

WHAT'S SHAKIN' at the Chamber!

Big Stone Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

Bi-monthly Newsletter

November 16, 2015

Calendar of Events

Thursday, November 19: [Holiday Kickoff / Lighting Ceremony](#) in Ortonville starting at 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 19: Jo Lee's Jewelry Remount Event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 19: Holiday Sip & Shop at Linda's Fashions in Milbank from 5 to 8 p.m.

Friday, November 20: Main Street Industries Open House from 3 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, November 21: [GoFasters Arctic Cat ATV and Snow Open House](#) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; plenty of giveaways, prizes, food and refreshments!

Sunday, November 22: RSVP deadline for Thanksgiving Day noon meal at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ortonville; call 839-3422

Monday, November 23: [Taster's Tea](#): Holiday Mixer from 5 to 7 p.m. in Clinton (see page 2 for details!)

Wednesday, November 25: [Thanksgiving Eve DJ](#) at 9 p.m. at Ally Cat Bowling

Thursday, November 26: Chamber office closed

Saturday, November 28: Small Business Saturday

Monday, November 30: Someplace Safe Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (see page 3 for details!)

Holiday Decorating Contest!

'Tis the season...to turn the Big Stone Lake Area into a magical wonderland of lights! This season, the first ever Big Stone Lake Area Holiday Decorating Contest will be during the following dates:

- **Decorating & Entry Period:** until December 3
- **Lighting Period:** through December 25
- **Judging:** before December 18
- **Winners Announced:** December 21

The grand prize winner will receive 10 percent off a 2016 Chamber membership! Find full guidelines [here](#), and download an entry form [here](#).

Avenue of Trees!

Any business, organization or community member that would like to light up the vacant lot across from the Ortonville Community Center can do so with decorated trees! Find more info [here](#)!

The Avenue of Trees will be displayed in the Lighted Parade during Santa Day in Ortonville December 5! Following the parade, they will be lit in the former Kaye lot (across from the Community Center), where people can vote for a favorite tree from December 5 to December 18.

Limited supply of trees, lights and decorations are available at the Chamber. To RSVP your tree by December 3, contact the Chamber!





Holiday Craft Fair in Graceville!

The [17th Annual Holiday Craft Fair in Graceville](#) is Saturday, November 21!

More than 50 vendors will be displaying a variety of quality craft items. Concessions will be available all day. The CGB Show Choir performs at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call Heidi at 320-748-7233, ext. 136.



Tasters Tea in Clinton!

Holiday Mixer is this year's theme for the [Tasters Tea](#) in Clinton!

The Tea is Monday, November 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Clinton Memorial Building in Clinton.

The meal, which includes samples made by the Clinton Women's Civic Club members, is \$6. A cookbook with the Taster's Tea recipes are \$3.

Independent Community Calendar!

Any non-profit organization with an upcoming holiday event may post it on the Ortonville Independent's Holiday Community Calendar. Submissions are due by November 26 for the December 1 edition. Call 320-839-6163 to submit.

Coloring and Hot Chocolate... For Adults!

Did you know that coloring helps people de-stress? We focus on that activity and forget about the thing(s) causing us anxiety!

If you would like to take your mind off the everyday stresses, come to the Ortonville Public Library at 5:30 p.m. every other Wednesday starting November 18. The "class" is designed for adults. Coloring sheets, crayons and pencils and hot chocolate will be provided.

Subsequent Wednesdays will be December 2, December 16 and December 30.

Holiday Road Trip!

Dash through the snow to Alexandria with the Ortonville and Graceville Public Libraries!

Legacy funds provide a free trip to see the play Dashing Through the Snow at the Alexandria Area Arts December 4. According to the [Alexandria Area Arts Association](#), the play is "a holiday romp with surprising and delightful turns that leads to a laugh-till-your-sides-ache ending!"

The bus will leave Ortonville at 4:45 p.m. and will leave Graceville at 5:15 p.m. The show is at 7:30 p.m. Call either library at 839-2494 or 748-7332 to reserve your seat!





Busted! Shopping the Bump!

Get caught shopping around Ortonville with the new MNBump bag between November 19 and December 24 and you could win Chamber Bucks

The Chamber's Downtown Revitalization Committee is starting a Busted! campaign November 19 at the Lighting Ceremony in Ortonville. Two times a week for five weeks, those spotted shopping Ortonville with the MNBump bags will be "busted" and will receive \$20 in Chamber Bucks.

The Busted! campaign will run until December 24.

MNBump bags are available for \$15 at the Ortonville EDA and Big Stone Lake Area Chamber offices.



Santa Day & Christmas Kick-off!

You better not pout, I'm telling you why: Santa Claus is comin' to ORTONVILLE!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in town December 5 for Santa Day! They will be at the Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m. for pictures. They will also be riding in the Lighted Parade at 5 p.m.! Stay tuned to bigstonelake.com for more details about Santa Day activities!

Someplace Safe Open House!

Someplace Safe is opening its doors and inviting you to learn more about helping others in the community!

Its open house will be Monday, November 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Big Stone County Someplace Safe office, which is located at 133 NW 2nd St, Suite 101.

Refreshments will be served. Everyone who attend will be entered into a drawing to win a door prize!

Holiday items and working and non-working cell phone in good condition for Someplace Safe clients can be dropped off at the Open House.

Visit the Someplace Safe website [here](#) for more information!

More Santa Day & Christmas Kick-off Events!

Get in the Christmas spirit with [Santa Day and the Christmas Kick-off](#) event in Ortonville!

From 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 5, join in the fun of holiday arts and crafts at a location to be determined. At the Ortonville Community Center will be photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus and an adult ugly sweater contest. At 3:30 p.m., holiday movies will start at the community center. And to end the day, a lighted parade will be at 5 p.m.!





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A Little Thought Goes a Long Way!

The staff at Jo Lee’s Jewelry in Ortonville started the Suzie’s Doozies campaign with a goal of raising \$1,000 by October 31. Not only did they meet that goal but they exceeded it! To date, \$1,869.10 has been raised for the Big Stone County Cancer Support Group, which helps those fighting cancer in Big Stone County.

The campaign was a way of showing support for Sue Kaercher-Blake, a survivor of breast cancer and Ortonville Independent newspaper editor. The Jo Lee’s staff created earrings and bracelets using pages from Independent and Northern Star newspapers.

The jewelry is still available at Jo Lee’s Jewelry in Ortonville.

Holiday Train Comin’ Down the Tracks!

Every year, the Canada Pacific Holiday Trains travel through dozens of communities, raising food and cash donations for North American food banks. This year, the Holiday Train will make the following stops in Minnesota:

- December 6 through 11: Rochester, Owatonna, Waseca, Janesville, Austin, La Crescent, Winona, Wabasha, Hastings, Cottage Grove and Minneapolis/St. Paul
- December 12 through 14: Loretto, Buffalo, Annandale & Kimball, Glenwood, Alexandria, Henning, Detroit Lakes, Plummer, Thief River Falls & Elbow Lake

Live music accompanies the Holiday Train stops. The concerts are always free, but a donation to the local food bank—either a non-perishable food item or a cash donation—is encouraged.

Find the Holiday Train’s full route, with times and locations, [here!](#)



Holiday Kick-off & Lighting Ceremony

Downtown Ortonville • Thursday, November 19



**Independent Scrip Drawing at 4:30 p.m.!*

**Holiday Treats at Hardware Hank!*



**Tree & Snowflake Lighting at 5:15 p.m.!*

**Milltones Singing at former Kaye lot!*

**Stores open until 6 p.m.!*

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