

SIoux CENTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY
Newsletter

October 2026

OCTOBER CHAMBER MEETING

Wednesday, October 14
Noon - 1:00 pm
Sioux Center Public Library

COST: \$15

Meal catered by Cedar Rock Grill

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



KOOIMA KOOIMA VARILEK
-TRADING-

**Health of the Ag Industry and
How It's Affecting Local Business**

Presented by Scott Varilek,
Kooima Kooima Varilek Trading

**WELCOME TO OUR
NEW MEMBERS!**

VANDE BERG
SCALES
Division of VBS, Inc.

VANDE BERG SCALES
770 7TH ST NW, SIOUX CENTER



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**Leadership
Sioux Center**

LIVE. GROW. BETTER. TOGETHER.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026-2027 PARTICIPANTS!

Caleb Boone
AMERICAN STATE BANK

Miranda Byl
NEW TEC INC.

Diego Castelan
PEOPLES BANK

Mario Cortez
WALINGA USA

Kim Davelaar
PROMISE COMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTER

Brandy DeBoom
INTERSTATES

Isaiah deRegt
AMERICAN INVESTMENT &
TRUST

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Nate Van Kley
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Jeana
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Join us for

MANUFACTURING DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

STI SERVICE TRUCKS
INTERNATIONAL

Service Trucks International
351 20th St NW

Ribbon Cutting at 9:15 am
Guided Tours 9:30-11:30 am

TOUR GUIDELINES:

- Please wear long pants and closed-toe shoes.
- Safety glasses and hearing protection will be provided.
- Tours involve walking and standing for 20- 30 minutes, so comfortable footwear is recommended.

Enjoy a complimentary light snack and coffee before or after your tour.

UPCOMING RIBBON CUTTINGS + EVENTS



Highway 75 Dedication & Ribbon Cutting

Central Park
Monday, October 12
4:00 pm



ViBella Ribbon Cutting

24 19th St SW, Sioux Center
Thursday, October 15
10:00 am

Join us as we celebrate their newly remodeled space and beautiful new mural!



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"Styled for the Season" Business After Hours

Thursday, October 22
4:00 - 5:00 pm

4168 US 75 AVE, Sioux Center

HR ROUNDTABLE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

11:30 - 1:00 PM

INTERSTATES,

Ramhorst Meeting Room

538 12TH STREET NE, SIOUX CENTER

"Conflict Resolution and Critical Conversations"

PRESENTED BY: **Judy Delperdang**, Pella Corporation
and **Matt Visser**, Connections EAP

COST: \$20

RSVP by October 22 by emailing ambev@siouxcenterchamber.com



OPEN TO ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS!

Are you responsible for HR duties in your organization, whether as an official HR professional or a small business owner wearing multiple hats? This initiative is designed to bring Chamber members together to network, learn, and share experiences. Our goal is to provide valuable, local training and foster collaboration among members in building stronger, more effective teams.

Early Bird REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register early and receive discounted booth rates for the 2027 Indoor Fair!

[Click here](#)
REGISTER TODAY!

Sioux Center
Indoor Fair

MARCH 23-24
3:00 - 8:00 P.M.

DORDT UNIVERSITY
REC CENTER
750 7TH ST NE, Sioux Center, IA

SIoux CENTER CHAMBER of COMMERCE

CHRISTMAS CASH Sale!

\$100,000
IN CHAMBER GIFT CARDS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
AT A 15% OFF DISCOUNT!

THURSDAY, NOV. 12
CENTRE MALL, SIOUX CENTER

Two Chances to Buy!
11AM-1PM & 4PM-SOLD OUT

\$80,000 for sale 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
(or until \$80,000 is gone)

\$20,000 for sale 4:00 pm - Sold Out

SCENE Returns in 2027!

We're excited to share a sneak peek—SCENE (Sioux Center Engage Network Experience) is coming back for Year 2!

After a great inaugural year, we've listened to participant feedback and are making a few exciting updates for 2027. SCENE will continue to bring employees together to build relationships, make connections, and discover more of what makes Sioux Center a great place to live and work.

And there's more to come—including a new opportunity for our SCENE alumni to join us again!

Watch for full program details and registration information coming soon!



YOUR FUTURE @ WORK



COMMUNITY. CONNECTIONS. CAREERS.

YF@W SIGN-UP

"Your Future at Work" includes a keynote presentation, interactive breakout sessions highlighting different career choices, and a business expo for students to see more areas of interest. Sophomore students will be able to sign up for the breakout sessions based on their areas of interest.

Another goal of the event is to facilitate unique partnerships between our businesses and schools and bring real-life learning into the classroom.

The next event is scheduled for **Monday, March 8, 2027** on the campus of Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA.

If you are a business interested in participating, please complete the Business Agreement form below by **Friday, December 11**.

[Business and Booth Agreement](#)



DECEMBER 2-6, 2026

Mark your calendars for December 2-6 and celebrate the holiday season right here in Sioux Center! Hometown Holidays is back with a festive lineup of community traditions and Christmas fun for the whole family.

This year's celebration will include a **Christmas Concert** by the band Cloverton, beautifully decorated homes during the **Holiday House Lighting Contest**, the always-popular **Lighted Parade**, and more holiday activities happening throughout the community.

Whether you're gathering with friends, making memories with family, or enjoying a little Christmas shopping around town, Hometown Holidays is the perfect way to kick off the season.

**PARADE REGISTRATION
OPENS IN NOVEMBER**

Learn more at
[siouxcenterchamber.com/
hometownholidays](http://siouxcenterchamber.com/hometownholidays)

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.



**CLICK HERE
TO PURCHASE**
OR CALL OUR OFFICE AT
712-722-3457

RIBBON CUTTINGS

Ross Hoekstra: State Farm



Southside Family Dentistry



OHA Architecture & Design



HIGHWAY 75 RIBBON CUTTING

You're Invited

MON., OCT. 12, 4 PM

SIoux CENTER, IA

Central Park, 502 N Main Ave., Sioux Center

4 p.m. Project Dedication

4:30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting

4-5:30 p.m. Local refreshments
in the park!

Rain location: Fire Station No. 1, downtown Sioux Center

HIGHWAY 75

Thank You



WE EXTEND OUR
SINCERE THANKS
FOR YOUR PART
IN THIS PROJECT
& INVITE YOU TO
CELEBRATE THE
COMPLETION!

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Sioux Center

RIBBON CUTTING: MON, OCT. 12 | 4-5:30 PM
CENTRAL PARK, SIOUX CENTER



classroomto**career**

a program of Leadership Sioux Center

Last month we began our 2026 Classroom to Career cohort with 13 local educators. This program is designed to build a bridge between businesses and educators.

Participants hear from keynote speakers, tour area businesses, and work collaboratively to help improve workplace readiness.

Here's a sneak peek of our first session on September 11!



Sioux Center

You're Invited!

COMMUNITY FORUM

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TOURISM &
COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Thursday, Oct. 29 | 4:45-7 p.m.
Sioux Center Library

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Extension and Outreach



OCTOBER 2026

Library Announcements

The library is having a special program for 2nd-3rd grade students on October 7 and 21 at 3:00pm called Dog Man: The Great Flip-O-Rama Escape! This is a two-part program. On October 7 the kids will receive a copy of Dog Man and do various activities. Then on October 21, after reading the book, the kids will work together to solve puzzles and find codes to escape and free Chief from Petey the Cat.

Drop in for any tech-related assistance on Tuesday, October 6, between 1-3pm. Our tech guru will be available to help you with anything from basic computer and tablet use, email essentials, the library's e-resources, and more! No appointment necessary.

Sips & Stories Coffee Break will meet at the library on Thursday, October 8 at 10am. Everyone is invited to join us for a cup of coffee and time to chat with friends and neighbors.

On October 8, the International Snacks Club will be tasting treats from the Netherlands. This is for kids in 5th-12th grade. Registration is needed and can be done through our website.

Adults are invited to join us for our next Cozy Crafting event on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00pm. We will be making applique sweaters. Registration is required.

The Dyslexia Support Group will meet on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00pm. Join us to learn more about assistive technology options for dyslexic students.

Sioux Stitchers will meet at the library on Tuesday, October 20 at 1:30pm. Visitors are always welcome!

Are you eager to start puzzling this fall/winter? Then join us for a pop-up puzzle night on Wednesday, October 21 from 6:30-8:30pm. Call your friends and come over for light snacks and 100-300-500-piece puzzles to complete.

Do you have a young reader that would benefit from having an older role model to read with? The library has started a new Reading Buddies program that will pair young learners with positive older role models to cultivate a lifelong love for books. Elementary students meet once a month with a high school or college mentor for interactive, low-pressure reading sessions. Their first meeting date is Saturday, October 24 at 10am.

Join us for Titanic & Tea on Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30pm at the Sioux Center Public Library. Author and storyteller Darcy Maulsby will present her program "Iowa's Lost History from the Titanic" while we enjoy tea and treats.

Go for the Gold at the Chocolate Olympics! Join us on October 28 at 3:00pm for an afternoon of delicious, high-energy fun where young athletes compete in hilarious chocolate-themed challenges. From the M&M Spoon Relay to Oreo Tower Stacking, kids aged 5-10 will test their skills, teamwork, and sweet teeth. It's completely free, all materials are provided, and everyone walks away a champion!

For a complete list of all our programs, visit our website at www.siouxcenterlibrary.org.

PLEASE JOIN US TO WISH DARREL RAIH A HAPPY RETIREMENT

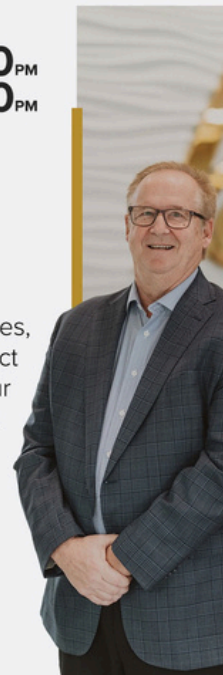
Please join us for a special evening as we celebrate and thank Darrel Raih for his many years of leadership, service, and commitment to American Investment & Trust.

OCT
284:00 PM
to
8:00 PM

LATE HARVEST BREWERY
815 N MAIN AVE STE 6
SIOUX CENTER, IA 51250

Enjoy appetizers, refreshments, reconnect with friends and colleagues, and help us honor the lasting impact Darrel has made on our clients, our organization, and our community.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
CELEBRATING WITH YOU.**



Annual Kiwanis PANCAKE SUPPER

**FREEWILL
DONATION**

with a suggested donation
of \$12 per person
(2 & under free)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
SERVING FROM 5PM - 7PM
at the Centre Mall, Sioux Center



Funds raised will support
ANNUAL CLASS TRIPS TO THE STATE CAPITAL in Des Moines
for Sioux Center Community School 8th graders
and Sioux Center Christian School 5th graders



Jenn Vermeer and Center Benefits Earn KHI “Grow Your Business” Award for Third Consecutive Year (2023–2025)



RECOGNITION PLACES CENTER BENEFITS IN THE TOP 10% OF KHI AGENTS FOR SUSTAINED GROWTH AND CLIENT IMPACT

CENTER BENEFITS Insurance & HR Services

Jenn Vermeer, founder of Center Benefits, has once again been recognized by KHI Solutions with the Partners in Excellence Grow Your Business Award, marking the third consecutive year (2023–2025) that Center Benefits has ranked in the top 10% of KHI insurance agencies.

This continued recognition reflects not only strong business growth, but also Center Benefits' commitment to delivering personalized, high-quality service to employers across the region.

“Receiving this award three years in a row is incredibly meaningful to our team,” said Vermeer. “It reflects the trust our clients place in us and the intentional way we approach every partnership: with care, strategy, and a focus on long-term success.”

KHI Solutions, a leading General Agency serving more than 500 health insurance agents across Iowa, presents the Grow Your Business Award annually to agencies demonstrating exceptional performance, growth, and client service.

Growth Rooted in Purpose

Since its founding in 2023, Center Benefits has continued to expand both its team and service offerings. The firm has grown to a five-person team, allowing for deeper client support and expanded capabilities across both benefits and HR consulting.

In addition to employee benefits strategy, Center Benefits has significantly expanded its HR consulting division, now offering services such as DOT compliance support, onboarding and recruiting guidance, and a variety of customized HR initiatives designed to meet the evolving needs of employers.

This growth is grounded in the company's mission: “We provide partnership, tailored guidance, and white-glove service, helping you and your people thrive.”

A Culture That Drives Results

At the core of Center Benefits' success is a strong internal culture focused on excellence and partnership.

“At Center Benefits, our culture is built on a commitment to excellence. We create a collaborative, growth-minded environment where partnership and exceptional service are at the core of everything we do. Rooted in integrity, we provide proactive guidance, white-glove service, and tailored solutions—bringing a deep sense of confidence and care to those we serve.”

This culture shows up in the way the team supports clients through proactive communication, hands-on service, and a deep understanding of each organization's unique goals.

Looking Ahead

As Center Benefits continues to grow, the team remains focused on delivering the same level of personalized, “white-glove” service that has fueled its success.

“Our goal has never been growth for the sake of growth,” Vermeer added. “It's about building something meaningful for our clients, their employees, and our community.”



Join us for DEFENDER DAYS!

October 16-17, 2026

Join us on Dordt's campus for a weekend packed with activities, food, and fellowship for alumni, parents, friends, and the whole community!

Events include:

- Fall Theatre Production: “EMMA: No One But Herself”
- Home Athletic Competitions
- Family Fun Zone
- Fall Music Festival
- Alumni Events
- Business Connections Breakfast
- Late Night with the Defenders



Visit our website for the full schedule of events and information on how to register.

www.dordt.edu/events/defender-days-2026

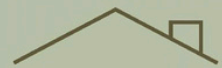
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OPEN HOUSE COLLABORATION
Ground Effects x Vander Berg Homes & Furniture

Monday, October 19 - Saturday, October 24



Explore and shop our seasonal collections of unique decor and furnishings, beautifully displayed throughout the Model Home by Ground Effects and Vander Berg Furniture. All items you see on display will be for purchase throughout the entire event!



Vander Berg Model
Home No.4

4168 US 75 Ave
Sioux Center, Iowa

Open House Hours

Monday	9 a.m.	5 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m.	5 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.	7 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m.	7 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.	7 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.	2 p.m.



This year, we're partnering
with **Family Crisis Centers**
for a **Current Needs Drive!**

Purchase an item from their needs list
and bring it to our Christmas Open
House, where donation baskets will be
located beneath the Christmas tree.

*Donations are completely voluntary
and not required for admission.*

To learn more, please visit:
<https://www.familycrisiscenters.org>

Scan the QR
code to view the
current needs list:



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DR. Christen
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Next CompanyEvent?

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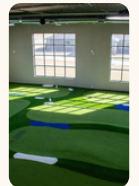
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