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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

Arconic’s team was very impressive during their open house. Their employees ensure that the products they produce meet the high standards of their customers.

They hired a youth apprentice from BLHS, Gavin Swinehart who is working in engineering, quality control, machining and maintenance, one of the first in the nation! This photo includes Arconic’s Janelle Moll and Andrea Barrett with Gavin and his dad at BLHS signing day on Tuesday!

Thanks for being a Chamber member and part of our Big Lake Community!



MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

Last month Arconic celebrated Manufacturing Month with MFG Day event targeting high school and technical college students.

Arconic has been manufacturing products for aerospace and defense for 70 years at their 22-acre plant in Big Lake.

Working with aluminum, their 130 employees have built fuel pumps, parts for radar systems, airplanes, missiles and satellite systems.

Lower left photo: Options Executive Director Brenda Geldert, Arconic Machinist Steve Lyness, City of Big Lake Mayor Mike Wallen, Arconic HR Manager Janelle Moll and HR Generalist Andrea Barrett at Arconic’s MFG Day event during Manufacturing Month.

Lower right: JC’s U Lock Storage owner and Sherburne County Commissioner Raeanne Danielowski’s height is measured with a calibrated laser by Arconic Quality Rep Chris Lehse.



NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE CHAMBER!

The Chamber welcomes two new members this month:

Citizens for Big Lake Freedom Rock

This grassroots citizens group is committed to bringing a freedom rock to Big Lake as a tribute to area veterans. An artist from Iowa will create an 8'x10' mural on a rock placed in Jefferson Square Park/ Veterans Memorial Park south of City Hall. All donations are directed to City of Big Lake-Freedom Rock. Karen Blake and Linda Paulson lead this group. Here is a [link](#) to their FB page.

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**CHAMBER CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING
AT BROWNS PARK**

December 2019

\$80 fee includes, tree, stand, electrical fees and hook-up and recognition sign as well as removal and disposal of your tree.

Sponsors will be responsible for providing their own lights and decorations.
Only LED lights will be allowed.

For more information or register by Nov 15th call 763-263-7800, info@biglakechamber.com OR www.biglakechamber.com/events/Details/christmas-tree-decorating




CITY OF BIG LAKE PRESENTS...

2019 HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

1st Place: \$50 Gift Card to Lake Liquors
2nd Place: Lakeside Park Pass and City Swag
Judging Held Between December 12 - 19, 2019
Winners announced on December 20, 2019 on the City Facebook Page and at www.biglakemn.org

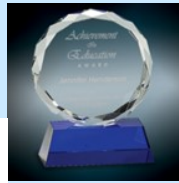
- **OUTDOOR DISPLAYS ONLY**
- **OPEN TO ANY RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS LOCATED WITHIN BIG LAKE CITY BOUNDARIES**
- **FIRST PLACE WINNERS CANNOT WIN A PRIZE MORE THAN ONE CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN A ROW**
- **MUST REGISTER FOR CONTEST BY TURNING IN BELOW REGISTRATION TO CITY HALL (160 LAKE ST. N, BIG LAKE, MN 55309) OR BY EMAILING FORM TO CSCOTT@BIGLAKEMN.ORG BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019**

Contact Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

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

Signature

Date



VOTE FOR THE 2019 MEMBER OF THE YEAR WINNER

Five Chamber members have been nominated by their peers as deserving to receive the Chamber's first annual Member of the Year award, sponsored by Cabot Lodge Securities--Paul Knier.



--PAUL KNIER

The nominations with the reasons given for the nomination are:

1. **Big Lake Legacy Foundation:** *"Reason: their contribution to Music in the Park"*



2. **Great River Spine & Sport-Dr. Scott Schulz:** *"Dr. Scott has been Chair of the Big Lake Chamber Board of Directors for two years starting in 2014 to 2015 and again 2015 to 2016. He has been a board member for the past 5 years. Dr. Scott and Great River Spine & Sport has been active in many of the activities in volunteering and sponsoring events, since they became members back in 2007. They provide massages at many of the events. Dr. Scott was Chair of this past year's first annual Chamber golf outing. It was very successful and was well organized. Dr. Scott was key in the beginning and the continued support of the Chamber Christmas Tree decorating program. Dr. Scott/Great River Spine & Sport do not stop here as they are involved in other community activities that support Big Lake and the surrounding area."*



3. **McPete's--Eric Peterson** (received 2 nominations): *"This member is deserving because their generosity and dedication to the community with donating time and energy, hosting and supporting so many different groups and causes in the Big Lake area. They have sponsored the Big Lake Block Party for the last nine years."*



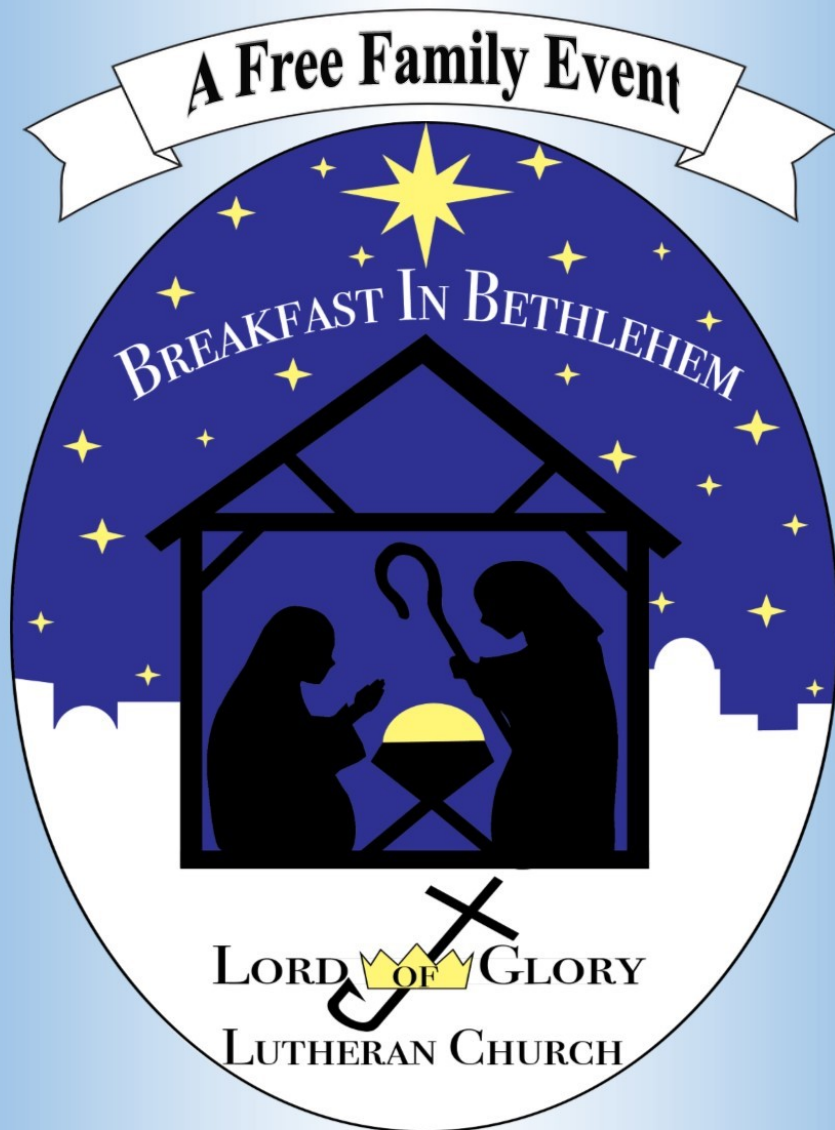
4. **Options Inc:** *"Options, Inc has stepped up over the past few years to attend and support Chamber events large and small through donations, volunteering for committees and being present consistently. I believe they are a wonderful representation of innovation and growth for Big Lake as a community and the Chamber membership all around."*



5. **Old National Bank:** *"The representatives from Old National Bank have been very involved in the community events. I can think of a number of occasions where they have sent representation when very few others did. They're willing to lend their talents to an event to help make it great. In short--they show up!"*



Please email your selection to info@biglakechamber.com by Nov 20th. The winner of the 2019 Member of the Year will be announced at our December 12th Holiday Social. Plan to join us for a great evening!



Saturday, December 7 | 9:00am—Noon

**Free Breakfast | Nativity Scene Gallery | Kids Kazoo Revue
Keepsake Ornament Craft | Stable Sweets Bake Shoppe
Tie Blanket Service Project | Bethlehem Boutique**



15550-190th Ave NW, Elk River (*Intersection of Hwy 10 & CR 15*)
Find us on Facebook at Lord of Glory Lutheran Church under events or
www.lordofglorylutheran.org



November Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 26 at 11:45 at Lupulin Brewing

Join us for our annual membership meeting. [Register here!](#)

Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Committee Updates
- III. Introductions
- IV. Bylaws changes and Board of Directors voting (see details on next page)
- V. Speaker: Regional Analyst for central and southwestern MN Luke Greiner of Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) will speak on "Who will be your future employees?" and share labor force trends in Sherburne County and our region that will impact your employee recruitment efforts.
- VI. Closing Remarks



HERO HAZY IPA



Style: Hazy IPA

8.18% ABV	66 IBU	6 SRM
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Packaging: 4-pack 16 oz cans
1/6 bbl & 1/2 bbl kegs

Hops: Citra, Mosaic, Manderina Bavaria, Eldorado

Malts: 2-row Barley, Flaked Barley, Spitz Malt

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HERO Hazy IPA is all about friendship, awareness and never surrendering to the fight against cancer. So, become aware, get tested, and live longer. The inspiration behind this beer, is our late hero Jonathan Zierdt, close friend to Mankato Brewery founder and the brother to Lupulin Brewing co-founder who passed away in March. A portion of the proceeds and donations will go to the Jonathan Zierdt Cancer Fund, a donor advised fund of the Mankato Area Foundation.



ZIMMERMAN MN
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Doors Open at 11 AM

*Coach
Bingo* @ the Friendly Buffalo



Games Start at 1:30

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6 FACES FOR EACH GAME

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VOTE FOR NEW BOARD DIRECTORS & BYLAWS CHANGES

VOTE ON OR BEFORE CHAMBER'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, November 26 at 11:45 am at Lupulin Brewing

There are three (3) seats available on the BLCCI Board of Directors. Directors are elected annually by the membership to serve a three-year term beginning in January.

Board of Directors has approved Bylaw changes identified below. Each ballot/proxy must be completed by the official voting representative or primary contact for each member business. Ballots/Proxies must be completed, signed, and submitted via email, mail, or in person to the Chamber office by the deadline to qualify as a valid ballot/proxy form. Email: info@biglakechamber.com. Mailing Address: PO Box 241 Big Lake, MN 55309

Please complete and return this ballot/proxy form by November 26th or attend the membership meeting at Lupulin Brewing. Twenty-five percent of the members (31) need to be at the annual meeting or appoint a proxy to approve directors and two-thirds of the members (84) need to approve the Bylaws changes.

2020 Big Lake Chamber Board of Directors Candidate Bios

Name: Hanna Klimmek

Business Name: City of Big Lake

Hanna is the Community Development Director for the City of Big Lake. Hanna has completed her first three-year term on the Chamber Board and has served as secretary all three years. She is an Ambassador and has served on other Chamber committees.

Name: Monica Parrish

Business Name: Bullseye Properties

Monica is a Property Manager at Bullseye Properties, with 15 years of leadership experience in the industry. Her previous work included advertising sales for a newspaper. She became a member of the Ambassadors this summer. She enjoys living and working in Big Lake.

Name: Cory Laugen

Business Name: State Farm

Cory started working at State Farm in 2009 upon graduating Bethel University. He moved to Big Lake and started his own State Farm Agency in November of 2012. He looks forward to getting more involved with the community and finding ways for his business to give back to better our City of Big Lake.

Please Vote for Three (3)

_____ Hanna Klimmek

_____ (write-in)

_____ Monica Parrish

_____ (write-in)

_____ Cory Laugen

I approve the By-laws changes from 2017.

Business Name: _____

Voting Delegate Name: _____

Voting Delegate Signature: _____

By signing this ballot, I designate the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer to serve as my proxy at the annual membership meeting on November 26 at 11:45 at Lupulin Brewing, if I am unable to attend.

Proposed By-Laws Changes from 2017 *(additions in italics)*

Article II Membership. Section 2 Honorary. Distinction in public affairs shall confer eligibility to honorary membership. Any person, partnership, association, governmental unit or corporation restricted from paying Chamber dues per state statute is eligible to be an honorary member upon confirmation of the Board, which may be done at any meeting thereof. The Board may decide criteria for honorary membership on a case-by-case basis. Honorary members will have all the privileges of members. Honorary members will be exempt from payment of dues. The Board of Directors will confer or revoke honorary membership by a majority vote.

Article II Section 3 Non-Profit ...*(Example: Boy Scouts)*

Article III. Membership Meetings E. Quorum. Attendance by twenty-five (25%) of the regular membership of the Chamber *A majority of those members attending the meeting in person, by proxy or voting by email* at the call-to-order of the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Article IV Board of Directors Section 1C.... No Director may serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms. After a period on one (1) year after expiration of the second full term any past Director may be eligible for re-election.

Article IV Board of Directors Section 2D Board Meetings Quorum- Attendance by a *2/3 majority* of Directors.....


Article V. Officers 1B. Vice Chairperson of the Board....The Vice-Chairperson of the Board should be the Chairperson of the Board-elect.

Article VI. Titles and Duties - Standing Committees

Article VII.5. Annual Audits *Financial Reviews*. The accounts of the Chamber shall be audited *reviewed* annually, as of the close of business on December 31st. The audit *financial review* shall at all times be available to members of the organization within the offices of the Chamber.

Article IX. Amendments B. Any proposed amendment(s) to the Bylaws presented by the Board should be effective upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) *the majority* of the voting members of the Chamber *at the meeting* in person or by written proxy *or email*, submitted....

NEW PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY

The Big Lake logo is a small blue and white icon of a lake and sun, with the words "Big Lake" in a blue sans-serif font below it.

Big Lake City Clerk Gina Wolbeck indicates that Minnesota will have a presidential nomination primary (PNP) on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 7 am-8 pm due to 2018 Law. This is in addition to the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11th and General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

According to Wolbeck, the purpose of the PNP is for voters in the State of MN who identify with a major political party to vote for a presidential candidate who they wish for their party to nominate as the candidate on the November state general election ballot.

This nominating primary replaces the “preferential polls” aka “Straw polls” that were previously conducted at party caucus meetings. Caucuses will still be held for statewide and federal representative nominations. The PNP voter must request the ballot of the party for whose candidate the individual wishes to vote.

Wolbeck notes that Minnesota now has four Major Political Parties and there will be four different ballots at each precinct:

1. (D) Democrat Party
2. (R) Republican Party
3. (GLC) Grassroots Legalize Cannabis Party
4. (LMN) Legalize Marijuana Now Party

There will only be the one office (President) on the ballot and it will be one name only (not a team). The choice of major party ballot is private, except that it will be shared with the chairs of the major parties after voting history has been entered into the State system for the election.

VALUE OF MANUFACTURING



President Doug Loon of Minnesota Chamber of Commerce reports that Minnesota manufacturers are a resourceful, innovative and resilient group. Their collective value to our state’s economic vitality cannot be overemphasized.

Statistics compiled by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development:

- Manufacturing represents 322,000 jobs statewide – 13% of all private-sector jobs.
- The average manufacturing job supports another 3.24 jobs in other segments of the economy.
- Manufacturing added \$52.7 billion to the state’s economy in 2018, representing the second largest contribution to the state’s gross domestic product by an industry.
- Across the state, manufacturing accounts for between 8% and 21% of total employments, depending on the region.

Manufacturing is a critical backbone of our state’s economy.

In 2015, 80% percent of businesses that exported had increased sales compared to 69% of those who did not export. In visits thus far this year, the difference is 79% to 65%. Manufacturers are six times more likely to export. In 2015, 61% of manufacturers exported compared to 13% of companies in other sectors. The respective numbers for 2019 are 60% and 9%.

BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS



Several of our Chamber members are participating in BLHS Youth Apprenticeship Program signing day on Tuesday, Nov. 5th.



Guardian Angels has 2 apprenticeships. Administrator Dean McDevitt and Director of Nursing Jennifer Schriefels welcome Maisey Peterson on the left photo and Cameron Deckard on the right with mom Melissa Peterson.



Big Lake Area Veterinary Hospital Sarah Chadwick welcomes Kierra Buckhouse. Kierra is working as a vet tech but plans to be a veterinarian.



Events



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Preschool 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. Craft project included. For ages 2+. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.
Every Friday, except Nov. 29 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Tween/Teens Snap Circuits: Come for some STEM fun. Create an array of circuits that run radios, make fans fly and more. All supplies provided. For ages 12 and up. Limit 10. Registration required.
Wednesday, Nov. 20 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

ADULT EVENTS

Crafty Adults Group: Bring your unfinished knitting, crochet, needlepoint, coloring, sudoku, crossword puzzles, scrapbooking to the library. Join a set of like-minded people who are looking for quiet conversation while enjoying their favorite hobby. For adults and seniors. Limit 20.
Wednesday, Nov. 13 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Adult Winter Craft: Create a new holiday craft for your home or to give as a gift. Limit 15. Reg. is required. Sponsored by Friends of the BL Library.
Monday, Nov. 25 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

FAMILY EVENTS

International Games Week: Reconnect around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games. Games will be provided at the library tables. Bring the whole family or friends for a fun night out.
Monday, Nov. 4 to Saturday, Nov 9 During library open hours.

Turkey Bingo/Craft
Win prizes playing Turkey Bingo and make a fun craft to decorate your Thanksgiving table. For ages 5 and up. Limit 20. Reg. is required. Sponsored by Friends of the Big Lake Library
Thursday, Nov. 14 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Arconic's apprenticeship is featured on page 1.



Sherburne History Center is seeking donations for new computers. Donate [here!](#)

CHAMBER'S HOLIDAY SOCIAL






Join us for a great time at our Holiday Social on Thursday, Dec. 12th at 6 pm at Caroussel Works.



Big Lake High School Chamber Choir will again perform for us. We will have silent auction, wrapped gift auction and wall of wine and spirits. Donations should be brought to the Chamber office by Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 10th. [Register here!](#)

Please consider donating:

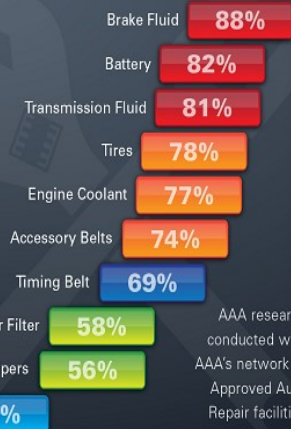
- * Item for Silent Auction 
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Business After Hours & Networking Prize Drawing


In addition to great networking, November's Business After Hours on **Thursday, November 21st starting at 5 pm at Russell's on the Lake** 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 November 26th Annual Membership Meeting at Lupulin Brewing. 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  at \$35

 \$25 gift certificate

1/2 hour massage at 

\$30 Gift Card at 

Monticello Printing \$30 towards printing

 \$25 gift card



Happy Thanksgiving
We thank you for the opportunity to work together and for making us feel at home in our community.

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WANTED: A used camera with zoom and lighting capabilities. Email details to info@biglakechamber.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 Monday, Nov. 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!



MN Chamber's Annual Meeting on November 21

Big Lake Chamber members are invited to attend the Minnesota Chamber Annual Meeting on November 21st in Bloomington. The lunch program will feature Jonah Stillman of Gen Z Guru, who as a 20-year-old entrepreneur has gained national attention for his ability to make connections for employers with the next generation of workers. **Jonah will discuss the seven traits of Generation Z employees and how their attitudes about work, money and life are influencing the workplace.** Business owners from throughout the state will share their stories of success and what stands in the way of growth.

[Register here!](#)

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3	4	5	6	7 Member/Prospects Visits 11-1 pm. Call office for visit!	8	9
10	11  OFFICE CLOSED	12 Board 12:30 City Chambers Community Fair Mtg 1:45 City Hall Lg Conf Room	13 Ambassadors 11:30 at Friendly Buffalo Member/Prospects Visits 1-3 pm. Call for visit!	14	15	16
17	18 Holiday Social Mtg 11 am at City Lg Conf. Room	19 Member/Prospects Visits 10-noon. Call office for visit!	20 Golf Committee noon @ Trails	21 Member/Prospects Visits 10-noon. Call office for visit! Business after Hours 5 pm @ Russell's Register here	22	23
24	25	26 Membership Annual Mtg 11:45 am @ Lupulin Register here	27	28  OFFICE	29 CLOSED	30

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, December 12 at 6 pm: Holiday Party at Carousell Works. Note change of day. [Register here!](#)