



OCTOBER 2023

October

Chamber Meeting

Oct. 11, 2023 12:00-1:00pm

Sioux Center Public Library

Meal Cost: \$12 Smoked Pulled-Pork catered by Cedar Rock

All Chamber members and their employees are encouraged to attend!



"Detours Ahead-Help Your Customers Find You"

Learn how you can utilize Sioux Center's new campaign to market your business & hear strategies for continued business success during Highway 75 construction with detours in 2024-2025.

We will also hear an update on the 2024-2025 Highway 75 construction plans.





We are excited to begin our 10th year of Leadership Sioux Center!

Congratulations to this year's participants! -

Anna Bousema

Epic Realty

Kathi Buyert Ver Hoef Automotive

Jesse DeBoom Interstates

Judy Delperdang
Pella Corporation

Dan Faber Trans Ova Genetics

Brandon Haan Sioux Center Christian School

> Dr. David Janssen Sioux Center Health

Josh Koedam City of Sioux Center

Jeremy Koerselman All Things New Therapy Services

> Ben Lewis Schelling Construction

Iver Mettler

Sioux Center Community School District

Eric Oleson

Oleson+Hobbie Architects

Tara Raman

Family Crisis Centers

Amanda Rickard

Promise Community Health Center

Trent Roose

Dordt University

Michaela Stelling Compass Construction

Sarah Te Grotenhuis

Sioux Center Community School District

Jose Vega Link Manufacturing

Mick Visser

Trans Ova Genetics

Piet Westerbeek Sioux County Radio

CULVER'S CELEBRATES 15 YEARS IN BUSINESS!



Chamber Open House Friday, October 6 9-10am

Chamber Members are invited to celebrate Culver's 15 years in business in Sioux Center!

Join us and enjoy custard, cookies, coffee and tours of the restaurant!

Culver's will donate 15% of their day's sales to our local EMS and Fire Department

MANUFACTURING WEEK

Be sure to watch our videos on social media plus join us for this fun event!

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Manufacturing Week is a nationally recognized event beginning on the first Friday in October and celebrates those who proudly stand behind our goods and services in America. During Manufacturing Week, the Sioux Center Chamber will recognize four of our members who have embraced manufacturing:

Link Manufacturing, Pella Corporation, Interstates and Sioux Automation Center. Manufacturers continue to develop products and unlock new technologies growing our economy.

Manufacturing businesses create high-paying, high-skilled jobs through entrepreneurship, and their competitiveness revitalizes

American manufacturing.

Through video, we will bring the inside of these manufacturers right to you! You will see high-end technology, robotics, plus much more! And be sure to join us at Pella Corporation on Friday, October 26th for a Chamber Coffee and tours!

Chamber Coffee & Open House



AT PELLA 1800 N Main Ave

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 9:00-10:30AM

30 MINUTE TOURS STARTING AT

9:00am, 9:45am and 10:30am

TOUR GUIDELINES:

- · No open-toed shoes
- · No loose clothing or hoodies
- Please tie up hair that is longer than shoulder length
- Necklaces (or other loose jewelry) and neckties are not permitted
- · Please no photos or video



Picture this Photography
Ribbon Cutting



Center Benefits Ribbon Cutting



Reach Out Opportunity



Homecoming Parade

Need Christmas Ideas for Your Employees and Customers?

Sioux Center Chamber Gift Cards are the perfect gifts for your employees and customers this Christmas season. They can be loaded with any dollar amount and can be redeemed at over 80 Chamber Businesses.

PURCHASE HERE

OR CALL OUR OFFICE AT 712-722-3457



OCTOBER 2023 Announcements

The **DYSLEXIA SUPPORT GROUP** will be meeting on October 5 and 19 at 7:00pm at the Sioux Center Public Library. This is a great time for parents and educators to get together to learn more about dyslexia and how to support dyslexic children and struggling readers.

CONVERSATIONS IN SPANISH

Adults and teens interested in practicing the Spanish language are invited to the Sioux Center Public Library on Tuesday evenings on October 3, 10, and 17, for Conversations in Spanish at 7:30pm. This program is for individuals wanting to improve their Spanish skills. Register now on their website calendar.

SOLAR ECLIPSE PROGRAM

The Sioux Center Library is excited to welcome Dr. Channon Visscher from Dordt University as he presents a program on the solar eclipse on October 12 at 7:00pm. Those in attendance will learn the science behind a solar eclipse and receive your own pair of eclipse glasses! The library will also have a special eclipse StoryTime Jr. that morning as well as some fun drop-in eclipse crafts for kids in the afternoon. Find out more information on their website at www.siouxcenterlibrary.org.

Parents – do your kiddos love to dress up as superheros?

Then we have a great program just for them! The Sioux Center Library is having a Superhero Party on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00pm. Kids will make masks, capes, play games and enjoy a superhero snack!

TECH TUESDAYS

Stop in at the library during our Tech Tuesdays on October 3 and 17 from 1-3:00pm for assistance with any tech-related questions. We will help with topics like the library's electronic resources, basic computer use, online job applications, and so much more! No appointment needed.

HARRY POTTER PARTY

Teens in 5th-8th grade are invited to a fun Harry Potter Party on Thursday, October 26 from 6:30-8:30pm. We'll have crafts, food, and more! Costumes are encouraged! Space is limited so don't wait to sign up!

The **SHELF DISCOVERY BOOK CLUB** will be discussing One Book, One Sioux County's title for this year, Sugar Birds, at their meeting on October 21 at 10:00am. Visitors are always welcome. Then make plans to join OBOSC at their main event at Northwestern College on November 2 where the author for Sugar Birds, Cheryl Grey Bostrom, will be present. One Book, One Sioux County is a collaborative program among the 8 public and 3 academic libraries in Sioux County in an attempt at community building through shared conversation.





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In recent years, there has been a notable increase in the prevalence of bank impersonation scams. These scams typically involve fraudsters making phone calls to unsuspecting victims, manipulating them into believing that their bank account has been compromised. The scammers then employ a two-step process to gain unauthorized access to the victim's account. First, they send a one-time passcode to the victim and convince them to read it aloud over the phone. Once in possession of this passcode, the fraudster can access the victim's account, resulting in what is known as an "account takeover."

Verify the Caller: If you ever receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from your bank regarding potential fraud, hang up immediately.

Call Your Bank Directly: Instead of returning the call to the number provided by the caller, look up your bank's official phone number and call them directly to verify the authenticity of the call.

Guard Your Information: Never share sensitive personal or financial information over the phone unless you are absolutely certain of the caller's identity.

Treat Passcodes Securely: Understand that one-time passcodes are as sensitive as your passwords or social security number. Handle them with the utmost care and secrecy to prevent unauthorized access to your account.





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Dordt University Achieves Record Enrollement

Dordt University achieved record enrollment for the fall 2023 semester with an overall enrollment of 1,911 students. This exceeds the fall 2022 record of 1,858 students.



READ FULL ARTICLE HERE

Congratulations to Interstates

ON RECEIVING THE GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT AND SERVICE!

Interstates was recognized for their participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program that they first took part in over a decade ago, with their first clean-up taking place in June of 2012. Each year, Interstates' Sioux Center offices commit to cleaning up a 3-mile stretch north of town along Highway 75. It's become an event that their team members look forward to each year and will continue to for years to come.









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Join us in Expanding Healthcare Access in our Community!

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JOIN US FOR WALKING GROUP!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN INVITED!



EVERY FRIDAY AT 3:45PM SEPT. 8 - OCT. 27, 2023

MEET AT THE FRONT OF THE ALL SEASONS CENTER, SIOUX CENTER





Jennifer Jansen Named Iowa REALTOR® Of The Year

Jennifer Jansen, Broker/Owner of Epic Realty, Inc. in Sioux Center, Iowa, has been named the 2023 REALTOR® of the Year by the Iowa Association of REALTORS®. This honor recognizes Jansen's commitment to the real estate industry and her exceptional contributions to the community. It is bestowed annually on one Iowa REALTOR® who has contributed significantly to the advancement of the REALTOR® profession and their community-at-large during the last year.

Jansen was licensed and became a REALTOR® in 2005, opening her own brokerage in 2014. Jansen holds professional designations as a member of the Council of Residential Specialists (CRS), Graduate REALTOR® Institute (GRI), and Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR). Epic Realty serves Sioux Center, Orange City and surrounding Northwest Iowa communities with a ten member comprehensive real estate team. The brokerage will mark its tenth anniversary in February, 2024.

With a lengthy resume of accomplishments and community service, Jansen's outstanding professionalism and dedication have earned her this prestigious honor. "Jenn faithfully adheres to the REALTOR® Code of Ethics, and is a staunch advocate for the real estate industry," said Tonya Vakulskas, President of the Northwest Iowa Regional Board of REALTORS®. "She brings passion, professionalism, and a sense of joy to every organization she serves."

Jansen is a board member for the Northwest Iowa Regional Board of REALTORS®, and led the organization as President during the challenges of the 2020 pandemic. "Jenn also serves on multiple state and national committees that engage with legislators to protect homeownership rights. She travels annually to legislative conferences in Des Moines and Washington, D.C., and currently serves as the REALTOR® organization's Federal Political Coordinator for Congressman Randy Feenstra," said Vakulskas. A strong supporter of the REALTOR® Party, Jansen is a major investor in the REALTOR® Political Action Committee, reflecting her firm commitment to the industry and protection of private property rights.

Outside of real estate, Jansen is dedicated to community service. She is a member of the Sioux Center Health Executive Board and the Ignite Leadership Committee. Active as a 4-H Club Leader and FFA Alumni Board President, Jansen has also previously served on the Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce Executive Board. A graduate of Leadership Sioux Center, Jansen invests in the community through volunteer work in a variety of organizations that support youth and families. She also spends time engaging at local schools and colleges, providing learning opportunities for students interested in the real estate



industry. She is actively involved in her church and numerous civic organizations.

Under Jansen's leadership, Epic Realty received the "Best in the Northwest" award for two consecutive years, with Jansen herself being honored as the region's "Best REALTOR®".

Alongside winners from other states, Jansen will be recognized at the National Association of REALTORS® membership convention taking place this November in Anaheim, California.



Click the image above to find out more!

for a fun night for a great cause!

Peoples Bank in Sioux Center to Break Ground on Building Expansion

Due to continued growth, Peoples Bank in Sioux Center broke ground on a two-story building expansion in September.

The two-story addition will be constructed on the north side of the building and will include a partial basement of 1,900 square feet, a main level of 4,625 square feet, and an upper level of 4,275 square feet. Ten offices and additional workspace will be added on the main floor, and nine offices and additional workspaces will be added upstairs. There will also be several flex offices. These will be used for employees to meet with customers, but they will not be occupied by one individual like an office is.

Peoples Insurance will move downstairs to allow for more room for Peoples Bank Wealth Management Group and the Mortgage Department.

"Peoples Bank, Peoples Bank Wealth Management Group, and Peoples Insurance have all been blessed with continued growth," stated Sioux Center Peoples Bank President Dale Vander Berg. "This expansion represents our commitment to our community, customers, and staff. It also allows us to be more efficient to better serve our customers."



An office of a former bank was purchased in 1994, and that office became the Sioux Center Peoples Bank location in June of that year. At that time, the bank was located where ATLAS is currently located. Five years later, the bank relocated to a newly constructed building on the north end of Main Street. In 2012, Peoples Bank moved to a new building at its current location at 1701 South Main Avenue.

The new addition will take roughly a year to complete. Once that is completed, there will need to be remodeling to tie things together, which will take about another six months. During construction, the road on the north side of the building will be closed. Drive up traffic will need to enter the bank property from the west - 1st Avenue SW. Lobby traffic will be able to enter from the northeast entrance and exit through the southeast entrance on the frontage road.

TRAUMA INFORMED CONFERENCE

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

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

