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GLORIA’S GEMS

One of our members, McPete’s Sports Bar & Lanes, has been quietly hosting the Big Lake Block Party for the past nine years. They’ve donating the income from the mini-golf and bowling along with providing the outdoor grill and pop for the lunch sales. Eric and his crew have helped with set-up and take-down.

This has been the largest fundraiser of the Chamber and without the support of McPete’s, member dues would have significantly increased over the years. They have a meeting room that is ideal for staff trainings so call to reserve it!

Our deepest thanks goes to Eric and the staff at McPete’s!

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:

“I worked here during college, left for eight years and bought the business 21 years ago, “ exclaimed Eric Peterson, owner of McPete’s Sports Bar & Lanes.

“We are truly an entertainment headquarters with bowling, mini-golf, bean bag tournaments, pool leagues, dart leagues and volleyball. We have an arcade room, a large lounge area and a separate meeting room . We provide appetizers and meals during lunch and dinner hours.”

Eric is proud that he has three employees who have been with him since he owned McPete’s and a couple others who have been with him for 20 years. He employs 25 full and part-time employees.

He expanded his bowling area in 2006 and plans to upgrade his bowling equipment within the next three years.

McPete’s Owner Eric Peterson has donated his facility for Block Party activities for the past 9 years!



BLOCK PARTY

August 17 from 10-2



Big Lake Chamber

of Commerce & Industry



THE BLOCK PARTY IN 1.5 WEEKS!



In just one and a half weeks the Big Lake Block Party will be full of activities, games and music from 10 am-2 pm on Saturday, August 17th at McPete's Entertainment Center.

Activities include mini-golf and bowling at McPete's and an Epic Water War for youth aged 11 -18 years old sponsored by The Wave Youth Center. Dean-o-mite will entertain with music and games. Big Lake Ambassadors will offer face painting. Classic cars will be sponsored by Dan's of Big Lake. Big Lake Scouts and Manufacturing Partners Inc (MPI) will sponsor an inflatable BB gun range. Great Spine & Sport will offer a bouncing ball toss and chair massages. Create & Connect Studio will offer "Kidding Around Yoga with Mandi". DOJO Karate will bring their Bounce House. Big Lake Police and CentraCare Emergency Services staff and vehicles will be available to talk to and tours.



All activities including activities from sponsors' booths are offered at one low price of \$5/youth and adult for the entire 4-hour event. Coborn's will provide burgers, hotdogs, chips and water and McPete's fountain beverages at a reasonable price.

Platinum Sponsor:



Additional Gold Sponsors:



Additional Silver Sponsors



Additional Bronze Sponsors



Community Sponsors are Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary, Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, Edward Jones-Big Lake and the State Bank of Elk River.



Businesses are encouraged to donate 100 kid-friendly items for backpacks provided by Majestic Creations for the first children who come. Volunteers are still needed to set-up and take down, collect money at registration tables, provide wristbands and work at the food booth. This event helps the Chamber keep its due at a reasonable level.

Photo of Dean-o-mite Entertainment from last year is provided courtesy of West Sherburne Trib.

“A Gathering”

Join Sherburne County Area United Way on:

Tuesday, August 20, 2019
at Carousell Works in Big Lake
for a
“Lunch & Learn”
11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch will be served by A Catered Event.
**Our new issue focus is all about “Strengthening
and Empowering Vulnerable Youth”**

Patti Hetrick: Adverse Childhood Experiences(ACEs)
Kate LePage, the central MN regional navigator will speak about sex trafficking.

The meeting is free!

Register [here](#) by August 13th so enough food and seating can be provided!



Sherburne County Area
United Way





AUGUST 27th MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Join us for next membership meeting on Tuesday, August 27th at Carefree Country Club. Tim Zipoy, Business Service Coordinator at Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services will offer tips as he challenges businesses and non-profits, "Is Your Corporate Culture Retaining Employees?"

Registration is at 11:45 am and the meeting starts at 12pm. El Loro will provide a delicious "build your own" chicken or steak burrito/salad buffet. Carefree will provide tours after the meeting.

Please RSVP by August 23rd [here](#).

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MARKET**

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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 for more info.



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NEW TEACHER & STAFF WELCOME BAGS

Any business who would like to provide 40 promotional items to put in the Chamber’s welcome bag for Big Lake School new teachers and staff should drop them off at the Chamber office by Wednesday, August 21st.

If you would like your items picked up, please contact the Chamber office.



Big Lake Schools 3rd Annual Youth Apprenticeship & Career Fair

Thursday, September 19th 2019

Online Registration now open
<http://tinyurl.com/YACFregistration>

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Events



Yoga Storytime: Movement enhances early learning. We’ll sing and read, move and be still. Please wear comfortable clothing. Parents and Caregivers are encouraged to participate with their children. For ages 3 to 6. Limit 20. Registration required.

Friday, Friday, Aug 9 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Storytime: Have fun with stories and songs that help develop early literacy skills! For ages 0 to 6. Limit 20. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the BL Library.

Friday, August 16 (no storytime August 23 & 30)

10:30 to 11:00 a.m.



Business After Hours & Networking Prize Drawing

In addition to great networking, August's Business After Hours on **Thursday, August 15th starting at 5 pm** at McPete's Entertainment Center 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 19th Business after Hours. 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

September 19 - Hideout Restaurant

October 17 - El Loro

November 21 - Russell's On the Lake

CITY OF Big Lake

Movie in the Park
Friday, September 13th
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 20th


Runtime: 130 minutes, Rated: PG

All Children dressed in a Disney Costume will receive a free ice cream treat!

Royal Performance Company

Dojo Karate Bounce House! Big Lake Ambassadors Face Painting

Dean-o-mite Entertainment
An Absolute Hit!

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.

Debbie's Cleaning Service

"BusyBee"



Need some help with your Summer cleaning?

Buzz Debbie at 763-568-5558 or

763-263-9300 and get your appointment

scheduled today!

BECOME A MINNESOTA SUPPLIER

MN Supplier Match through Grow Minnesota creates value for Minnesota businesses that want the advantages of sourcing from local suppliers: accessibility, short lead-times, shared networks, and trusted quality. It creates value for suppliers looking for new business opportunities with Minnesota-based customers.

Chamber members can become a supplier by having a Grow Minnesota visit with the Big Lake Chamber. Contact Gloria at info@biglakechamber.com or call 763-263-7800. Her next visits are planned for Aug 8th and 21st!

Property tax relief

Minnesota businesses will see another reduction in their statewide property tax. Minnesota business property taxes are among the highest in the nation, and second highest for some properties. The state levy represents about 27% of a total property tax bill. The state business property tax levy will be reduced from \$784 million to \$737 million for taxes payable in 2020. Businesses will see this reduction on their tax statements this fall.

Health insurance premiums

Reinsurance will be extended two years, continuing to stabilize the individual health insurance market. Since its enactment in 2017, the program has done exactly what it was designed to do. It brought down premiums in the individual market by roughly 20% in 2018 and another 20% this year. The relief provided will be a factor once again as health insurance policies are renewed for 2020.



WOMEN IN BUSINESS:
WELCOME THE NEW PRESIDENT,
JOAN GABEL

August 12, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton Minneapolis – Univ. Area
Be among the first to hear from the new president of the University of Minnesota, Joan Gabel. If you've been to many Women in Business events or are new to the series, you're sure to enjoy this new perspective on challenges and opportunities facing the nearly 67,000 students and more than 27,000 faculty and staff throughout the U of M's five campuses.

[Register here!](#)



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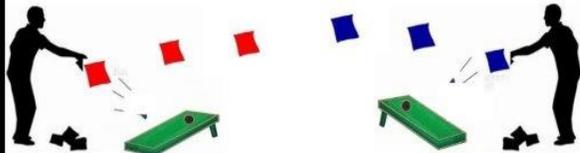
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McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes

DOUBLES BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY-AUGUST 10TH

- ⌚ 11:00 A.M. START TIME
- ⌚ DOUBLE ELIMINATION
- ⌚ BEST 3 OUT OF 5
- ⌚ \$20.00 ENTRY FEE PER PERSON
- ⌚ \$500.00 ADDED TO PRIZE MONEY
- ⌚ 100% PAY BACK



FOOD & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

REGISTRATION SHEET LOCATED AT THE BAR

FURTHER INFORMATION NEEDED CONTACT: 763-263-6556

DOG VACCINATION CLINIC City/Township of Big Lake

The 14TH Annual Big Lake Dog Vaccination Clinic will be held **Saturday, September 7, 2019** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Lions Community Park, 21960 County Road 5. Barrington Oaks Veterinary Hospital, Elk River, will provide vaccination services at this event.

All dogs must be on a leash. Only healthy dogs will be vaccinated. A Dog License is required for Township residents to be eligible for the discounted vaccinations.

Township residents will be able to purchase a dog license for \$20 on site the day of the event.

CASH PAYMENT REQUIRED.
NO CHECKS, DEBIT, OR CREDIT CARDS WILL BE
ACCEPTED.



Discounted prices are only good at the
Vaccination Clinic on the day of the event.

Vaccination prices from the 2018 clinic:
One year Rabies (\$10) Canine DHPP (\$16) Canine Lymes (\$30)
2019 Vaccination costs are expected to be "similar" to last year.

Contact Information:
City Hall Township Hall
763-263-2107 763-263-8111

**ECFE
in the PARK!**

**FAMILY FUN FOR
EVERYONE!**

2019 Dates & PARKS
 June 12 - LIBERTY ELEMENTARY
 June 26 - WRIGHTS CROSSING
 July 10 - HUDSON WOODS
 July 24 - SHORES OF LAKE MITCHELL
 Aug 7 - SANFORD SELECT ACRES
 Aug 21 - LAKESIDE

Join us this summer in the PARK!
 From 10:00 - 11:30 am
 We will be touring local parks all summer long
 bringing all the fun of ECFE to you!
 Register online: www.biglakece.org

**Pack a picnic and
stay and play!**
Need a ride?
Call Tri-Cap 888-705-5979

We will provide:

- projects
- music and movement
- stories
- community resources
- and more!

Plus, each family will go home with a new book and other surprises!

**For children ages
Birth - 5 and their
families!**

Cost = \$ FREE ©
 Registration is requested
 Participants registered
 by May 1, 2019 will
 receive free ECFE in the
 Park "SWAG!"

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sherburne Country Historical Society is seeking candidates to fill open seats on the Board of Directors of the **Sherburne History Center**. Board members shape the culture and community, oversee policy and procedures, assist with fundraising activities and help develop and promote programs and exhibits. For more information contact Executive Director Mike Brubaker at 763-262-4433, or mbrubaker@sherburnehistorycenter.org.



Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is offering bird tours on Saturdays, August 24th on Mahnomen Trail and August 31st on Blue Hill Trail from 8 am –10 am. A variety of fall migrants can be expected on this hike, along with hawks and eagles. Binoculars are available to borrow.



Tours are led by Refuge Volunteers. For more information, contact the Refuge office at 763-389-3323, sherburne@fws.gov or www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne. They also thank their 125 volunteers who cleaned approximately 22 miles of refuge roads, removing more than 1400 gallons of trash!



The City of Big Lake unfortunately has cancelled its August 9th Theatre in the Park event due to limited availability of actors from CLIMB Theatre.



The Minnesota Chamber's Manufacturers' Summit on Oct 2nd is an annual event that celebrates successes and underscores challenges in Minnesota's thriving manufacturing sector. Business leaders hear the latest

trends in manufacturing and delve deep into integral issues to growing jobs and prosperity in Minnesota. This summit is a great opportunity to connect manufacturers with vendors. Early bird registration discount is available until August 30th [here](#).



Lupulin Brewing with the Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association (BELIA) are hosting a smoked pulled pork cook-off on August 10th. Competitors

will bring their best recipes for smoked pulled pork to be sampled by the public and an esteemed panel of local judges. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places along with a People's Choice Award. Judging begins at 1:30pm and public sampling is 2pm-4pm, only \$2 per sample! Joel Hagberg will be performing live 2-6pm.

Members can submit their announcements 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 Wednesday, Wednesday, August 21st. 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	3
4	5	6	7	8 Grow MN Visits 1-3 pm. Call office for visit	9	10 McPete's Bean Bag Tournament @ 11 am Lupulin & BE-LIA Smokin' Pulled Pork Cookoff 2-4 pm
11	12	13 Board 12:30 City Chambers 8/20 Lunch & Learn Reg. Due	14 Ambassadors 11:30 at Friendly Buffalo Block Party Committee 3 pm @ McPete's	15 Business after Hours 5 pm @ McPete's Register here	16	17 Big Lake Block Party 10-2 @ McPete's
18	19 Econ Dev-Marketing Local Business 1 pm @ City Large Conf. Room	20 SCAUW Lunch & Learn on Vulnerable Youth 11:45 @ Carousell Works Register here	21 Grow MN Visits 10-noon. Call office for visit New Teacher items due @ 3 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 Membership Mtg 11:45 @ Carefree Country Club Register here	28	29	30	31

Mark Your Calendar!

Monday, Sept 2: Labor Day-Office closed

Thursday, Sept. 19 at 5 pm: Business after Hours at Hideout Restaurant. [Register here!](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 5-7 pm: Membership Meeting at Russell's. Note change of time. [Register here!](#)