

# Newsletter

September 2025

# September Chamber Meeting

Wednesday, September 17
12:00-1:00pm
Sioux Center Public Library
MEAL CATERED BY PIZZA HUT | COST: \$15

"Building for Tomorrow: Housing in Sioux Center"

Presented by Lucas Heiberger, Community Development Director and Eric Vande Hoef, SCLD

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



### CHAMBER WORKSHOP

Marketing Essentials: Branding & Social Media Tools

Join us for a hands-on workshop designed to help you simplify and streamline your marketing. You'll create a one-page brand kit, define your brand voice, and batch 2–3 ready-to-use social media posts using free tools like Canva and ChatGPT. Walk away with practical templates, content ideas, and a repeatable system to keep your marketing consistent and stress-free.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 23 **TIME:** 9:30 am - 11:30 am **WHERE:** Chamber Office - Van Bruggen Collaboration Space

**COST:** \$50 for Chamber Members

TO REGISTER AND MORE INFORMATION: email <u>amberv@siouxcenterchamber.com</u>

SPACE IS LIMITED

**BUSINESS RESOURCES FOR YOU!** 

# Navigating the New Tax Law



What Small Businesses Need to Know

A practical guide to maximizing savings for your small business under the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act"

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**SEP 18** 

UPCOMING RIBBON CUTTING



Pulse 712 Fitness & Training 10:00am 280 23rd St NE



**Dordt University Rec Center** 

EARLY BIRD Special
REGISTER EARLY AND RECEIVE
LAST YEAR'S BOOTH RATES!

Registration Opens September 1st!



## August Ribbon Cuttings









**BLAZER CENTER: SIOUX CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** 





### Christmas Cash is Back!

#### WHAT IS CHRISTMAS CASH?

Christmas Cash is a program that allows you to purchase Chamber Gift Cards at a discount—helping keep local dollars circulating right here in Sioux Center.

Did you know that every dollar spent at a locally owned business is typically spent 6 to 15 times before it leaves the community? That means your \$1 purchase can create \$5 to \$14 of value within Sioux Center!

Since 2009, the Executive Board has shown its commitment to Chamber member businesses by offering this Stimulus Package through Chamber Gift Cards. Gift Cards can be purchased at a discount, with a \$300 maximum purchase per family or business.

For the 2025 Holiday Season, the Board has once again funded this program—making up to \$100,000 available at a 15% discount. They are also challenging our Chamber members to partner with them in making this proven program a continued success.

You will soon receive a letter in the mail with more details on how you can participate.

**QUESTIONS?** 

**CONTACT US ANYTIME AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE!** 

**CHRISTMAS CASH - IT'S BACK!** 

### **AFTER THE STORM**

A truly heartfelt thank you to all who stepped up in the storm recovery following the night of July 28.

Many businesses responded to our call, bringing dozens of sidedumps, payloaders, tree removal equipment, and more. They worked together with our City crews in an incredibly swift and effective cleanup effort.

All across Sioux Center, property owners, friends, family, and neighbors worked side by side to tackle felled trees and branches as well as damaged buildings and vehicles. A special thanks to those who led the charge in this well-run storm response.

We saw the character of this community on display, and we couldn't be more grateful or proud to call this our home.







Van Engelenhoven Agency is excited to announce we are expanding our insurance office to a Sioux Center location!

Our new office allows for easier access to Sioux Center clients and creates opportunities for us to be immersed in a community we are grateful to be a part of! We look forward to educating and empowering our clients with knowledge, support, and genuine care. We are eager to be readily available to serve the greater Sioux Center community!

http://www.veinsurance.com 1245 N Main Suite C Sioux Center Call 1-800-856-6001 for an appointment.

"Navigating our clients through a lifetime of needs."



# Heritage Village HARVEST FESTIVAL



Friday, Sept. 12 • 9am-4pm Saturday, Sept. 13 • 9am-3pm



**Heritage Village at Tower Fields** 701 Second Ave SW, Sioux Center



All ages are welcome! FREE ADMISSION!



**Lunch at Doc's Cafe** Saturday Only • 11am-3pm Maid Rites, Chips and Root Beer Floats

### **LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS**

#### **TOUR OUR BUILDINGS**

Apple Cider Press • Woodworking • Rug Weaving • Petting Zoo • Butter Churning Blacksmithing • Dutch Oven Cooking • Antique Machinery • Musical Instruments Pottery • Rope Making • AND MUCH MORE!

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Heritage Village, Sioux Center

# **SEPTEMBER 2025 Library Announcements**

The library will have three author visits during the month of September. The public is invited to attend these free events.

- 1. **Joseph LeValley** will be presenting his program: Thrill(er Ride) Lessons Learned on the Road to Becoming a Novelist on Monday, September 8, at 7:00pm.
- 2. **Brad Wilkening** will lead a program on Lessons from the Holocaust on Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30pm.
- 3. **Sara de Waal** will share her new book The Biggest Smallest Thing at her program on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 3:30pm.

Korissa Lassen from the Iowa State Extension office will present **Good Nutrition on a Budget**. Discover simple ways to eat healthily without overspending at the grocery store! She'll give tips on shopping store ads, menu plans, and show a wonderful website to help you further work with meal planning, budgets, and exercise! Join us for this FREE program on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7:00pm to help you make the most of your money while eating healthy!

Need help with any tech related devices? Stop in during **Tech Tuesdays** on Sept. 2 and 16 from 1-3:00pm. Our tech guru will help you with anything- from the library's electronic

resources to basic computer and tablet use, email essentials, and more! Appointments are not needed. Time could be limited to 30 minutes depending on others waiting.

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will begin meeting at the library this fall. They will meet on the first Tuesday of every month for a presentation and then smaller support group meetings afterward. The public is invited to attend on September 2 at 7:00pm.

**Sioux Stitchers** will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 16 from 1:30-3:00pm. Visitors are always welcome. Each month they have a different presenter, with new skills taught. Registration is not required.

The **Dyslexia Support Group** will meet on Thursday, September 18 at 7:00pm. They will be discussing Decoding Dyslexia Iowa's Dyslexia Evaluation FAQs.

To see a complete list of all the upcoming programs, or to sign up for a library event, please visit our website at <a href="www.siouxcenterlibrary.org">www.siouxcenterlibrary.org</a>.





# Jenn Vermeer, Center Benefits Recognized Again as Top Producer in 2024

Vermeer achieves yet again the Grow Your Business Award, coming in the top 10% in 2024 among KHI insurance agents Jenn Vermeer of Center Benefits has once again been recognized for her outstanding performance in the insurance industry. In 2023, Vermeer achieved First Place among the top 10% ranking KHI agents, earning the prestigious Partners in Excellence Grow Your Business Award from KHI Solutions. This award highlights her exceptional business growth and dedication to client satisfaction.

Building on her success, Vermeer continued to excel in 2024, securing a spot in the top 10% of KHI agents. Her ongoing recognition emphasizes her consistent expertise in helping clients find the right insurance solutions. KHI Solutions, a trusted General Agency serving over 500 health insurance agents across lowa, acknowledges Vermeer's deep industry knowledge and ability to match clients with the best products for their needs.

Vermeer will be honored at a dinner reception in April, where Vermeer's commitment to excellence will once again be highlighted. This ongoing recognition reflects her unwavering dedication to providing personalized, high-quality service that aligns with KHI Solutions' mission—ensuring clients receive the best possible insurance options for their peace of mind.



Insurance & HR Services

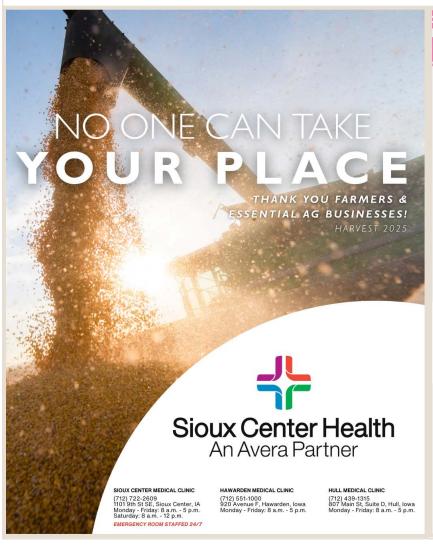


KHI Solutions Partners in Excellence Grow Your Business Award

For the second year in a row, Center Benefits is in the top 10% of the Agency in New Business Growth from KHI Solutions, a general agency representing 500 health insurance agents throughout Iowa.

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### Woods Fuller Commits to Community

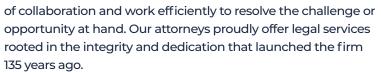
Woods Fuller Shultz & Smith attorney <u>Drew Driesen</u> recently completed the Leadership Sioux Center program.

Drew's legal practice focuses primarily on litigation. As a litigator, he has advocated for individuals, organizations, and state and local governments in disputes related to commercial contracts, real-estate transfers, patent and trademark rights, creditor rights, and constitutional law. A native of Orange City and graduate of Northwestern College, he returned to the area after law school with a commitment to both his profession and to the community. He currently lives in Sioux Center with his wife, Dana, a Sioux Center native and legal assistant in Hull.

"Leadership Sioux Center was an immensely rewarding experience," said Driesen. "The opportunity to hear directly from leaders in business, government, education, and nonprofit work helped me appreciate all the collaboration and effort it takes to make Sioux Center what it is. I gained insight into local industries, built meaningful connections with other professionals, and saw firsthand the level of thought and care that goes into community leadership."

Drew's participation in Leadership Sioux Center is part of Woods Fuller's broader commitment to community involvement in northwest Iowa and beyond. Woods Fuller is one of the region's largest and most experienced legal teams based out of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The firm also has attorneys in Worthington, Minnesota, Brookings South Dakota, and Sheldon, Iowa.

<u>With over 40 attorneys</u>, Woods Fuller represents clients in nearly all legal matters, including corporate transactions, intellectual property, finance, debtor & creditor, real estate, litigation, estate planning, immigration, and family law. We are proud of our culture



The firm recently launched a campaign highlighting its focus on building relationships, understanding the values of clients, and showing up where it matters most—whether that's at the table for business negotiations or in service to the community.

Drew joins Amanda Bahena and Micah Schreurs in the Sioux Center office. Amanda, who speaks both Spanish and English, focuses her practice on estate planning and immigration law. She was recently featured in the firm's community campaign because of her commitment to an organization called Vi Bella Serves. She is an example of how one person can have a domino effect, and she is an example of how the attorneys of Woods Fuller serve both their clients, and their greater communities. Micah practices law in both Sioux Center and Sheldon and is active in both communities. He assists clients with estate planning, real estate projects, and other business matters; represents various municipal clients in northwest lowa; and enjoys serving as a high school soccer coach.

Woods Fuller is proud to support programs like Leadership Sioux Center and remains committed to serving clients with both legal excellence and a strong sense of community.

To learn more about the firm's work in northwest lowa, visit woodsfuller.com







## Walinga: A Growing Force in Our Community

Walinga, a family-owned and operated company that celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2024, and is moving into its 3rd generation of Leadership, continues to demonstrate its commitment to growth and community investment. With over 500 employees worldwide, Walinga is set to expand its local footprint significantly in Sioux Center.

The company recently acquired 10 acres of land adjacent to its current location, in Sioux Center lowa, with plans to construct a new 35,000-square-foot service facility. This state-of-the-art facility will not only enhance Walinga's service capabilities but also house assembly operations for pneumatic conveying systems, body installations for feed trucks, and a dedicated parts depot for all Walinga aftermarket parts. We will also be expanding our pneumatic conveying systems, parts and service in the Midwest.

A large growth area for Walinga has been the Ultra-Veyor Smart-Flo line of equipment which primarily moves bulk products. A main part of that is the farm automation systems to move the grain from the dryer to storage bins or any location automatically with advanced Smart-flo features. The main benefits are very low grain damage, low wear on components and the flexibility to move the grain anywhere easily.

These systems are also starting to gain traction in the commercial applications for bulk material movements at large facilities. They are used in applications from grain to dog food to plastic conveying and anything in between.

This expansion signals a strong commitment to the local economy. When the new facility approaches completion, Walinga will be actively seeking talented individuals from our community to support its growing customer base and continued success. Walinga's core values, which include faith, family, employees, vendors, and support of our local community, remain at the heart of its operations as it embarks on this exciting new chapter.

We look forward to continually servicing our local customers and community in the years ahead.





# Join us in welcoming our Craig DeHaan as our Sioux Center President.



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### Interstates: Connecting People, Skills & Community through Service

Interstates team members are making an impact beyond our offices and job sites. Through our Engage service program, we bring our team's talents and heart for service to life — partnering with local nonprofits and helping our communities thrive.

So far in 2025, Interstates team members have completed 25 projects across the U.S., contributing nearly 500 volunteer hours — many of them right here in Sioux Center. From painting nonprofit offices to encouraging young girls in tech, our people are stepping up in big ways to serve and support the places we call home.

Some recent highlights:

**Family Crisis Centers (Sioux Center, IA)**: Volunteers repainted and refreshed FCC's new office space (photo attached).

**CybHER Tech Event (Dakota State University):** Our women's employee group inspired middle school girls to explore careers in technology and coding.

**Boys & Girls Club Family Night:** Our spring leadership class hosted hands-on activities like slime-making and boat-building for local kids and families.



Engage is about more than checking a box for community service. It's about living out our values, working shoulder-to-shoulder with local partners, and using our unique skills to make a lasting difference. We're here with you, and for you.

"I love that Interstates gives us the opportunity to volunteer in a variety of different settings," says team member Nicole Van Roekel. "It allows us to get out of the office, spend time with coworkers, and give back to the communities we work in."

We're proud to be part of Sioux Center — and honored to serve alongside the people who make it such a special place.





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