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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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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 8 am - 2:15  
Or by appointment

**GLORIA’S GEMS**

*Last month some of our Ambassadors were able to tour Elevier Women’s Center’s new facility.*

*In the height of a pandemic, it is very impressive that they were able to raise nearly \$235,000 to renovate this beautiful 3600 sq. ft office and buy equipment. Like other non-profits, continued funding is needed to support their operations as their spring fundraisers were cancelled in 2020 and 2021. Being Dutch, I’m impressed on the meaning of their new name!*

**MEMBER OF THE MONTH:**

“We outgrew our facility, “ noted Executive Director Joan Parsakalleh. “We changed our name from Abba Pregnancy Resource Center to Elevier Women’s Center, still under Abba Corporation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. The new name is a loose translation of Elk River in Dutch. We’ve added and expanded services.”

Elevier exists to support the value and dignity of human life with a holistic approach to reproductive health. They provide free educational, material, emotional, and spiritual support services, and reproductive health consultative and medical services. They empower women in unexpected pregnancy situations. Clients can provide information securely online [here](#) or call 763-441-7777.

“Elevier is a Pregnancy Medical Clinic,” continued Parsakalleh. “No-cost pregnancy tests and ultrasounds are available Monday and Wednesdays, along with our support services and parenting classes for young moms and couples. We’re expanding our youth and community outreach. Sexually transmitted diseases among teens have greatly increased these last few years. So we have prioritized reaching 15-25 year-old sexually-active teens and young adults at risk.



New mothers are gifted with a diaper bag filled with baby items valued at \$110. Clients can earn points through the Learning Program for maternity clothes, baby clothes and equipment.

Parsakalleh (at right) shares new medical services they offer with Yvonne Blum of Minnco Credit Unit (lower left), Hanna Klimmek of City of Big Lake and State Senator Mary Kiffmeyer



**"BECKERS"**  
*Beauty by The Lake*  
Book appt online: [beckersbeautybythelake.com](http://beckersbeautybythelake.com)  
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Chamber Ambassadors joined Elevier Women's Center staff and board in August at a ribbon-cutting at their new facility in New Elk River. First row left: Yvonne Blum of Minnco Credit Union, Joan Parsakalleh of Elevier, Melissa Spangler, Sue Guertin, Pamela Humphrey, Shelley Francuz, State Senator Mary Kiffmeyer & Hanna Klimmek of City of Big Lake. Back row left: Julie Springfield, Jen Mueller, Elizabeth Lekatz, Vickie Johnson, Board Member Mike Fleming & Board member Becky Svea.

# WINE and BEER TASTING



*With Silent Auction, Raffles, Wine Wall, Minnow Races, chances to win a week's getaway on Eagle Lake (worth \$2,000), and Vikings tickets (worth 1,500)!*

**Friday October 1, 2021**  
**6:30-9:00 PM**  
**At the "Buff" in Big Lake**  
**\$20.00**

Pay at the door or order online at :  
[www.bigaglelakeimprovementassociation.com](http://www.bigaglelakeimprovementassociation.com)



**BELIA FUNDRAISER**  
Big Eagle Lake  
Improvement Association

**GOLFERS CAN STILL JOIN US AT OUR GOLF SCRAMBLE!**

Dr. Scott Schulz of Great River Spine & Sport and Chair of the Chamber's Golf Committee is encouraging every golfer to consider joining us in our Sept 9th Golf Scramble at Monticello Country Club.

For the golfers who get a Hole in 1, they can win a new Buick SUV at Hole #10. Golfers can pay \$10 for a better shot by our Pro Amanda sponsored by Chris & Christy Group of Keller Williams Integrity Northwest at Hole #15.

New this year is a putting contest at 10:30 for \$10 with the winner sharing the pot with the Chamber! Golfers can purchase the "Swanny" Pro Package for \$40 which gives them a mulligan, putting mulligan, power drive and ball toss. Three-foot putting string can be purchased for \$10 each. And golfers who purchase tickets can "ride-in-style" on the party carts decorated by The Bank of Elk River!

The team with the lowest score will receive \$200 at the Club House along with 1<sup>st</sup> place awards and the team with the highest score receives free lessons by a pro at Monticello Country Club.

Golfers should call Gloria on her cell (218-820-4197) if interested.

Additional 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) and Cory Laugen of State Farm.

In the photo below, Dr. Scott Schulz updates the August Membership Meeting attendees about the Golf Scramble. Listening is Eric Hanson of Arvig; Lee Olderbak, guest of Minnco Credit Union, Yvonne Blum of Minnco Credit Union and (back row) Brenda Geldert of Options Inc.





*3rd Annual*  
**GOLF SCRAMBLE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**  
MONTICELLO COUNTRY CLUB  
1209 GOLF COURSE RD, MONTICELLO MN

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**GOLFERS**

Enjoy games such as Closest to Pin, Longest Drive & Longest Putt

Purchase the "Swanny" Pro Package: Mulligan, Putting Mulligan, Power Drive & Ball Toss

DINNER sponsored by 

HOLE IN ONE PRIZES: \$20,000 Hole in One Prize 

Buick SUV 

Beverage Cart 

Party Cart 

Driving Range Sponsor 

Brunch Sponsor  Snack Sponsor 

Social Hour FREE drink Sponsor 

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:   

Buy a Swanny Pro Package for \$40: mulligan, putting mulligan, power drive & ball toss.  
Register at [biglakechamber.com/golf-scramble](http://biglakechamber.com/golf-scramble)

**SCHEDULE**

10 am Registration & Continental Brunch

10:30 Putting Contest for 50% of Pot

11 am Shotgun Start

Social Hour

Awards Dinner

**MASTER/HOLE SPONSORS**

Cabot Lodge Securities  
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Connexus Energy  
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Edward Jones  
Foster White Insurance Agency  
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Great River Spine & Sport  
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Lake Liquors  
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Minnco Credit Union  
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State Farm-Cory Laugen Ins.  
West Metro Buick GMC

\*Dinner & Master Sponsors in Bold



**MINNESOTA  
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GROWING MINNESOTA

**PROPOSED FEDERAL TAX INCREASES**

Doug Loon, President of Minnesota Chamber was recently quoted in MINNPOST that President Biden’s proposal to raise the federal corporate tax rate from 21% to 28% would hurt businesses of all sizes, their employees and consumers. Loon indicates that if the corporate tax rate were increased to 28%, Minnesota’s combined rate, along with a proposed federal tax increase, would mean a combined top corporate tax rate higher than in any other country in the industrialized world. He predicted that “sudden and substantial tax hikes are one sure way to stop their recovery’s momentum dead in its tracks.” He encourages everyone to contact their federal representatives and senators, telling them not to raise taxes that will hurt small businesses, workers and families. [Check out the article here!](#)



**RIBS FOR  
THE RIBBON**

**5TH ANNUAL  
BACKYARD BBQ  
COOK-OFF**



**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO BRING AN EXCITING AND FUN FILLED DAY OF BBQ. WE ARE A 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION AND YOUR DONATIONS HELP US GIVE BACK. RIGHT HERE IN BIG LAKE!**

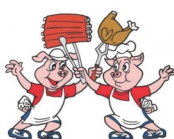
- **COOKING TEAMS WANTED!** (NEW OR EXPERIENCED, BUSINESS OR PERSONAL, EVERYONE WELCOME!) SPONSOR A TEAM!
- ANY MONETARY DONATION OF \$500+ AND PLACE YOUR COMPANY BANNER IN THE CONTEST AREA DURING THE EVENT.
- **TICKETS SALES START AT 1:00PM, TASTING STARTS AT 3PM.** \$10 RIB BOX (5 TICKETS = 5 RIBS, \$2 EACH ADDITIONAL TICKET).
- **PUBLIC RIB TASTING STARTS AT 3PM.** CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD FOR THE BEST RIBS IN BIG LAKE.



**LAKESIDE PARK (BEACH)  
BIG LAKE, MN  
SATURDAY, SEPT 25, 2021**

**ALL PROCEEDS  
BENEFIT**

**Beyond the  
Yellow Ribbon  
Big Lake**



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FREEDOM ROCK®**

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**Dedication of the  
Big Lake  
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Saturday  
September 18, 2021  
10 a.m. to noon  
Lakeside Park – Big Lake**



Questions:  
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## HALLOWEEN PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, Oct 30, 2021

**COME OUT for a scavenger hunt with families and friends in your Halloween Costumes!**

Match clues with a list of Chamber members published on [www.biglakechamber.com](http://www.biglakechamber.com) and the Big Lake Chamber Facebook page at noon on 10/30. Take a Photo of Your Group at each member you visit and email the photos to [info@biglakechamber.com](mailto:info@biglakechamber.com) that evening to win a **great prize!**

**Prizes Awarded: Most Members Visited & Most Creative Costumes**

**You could win GREAT PRIZES!**



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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MMBA Fundraiser Benefiting the BIG LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, September 11, 2021  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

McPete's Sports Bar and Lanes  
590 Humboldt Drive  
Big Lake, MN 55309

#### NO ENTRANCE FEE!

**CONCESSIONS** - Starts at 11am; Members of the BLFD will be working the grill; \$5 for a burger meal

**BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT** - Starts at 11am (see box)

**UNLIMITED BOWLING** - 11am to 2pm; \$10.00 per person; includes shoes

**FREE UNLIMITED MINI GOLF** - 11am to 3pm; **HOLE-IN-ONE** Contest \$5 to enter for prizes

**DUNK TANK** (Have some FUN dunking some of Big Lake's local leaders) - Starts at Noon. \$5/3 balls

**LIVE MUSIC** - Noon to 2pm; Brought to you by local musician JOEL HAGBERG

**WATER BALLOON TOSS** - 2pm; \$5/3 balloons. Last team standing wins

**BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT**  
\$30.00/2-PERSON TEAMS DOUBLE ELIMINATION  
1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - \$500.00  
2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - \$200.00  
3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - TBD  
BASED ON 25 TEAM MINIMUM  
SIGN UP AT MCPETE'S - **DEADLINE SEPT. 10**

**GRIND**  
ALCOHOL FREE SMOOTHIES &  
BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA  
Two teas will be offered for sale.  
Portion of proceeds will be donated.

**SILENT AUCTION**  
Bidding opens at 11am and closes at 3pm  
Lots of many exciting items to bid on;  
All donated by local businesses/organizations  
**100% of the proceeds to be donated to the BLFD**  
**SPONSORED IN-PART BY:**  
LAKES LIQUORS, MOLSON COORS BEVERAGES, 11th Anniversary Beverage

## MEMBERS DONATE ITEMS FOR NEW TEACHERS

Thirty new teachers and support staff at Big Lake Schools received swag bags packed full of gift certificates, promotional items and information from Big Lake Chamber members. Chamber Chair Monica Parrish of Meraki Property Management & Consulting LLC at lower right in the photo along with Chamber Executive Director Gloria Vande Brake at lower left were excited to share these “goodies” with the new staff. Clients at Options Inc stuffed the bags.

School staff in first row at bottom at the left is Chad Dukowitz (Middle School CTE/PLTW), Laura Pettit (Inde Elem STEM 5th Grade) & Jordyn Brown (Inde Elem STEM 5th Grade). Second row at left is Rosemary Nelson (Liberty Elem Kindergarten), Hannah Pagel (Middle School Dean), & Nathan Larsen (High School Special Ed). Third row at left is Katherine Lindula (Liberty Elem Kindergarten) & Alyssa Larsen (High School Social Studies). Fourth row at left is Kaitlyn Trytten (Liberty Elem Early Childhood Special Ed), Amanda Chowen (High School Science) & Cathleen Renckens (Middle School Math). Fifth row at left is Mandy Freese (High School Dean) & Suzanne Voce (Middle School Math). Top row at left is Jared Matson (High School Activities Director), Lynn Bormann (Liberty Elem Dean) & Scott Pierce (Inde Elem STEM Dean).

Chamber members who donated included “BECKERS” Beauty by The Lake, Big Lake Community Food Shelf, Big Lake Library, Big Lake Lions, Citizens for Big Lake Freedom Rock, Edward Jones, Elevier Women’s Center, Liberty Bank, Minnco Credit Union, Monticello Printing, PATRIOT News, RE/MAX Results-Cindy Lemm, Riverwood Bank and Schleif Real Estate Group.





## ENHANCED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ENDS!

MN Dept of Employment & Economic Development (DEED) reported that the last week unemployed workers can receive the additional pandemic check is the week of Sept. 4th.



## CENTRAL MN CONSTRUCTION IS BOOMING!

DEED Regional Analyst Luke Grenier spoke to the members at their August 31st Membership Meeting at Carefree Country Club that the construction industry is booming in Central Minnesota. In fact, in the past five years, construction employers added more jobs than all other industries combined. The reason behind that impressive statistic is that construction firms maintained employment in 2020 while nearly every other industry shed jobs due to the pandemic recession. Check it out [here!](#)



## FEDERAL RESERVE BANK SURVEY

The Federal Reserve Bank is asking businesses to share their hiring experiences since May so they can assess appropriate economic policy. You can complete the survey [here!](#)



## PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS FROM CYBER ATTACKS

MN Chamber is offering a free webinar on Sept 15th from noon-1 pm. Attendees can protect their company's assets (such as hardware, systems, laptops, customer data and intellectual property) from cyber attacks, analyze risks through an assessment, and help cover investigation, litigation and other expenses from a potential data breach. Learn more about how to hunt down and contain cyber attacks before they impact your business and also insure your company against unplanned expenses. You can register [here!](#)

## CUSTOMER SERVICE TRENDS

US Chamber of Commerce has identified five customer service trends that will stick around after the pandemic, including offering customer service 24/7/365 and increasing chatbot use. Check it out [here!](#)



## SOLVING CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

The Retail Doctor provides 4 easy steps to solve customer complaints, including listen, acknowledge, solve and thank. Read about it [here!](#)



**Last 2021 Movie in the Park!**

The final 2021 Movie in the Park(ing) Lot of the season takes place this Friday, September 10 at Lakeside Park! Get your family together for a free drive-in style movie featuring Shrek! Parking from 6:45pm-7:45pm and the movie will start at dusk, approximately 7:45pm!

**ATTENDEES MUST FOLLOW ALL CURRENT CDC GUIDELINES**

**CONCESSIONS ON-SITE: MISTER LEMONADE OFFERING FRESH SQUEEZED LEMONADE AND SNO CONES**

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**2021-22 Construction Trades Student Built House**



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Buyer moves to their location.  
Sealed bids accepted up until Friday October 1st by 12:00.

**MINIMUM BID: \$94,900**

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





Human Resource  
**Executive**

## 7 Ways to Help Employees Avoid Burnout

This article in HR Executive suggests 7 ways employers can help their employees avoid burnout, such as talking about stressors, managing Zoom overload and giving employees collective time-off. Learn more [here!](#)

## Benefits Help Combat Talent tsunami?

Another HR Executive article notes that benefits such employee discount programs, pet insurance, emergency time off, caregiving and childcare support may keep employees. Check it out [here!](#)

[This article](#) suggests 4-day work weeks or flex time to keep employees.



## Manufacturers' Summit

The Minnesota Chamber's Manufacturers Summit is Oct 5th at DoubleTree Hilton Minneapolis--Park Place. Check it out [here](#).

## Better Communication Practices

TLNT offers 5 communication habits and attitudes to boost teamwork, productivity, and morale. Check it out [here!](#)

In another TLNT article and quoting Leadership IQ Study, employees who spend at least 6 hours of one-to-one time interacting with their direct leader are 29% more inspired, 30% more engaged, 16% more innovative, and 15% more intrinsically motivated than those who spend only one hour per week. The writer believes that when leaders spend one-on-one time with their employees, those individuals feel valued, inspired, innovative, and more. Read about it [here!](#)

## 5 Things to Retain Key Staff

Joan Garry Consulting suggests 5 things you can do to retain key staff, including champion your purpose, give credit and create new opportunities. Read about it [here!](#)




## BIG LAKE SCHOOL ELECTION FORUM



Last month Big Lake School Board approved asking the voters to support a \$30 million referendum for various deferred capital projects in a special election on Nov 2nd. Projects could include roofs and ventilation systems, and renovations to educational spaces including career and technical education, special education, and other instructional spaces.

The flyer at right lists the candidates for a special election board member. Join us Thursday, Oct 7th at 6:30 at High School Auditorium to learn more about the referendum and the candidates!



**BIG LAKE SCHOOLS BOND REFERENDUM & BOARD SPECIAL ELECTION CANDIDATES FORUM**  
 Thursday, October 7, 2021 from 6:30-9pm  
 Big Lake High School Auditorium

6:30-7:15 pm	Bond Referendum Presentation and Q&A
7:15	School Board Candidate Forum

- Chelsey Hancock
- Alison Krueger
- Derek Nelson
- Ashley Schabilion
- Connie Stegora

Questions will be accepted from audience OR  
 email your question to: [info@biglakechamber.com](mailto:info@biglakechamber.com) by Wed noon, Oct 6th

Please vote at the polls on Tuesday, Nov 2nd from 7 am-8 pm at Big Lake City Hall (all precincts) OR early in-person at the School District Office weekdays from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm beginning September 17.



**FAMILY FUN FEST**  
 LIBERTY ELEMENTARY  
 FREE all are welcome  
 5:00 to 7:00 PM **OCTOBER 1**  
**FREE RESOURCE FAIR**  
 costumes encouraged PRIZES games face painting  
 Kids Comedy Magic Show at 5:00

SPONSORED BY: Minnesota Early Childhood Initiative, Big Lake Community Education, EARLY CHILDHOOD ECFE FAMILY EDUCATION Big Lake Schools



**Hours:** Mon 1-6p; Tues: 10a-2; Wed 1-7p; Thur:2-6p; Fri: 10-5p; Sat: 10-1p  
**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.

Check out our events at [here!](#)

**Dancing Snake STEM:** Learn about static electricity with this fun STEAM activity kit. Kits available while supplies last. For ages 6-12. Limit 12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library..

Wednesday, Sept 15 1:00 - 1:00 PM

**Mobile Sign Shop:** Make your own carved sign--you draw on a wooden sign blank, we carve it with a router, and you paint it! Two artists will be on hand to facilitate this three-hour drop-in outdoor event. Limit 60 signs. Register online to save a spot. If any signs remain, first come, first serve. For all ages, but young children will need adult assistance. A Legacy Event.

Friday, Sept 17 11:00 - 2:00 PM

**Old McDonald Had A Banjo** with Paul Imholte: A children's show, Old MacDonald imagines a farm full of songs bursting out to entertain, educate, and involve the audience in singing, movement, and silliness. Social distancing measures will be in place at programs. Please stay home when sick. For all ages. Limit 30 Registration required. A Legacy event.


Friday, Sept 24 10:30 - 11:15




**OPEN** Monday through Thursday 3:30 - 7 pm and Friday 3:30-6 pm.


**The new Executive Director is** Gabriela Dillon. She welcomes anyone to visit her and check out the facility during her office hours 11 -3 pm Monday-Friday.





 **CentraCare** is cosponsoring a free event from 5-8 pm on Sept 20th at the Monticello Community Center to recognize September as **Suicide Prevention Awareness Month** – a dedicated time to come together to talk about suicide. The documentary film, **My Ascension**, tells the story of 16-year-old Emma Benoit, whose suicide attempt left her paralyzed, but propelled her on a mission to use her painful experience to help others find hope will be shown along with a panel discussion and community resource fair. Due to limited seating, registration is requested. [Click here](#) for tickets & information.


 **United Way** is planning their Community Connect Thursday, Oct 21st from 10-1 pm at the Elk River High School. The cost is \$50 per booth and vendor registration is available [here](#).





 **Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association (BELIA)** is hosting a Wine and Beer Tasting and Silent Auction fundraiser coming up Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 – 9PM at The Buff in Big Lake. They will be offer samples of different types of wine and beer along with Silent Auction baskets or items donated by area businesses. Donations are appreciated! Tickets are \$20 to the event and they have Raffles for a one-week VRBO on Big Eagle Lake (\$2000 value) for \$10 and Vikings Tickets (\$1500 value) also for \$10. Email Lori [here](#) for more information or get your tickets at the Chamber office.

 **Cargill** and privately-held Continental Grain formed a joint venture to acquire Sanderson Farms and create a leading US Poultry Company. Read their press release [here!](#)

 **Lupulin Brewing Company** invites you to join them Sept 18th for Oktoberfest Marzen in the taproom! There will be food, a German band, games, & brand new steins!

 **Big Lake High School is sponsoring their Youth Apprenticeship & Career Fair Thursday, September 23rd.** They can't wait to fill the gym and parking lot with businesses, governmental units and non-profits as they share what's special about that career with our students. You can watch [this video](#) invite.

 **Mincco Credit Union** won the 2021 Dora Maxwelll Social Responsibility Community Service Award among credit unions for their community service and charities.

 **SOVRAN** thanks their customers and contacts for helping them provide in June to PCs for People 56 desktops, 74 laptops. 42 networking devices (servers and switches), 28 monitors, 17 printers & 3 full boxes of misc. keyboards. All were securely recycled or refurbished.



## September's Business After Hours

September's Business after Hours is scheduled for 5 pm on Thursday, Sept. 16 at The Buff. You can register [here!](#) Last month we had members attending Business after Hours representing Big Lake Schools, Debbie's Cleaning, Minnco Credit Union & Old National Bank.

### Network Drawing Box valued at \$450

Members who had their names drawn this year but were not present to win include Big Lake Area Veterinary Hospital, Big Lake Community Food Shelf, Big Lake "Do It Best" Lumber, Casey's, CentraCare Health, Coborn's, DATASuccess, Freedom Strategy Group, Magic Mushrooms in the Crystal Garden, MN Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, Northstar Technology Solutions and United Bus Sales.

Current Network Prizes are valued at \$450 and include:



4-pack of Works Plus Car Washes



Massage and First Chiro Check



and Monticello Printing Certificates



Free Drink



Color Ads

## September 28th Membership Meeting

Join us for our September Membership Meeting at 11:30 am on **Tuesday, Sept 28th.** Mary Bauer from Central MN Council on Aging will share how the older worker can help the labor crunch.

Registration is at 11:30 am. Introductions and Committee Reports begin at noon. Lunch costs \$15 and you can register [here!](#)



Photo at left is from our August Membership Lunch with DEED Regional Analyst Luke Greiner presenting labor force trends. Listening at lower left is Lee Olderbak, guest of Minnco Credit Union, Eric Hanson of Arvig & Dr. Scott Schulz of Great River Spine & Sport.

### 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, Sept 22nd. 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

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5	6 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed	7	8 <b>Golf Commit-tee</b> Noon at City Council Large Conference Room	9 <b>3rd Annual Golf Scramble</b> 10 am at Monticello Country Club	10	11
12	13	14 <b>Board Meeting</b> 12:30 in-person and virtually	15	16 <b>Business After Hours.</b> 5 pm at The Buff. Register <a href="#">here!</a>	17	18
19	20	21 <b>Ambassadors Meeting</b> noon.	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24	25
26	27	28 <b>Membership Meeting</b> 11:30 at Register <a href="#">here!</a>	29	30		

**Mark Your Calendar!**

Thursday, October 21 at 5 pm: Business After Hours

Tuesday, October 26th at 11:30: Membership Meeting

Saturday, October 30th: Halloween Photo Scavenger Hunt

Late November: Christmas Tree decorating at Browns Park

Thursday, Dec 2nd at 5 pm: Holiday Social

Saturday, April 23, 2022: Community Fair at Big Lake High School