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**GLORIA’S GEMS**

In December my daughter suggested I “repurpose” my wedding ring from my late husband into a necklace that I could wear more regularly.

I naturally thought of Loch Jewelers. I had a difficult time deciding what design I wanted but finally added 2 small sapphires to the diamond necklace. It is truly beautiful! And they appraised it for me too. The staff was very patient with me.

I wish Loch Jewelers much success in the next 70 years! And we thank you for your donations to the events we have.

**BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:**

*Loch*  *Jewelers*

“Last month we celebrated 70 years,” proudly exclaimed owner Steve Loch of Loch Jewelers. “My dad and mom started in 1949 in Maple Lake but with the interstate in Monticello, we moved to downtown Monticello in 1977. In 2006 we moved to our current location.

“Along with my brother Alan, we are now third-generation owners, “continued Steve, “with the addition of my daughter Andrea Loch Dunnigan as a partner.” Andrea as the international diamond buyer with the owners have traveled annually to the diamond capitol of the world, Antwerp Belgium as well as Africa to keep abreast of the latest trends.

“We offer a variety of services,” noted Andrea, “such as in-house repair, custom design, watch repair, engraving, and colored gems. We have the largest show floor in the area, giving you a variety for your jewelry-buying needs including engagement rings, wedding bands, mother's jewelry, men's jewelry, gift ideas, watches, earrings, necklaces and pendants, pearls, and much more!”

“The biggest change and challenge we’ve experienced is the internet and its capability for lower prices but not necessarily better value.” concluded Steve.



Alan Loch, Andrea Loch Dunnigan, Goldsmith Matthew Loch (Andrea’s cousin) and Steve Loch.



**NEW EVENTS AT THE BLOCK PARTY**



Last month the Block Party Committee added a new activity for the Big Lake Block Party from 10 am-2 pm on Saturday, August 17th: an Epic Water War for youth aged 11-18 years old sponsored by The Wave Youth Center. McPete's will provide bowling and mini-golf. Dean-o-mite will entertain with music and games. Big Lake Ambassadors will offer face painting. Classic cars will be sponsored by Dan's of Big Lake. Big Lake Boy Scouts and Manufacturing Partners Inc (MPI) will sponsor an inflatable BB gun range. Great Spine & Sport will offer a bouncing ball toss and chair massages. DOJO Karate will bring their Bounce House. Big Lake Police and CentraCare Emergency Services staff and vehicles will be available to check out.



All activities including activities from sponsors' booths are offered at one low price of \$5/youth and adult for the entire 4-hour event. Coborn's will provide burgers, hotdogs, chips and water and McPete's fountain beverages at a reasonable price.

There is still time to sponsor one of the Chamber's largest fundraiser events, the Block Party. This event helps keep Chamber dues reasonable for members and supports various programs.

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. Sponsors to date include:

Gold Sponsors:



Silver Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors



Community Sponsors are Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary, Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon and Edward Jones.



Photo of Dean-o-mite Entertainment from last year is provided courtesy of West Sherburne Tribune.

Members are asked to start collecting 100 items such as inflatable balls, pencils, colors, coloring sheets for backpacks provided by Majestic Creations for the first children who come.



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!



**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 \_\_\_\_\_



# “A Gathering”

Join Sherburne County Area United Way on:

**Tuesday, August 20, 2019**  
**at Carousell Works in Big Lake**  
for a  
**“Lunch & Learn”**  
**11:45 am - 1:00 pm**

**Lunch will be served by A Catered Event.**  
**Our new issue focus is all about “Strengthening**  
**and Empowering Vulnerable Youth”**

**Patti Hetrick: Adverse Childhood Experiences(ACEs)**  
**Kate LePage, the central MN regional navigator will speak about sex trafficking.**  
**The meeting is free!**


Register [here](#) by July 13<sup>th</sup> so enough food and seating can be provided!




**Business After Hours & Networking Prize Drawing**


In addition to great networking, July's Business After Hours on **Thursday, July 18th starting at 5 pm** at Lupulin Brewing Company will include a Network Prize drawing with a value of \$175. 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 August 15th 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

1/2 hour massage at 

\$30 Gift Card at 

Monticello Printing \$30 towards Printing

 \$25 gift card

**FUTURE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

August 15 - McPete's  
September 19 - Hideout Restaurant  
October 17 - El Loro  
November 21 - Russell's On the Lake

**Debbie's Cleaning Service**

**"BusyBee"**



Need some help with your Summer cleaning?

Buzz Debbie at 763-568-5558 or

763-263-9300 and get your appointment scheduled today!



**CITY OF Big Lake**  
**Movie in the Park**  
**Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lakeside Park**  
Activities from 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Movie starts at Dusk (Approx. 8:00pm)  
Food by Rocket Concessions  
*In the event of inclement weather, activities will be rescheduled for Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>*

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

Royal Performance Company

Disney **MARY POPPINS RETURNS**

Runtime: 130 minutes, Rated: PG

Thank you to our sponsors:  
Climb Theatre, Kwik Trip, Big Lake Spud Fest, & Knights of Columbus

Dojo Karate  
BOUNCE HOUSE!  
BIG Lake Ambassadors  
FACE PAINTING

**Dee-o-mite Entertainment**  
An Absolute 90's!

A Special thank you to Sherburne Wright Cable Commission for providing the movie equipment! Watch your City Government Channel! Charter: Channel 180.

**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. El Loro will provide a delicious buffet of dishes. Please RSVP by August 23rd [here](#).

There is no membership meeting in July but we do have Business after Hours on July 18 at 5 pm at Lupulin Brewing Company. Join us!



**BIG LAKE LIONS ANNUAL  
"Ron Nelson-Memorial"  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, July 20, 2019 / 1:00 pm Shotgun Start  
Elk River Golf Club**

20015 Elk Lake Rd NW, Elk River, MN 55330

**\$75 per PERSON** includes:  
18 holes Golf, Cart, &  
Dinner at Big Lake  
Township/Lions Park  
21960 County Rd S NW, Big Lake, MN 55309  
(Steak dinner and fixin's)



*Longest Drive Hole  
Longest Putt Hole  
Closest to the Pin Hole*

*These will be provided in another communication*

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE TEAMS  
\*MEN'S \* WOMEN'S \* MIXED\*

**SIGN UP NOW AT MCPETE'S SPORTS BAR & LANES, LUPULIN BREWING,  
OR TOOTSIE'S TAVERN IN BIG LAKE!**

Or mail registration form and payment to: Big Lake Lions, PO Box 128, Big Lake, MN 55309

Get registration forms at any of the places above or download from [www.facebook.com/BigLakeLionsClub/](http://www.facebook.com/BigLakeLionsClub/)

**SPONSOR A HOLE FOR \$75!**



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## Theatre in the Park Series

Friday, July 19th  
Friday, August 9th

Lakeside Park  
101 Lakeshore Drive, Big Lake, MN

Free Activities at 6:00 pm  
Play at 7:00 pm

Stop out and enjoy free kids activities for all ages.  
July 19: "Water Woman," a play about water conservation  
August 9: "Can Man," a play about recycling




## BIG LAKE FARMERS MARKET

Local food trucks  
Free parking  
Live music  
Debit-credit accepted  
Market Bucks  
Power of Produce Program

Every Wednesday from June to August

3pm to 7pm

Every Wednesday in September

3pm to 6pm

Lakeside Park

Questions? Contact Corrie at 612-297-6331 or visit  
[www.biglakemn.org](http://www.biglakemn.org) for more info.



## Events




## Join us for a LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join Great River Regional Library Director Karen Pundsack for a discussion on your local library services. Give input on how the library can best serve you by meeting the needs of your local community.

**Wednesday, July 31**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**Big Lake Public Library**  
790 Minnesota Ave.  
Big Lake, MN 55309

Open to the public.

RSVP online at [griver.org/events](http://griver.org/events) or  
by calling 763.263.6445 for  
planning purposes.



Pop-Up Library will be at ECFE on July 10th & July 24th

### Bruce the Bug Guy

Learn about the amazing world of bugs. Bruce will have several bugs for you to see, touch and hold. For ages 7-12. Limit 30. Registration required. A Legacy event.

Tuesday, July 16 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

### Book Beads

Using recycled books, create beads to make a necklace. All supplies provided. For adults and teen. Limit 15. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Monday, July 22 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### "Escape Room"

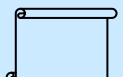
Can you follow the clues to the treasure? How fast can you complete the mission? Grab your friends for a 20-minute "scavenger" hunt. For teens. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Thursday July 25 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

### The Oz Brothers

Celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "The Wizard of Oz" film with the Oz Brothers! Take a trip down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy's friends, the Lion and Scarecrow. Audience participation encouraged. For kids ages 5-11 and their families. Limit 50. A Legacy event.

Monday, July 29 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.





# YOUR VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

MINNESOTA  
CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE

GROWING MINNESOTA

## NEW WAGE THEFT LAW

**mn** DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOR AND INDUSTRY

The Minnesota Chamber worked hard to pass the compromise state legislation that will help protect employers who inadvertently find themselves in violation of certain wage laws, while increasing penalties for employers who intentionally shortchange paychecks.

The new law's increased notice and record-keeping requirements go into effect July 1, 2019. Criminal sanctions take effect Aug. 1, 2019. **The Chamber wants to arm you with all of the details to comply with this law.**

The new requirements for all Minnesota employers include an employee notice requirement, plus additional information for already-required earnings statements and employer recordkeeping. Increased enforcement of state wage and hour laws and criminal penalties for employers that commit wage theft are also included in the new law.

For more information, visit the Department of Labor and Industry Wage Theft Legislation 2019 and Summaries webpage at [www.dli.mn.gov/business/employment-practices/wage-theft-legislation-2019-and-summaries](http://www.dli.mn.gov/business/employment-practices/wage-theft-legislation-2019-and-summaries). The above linked page includes guidance for employers and employees, FAQs, a sample Employee Notice and other information.

Additionally, a [link to the recording](#) of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and Department of Labor and Industry joint webinar about this law may be helpful although you do need to register your name and email to access it.

## WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS FORUM

The Minnesota Chamber invites businesses to [join them at their annual "Workforce Solutions Forum: Disrupting the system and finding hidden talent."](#) The event is July 17 at Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake. The link allows you to register for the event.

Employers are certain to leave with innovative ideas to attract workers to grow your business. It's also a great opportunity to network and glean from the best practices of other employers. Attracting and retaining a skilled workforce is at the forefront of initiatives carried out by the Minnesota Chamber and local chamber partners.





# CHAMBER AT MUSIC

## IN THE PARK

### CHAMBER AT AUGUST 1 MUSIC IN THE PARK



At the invitation of the Legacy Foundation of Big Lake, the Chamber will be at their Thursday, August 1st Music in the Park event. Band 51 will be performing.

The Chamber will be promoting our upcoming Block Party on Saturday, August 17th from 10 am-2 pm at McPete's Entertainment Center.

If any member would like to volunteer being at our table or have items you'd like to distribute to the music lovers, please drop them off at the office or email [info@biglakechamber.com](mailto:info@biglakechamber.com) if you would like them picked.

### MINNESOTA RETAILERS ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE OUTCOMES

Minnesota Retailers Association published their 2019 State Legislative Outcomes indicating differences between the House, Senate and the Governor included "closed door, non-public meetings between Governor Tim Walz, House Speaker Melissa Hortman, and Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka. In the spirit of Game of Thrones, the three parties were referred to by some as 'the tribunal' as select legislators met with the three to decide the most difficult budget and policy areas.

"The end process aside, divided government did produce compromise this session. We ended with a state budget less than what the Governor and House proposed, but more than the Senate put forward. We ended with the enactment of some policy provisions that as representatives of the retail community we are concerned about, however many of the policies we thought went too far didn't become law. In the end, the process produced a compromise budget that balanced out the policy ideas of Democrat and Republican legislators."

Key highlights included non-passage of workplace mandates that fail to recognize differences in various retail operating models; lowering of statewide business property taxes; and unfortunate modifications to June accelerated tax payments passed solely to fill a budget gap.

## TRI WELLNESS AT WORK

...creating sustainable employee wellness programs in Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns Counties

Join our next Tri Wellness at Work Learning Collaborative for FREE to receive guidance, tools, and resources to customize your workplace wellness program.

### EMPLOYERS WILL LEARN BEST PRACTICE STRATEGIES IN:

- Fundamentals of Workplace Wellness
- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Breastfeeding Support
- Tobacco Use and Cessation
- Lifestyle and Stress Management

### WHY WORKPLACE WELLNESS?

Employers offering a comprehensive workplace wellness initiative experience:

- Decreased absenteeism and health care costs
- Improved productivity
- Increased employee recruitment and retention
- Bolstered employee morale and commitment
- Improved time and stress management

"Whether you are just beginning a worksite wellness committee or have had one together for years...the information offered through this program is so organized and informative. It's definitely worth the time!"

- Kayla Miller, Director of Wellness  
Guardian Angels of Elk River, Inc.



This opportunity is made available by the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership at no cost to employers.

#### Benton County

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#### Stearns County

Jennifer Wald  
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jennifer.wald@co.stearns.mn.us



Thursday, September 19th 2019

Online Registration now open

<http://tinyurl.com/YACRegistration>



## VOLUNTEER



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 hours that can be applied to your upcoming school year.

## GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR SERVICES STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

By joining our volunteer team, you will have an opportunity to enrich the lives of our residents by helping to provide a variety of social, recreational, musical, educational & spiritual activities.

### Volunteer locations include;

Elk River, MN - Guardian Angels Care Center,  
Guardian Angels By The Lake and Angels On Main  
Otsego, MN - Riverview Landing, Albertville, MN - Engel Haus

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

Participants must be 12 years or older to join.



SIGN UP NOW!



[guardianangelsmn.org](http://guardianangelsmn.org)



**ECFE in the PARK!**

### FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

**2019 Dates & PARKS**  
 June 12 - LIBERTY ELEMENTARY  
 June 26 - WRIGHTS CROSSING  
 July 10 - HUDSON WOODS  
 July 24 - SHORES OF LAKE MITCHELL  
 Aug 7 - SANFORD SELECT ACRES  
 Aug 21 - LAKESIDE

**Join us this summer in the PARK!**  
 From 10:00 - 11:30 am  
 We will be touring local parks all summer long bringing all the fun of ECFE to you!  
 Register online: [www.biglakece.org](http://www.biglakece.org)

**Pack a picnic and stay and play!**  
Need a ride?  
Call Tri-Cap 888-768-6917

**We will provide:**

- projects
- music and movement
- stories
- community resources
- and more!

Plus, each family will go home with a new book and other surprises!

**For children ages Birth - 5 and their families!**

Cost = \$ FREE ☺  
 Registration is requested! Participants registered by May 1, 2019 will receive free ECFE in the Park "SWAG!"



Early Childhood: Phone: 763-262-3333 Email: [ecfe@biglakece.org](mailto:ecfe@biglakece.org) Web: [www.biglakece.org](http://www.biglakece.org) graphics © creative clips

## MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Big Lake Community Food Shelf** challenges Chamber members to help end hunger this month. The more donations they receive, the higher their grant from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless will be. Financial donations do go even further due to their buying power, as they can purchase food from food banks for pennies on the pound.



**Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** is offering bird tours on Saturdays, August 24th on Mahnomen Trail and August 31st on Blue Hill Trail from 8 am –10 am. A variety of fall migrants can be expected on this hike, along with hawks and eagles. Binoculars are available to borrow. Tours are led by Refuge Volunteers. For more information, contact the Refuge office at 763-389-3323, sherburne@fws.gov or [www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne).



Last month Lupulin Brewing Company announced their purchase of Hydra Beer Company of Sioux Falls, SD. After the install of their new state of the art 30 bbl brewhouse in April 2019, they partnered with Global Distributing, Inc. of Sioux Falls, SD to dis-



tribute Lupulin's lineup of award-winning beer throughout South Dakota. Acquiring Hydra Beer Company allows Lupulin to augment that distribution agreement and make a deeper connection with Sioux Falls and the greater South Dakota community.

As part of our involvement with GROW MINNESOTA 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 internships: <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, Wednesday, August 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

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day! 	5	6
7	8 OFFICE	9 CLOSED ALL	10 WEEK	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Block Party Committee noon @ McPete's	18 Business after Hours 5 pm @ Lupulin Brew- ing <a href="#">Register here</a>	19	20 Big Lake Lions Golf Tourna- ment 1 pm @ Elk River Golf Club
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Big Lake Library Community Mtg at 2:30			

**Mark Your Calendar!**

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 @



Wednesday, August 20 11:45-1: Lunch & Learn on Vulnerable Youth. Register [here](#)

Tuesday, August 27 at 11:45-1 Membership Meeting at Carefree Country Club. [Register here!](#)