



#### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

September Chamber Meeting SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



### New Sioux County Ag Expo Facilities Presented by the LeAnn Englin

#### 12-1pm SIOUX CENTER LIBRARY

Cost: \$12 Coney dogs and sides catered by Casey's Bakery

No RSVP's needed. All Chamber members and their employees are encouraged to attend!



#### CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING.

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN The Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce and The Sioux Center Public Library

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LEADERSHIP EXPLORATION + DEVELOPMENT

### RALLY YOUR COMMUNICATION MOJO! INCREASE YOUR EFFECTIVENESS AS A COMMUNICATOR

\$30

In this engaging, interactive session, we will explore userfriendly strategies that can be immediately implemented to make you more effective when you communicate.

#### INSTRUCTOR Brenda Clark Hamilton

KEYNOTE SPEAKER | WORKPLACE TRAINER

m THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

9AM - NOON

SIOUX CENTER LIBRARY 102 S MAIN AVE, SIOUX CENTER, IA 51250

SCAN TO REGISTER



# **Chamber News**

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### **WELCOME TO OUR** New Member!



CENTER BENEFITS

Insurance & HR Services

### **Center Benefits**

www.centerbeneffts.net jenn@centerbenefits.net (712)449-8198

### **RIBBON CUTTING**

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20 | 10:00AM 538 12TH ST NE, SIOUX CENTER

Join us in welcoming Jenn Vermeer and her new business to our membership!



Hope Food Pantry is a ministry that seeks to be the hands and feet of Jesus to all in need. They accept donations of food, personal care products and clothing. We are need 15-20 volunteers to help sort and organize items that have been donated.

Reach Out Opportunities are scheduled 3-4 times a year to allow our members an opportunity to network and give back to the community! Sign up by calling our office at 712-722-3457 or emailing amberv@siouxcenterchamber.com



# discover

Have you recently hired someone new to our community?

Discover Sioux Center would like to invite them to lunch!

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 11:45AM-1:00PM DORDT AG STEWARDSHIP CENTER

We welcome any of your new employees who you have hired within the last year to attend this informational lunch. The meeting will include an overview of our community, an update of things happening in Sioux Center, and an opportunity to get involved!

Cost for lunch is \$15 and RSVP's are requested by Friday, September 15 Email amberv@siouxcenterchamber.com to sign up!

### Christmas Cash is Back!

#### WHAT IS CHRISTMAS CASH?

Christmas Cash is a program that allows the purchase of Chamber Gift Cards at a discount, and it has proven successful in keeping local dollars circulating in Sioux Center. Did you know that each dollar spent at a locally owned store is usually spent 6 to 15 times before it leaves the community? From \$1 you create \$5 to \$14 in value within the community. Since 2009 the Executive Board has made a commitment to our Chamber member businesses by making a Stimulus Package available in Chamber Gift Cards. Gift Cards can be purchased at a discount with a \$300 maximum purchase per family/business. The Board has again made a commitment to fund this program for the 2023 Holiday Season by having up to \$100,000 available to purchase at 15% discount. However, they are again putting out a challenge to our membership. They are giving you the opportunity to partner with them in to make this successful program a reality. You will soon receive a letter in the mail with more information.

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT US AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE! CHRISTMAS CASH - IT'S BACK



# Library Announcements

# **Breakfast for Schools!**





We had the privilege to serve breakfast at the Sioux Center Public School and the Sioux Center Christian School to help them kick off the year on the right foot! Thank you to the teachers and other staff members for all you do for the young generations in our community.

#### GOOD LUCK TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!



To confirm your entry or for more parade information contact: j<u>ennifer.traver@scwarriors.org</u> / 712-722-1541

### Agriculture Service Technology (A.S. DEGREE)



Dordt University is accepting applications for the new **AGRICULTURE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY** two-year degree launching fall 2024. Dordt and AgriVision Equipment have partnered to create a program where students learn from a John Deere Certified Dealer Instructor and an ASE Master Technician for medium/heavy trucks. Upon graduation, students are recognized as certified John Deere technicians. The partnership provides students with paid internships at AgriVision Equipment locations, a tool allowance, and sign-on bonuses at AgriVision Equipment, with a 24-month service commitment following graduation.

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM



# Library Announcements

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### SEPTEMBER 2023 Announcements

THE SIOUX CENTER LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN SEPTEMBER: Monday, September 4, for Labor Day Tuesday, September 19, from 9-2:30pm

for a county wide training

LEAD: LEADERSHIP EXPLORATION + DEVELOPMENT

The Sioux Center Library is partnering with the Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce to offer a new LEAD series on Thursday, September 7 from 9am-12pm at the library. Brenda Clark Hamilton will offer a fresh perspective on leadership, communication, teambuilding, and so much more! Registration is required and can be completed on the library's website at www. siouxcenterlibrary.org.

**ONE BOOK, ONE SIOUX COUNTY** will be holding a fall program at the library on September 14 called "Brushes and Feathers". During this program participants will create bird portraits in pen and watercolor with Judy Thompson. This program is a precursor to their main event on November 2. Registration is required so we can have enough supplies on hand for the watercolors.

**SIOUX STITCHERS** will be holding their monthly meeting at the library on Tuesday, September 19 from 1:30-3:00pm. Visitors are always welcome!

The **SHELF DISCOVERY BOOK CLUB** will be discussing the book "From Scratch" by Tembi Locke on Saturday, September 16 at 10:00am. Participants can pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.

#### **CONVERSATIONS IN SPANISH**

Adults and teens interested in practicing the Spanish language are invited to join us at the library for a Conversations in Spanish night on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:30pm where native and non-native Spanish speakers are invited to gather for casual conversations in Spanish. This program is intended for those wanting to improve their Spanish skills. Conversation topics will be provided as well as mini-grammar lessons.

#### **FALL PROGRAMS**

The fall programs at the Sioux Center Library will start their new season in September. For a complete list of all the children, teen and adult programs, please visit their website at <u>www.siouxcenterlibrary.org</u>.



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WE HAD FUN RUNNING OUR KIDS CLUB LEMONADE STAND! NEXT TIME WE WANT TO MAKE COOKIES AND OFFER DIFFERENT FLAVORS OF LEMONADE!



# **Chamber Member News**

### Peoples Bank in Sioux Center welcomes Kolin Kroeze as Mortgage Loan Originator



After growing up in Northwest Iowa and graduating from Dordt University, Kolin decided to stay in Sioux Center to pursue a career in banking. Peoples Bank really drew him in with their very caring and family-centered culture. Kolin started as a Mortgage Loan Originator shortly after graduation and has enjoyed gaining knowledge in residential and consumer lending.

Kolin lives in Sioux Center and is passionate about serving the community

and building relationships with others here. Buying a home is one of the most significant financial decisions people make, and Kolin believes that helping others through that process is a great way to serve and assist them.

In his spare time, Kolin enjoys golfing, spending time with friends and family, working at Dordt basketball games, and cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes.





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# **TRAUMA INFORMED CONFERENCE**

Trauma-informed training for school counselors, educators and anyone working with individuals who have expereinced trauma.

### October 17 | 8:30am-3:15pm | Northwestern College campus



# Chamber Member News



# Thursday Sept 7th

# Friday Sept 8th

1:00pm - 6:00 pm

Centre Mall 251 N. Main Ave



Life Serve

11:00 am- 3:00 pm

Culver's 1913 S Main Ave



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