

April 2018 Newsletter

Mission Statement

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

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Vendor Fair Highlights!

Despite the weather, there were over 1,100 attendees at the Vendor Fair last month that met with local businesses and enjoyed a variety of free food, giveaways, and activities. Thank you to those that attended, donated, sponsored, and volunteered at the event. Special Thank You to the Women of Today for their tremendous efforts to make the event run smoothly and to our 2018 event sponsor, Ken Geroux Construction.



April Membership Meeting

Join us at the upcoming Membership Meeting on Tuesday, April 24th for a presentation on Worksite Wellness at Saron Lutheran Church. Lunch will consist of a fajita buffet catered by El Loro. Registration is at 11:45/Lunch at 12pm. Cost to attend is \$15. RSVP by contacting the Chamber office or by going to www.biglakechamber.com.

Business After Hours

This month's Business After Hours will be held on April 19th at the Third Rail at 5pm. Stop out and enjoy a drink while getting to know area businesses. Looking for more exposure to your business? Sponsor the event for \$50 and receive recognition at the event and your logo and a link to your website on our web page for the month leading up to the event.



Ambassador Meeting

We need more Ambassadors! Looking to become more involved in the Chamber? Attend the next Ambassador meeting on April 11th at the Friendly Buffalo at 12pm. We will be focusing on membership retention and expansion. Contact Hanna Klimmek at hklimmek@biglakemn.org for details.

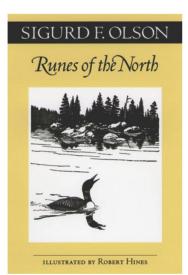
Welcome New Member

AT&T: Susan Brown with AT&T provides a number of services to the Big Lake area. Contact her at susan.j.brown@att.com.



FRIENDS READ JOIN US

April 23 at 6:30 pm Oak Savanna Learning Center



Join us and bring a neighbor for an evening of community as we discuss the book, *Runes of the North*, by Minnesota author Sigurd Olson.

A prominent environmentalist and nature advocate, Olson spent his lifetime fighting to protect wilderness areas. *Runes of the North* is a great example of Olson's ability to tell stories about his experiences in the woods.

Hosted by the Friends of Sherburne, a gathering to discuss the book will be held April 23 at 6:30 pm at the Oak Savanna Learning Center at the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, located NW of Zimmerman on the south side of County Road 9, approximately 5 miles west of Highway 169.

The book is available from public libraries or for purchase in hardcover, paperback or download. The discussion guide can be requested by emailing friendsofsherburne@gmail.com.

The Friends of Sherburne is a non-profit group that assists and supports Refuge projects and educational programs. ExploreSherburne.org



Now Booking for 2018!

Looking for a venue in Big Lake? Carousell Works has openings for your upcoming business meeting, wedding, birthday party or gala! They book events of all sizes.

Check out their website at:

www.carousellworks.net





Member News



SkyNet Broadband, Inc. is a new member offering High Speed Internet Service with no contracts, no data caps, and no hidden fees. They serve residential and business customers in Albertville, Becker, Big Lake, Elk River, Monticello, Orrock, Otsego & Zimmeman. Visit their website or call them at (844) 759-6381.









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You're Invited Choosing The Gift of Life

Abba Pregnancy Resource Center Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Social Hour 6:00pm -Seating 6:45pm -Dinner & Program 7:00pm

Rockwoods Banquet Center-Otsego, MN

Featured Speaker: Scott Klusendorf

Abba's Vision of becoming a

Medical Pregnancy Resource Center

is only possible with YOUR SUPPORT!

Will you partner with us to achieve our vision of "going medical" to offer more services, to reach more abortion-minded women, and to stand for LIFE in our communities?

You can sponsor a table

1/2 Table of 4 People-\$400

Full Table of 10 People-\$800

~ NO Cost to Attend ~

Reservations needed for this Adult Only Event!

Reserve your seat:

event@abbaprc.org

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763-445-9650





April 2018

Events Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Happy Easter! | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Annual Spring Book Sale at Public Library | 7 Annual Spring Book Sale at Public Library |
| 8 | 9 Annual Spring Book Sale at Public Library | 10 Board Meeting | 11 Ambassador Mtg at Friendly Buffalo 12pm | 12 | 13 True Colors Fashion Show Crown Room Rogers 6pm | 14 Coffee with the Mayor at Coborn's 9am |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Business After Hours at the Third Rail 5pm | 20 Winter Farm- ers Market at Saron Luther- an 3pm | 21 |
| 22 | Chamber 101 in Chamber Office 12pm Friends Reed at Oak Savan- na 6:30pm | 24 Membership Meeting at Sa- ron Lutheran 12pm | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Veterans Spa- ghetti Lunch at Lord of Glory 12pm |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

Mark Your Calendar!

May 10th, 6pm, Abba Pregnancy Resource Center Fundraiser, Rockwoods

May 17th, 5pm to 7:30pm, Family Fun Night, Independence Elementary

May 17th-19th, Big Lake Citywide Garage Sale

May 19th, 9am to 5pm, Lupulin Brewing 5k Run/Walk, Lupulin Brewing Company June 12th, 12pm, Sherb. Co. United Way Golf Tournament, Territory Golf Course