

WHAT'S SHAKIN' at the Chamber!

Big Stone Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

Monthly Newsletter

July 2016

July Calendar of Events

(details found in this newsletter)

Friday, July 1-3: Toqua Days—Graceville

Saturday, July 2: Nature Story & Craft:
Animal Track—Bonanza Center

Thursday, July 7: Lego Club—Ortonville Library

Thursday, July 14—17: Big Stone County Fair
in Clinton

Tuesday, July 12: Craft Night at Co-op in Ortonville

Fri & Sat July 15—16: Country Music Concert
in Milbank

Saturday, July 16: Beardsley Day

Thur—Sat, July 21—23: Downtown Festival
in Ortonville

Thursday, July 21: Lego Club—Ortonville Library

Thursday, July 21: Co-op Potluck—in Ortonville

Tuesday, July 26: Craft Night at Co-op in Ortonville

Tuesday, July 26: Ag Appreciation Golf Open
in Ortonville

Thursday, July 28: KDIO “Celebrates 60 Years”

Thursday, July 28: Lego Club—Ortonville Library

Fri—Sun, July 28—30: Couples Golf Tournament
in Ortonville

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

UPDATE:

The Chamber newsletter is switching to monthly publications. Chamber members will be able to receive the newsletter by going to the chamber website at www.bigstonelake.com. It will no longer be emailed unless specifically specified. A notification will be emailed to chamber members as a reminder to see “What’s Shakin’ at the Chamber”, with a link to the website. This should lessen a clutter of email in your inbox.

If you have information, or upcoming events and would like them added to the newsletter, the deadline is the 18th of each month.

THANK YOU...

To everyone who came to the Cornfest Fundraiser during the 4-H Malt Wagon , June 15. And to all the businesses, and individuals who donated for the Yogi Bear Picnic Basket Raffle.

THANK YOU...

To everyone who supported our “1st Annual Big Stone Lake Days” in any way. To all the organizations, businesses and individuals who gave donations. To the committee, volunteers, and sponsors. To Big Stone City for the use of the park, and the City of Ortonville. To those who loaned us items to use for the weekend. To everyone who attended. Again for **ALL YOUR SUPPORT, a HUGE THANK YOU!!!!**





Toqua Days - Graceville

FRIDAY, JULY 1:

1-5pm-All-School Reunion, Community Center

5pm-Kids Tractor Pull

7pm-Kids Dance

Line Performance

7:30pm-Queen/Little Miss Contest

8pm -GWO Family Street Dance
(\$2 admission)

SATURDAY, JULY 2:

8am-Graceville Gallop Walk/Run

Softball Tournament, Toqua Park all day

9pm-Firemen's Street Dance

SUNDAY, JULY 3: -

1pm-Graceville Fire Department Water Fights

6:30pm-Strides of Hope Cash/Prize Bingo

9pm-Strides of Hope Glow Walk/Run

Nature Story and Craft: Animal Tracks

Sat, July 2, 10am – 12pm

Come to Bonanza Education Center and learn about identifying animal tracks and scat! Designed for ages three to 12, the Nature Story and Craft: Animal Tracks event will begin with a story. Participants will then take a nature hike to look for some tracks and return to the center to make an animal track ID book. Snack time and a game related to animal tracks will follow. Nature Story and Craft: Animal tracks will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. July 2 at Big Stone Lake State Park. Please register your children by calling the Big Stone Lake State Park office at 320-839-3663.

Big Stone County Fair

Thursday—Sunday, July 14—17

For the BSC Fair schedule, check out their website at
www.bscfair.org/

Craft Night at The Co-op

2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Come to the Granary Food Co-op in Ortonville, hang out and craft, whatever your craft may be...knitting, crocheting, sewing, scrapbooking, stamping or even if you want to just come for the company!

**For What's Happening at the
Ortonville & Graceville Libraries:**
check out their

www.ortonville.lib.mn.us

www.graceville.lib.mn.us

www.pioneerland.lib.mn.us



Beardsley Day

Saturday, July 16

5:00pm Open House
6:00pm Alumni Dinner
9:00pm Firemen's Dance

Craig Morgan Headlines: Farley Fest 2016!

Country music singer Craig Morgan will headline the 2016 Farley Fest concert, which is July 15!

Morgan's hits include Redneck Yacht Club, International Harvester and Tough. His six-week charter That's What I Love About Sunday was the most-played song in 2005.

In more Milbank Area Chamber summer news, Snake Oil Sinners is the classic hard rock group that will be the main act for the third annual Rock Concert in the Park August 13.



78TH CORNFEST
August 19—21, 2016

Watch for Details!

Downtown Festival—Ortonville

3 Days this year

Thurs. July 21 – Stroll through downtown Ortonville, where you find participating businesses having specials, refreshments and games. If you purchase a ticket for the stroll, your name will be entered in a drawing for Chamber Bucks, and other prizes. Local artwork will be on display, there will be music and a car show, same as last year. A parade and campfire are also in the works.

Then on **Friday, July 22** – the downtown businesses will be having their sidewalk sales throughout the day, and get a taste of town with local food establishments having specials and sidewalk stands as well.

Then on **Saturday, July 23** – The DRC is teaming up with OAHS and other area organizations to host their first annual "Bike Big Stone". It's a fun event to take advantage of the wonderful bike trail we have that starts right in our downtown area and leads to the Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge. This is an event for all ages and all levels of cyclists.





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Find Out "What's Shakin'" at the Chamber

On KDIO Thursdays at 9:05 a.m.
bigstonelake.com
facebook.com/BSLACHamber
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KDIO is celebrating 60 years:

706 2nd Street SE
Ortonville, MN 56278

Thursday, July 28, from 1:00pm—4:00pm

on the air this July and we will be hosting an open house at our office. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the celebration. Throughout the week leading up to the open house, we will be reminiscing on our "Morning Mix" with past and present employees of the station. Be sure to tune in and hear some of those voices from the past! We are grateful to have served the Big Stone Lake Area for 60 years and look forward to many more years to come. Thank you to our many supporters and sponsors through the years who have made our success possible! See you at the open house!

NEW JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

Kary Boerboom of the Southwest Minnesota

Private Industry Council, recently stopped in at the chamber to visit about the new job training programs available to businesses. Kary specializes in helping businesses source and train skilled employees. Check out the website below for more information on what they have to offer, and what is available to help businesses with their workforce needs.

If your business is interested in these programs, please call the Chamber Office at 839-3284, or Vicki at the EDA Office, 839-6155, and we will set up a date and time for Kary.

Link: Information on new programs to help train / workforce -
<https://ortonvilleeda.wordpress.com/2016/06/09/new-job-training-programs/>

***The Big Stone Lake Area
Chamber of Commerce Presents
The 2016 Ag Appreciation Golf Open***



**18 HOLES
OF GOLF!**

- Dinner
- Door Prizes
- Course Games



Tuesday, July 26, 2016

1 P.M. TEE OFF

4 Person Scramble

**Pay out based on participation
The Ortonville Golf Course - Ortonville, Minn.**

\$55 per person that has a cart

\$70 per person that needs a cart

Includes...

18 Holes of Golf - Dinner - Door Prizes - Course Games

Registration from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lunch Available (On Your Own)



Team (Business Name): _____
(If you are forming a full team, please indicate it here)

Print Golfer Names; check box if
person is a member of golf course

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Contact Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Total Golfers _____

Total Carts Needed _____

Total Dinners Only _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Method of Payment

- ☐ Bill Me
☐ Check

**Please Remit Form with Entry
Fee by July 19, 2016 to:**

**Big Stone Lake Area Chamber
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Ortonville, MN 56278
320-839-3284**

If you would like to donate door prizes, please contact the Chamber.