

Mission Statement

“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



One of the best parts of being an Executive Director is the opportunity to get to know the many volunteers that are committed to improving Big Lake and our Chamber.

Ken Geroux is thoughtful and often challenges one’s assumptions or ideas. He is willing to take time, energy and resources to “get things done”. He is a member of the Big Lake Economic Development Authority and volunteers at non-profits. Ken is a valuable asset to Big Lake and I thank him for his service.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

Ken Geroux Construction has been around nearly as long as the Big Lake Chamber--31 years. Ken started his career in concrete, then worked for another construction company before venturing on his own.

“I truly enjoy the variety of work we do,” noted Ken. “ We are full-service: we design to build, remodel and do smaller projects like doors and windows. I’ve spent a lot of time at city halls with the permitting processes but it’s a good feeling to get it done right.”

Ken Geroux Construction has 5 employees and is extensively involved in the community, donating time and resources to many organizations. For the Chamber, Ken recently completed serving on the Board for 5.5 years and on the Chamber’s Finance Committee. He also picked up and installed trees at Browns’ Park these past 4

years for the Chamber’s Christmas Tree decorating, often during the coldest and windiest days!

“I think every business should be a member of the Chamber,” Ken concluded. “And they should be also be active and volunteer when they can.”



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

The Golf Committee is seeking golfers for the 2nd Annual Golf Scramble on Thursday, September 17th from 10-5:30 pm at the Monticello Country Club. The schedule is listed in the flyer below.

“We have room for 2 more Classic Hole Sponsors”, noted Golf Committee Chair Dr. Scott Schulz of Great River Spine & Sport. “We also need items for our silent auction items, door prizes and to fill bags for our 72 golfers by Sept. 15th to make it a great day!”

New this year is a Hole In One prize of a Buick Encore GX from West Metro in addition to another \$20,000 Hole in One prize sponsored by Insurance Specialists Team (IST).

The Business Development Team of Old National Bank is catering dinner by Von Hanson’s Meats. Master Sponsor Liberty Bank wasn’t able to get a team of golfers together so their team will be played by some of the BLHS boys golf team.

Other Master Sponsors include Cargill, Edward Jones, Minnco Credit Union, Minnesota Limited, Monticello Country Club, Sherburne State Bank and West Metro Buick GMC.

Dahlheimer Beverage is sponsoring the beverage cart, Northstar Technology the party cart and CenterPoint Energy the driving range. Classic or hole sponsors include Big Lake Lions, Cabot Lodge Securities, CenterPoint Energy, Connexus, DATA Success, Foster White Insurance, Great River Spine & Sport, Lakes Liquor, Old National Bank, Park Dental and Russell’s on the Lake.

Angell’s Construction is sponsoring the tent and Van Hanson’s Meats is providing pretzel snacks. Phillips Wine & Spirits is providing a free drink during social hour. One of our newest members Guardian Garments is providing bags for the golfers.

In addition to Schulz, Committee members include Paul Knier of Cabot Lodge Securities, Hanna Klimmek of City of Big Lake, Tim Suchy of Edward Jones, Julie Evans of Insurance Specialists Team (IST), Jon Swanson of Minnco Credit Union and Karah Hawkinson of Sherburne History Center. For more information, contact any Committee member, email the Chamber office or register to golf [here!](http://www.biglakechamber.com/golf-scramble)

2nd Annual GOLF SCRAMBLE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 FROM 10-5:30 PM

MONTICELLO COUNTRY CLUB
1209 GOLF COURSE RD, MONTICELLO MN

GOLFERS

Enjoy games such as Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Ball Toss, Mulligans, Putting String, & “Ace in the Hole”

HOLE IN ONE PRIZES:  **WEST METRO Buick Encore GX**

\$20,000 sponsored by  **IST**

DINNER sponsored by  **OLD NATIONAL BANK** -Business Development Team

Beverage Cart Sponsored by 

Social Hour FREE drink sponsored by 

Team Prizes

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

Master Sponsors:  **Cargill**  **Edward Jones**  **Liberty Bank**

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Individual golfers or TEAMS welcome!
\$90 or \$360 per team of 4
info@biglakechamber.com
Register at www.biglakechamber.com/golf-scramble

SCHEDULE

10 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

11am Shotgun Start

3:00 pm Social Hour

4:00 pm Awards Dinner

CLASSIC SPONSORS

Angell’s Construction
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Old National Bank
Park Dental
Von Hanson’s Meats




Don't Miss the Kick Off Event for Big Lake's

★ **FREEDOM ROCK**® ★

Come watch the Giant Crane
set Big Lake's 40-ton
Freedom Rock®
into Lakeside Park



Saturday, September 19

The **Freedom Rock**® story began as one man's inspiration to say "Thank You" to Veterans who have served our country. In 1999, Ray "Bubba" Sorensen an internationally known artist, painted the original **Freedom Rock**® near Menlo, Iowa. He has now launched his **50 State Freedom Rock**® Tour, with the goal to put one in every state. He is scheduled to paint Big Lake's **Freedom Rock**® in 2021. Help us do this – purchase a tribute paver – *Honor a Veteran!*



Check your local papers: *The Patriot* and *The Monticello Times* and <http://www.biglakemn.org/DocumentCenter/View/3025/Freedom-Rock-Updated> for the exact timing of the event.

Like and follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/biglakefreedomrock>

Questions? Contact Karen Blake – blakk0178@gmail.com or 763-234-0369

COMMUNITY GUIDE COMING IN DECEMBER!

The Chamber Board selected Monticello Times to print our 2020-21 issue of Big Lake Community Guide, which will be out in December. All active members of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry will be listed along with great articles and information about local services.

Advertising opportunities are now available. Check out the ad below and contact Sue at 763-271-6478 or email her at sue.emberland@apgecm.com.

DON'T MISS OUT!



ON THE **2020-21**
BIG LAKE CHAMBER
COMMUNITY GUIDE

The Monticello Times in cooperation with the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce will be publishing the Big Lake Community Guide

DECEMBER 10, 2020

This admired magazine will feature local community events, business, parks, city map and editorials, with distribution in the Big Lake area.

CONTACT OUR OFFICE TODAY!
DEADLINE NOVEMBER 2

Guide will be available online at monticellotimes.com and biglakechamber.com

ADVERTISING INFORMATION:


1/8 PAGE..... \$199 <small>(3.403" x 2.333")</small>	1/2 PAGE..... \$450 <small>(3.403" x 10" or 7" x 4.833")</small>	INSIDE COVER..... \$899 <small>BACK OR FRONT</small>
1/4 PAGE..... \$295 <small>(3.403" x 4.833")</small>	FULL PAGE... \$750 <small>(7" x 10")</small>	BACK COVER..... \$949

For space reservations and layout assistance, contact:


SUE EMBERLAND

2020 MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Chamber Ambassadors and the Board are accepting nominations for the 2020 Member of the Year award. Cabot Lodge Securities is again willing to sponsor the award along with dinner tickets for 2 at our December 3rd Holiday Social. Below is the award criteria, deadline and requested information.



First Annual
MEMBER of the Year Award



Nominations from Chamber members are due Wednesday, Oct 28th at the Chamber office or emailed to info@biglakechamber.com. Voting by Chamber members will occur in November.

Criteria

- Owner(s) and/or staff volunteer or support community organizations
- Is a Chamber member in good standing.

Nomination:

Please nominate your Chamber member by responding to these two questions:

- I would like to nominate _____.
- This member is deserving of the Member of the Year Award because (please include comments about your nominee's initiative, innovation, leadership, growth and/or staff motivation): _____



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Women In Technology Webinar
September 10 | 11:30 AM-1:00 PM



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Sovran is providing you the unique opportunity to hear from and ask questions of three amazing Midwestern women in the technology field:

Amanda Downs | Microsoft
Diana Rehnberg | Travelers
Suzette Allaire | Maslon, LLP

Join us Thursday, Sept. 10, from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM on Microsoft Teams.

See All Webinars For The Rest Of 2020!

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YOUR VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH



September is **Workforce Awareness Month**. DEED released the top 30 jobs in demand by Minnesota employers. Check it out [here!](#)

DEED reports that our state's unemployment rate as of July is at 7.7%, down more than two percentage points from May, but still more than twice what it was in July 2019, when it was 3.2%.

Minnesota is also applying for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) program to provide a temporary \$300/week benefit to Minnesotans receiving unemployment benefits.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Masks Still Available: The Chamber still has 1400 masks available from our shipment early last month. Of the masks delivered, 430 employees and nearly 4000 customers have potentially benefitted. If you would like to receive at least a box of 50 masks for your employees and/or customers, please email the office at info@biglakechamber.com or call 763-263-7800.

Sherburne County COVID cases: as of Sept 4th, we've had 943 confirmed cases and 13 deaths. After peaking in July & August to 64 and 38 due to an outbreak in St. Cloud prison, the county's 7-day daily average count is 9.3. Big Lake's cases total 163. Check it out [here!](#)



RESOURCES

Minnesota Chamber has a tool kit for small businesses and non-profit organizations impacted by coronavirus pandemic [here](#). This includes webinars, the Governor's Executive Orders, and links to federal and state assistance programs as well as checklists and signage.



ENDORSEMENT

Minnesota Chamber Leadership Fund PAC endorsed Big Lake Chamber member Mary Kiffmeyer in her re-election race as State Senator. Treasurer Laura Bordelon said, "Employers and employees are facing uncertain times, and need support from Minnesota's decision-makers to ensure our economy returns to full strength. Mary understands what it takes to grow Minnesota in today's challenging economy."

JOIN US AT OUR POLITICAL CANDIDATES FORUM!

The Chamber’s Governmental Affairs Committee is hosting the **2020 Political Candidates Forum** on Monday, October 19th at the Big Lake High School Auditorium. Meet and Greet the candidates and candidate registration will be at 6 pm and candidates from the various races will share their priorities and answer questions starting at 6:30. *DATA*Success owner Kevin Thompson will moderate the forum.

Candidates will be asked to introduce themselves and identify their priorities before responding to questions from the Committee. The general public will be encouraged to submit questions.

Following is a list of candidates (listed alphabetically) who are encouraged to attend:

- Big Lake Township: Bruce Aubol, Dean Brenteson, Eric Rosa, Mark Hedstrom and Judy Wilts
- Big Lake Mayor: Paul Knier and Mike Wallen
- Big Lake Council: Ketti Green, Sam Hanson, Ken Halverson, Alan Heidemann and Paul Seefeld
- Big Lake School Board: Katelyn Anne Bland, Barbara Chaffee, Lori Kampa, Tony Scales and Amber Sixberry.
- State Representative District 30A: Chad Hobot and Paul Novotny
- State Senate District 30: Mary Kiffmeyer and Diane Nguyen
- US Representative District 6: Tom Emmer, Patrick Munro and Tawnja Zahradka

CITY OF BIG LAKE PRESENTS:


Movie IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020
LAKESIDE PARK
FREE ACTIVITIES 5PM-7PM
MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK: APPROX 7:30PM
(IF INCLEMENT WEATHER, ACTIVITIES WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25)

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10th ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY TRULY A SUCCESS!

The 10th Annual Big Lake Block Party on August 15th at McPete's was a great success with 11% higher attendance and 5% more sponsorships than last year.

Board members, Block Party Committee members, volunteers and sponsors participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony with McPete's owner Eric Peterson.



New this year was Balloon Artist Mark from FunTime Funktions making a variety of balloons. In photo at left, he is with Heather Schleif of Schleif Realty and her son Braden.



New booths below from left to right included the Tim Suchy with Big Lake Lions, the Big Lake Youth Basketball Association, and Dr. Kristi McAlpin with Big Lake Area Veterinary Hospital.



The Wave Youth Center's water balloon dodgeball was popular attraction from 1-2 pm. In the photo to the right Big Lake Police Chief Joel Scharf and City of Big Lake Planning Commissioner Ketti Green tried to avoid getting wet!



At right Chamber Board President Paul Knier and Chamber member and State Senator Mary Kiffmeyer cheerfully offered hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and ice cream from Coborn's to participants.



Bikes were given away to 6 of the 131 youth who attended and registered for their preference. At left is an excited youth with bike sponsor Jon Swanson of Minnco Credit Union. Other bike sponsors included retired Big Lake Schools Superintendent Steve & Nancy Westerberg, Big Lake Spud Fest, Liberty Bank, State Farm Agency and The Wave Youth Center.



The Chamber thanks all the volunteers and sponsors. Sponsors not yet mentioned included Gold Sponsors Big Lake Police Department-Drive Safely, Cargill, Connexus Energy and Sherburne State Bank. Silver sponsors were Kwik Trip, Liberty Bank, MPI-Manufacturers Partners Inc (sponsoring the Scouts Inflatable BB Gun Range), Old National Bank and Xcel Energy.

Bronze sponsors included Casey's, Dan's of Big Lake, DATASuccess, Great River Spine & Sport, Lupulin Brewing Company, Majestic Creations, Michelle Backlund CPA, Minnesota Limited, Monticello Times, State Farm Agency and The Bank of Elk River.

Big Lake American Legion, Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary, Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Big Lake Cheerleaders, Big Lake Lumber, PATRIOT News and the Wave Youth Center were community sponsors.

MEMBER NEWS!



Virtual True Colors Fashion Show

Sept. 25th, 6pm via Zoom
SherburneUnitedWay.org/upcoming-events

iEmpower



Big Lake Farmers Market
 Wednesdays | June - August | 5-7 p.m.
 Wednesdays | September | 5-6 p.m.
 Lakeside Park

Free parking | Local products | Food trucks
 Live music | Free activities weekly

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CITY AND TOWNSHIP OF BIG LAKE

Dog Vaccination Clinic



Saturday, September 12, 2020

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Lions Park | 21960 County Rd. 5, Big Lake

All dogs must be on a leash. Only healthy dogs will be vaccinated.

Dog licenses are required for Township residents and can be purchased for \$20 at the event.

Prices are expected to be similar to 2019 prices below:
 One year Rabies: \$10, Canine DHPP: \$16, Canine Lymes \$30

Thank you to Barrington Oaks Veterinary Hospital - Elk River!

Cash payment required. Checks and card payments will not be accepted.

Questions? Contact the Big Lake Township at 763-263-8111.

PROFIT MASTERY

"If you don't know your numbers, you don't know your business."

Join the Profit Mastery Virtual Program

This program will be delivered using both the online video Profit Mastery curriculum - and six virtual orientation sessions to accompany each of the Profit Mastery modules.

Why Profit Mastery?

Starting and running a business is always a challenge, given the failure rate of 50-70% in the first four years. The economic volatility of recent COVID-19 disruption has only amplified confusion, anxiety, and fear.

Profit Mastery is an internationally-acclaimed leading financial management program that gives participants the tools and confidence needed to manage their businesses by the numbers. The program provides independent business owners unparalleled financial perspective and tools to take advantage of opportunities - and deal with challenges. Managing a business without Profit Mastery is like setting out for an unfamiliar destination without a road map, and the case-study format enhances the application to your network. You'll be introduced to invaluable management resources that should be part of every business owner's tool kit. *You will laugh too, we promise!*

Who is Your Profit Mastery Instructor?

Steve LeFever, MBA, CFE, is the founder of Profit Mastery and one of the most unusual bank managers you'll ever come across. He is arguably the most dynamic financial and independent business advocate working in North America today, and he is amazingly adept at presenting sophisticated financial concepts and tools in practical, understandable language. This is finance like you've never seen it before!

How to Attend Profit Mastery:

DATES: Sept 7-Oct 18, 2020
 TIME: On Demand/Online
 COST: FREE - to Small Business Owners impacted by COVID-19 (Retail price US\$895)

What's Included:

- Unlimited three-month access to the online video curriculum.
- Unlimited access to six supplemental virtual 45-60 minute sessions (live or archived) featuring Steve LeFever.
- Downloadable course materials for each module.

To Register, Contact:

Barry Kirchoff, 320-308-4059
 Central Region SBDC
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NEW TEACHERS AT BIG LAKE SCHOOLS RECEIVE WELCOME BAGS



Twenty-six new teachers, administrator and Community Education staff received welcome bags from 24 Chamber businesses and non-profits this week! Items included 2L sanitizer bottle, mouse pad, cutting board, water bottle, savings bank, free drink, notepads, magnets, can koozies, drawstring backpack, brochures and pens and pencils.

Thanks to Karen Blake from Citizens for Big Lake Freedom Rock for help in stuffing the bags. Photos below include Superintendent Tim Truebenbach with teachers at Middle School Heidi Kedrowski, Ryan Herrboldt, Emily Anderson and Nelson Mitchell and Board Chair Paul Knier. At the High School Art Teacher Samantha Glover was excited to receive her items from Knier.




WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Are you interested in getting to know some of the youth in the community?

COME VOLUNTEER AT THE WAVE YOUTH CENTER!

The Wave provides youth in the community with a place where they can come to decompress and hang out. It is also a place to go for support in the form of mentors in the areas of academic, life, social, and vocational skills.

Visit www.thewaveyc.org for more information on how to sign-up!

Any questions, please contact Piper Hennings at (763) 275-9075 or director@thewaveyc.org



The Big Lake Library is fully open! Check out our regular hours at <https://griver.org/locations/big-lake>. Masks are required to enter the building.



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytime Themed Fridays: staff will have a theme each Friday, just as if it was storytime. Books will be on display for checkout, a related craft kit will be available for pickup. Check the Big Lake Public Library Facebook page or the Big Lake Library Events page each Friday. For ages 3-6. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Friends of the BL Library. Friday, Sept. 11, 18 & 25 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Library Treasure Hunt: is there a prize in your future? Pick a card for the clue and search the library for the answer. Let library staff know what you found! For ages 6-12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library.

Monday, Sept. 21 to Saturday, Oct. 3 During library open hours

Kumihimo: explore this unique art form! Pick up a craft kit with the supplies necessary to complete your own braid. For ages 6-12. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library. Wednesday, Sept. 30 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

TEEN/ADULT EVENTS

Shredded Book Challenge: a shredded a book is stuffed into a jar. Look for clues on the strips as to the title of the book. Tell staff your guess! For teens and adults.

Monday, September 14 to Saturday, September 19 During library open hours.

Coloring is a known stress reliever. Stop by and pick up a stress relief coloring kit. For adults. Limit 12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library. Monday, Sept. 21 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Join the Friends of Big Lake Library. Friends are seeking new members of any age who want to support the library. They meet the first Monday of each month at the library at 5:30 pm. They support programs such as Storytime, Reading and Craft programs, Bookclub for Teens, Gingerbread House, and lots of programs for all ages.

The Wave Youth Center

Hours: M,T,Th 1:00-6:00; W 11:00-6:00; F 1:00-5:00
Study hours are M, T, Th, F 1:00-3:30pm; W 11:00-3:30pm. Regular activities will continue at 3:30pm

Climb Theatre back on Sept 17th!
September 21st through 25th is **Mental Health Week:** check out topics we're covering on our webpage.
Join the **youth support groups/meetings** every Thursday! This is a safe place for youth (ages 11-18) to share their thoughts, fears, feelings, and struggles. Please visit www.thewaveyc.org. All are welcome!



The Wave Youth Center has established The Rose Johnson Memorial Fund to honor Rose as one of their early supporters, grant-writer, advocate and volunteers with the youth. Funds raised will purchase a game table for the Center, with additional funds to support their mission. You can donate [here!](#)



Options, Inc. is seeking financial donations due to restricted state funding, Amazon gift cards to purchase activity materials/educational curriculum, colored pencils and art materials and cases of water. Call Brenda at 763-263-3684.

Rivers of Hope is seeking donations of copy paper, sanitizing wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, postage, gift cards for clients such as gas; manila folders, AA and AAA batteries; white out tape; refrigerator (regular sized); cardstock paper and Swiffer Sweeper wet cloths refills. They also need a volunteer to install light bulbs and assist with carpet/office cleaning. Call Chrissy at (763) 314-0265.



Keller Lake Commons has available spacious 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom Assisted Living Apartments. They accept CADI and Elderly Waiver immediately, with no private pay requirement. Cable is provided. They offer virtual tours. Check it out [here!](#)

Big Lake Community Food Shelf received 940 packages of LED bulbs this week for their clients from Xcel Energy. Xcel Energy offers three low-income energy efficiency programs in Minnesota: Home Energy Savings Program, Low-Income Home Energy Squad, and Multi-Family Energy Savings.



Abba Pregnancy Resource Center will be moving to their new Women's Center at the Landmark Plaza in Elk River this fall. They need to raise \$120,000 for the build-out. They have cancelled their fall fundraising banquet due to the unpredictability of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may donate to their build-out, medical services expansion or annual operating budget [here!](#)



Friends of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge is offering Photography for Beginners-Tips & Tricks on Saturday, September 12 at 1:00 pm via smart phone or computer for youth photographers. The Fall Bird Program is Thursday, September 17, 10:00 am via your smart phone or computer! Check it out [here](#) before the event! The annual Youth Photography Contest is also in full swing! This contest is free to enter and open to all kids in grades K-12. Photos must be taken at the refuge and should focus on landscapes, wildlife, or outdoor recreation. They need to be taken during daylight hours in areas open to the public and postmarked by the October 9, 2020 deadline. The Grand Prize Winner will be awarded a \$50 cash prize and their photograph will be framed and displayed for the following year! Entry forms can be found on the refuge website [here!](#)



Join Jason and the crew at **Lupulin Brewing Company** as they celebrate celebrating the tapping of our Oktoberfest Märzen Lager on September 19th. Enjoy delicious beer, German music, lederhosen, food and raffle prizes.



Check out Sherburne History Center's latest exhibits. *Rightfully Hers*, commemorating **Sherburne History Center** the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, contains simple messages exploring the history of the ratification of the 19th amendment, women's voting rights before and after the 19th, and its impact today. The second exhibit is *Just a Neighborhood Thing: Meadow Vale and Cable*. Meadow Vale is outside Elk River and Cable is between Clear Lake and St. Cloud. You can stop in Tuesday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m and admission is free.





September's Business After Hours!

August's Business After Hours on **Thursday, September 10th at 5 pm** will be held at Monty's Tropical Hideout (note change of week). To allow for ample seating, everyone must register by 3 pm on the 10th [here](#). A drawing from the Network Prize box will be conducted with prizes totaling \$335. All current members are entered into the drawing and members must be present to win. 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 Sept. 29th Membership Meeting at Russell's on the Lake. Members who had their names drawn previously but were not present to win include Angell's Construction, Big Lake Community Food Shelf, Freedom Strategy Group, and Trail's.

Network Prizes at this time include:

Chiropractic treatment at



Monticello Printing free address stamp

\$30 gift card at

\$25 Gift Card at



\$25 gift certificate



September Membership Meeting

Join us for our September membership meeting at 5 pm on Tuesday, Sept 29th at Russell's on the Lake. Sherburne County Commissioner Raeanne Danielowski, City of Big Lake Administrator Clay Wilfahrt, and City Planner Lucinda Meyers will present information on the Framework 2030 initiative. Framework 2030 is a collaborative effort of nine local governments in Wright and Sherburne County to develop a regional approach to development. The end goal is to enact better policies, adopt more comprehensive plans, build more efficient infrastructure, and foster harmonious growth. All of this will ideally lead to more high-paying jobs, better transportation, better housing, and ultimately a higher quality of life in the region. Registration and social hour begin at 5 pm with the meeting starting at 5:45. Dinner will be \$20. Please register [here](#) by Sept 23rd. Photos below are from the August meeting.



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, Oct 28th Full page ads can be added

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 HOLIDAY	8 Board 12:30 Council Chambers	9 Ambassadors @ 11:45	10 Business after Hours 5 pm at Monty's Tropical Hideout. Register here.	11	12
13	14	15	16 Golf Committee	17 GOLF SCRAMBLE 10-5 Monticello Country Club. Reg- ister here!	18	19 Citizens for Big Lake Freedom Rock: watch granite rock in- stalled @ Lakeside Park
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Membership Mtg 11:45-1 pm at Russell's. Register here!	30			

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, October 15 at 5 pm Business after Hours

Monday, October 19 at 6 pm Political Candidate Forum at Big Lake High School.

Tuesday, October 27th at 11:30 Membership meeting with Rivers of Hope Teresa McNamee on
October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month at Monty's Tropical Hideout

Thursday, November 19th at 5 pm Business after Hours

Tuesday, November 24th at 11:30 Annual Meeting

Monday, November 30th at 5 pm Christmas Tree Decorating

Thursday, December 3 Holiday Social