SIOUX CENTER IOWA CHAMBER of COMMERCE

# MONTHLY Newsletter

December 2026

## REMINDER

## *No Chamber Meeting in December*

We will see you again in January!




## 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 this event is to also facilitate some unique partnerships with our businesses and schools and to 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**




## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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# Hometown Holidays

## DECEMBER 2-6

### Wednesday, Dec. 2

**Christmas at Crown Pointe**
*by Sioux Center Health*
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm | Crown Pointe Estates

**Festive Sweater Trivia**
*by Sioux Center Health Foundation*
7:00 pm | Late Harvest Brewery

### Thursday, Dec. 3

**Hometown Holidays Storytime**
*by Sioux Center Library*
10:00 am | Centre Mall

**Christmas Open House**
*Live Music, Christmas Goodies & Scavenger Hunt!*
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Sioux Center Library

**Cookie Decorating**
*by Casey's Bakery*
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Casey's Bakery

**Hot Drinks, Treats, Chili Bash & Pizza**
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Centre Mall

**Mini Train Rides**
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Centre Mall

**Lighted Parade**
5:30 pm | Along 1st Ave. SW

**Tree Lighting**
Immediately Following Parade
Inside Centre Mall

**Holiday Stage**
*Featuring Christmas Showcase Singers*
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | Centre Mall

**Peoples Bank: Christmas for a Cause**
*Benefiting All Kids Can*
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Heritage Village

**Lighted Town Square**
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Heritage Village

### Friday, Dec. 4

**Business Broomball Bash**
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Vernon Arena

**Peoples Bank: Christmas for a Cause**
*Benefiting All Kids Can*
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Heritage Village

**Lighted Town Square**
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Heritage Village

### Saturday, Dec. 5

**Breakfast with Santa**
9:00 am | Centre Mall

**Balloon Twisting**
9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Centre Mall

**Free Mini Train Rides**
9:30 am - 3:00 pm | Centre Mall

**Free Merchant Matinee Movies**
11:00 am & Noon | Cinema 5

**Peoples Bank: Christmas for a Cause**
*Benefiting All Kids Can*
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Heritage Village

**Lighted Town Square**
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Heritage Village

### Sunday, Dec. 6

NEW

**Cloverton (Band)**
*FREE Christmas Concert*
6:00 pm | Centerpoint Church
No Tickets Required



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**House Lighting Contest Voting Open!**
Voting open Dec. 3-18
Find the Map Online!



DON'T FORGET!

**Enter the Coloring Contest**

Find details online. Turn in to the Sioux Center Library between Monday, November 23 and Thursday, Dec. 3 or to Casey's Bakery during Cookie Decorating on Thursday, Dec. 3 to be entered.

## Thank you to our sponsors!

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## Scan Here

to find updates, Parade Registration, Coloring Contest info, House Lighting Registration and Voting, and more information on all things Sioux Center Hometown Holidays!

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## NOVEMBER RIBBON CUTTINGS

### Outlet 75




### Crystal's Cosmetics



Leadership Sioux Center
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## November Session

Last month, Leadership Sioux Center spent their day learning from David Krahling about the history of Sioux Center and identifying ways to continue our growth and culture of collaboration. They also learned more about the significant impact agriculture has on our economy through updates from John McDaniel, CEO of Farmers Coop Society, and had the opportunity to tour Trans Ova and Dykstra Dairy.









## Classroom to Career Wraps Up!

classroomtocareer
a program of Leadership Sioux Center

We recently celebrated the completion of our Classroom to Career program with a fantastic group of local educators!

Our final session took place at Sioux Center Health, where participants enjoyed a facility tour, learned about Person-Centered Leadership, and shared key takeaways from their experiences.

Throughout the program, educators had the opportunity to explore local businesses and organizations, build valuable connections, and discover new ways to bring real-world experiences into their classrooms.

Thank you to our business partners for making this program possible, and congratulations to our participating educators! Your commitment to connecting education and industry helps strengthen our community and future workforce.



DECEMBER 2026

# Library Announcements

The library will be hosting a Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 3, from 12-2:00pm.Take a break from the holiday hustle, connect with friends and neighbors, and celebrate the season at the library. The event will feature live Christmas music, holidays treats, and a Christmas scavenger hunt for all ages.

Add sparkle to the holiday season with a festive bedazzling workshop on Monday, December 7, from 7-8:30pm. Participants will transform ornaments, books, or décor into glamorous holiday treasures.If you want to bedazzle a book, please take your own book along. The library will provide the gems, ornaments, and tools needed.

Grab your friends and meet at the library for a Sips & Stories Coffee Break on Thursday, December 10 at 10:00am. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served.

Join us at the library for a time of Holly Jolly Cookie Decorating on Thursday, December 10, at 7:00pm. Space is limited, so sign up soon.

**The Sioux Center Public Library will be turning 100 years old in October of 2027! Celebrate with us as we kick off this milestone with a domino topple by our community's own famous domino brothers – Alex and Derek Koops. They will be creating a library-themed topple. The topple will take place on Saturday, December 12, at 1:00pm.**

Our next Pop-Up Puzzle Night will be held on Wednesday, December 16 from 6:30-8:30pm.This free event will include 100-300-500-piece puzzles for you to work on while enjoying the company of other puzzlers and light refreshments.

The Dyslexia Support Group will meet on Thursday, December 17, from 7-8:00pm. They will be discussing "The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia". Visitors are welcome.

The library will be closed for the following holidays in December:

- Christmas: Closing at noon on Thursday, December 24 and staying closed all day Friday and Saturday (December 25 and 26) for Christmas.
- New Year's: Closing at 2:00pm on Thursday, December 31 and staying closed all day Friday, New Year's Day.

For a complete list of all the library's fall programs, please visit our website at www.siouxcenterlibrary.org.




## Highway 75 Thank You

It's time to celebrate the completion of Highway 75, rebuilt in a design focused on safety, function, and Sioux Center's character, plus replacing underground utilities. The project involved 3+ years of construction, a million decisions, and an impact to the whole community. Through it all, local businesses and organizations lead with patience and positivity and set the tone for all. As Mayor Dale Vander Berg says, "Sioux Center came through better and stronger."

We are grateful to be part of this generational project, and even more grateful for the community's willingness to navigate years of construction to get to this result.
A sincere thank you.
*- City of Sioux Center*

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## Sioux Center Library to Kick Off 100th Anniversary Celebration with Domino Topple

SIOUX CENTER, Iowa — The Sioux Center Library will celebrate its 100th anniversary on October 4, 2027, and is excited to mark this milestone with the community that has helped make the library what it is today.
The celebration will kick off in December 2026 with a year of activities and events leading up to the library's official 100th anniversary in October 2027. The library plans to celebrate its history, recognize the community's support, and look ahead to the future.

The first event will be a special domino topple featuring community members and local Domino Masters, Alex and Derek Koop. The brothers will create a one-of-a-kind "library" display that will come to life in an exciting domino topple on Saturday, December 12 at 1:00pm. Community members are invited to join the library as this exciting year of celebration begins.
"Reaching 100 years is a huge milestone" said Assistant Director Heidi Ouwinga, "and we want to celebrate with our friends and neighbors. The library has always been about the community, so bringing in members of our community to create this topple was a great fit."

For 100 years, the Sioux Center Library has been a place to inspire lifelong learning, advance knowledge, and strengthen our communities by bringing people and information together.

"What an honor to celebrate 100 years of our public library!" said Director Becky Bilby. "We are so proud of our library and consider it an honor to look back over 100 years of serving our community. We are planning a year's worth of activities to commemorate this event, and it all starts this December. We hope you take advantage of all the fun and stop in and share memories with us as we take time to look back at 100 years of serving Sioux Center."
The domino topple will serve as the official kickoff to a year filled with special programs, activities, and opportunities to celebrate the library's history and look toward its future.

For 100 years, the Sioux Center Library has been growing bright in the center of it all – and we can't wait to see what the next 100 years will bring.

Sioux Center Public Library

# Interstates Earns 2026 Gold HIRE Vets Medallion Award

Interstates has earned the 2026 Gold HIRE Vets Medallion Award from the U.S. Department of Labor, recognizing the company's commitment to recruiting, employing, and retaining veterans.

The HIRE Vets Medallion Award is the only federal award program recognizing employers for their efforts to recruit, hire, and retain veterans. Recipients meet rigorous employment and veteran-support criteria related to hiring, retention, and resources that support veterans' success in the workplace.

For Interstates, this recognition reflects a commitment that extends beyond hiring. The company strives to create a workplace where veterans' experience is valued, their contributions are recognized, and they have opportunities to grow and build meaningful careers.

"Our goal isn't simply to hire veterans. It's to help them build meaningful careers and find a place where they can continue to grow, contribute, and belong." – Kent Heronimus, Director of Talent and Development and member of the Veterans ERG Leader Team

Through its Veterans Employee Resource Group and support from leaders and teammates, Interstates helps veterans and military-connected employees build connections and find a sense of belonging.

Learn more about the award program at HIREVets.gov.




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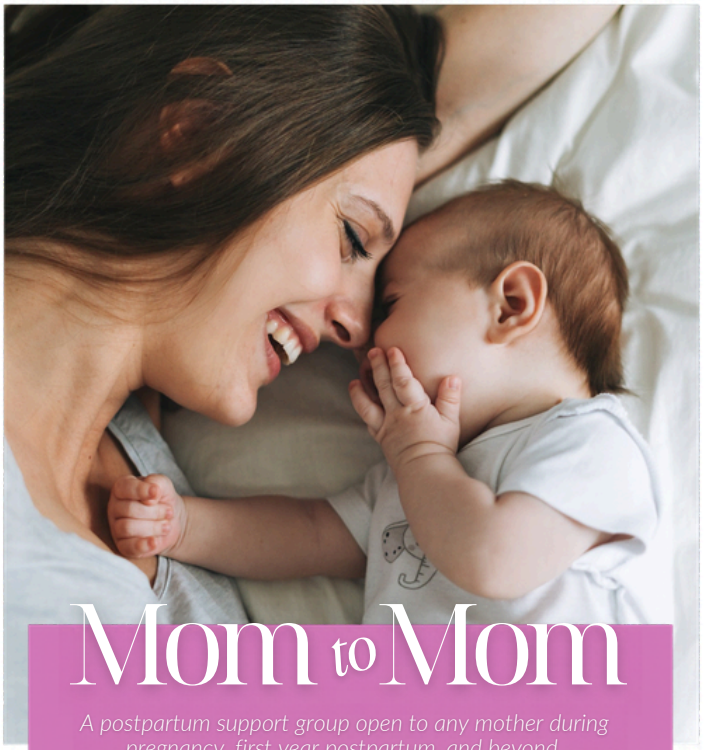
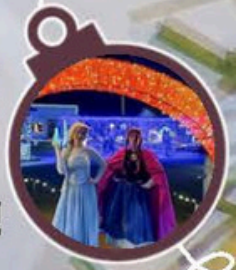





# Christmas For A Cause



## Heritage Village, Sioux Center
## November 27 - December 27 | 5:00-10:00 PM



**Join us for the 6th annual Christmas For A Cause, and enjoy a free walk-through Christmas light display!**

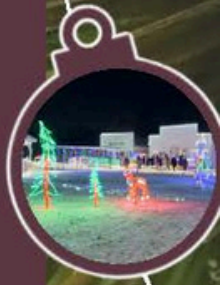
**All freewill donations will benefit All Kids Can!**



# Calendar of Events

## DECEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Nativity Scene Craft 6:00-8:00 PM; Hot Chocolate 6:00-9:00 PM | 5 Frozen Characters 6:30-8:30 PM; Hot Chocolate 6:00-9:00 PM |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Christmas Tree Craft 6:00-8:00 PM; Hot Chocolate 6:00-9:00 PM | 12 SCHS Choir & Band Members 6:30 PM; Hot Chocolate 6:00-9:00 PM |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Hot Chocolate 6:00-9:00 PM | 19 Hot Chocolate 6:00-9:00 PM |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 MERRY Christmas | 26 |



Hot chocolate will be served out of Doc's. Events will be held in the Heritage Village Barn.
All events are weather permitting & while supplies last.

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