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

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**GLORIA’S GEMS**

*What a successful Block Party last month!*

*We had four new activities this year, had more youth and families attend and received more lunch sales. Our net profit was \$6200, an 11% increase over last year. This helps keep our membership dues at a reasonable price.*

*I’m so grateful to all the sponsors, volunteers and our Block Party Committee members. And one of our major sponsors is Coborn’s who continues to provide us with all the hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, ice cream, condiments and paper supplies. Many thanks!*



**BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:**



“We’re happy to announce that we’ll have a store upgrade similar to our Elk River store in 2020,” exclaimed Coborn’s Manager Mitch Utecht.

Coborn’s started in 1921 in Sauk Rapids and now has 120 retail locations in the Midwest. They are employee-owned and have two generations of Coborns in corporate management.

The Big Lake store has 145 employees which climbs to 155 in the summer. They implemented an online pick-up service in which their customers can order their groceries items online between 10 am-9 pm and within two hours pick up their items.

In addition to being generous with the Chamber’s Block Party, Coborn’s provides cook-outs to non-profits and food to Big Lake Community Food Shelf.



Left: Asst. Manager Andrew Hamilton and Manager Mitch Utecht are excited about their new pick-up service and upcoming remodeling in 2020.



Right: Associate Amanda Froend helps customers with their pick-up orders.

**TWO NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE CHAMBER!**

The New Youth Center is a new non-profit organization committed to providing a safe and welcoming place for area youth. They intend to provide inclusive, innovative, and sustainable programs to positively impact youth, their families and the Big Lake community. Through reciprocal partnerships, their goal is to meet the needs of the body, mind, and spirit of the area youth. Check them out at <https://thewaveyc.org>.



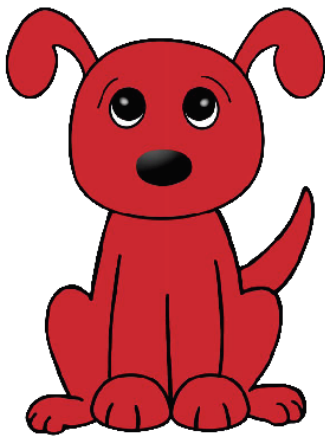
Owner Tim Peddycoart of Social Street Marketing is excited to offer digital marketing in the Big Lake area. This includes messenger marketing, local search engine optimization (SEO) and social media marketing. His website is <https://socialstreetmarketing.com>.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
**ECFE**  
**FAMILY EDUCATION**  
Big Lake Schools

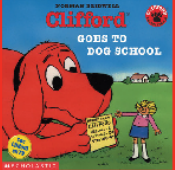
**open house**  
Saturday  
Sept 14, 2019  
10 am - 12 pm



[www.biglakechamber.com/ecce](http://www.biglakechamber.com/ecce)



Join us for a **FUN CLIFFORD** inspired morning full of activities featuring the beloved **BIG RED DOG** created by children's book author **Norman Bridwell**



- Meet the Teachers
- Explore the Classrooms
- Play & Create
- Book Giveaways
- Sign Up for Classes
- Make New Friends!

A **FREE EVENT** for children ages birth to five and their families at **Liberty Elementary ECCE**  
763-262-3233


Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge presents the 26th Annual **Wildlife Festival**

September 28, 2019  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Oak Savanna Learning Center  
16797 289th Ave NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398

**Come celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week and National Public Lands Day with us!**

Enjoy a fun-filled and family-friendly day of nature related activities including presentations by the Wildlife Science Center, interacting with a variety of live animals, becoming a "bat biologist", cleaning native prairie seed, exploring hands-on displays and booths, taking a horse drawn wagon ride, testing out your skills at the JAKES inflatable shooting range, and more! *Food is available for purchase from local food trucks.*

- Wildlife Science Center presents "Animals Nobody Loves" **11:00 am and 1:00 pm**
- Gary Moss "Meet the Artist" **11:30 am to 1:00 pm**
- Audubon Center of the North Woods Live Animal Booth **10:00 am to 3:00 pm**
- Horse Drawn Wagon Rides **10:00 am to 3:00 pm**
- Friends of Sherburne Silent Auction **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**
- Eagle's Nest Nature Store **10:00 am to 3:00 pm**



Visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/) or email [sherburne@fws.gov](mailto:sherburne@fws.gov) for more information.  
Refuge Headquarters Address: 17076 293rd Ave NW, Zimmerman, MN (Sherburne County Road 9, five miles west of Hwy. 169)  
Oak Savanna Learning Center Address: 16797 289th Ave NW, Zimmerman, MN (¼ mile west of Refuge Headquarters off Sherburne CR 9)  
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to these events for all participants. Please direct all requests for special accommodation to the Refuge Headquarters: 763-589-3323; [shb@fws.gov](mailto:shb@fws.gov); or TTY: 800-877-8339 at least two weeks prior to the event.



**RIBS N RIDES**  
  
**FOR THE RIBBON**

**4th Annual  
Backyard BBQ  
Cook-Off  
& Bike Rally**

**BRING THE FAMILY OUT FOR A FUN FILLED DAY OF BBQ, MUSIC, DOORPRIZES, SILENT AUCTION AND MORE!**

- COOKING TEAMS WANTED! (novice or experienced, everyone is welcome to compete!)
- CASH PAYOUTS AND TROPHYS—1st-3rd in RIBS, CHICKEN, and PEOPLES CHOICE
- BIKE RALLY 9AM- 3PM (\$20/person, INCLUDES A RIB KIT)
- SILENT AUCTION and DOOR PRIZES 1PM-4PM
- RIB KITS/TICKETS ON SALE 1PM – UNTIL GONE \$5 rib kits, \$2 each additional ticket
- PUBLIC RIB TASTING STARTS AT 3PM. CAST YOUR PEOPLES CHOICE VOTE FOR THE BEST RIBS
- COOK-OFF JUDGING STARTS AT 3PM, by LOCAL POLICE & FIRE
- FREE PARKING at LAKESIDE PARK with FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE to and from the event



**TOOTSIE'S LAKESIDE PUB**

**BIG LAKE, MN  
Saturday, Sept 28, 2019**



**Beyond the  
Yellow Ribbon  
Big Lake**

CONTACTS: [ribsnrides@yahoo.com](mailto:ribsnrides@yahoo.com)

Thad 763-286-5821 or Cassie 612-490-5528

**ALL  
PROCEEDS  
BENEFIT**



**Big Lake Schools 3rd Annual  
Youth Apprenticeship  
& Career Fair**



Thursday, September 19th 2019

Online Registration now open

<http://tinyurl.com/YACRegistration>



**Join the Youth Fair!**

Businesses are invited to host a table at the 3rd annual Youth Apprenticeship and Career Fair held on Thursday afternoon, September 19th. This event exposes the middle and high-school students to the many career options in today's market. Businesses are asked to educate students about what happens within their walls. What kinds of careers are available, the benefits of such career and the pathways to those careers. Businesses can bring signage, photo displays, brochures and promotional items (of course kids love freebies!) Power is also provided for those that need it for a monitor, or other exciting tech.

Explore options for students to get their hands working on controlling a robot, driving nails, wiring a switch or other projects. Deadline for business registration is Sept. 14th.

**New Wage Theft Law**

As of July 1, 2019, Minnesota employers are subject to criminal and civil sanctions for failure to timely pay all employees their wages when due.

While civil damages and penalties have long been available to unpaid employees, the new law adds criminal prosecution to the sanctions and creates a new written-notice requirement for all new hires.

Check the Minnesota Dept. of Labor and Industry website for more information, and call Smith, Paulson, O'Donnell & Erickson at 763-295-2107 if you desire any assistance.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Untapped Workforce:  
Keeping Older Workers  
in the Labor Force**

October 4, 2019

River City Extreme  
3875 School Blvd.  
Monticello, MN

8:30 am-2:00 pm

*Due in part to a grant from the Initiative Foundation and a generous private donation, there is no charge for this event.*

*A continental breakfast and lunch are included, but seating is limited. Your RSVP is very important.*

RSVP to Lori Kampa ■ [lkampa@cmjts.org](mailto:lkampa@cmjts.org)

Hear professionals from DEED, Central Minnesota Council on Aging, National Social Security Association, and Quinlivan & Hughes attorneys at law as they provide referrals and resources to maintain older workers in your labor force.

Luke Greiner, DEED  
Labor Market Information

Mary Bauer, Central Minnesota Council on Aging  
Breaking the Myths of Older Workers

Roger Strege, Social Security Advisor through the National Social Security Association  
Social Security and Medicare

Melinda Gau, Quinlivan & Hughes, P.A.  
Moving Beyond Compliance - tips on creating a workplace that embraces older workers

Panel of Experts  
Local employers that hire and employ older workers along with an employment law attorney.



Hosted by the Region 3 Leadership and Planning Board, Career Solutions, and Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc. Workforce Development Board, and CareerForce.

Upon request, this information can be made available in alternative formats by calling 800-284-7425. Equal Opportunity Employer and Program Provider

## NEW TEACHER & STAFF WELCOME BAGS

Eighteen businesses and non-profit Chambers members donated items such as glasses, pens, notepads, pencils, can koozies, free drink, free service, USB charger, brochures, post-its and reusable cloth bags.

Businesses who contributed items for the welcome bags included Anytime Fitness, Becker Spine, Big Lake Area Vet Hospital, Big Lake Public Library, Boy Scouts, Cabot Lodge Securities, CentraCare-Big Lake & Monticello, City of Big Lake, DATASuccess, Freedom Strategy, Lupulin Brewing, Majestic Creations, Monticello Printing, Riverwood Bank, Sherburne County Area United Way, The Bank of Elk River, Wright Technical School and Wright Sherburne Realty.



In the picture above, Chamber Chair Tim Suchy of Edward Jones (right) welcomes all the teachers and encourages them to use the Chamber website for a list of local reputable businesses for their needs. The yellow welcome bags are behind him and Chamber Vice-Chair and Superintendent Steve Westerberg is next to him.



## Events



### Friends of the Big Lake Library

Support your local library, join the Friends of the Big Lake Library group. The Friends contribute money from fundraising to support the programs and events at the Big Lake Library, as well as advocate for the library in the Big Lake community. Mon, Sept. 9 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### Storytime

Children, with a favorite adult, enjoy books, songs, rhymes and movement activities while building language and early literacy skills through reading, singing, talking and playing. Cor ages 2+. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library Every Friday 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

### Crafty Adults Group

Do you have a hobby that you like but are tired of practicing alone? Bring your unfinished knitting, crochet, needlepoint, coloring, suduko, crossword puzzles, scrapbooking to the library. Join quiet conversation while enjoying your favorite hobby. For adults and seniors. Limit 20.

Wednesday, Sept. 11 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

### Paper Mosaic

Get out your scissors and glue! Participants will learn how to use paper and objects to create fun, professional looking, high quality mosaics that will last through the ages. Basic techniques, design and use of finished mosaics will be discussed. Each student will make and take home a 5" x 7" mosaic suitable for framing. All materials will be provided. For ages 16 to adult. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Monday, Sept. 23 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

### Felting with Stacy

Create a fun fall creation for your home or as a gift. For ages teen and adults. Limit 20. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Monday, Sept 30 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.




*Explore  
infinity  
and beyond  
at your  
library!*

**September is  
LIBRARY CARD  
SIGN-UP MONTH!**



*Big Lake*  
**Chamber**  
of Commerce & Industry

SEPTEMBER

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At 5 PM

**SEPTEMBER 24th MEMBERSHIP MEETING**



Join us for next membership meeting on Tuesday, September 24 starting at 5 pm at Russell's on the Lake.

Kevin Thompson, owner of DATA Success will speak on "Windows 7: the End of an Era." His presentation will focus on the retirement of the Windows 7 operating system by Microsoft, what that means if you continue to use Windows 7 after January 14, 2020, and how to evaluate your systems for upgrade or replacement.



Please note change of time: registration is at 5 pm for social time, dinner at 5:30 and presentation at 6 pm. Members and guests will have choice of 8 oz. top sirloin steak, 1/2 rack of BBQ ribs or broiled walleye with baked potato salad bar, tips and taxes for \$20. Salad bar alone will be \$15 which includes tip and taxes.

Spouses and administrative or support staff are encouraged to attend! Please RSVP by Sept 19 [here](#).

**BOWLERS**  
**FALL/WINTER LEAGUES**  
**NOW FORMING**  
**Mens - Womens - Co-Ed**  
**Junior Leagues**  
**Leagues for All Ages & Abilities**

**WINTER DART**  
**POOL LEAGUES**  
**In House & Traveling**  
**Leagues Available**

*McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes*

**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.


**Business After Hours & Networking Prize Drawing**


In addition to great networking, September's Business After Hours on **Thursday, September 19th starting at 5 pm** at **Hideout Restaurant** 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 September 24th Membership Meeting at Russell's. 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**

October 17 - El Loro

November 21 - Russell's On the Lake



**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!

Runtime: 130 minutes, Rated: PG

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

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



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**Chamber**  
of Commerce & Industry



**PURCHASE TICKETS**

*Save  
the Date*

**OCTOBER 12  
STARTS AT 5  
TICKETS \$50**  
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION  
MONTICELLO COMMUNITY CENTER



For more information or to purchase tickets, go to  
<https://riversofhope.org>



## FAMILY FUN FEST

**LIBERTY ELEMENTARY**

**FREE** all are welcome  
5:00 to **OCTOBER 4**  
7:00 PM

**FREE RESOURCE FAIR**

ART costumes PRIZES games  
encouraged friends face  
ACTIVITIES snacks painting

**SPONSORED BY**



**Big Lake Community Education**



**EARLY CHILDHOOD ECFE**





## Leaving Your Employer? Understand Your 401(k) Options.

At Edward Jones, we can explain options for your 401(k), including leaving the money in your former employer's plan, moving it to your new employer's plan, rolling it over to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or cashing out the account subject to tax consequences.

To learn more, call today.



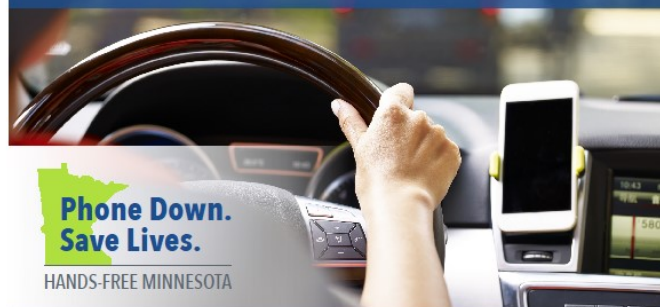
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## HANDS-FREE HOW TO FOR EMPLOYERS



**Phone Down.  
Save Lives.**

HANDS-FREE MINNESOTA

**Does the new law apply to my employees?**

- ▶ **Yes, for all drivers – anytime – anywhere.**  
Use voice commands or single-touch activation to make calls, text, listen to music, and get directions.

**Should my organization update our traffic policy?**

- ▶ **Yes. ALL employees must use their phones in a hands-free, one-touch manner.**
- Develop and communicate clear rules and regulations on the use of mobile phones.
- As an employer, you can be stricter than the law with your policy.

**Can my employees use their phones while driving?**

- ▶ **Yes, but only hands-free or one-touch activation mode.**

**Can my employees use their phones for GPS?**

- ▶ **Yes.**
- One-touch or voice-activated mode.
- NO typing or scrolling while driving or part of traffic.

**Does it matter if the phones are company issued or personal?**

- ▶ **No. The law is hands-free regardless who owns the phone.**

**Does the new law effect Commercial Vehicle Drivers?**

- ▶ **No. The law remains the same for CMV drivers.**
- Hands-free.
- One touch.

**Can my employees use their phone in an emergency?**

- ▶ **Yes. Hands-free or hand-held when there is an immediate threat to life and safety.**

**How can I make employees' phones hands-free compatible?**

- Employees can use a single earphone that has a microphone.
- Pair their phone to their current Bluetooth system.
- Use an auxiliary cable to connect to their phone's earphone jack to the vehicle's car AUX jack.
- If the vehicle has a cassette player, purchase an adapter that fits into the cassette player.
- Provide holders that clip to the dash, vent or cup holder to make phone use hands-free.



**MINNESOTA SAFETY COUNCIL**  
Chapter of The National Safety Council



## MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CentraCare – Monticello welcomes General Surgeons Jolene Singh, MD and Jason Glenn, MD

CentraCare – Monticello is proud to welcome Jolene Singh, MD, Jason Glenn, MD and the entire CentraCare General Surgery team. Dr. Singh and Dr. Glenn see patients at the CentraCare - Monticello Specialty Clinic and will provide general surgery care at CentraCare – Monticello and the Monticello Surgery Center.



Dr. Singh graduated from the University of North Dakota Medical School and served her residency at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. Her clinical areas of interest include breast and anorectal procedures, laparoscopic surgery, endocrine surgery, pediatric surgery and trauma.



Dr. Glenn graduated from Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C. and served his residency at Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He completed an endocrine surgery fellowship at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Dr. Glenn currently holds the rank of captain in the US Army Reserves Medical Corps. He has published numerous journal articles and book chapters on benign and malignant conditions of the thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal glands. Dr. Glenn's additional clinical interests include minimally invasive abdominal surgery and advanced hernia reconstruction.



**Lupulin Brewing** through its Pours for a Purpose is donated \$1 for every beer on Thursdays in September to our newest non-profit member, The Wave Youth Center.



**Lupulin** is also hosting a Ribtober Fest for **Big Lake Community Food Shelf** on Saturday, October 5th.



### Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is offering Wildflower Tour

Saturday, September 14, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Oak Savanna Learning Center

Meet your guides, Refuge Volunteers Robin DeLong and Mitch Elness, at the Oak Savanna Learning Center (16797 289th Ave NW. Zimmerman, MN 55398) located approximately 5 miles west of Highway 169 off of Sherburne County Road 9. The tours will be structured as a car caravan and will stop at several different locations throughout the refuge. Visitors are encouraged to bring binoculars, camera, field guides, water, a snack, and wear clothing and shoes appropriate for the weather and terrain. Pre-registration is requested but not required by calling the Refuge Headquarters at 763-389-3323 or emailing [sherburne@fws.gov](mailto:sherburne@fws.gov) or visit the refuge website at [www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/).



**Boy Scouts** are holding a **“Shoot Out for Scouts”** on Friday, Sept 13th from noon-5 pm at Wild Marsh Sporting Clays. Great course, prizes and silent auction. Contact Bill Blackhurst for more information at [wblack2000@yahoo.com](mailto:wblack2000@yahoo.com).



## 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, Sept. 25th. 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. LABOR DAY!	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board 12:30 City Chambers	11 Ambassadors 11:30 at Friendly Buffalo Grow MN Visits 1-3 pm. Call office for visit	12	13	14
15	16 Grow MN Visits 10-noon. Call office for visit! Marketing Chamber members 1:30 at City Hall Lg Conf Room	17	18	19 Business after Hours 5 pm @ Hideout Restaurant <a href="#">Register here</a>	20	21
22	23	24 Membership Mtg 5 pm @ Russell's. Note change of time. <a href="#">Register here</a>	25	26	27	28
29	30 OFFICE CLOSED	10/1 OFFICE CLOSED	10/2 OFFICE CLOSED	10/3 OFFICE CLOSED	10/4 OFFICE CLOSED	

**Mark Your Calendar!**

Thursday, Oct. 17 at 5 pm: Business after Hours at Hideout Restaurant. [Register here!](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 11:45-1 pm: Membership Meeting at Saron Lutheran Church.

Friday, December 13 at 6 pm: Holiday Party at Carousell Works.