exercise, resident visits, music programs, community outings & more!

If you are considering a career in Health Care, this opportunity is for you.

Earn volunteer applied to your upcoming school year.

SIGN UP NOW!





MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

MN Job Match

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Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is offering a free guided wildlife tour Saturday, June 8th from 10 am to 12 pm. The tour is structured as a car caravan and will stop at several locations. Some light walking is required and each tour will vary in the distance traveled. Par-

ticipants are encouraged to bring binoculars, camera, field guides, water, a snack, and wear clothing and shoes appropriate for the weather and terrain. Photo credit of the lithospermum canescens is from Kris Spaeth. Meet your guides at refuge headquarters (17076 293rd Ave. NW Zimmerman, MN 55398).

On Saturday, June 15th from 10:30-12 NWR is offering a FREE youth photography worship by volunteers. For more information, contact the Refuge office at 763-389-3323, sherburne@ fws.gov or www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne.



River Wood awarded Big Lake High School senior Julia Smith a \$500 scholarship. She is going to the University of Minnesota Duluth for a degree in Psycholo-

gy. "Julia was chosen from a large number of excellent applicants, because of her involvement within the community and her passion for helping people. She has devoted many hours to volunteering, such as ringing bells for The Salvation Army, helping with NHS Blood Drive and setting up for the annual fire department dance," said Big Lake Branch Manager Spencer Bjerga.



Is giving back in their "Pours for a Purpose". Every Thursday in June they will donate \$1 for every beer poured in the Taproom to the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation. In March they donated \$2500 to the National MS Society with the proceeds from the

Thursday's Pours as well as a beanbag tournament

"Mother Hen's Cornhole for MS".

As part of our involvement with GROW MINNE-SOTA of the MN Chamber of Commerce, our members can participate in the MN Job Match by using the following link through the MN Chamber of Commerce website to post any jobs or intern-



ships: https://www.mnchamber.com/grow/mn-job-match

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, June 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!

Members can submit their announcements to info@biglakechamber.com.



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, June 20th

Business After Hours & Networking Prize Drawing

In addition to great networking, June's Business After Hours on Thursday, June 20th starting at 5 pm at The Friendly Buffalo will include a Network Prize drawing with a value of \$145. All Chamber members are entered into the Network Box. If the lucky winner isn't present, the business name will be placed back in the box and another business will be drawn at the July 18th Business after Hours. There is no charge but we ask you to register here to allow for adequate space.

Prizes at this time include:

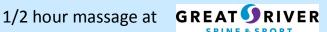
Ticket to free drawing event



valued at \$35



\$25 gift certificate







Monticello Printing \$30 towards Printing





FUTURE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

July 18th - Lupulin August 15th - McPete's

All events begin at 5 pm

Debbie's Cleaning Service

"BusyBee"



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Buzz Debbie at 763-568-5558 or 763-263-9300 and get your appointment scheduled today!



JUNE 2019 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	Block Party Committee noon @ McPete's	6	7	8
9	10	Chamber Board Meeting 12:30 at City Council Chambers	Ambassadors 11:30 @ Friend- ly Buffalo	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	Business after Hours 5 pm @ The Friendly Buffalo. Register here	21	22
23/	24	25	26	27	28	29

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, July 18: Business after Hours at Lupulin Brewing

Thursday, August 1: Chamber at Music in the Park

Thursday, August 15: Business after Hours at McPete's

Saturday, August 17 from 10-2 pm: Big Lake Block Party @

McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes

Tuesday, August 27 at 11:45-1 Membership Meeting at Carefree Country Club. Register here!