

# WHAT'S SHAKIN' at the Chamber!

## Big Stone Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

Bi-monthly Newsletter

February 15, 2016

### Calendar of Events

*Monday, February 15:* Chamber Board meeting

*Tuesday, February 16:* DRC meeting “field trip” to former D&R Enterprises building at noon; rest of meeting to follow at Cenbank

*Saturday, February 20:* Bowl for Hospice from 1 to 4 p.m. at Ally Cat Lanes in Ortonville

*Sunday, February 21:* Saint Hubert Area Faith Community’s ski trip to Andes Tower; call 320-598-3690 to reserve your spot!

*Wednesdays February 24 & March 9:* Coloring & Chocolate at 5:30 p.m. at Ortonville Public Library

*Sunday, February 28:* Turkey Dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. John’s Catholic Church in Ortonville (see page 4 for details!)

*Saturday, March 12:* St. Patrick’s Day in Graceville (see page 2 for details!)

*Sunday, March 13:* Rosen/Nassau Sauerkraut Fest at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church School in Rosen

*Saturday, March 19—Sunday, March 20:* 23rd Annual Sports & Leisure Show in Ortonville

### #BSLA\_HereWeGlow Annual Meeting!

Congratulations to the two new Big Stone Lake Area Chamber Board of Director members, who were elected at the Chamber’s Annual Celebration February 5: Gloria Larson of S&D OneStop / Cenex in Ortonville and Mary Jo Smithwick of Big Rock Grill & Casino in Big Stone City!

Here is a look back at what the Big Stone Lake Area Chamber and its members accomplished in 2015:

- Sent out more than 1,250 visitor information packets for tourism
- More than 165 active Chamber members with 12 new members
- More than \$30,000 spent on tourism
- Reinvigorated business association (now called the Downtown Revitalization Committee)

More highlights and pictures from the Chamber’s Glow in the Dark Party Annual Celebration can be found on page 3.



At left: Chamber members enjoyed the glowing festivities of the Annual Celebration, which was a glow in the dark theme!





## 2 Clues + 1.5 Days = \$125!

With only two clues and one and a half days to look, Erica Stattelmann and Billie Anderson found the Winterfest Medallion and won \$125 in Chamber Bucks!

The medallion was hidden by the Big Stone County War Memorial on the courthouse lawn.

Congratulations to Billie and Erica, who is shown at the right with the medallion and the winnings!



## Big Changes to Milbank's Summer Events!

The Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce is spreading out the typical Farley Fest event into a summer-long extravaganza!

The summer gets started on the same weekend Farley Fest has been held: June 25. That day, there will be Q-Fest, free live music and water ski show.

The fireworks will be on Independence Day.

On July 15 will be the country music performance by an artist yet to be announced. The summer will end with the third annual rock concert.

## 23rd Annual Sports & Leisure Show

The Big Stone Lake Area Chamber's 23rd annual Sports & Leisure Show will be March 19 and 20 at the Ortonville School!

To request a vendor application, contact the Chamber by emailing [chamber@bigstonelake.com](mailto:chamber@bigstonelake.com) or by calling 320-839-3284.

Stay tuned for a full schedule of events!

## Go Green in Graceville!

Graceville will turn green for St. Patrick's Day March 12!

A Pub Crawl fundraiser will be from 12 to 3 p.m. All money raised will go toward purchasing benches for the Toqua Lakeside Park.

Registration is at 11:30 a.m. March 12 at the Graceville Community Building. Stamped cards are to be turned in by 3 p.m. to the Parade MC area for door prize drawings.

Then the St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at 3 p.m.





## Board of Directors

Katie Adelman, *Chamber Director*  
Dustin Roggenbuck, *President*  
Greg Peterson, *Vice President*

## Board Members

Artie Arndt  
Mark Berg  
Sue Kaercher-Blake  
Gloria Larson  
Lisa Merritt  
Karen Oakes  
Mary Jo Smithwick  
Steve Roggenbuck (charter member)  
Mary Ann Ulrich (charter member)

## Contact the Chamber

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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  
twitter.com/BSLACHamber

## More Glow in the Dark Highlights!

Thank you for your support and dedication to the Big Stone Lake Area Chamber this past year! We had a great 2015 and are looking forward to an exciting 2016!

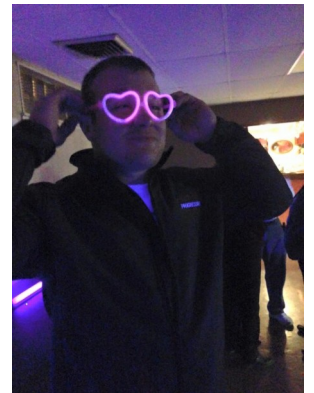
Here are a few more pictures from the Annual Celebration February 5!

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Above: Chamber member Kim Sykora of Sykora Plumbing tries her hand at glow in the dark bowling at the Annual Celebration February 5.

Right: Pictured from left are Chamber Board members Gloria Larson and Lisa Merritt and Chamber Director Katie Adelman, donning their light-up accessories.



Above: Big Stone Lake Area Chamber Board President Dustin Roggenbuck tries on his new shades at the Glow in the Dark Annual Celebration February 5.





# Turkey Dinner

With all of the fixings

Free Will Offering

Sunday, February 28, 2016

St. John's Catholic Church Social Hall

Serving from 11:00 -1:00

Take outs available

Call 320-839-2772

Proceeds will benefit

The operations of the

Ortonville-Mound Cemetery Association

Sponsored by St. John's Catholic Church

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