



Sioux Center

chamber of commerce

FEBRUARY CHAMBER MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
12-1 PM

@ Sioux Center Public Library



“Broadband in a Post-Covid World”
Presented by Ryan Boone, CEO,
Premier Communications

COST: \$12
Meal Catered by Subway

*Also hear an update about “Library
Programming News” from our local adult,
teen and children’s library programmers.*



Leadership Sioux Center spent the day learning more about City of Sioux Center and County Government. We gained insights into how tax payer dollars are spent and some of the challenges in making those decisions. We learned about the tremendous cooperative spirit in building the Regional Airport (and many of us were tempted to jet off to somewhere warm!). Thank you to those who shared with us and for serving our county and community so well!



PLEASE HELP US GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER...



1523 14th Street Rock Valley IA

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The Cedar Rock Grill of Rock Valley, Iowa brings you the finest and freshest cooked food in the area! Steaks, Chops, Ribs, and Burgers are some of the favorites that are sure to make your visit a fun and enjoyable escape.

Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce Homecoming Grant Available: College Graduates Encouraged to Apply

The Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that they are now accepting applications for the fifth consecutive year of the Homecoming Grant. The Homecoming Grant is a program that awards \$6,000 to a graduate of post-secondary education who is originally from Sioux Center and has accepted employment in Sioux Center. Recruiting and retaining talent for local businesses continues to be a strategic priority of the Sioux Center Chamber.

"Creating this grant has given our community and businesses one more recruitment tool to bring talent back to Sioux Center and encourages post-secondary graduates to make Sioux Center their home," states Barb Den Herder, CEO of the Sioux Center Chamber. "We continue to be encouraged by the level of response that we receive each year."



Marcus Winterfeld, SC Community Schools; Miranda Lammers, TransOva Genetics; Jessica Walvoort, Sioux Center Christian School; and Aaron Van Beek, Kinsey Elementary are previous recipients of the Homecoming Grant.

This grant is open to anyone who:

- has or will graduate from a two- or four-year college or university in 2020, 2021, or 2022;
- lived in the 51250 ZIP code when they graduated from high school;
- has accepted an offer for a position in Sioux Center;
- has student debt more than \$6000.

The grant award is \$6000, which will be given over a 4-year period (\$1500 per year) and will be paid directly to the student's lender. Applicants must remain employed by the same employer for the 4-year period to receive the full grant amount.

Eligible applicants can complete an application at www.siouxcenterchamber.com.

Applications must be received by March 1, 2022, and the award will be announced by April 30, 2022.

SUCCESS IN 60

topics for business growth

Success in 60 is a program developed from feedback from our members who desired timely and applicable information for their business, plus the opportunity to network and learn from other members. This programming is a benefit of membership for our Investor and Visionary Members.

Join us for our next session:

Thursday, February 17 • 8-9 am
Sioux Center Public Library Meeting Room

Employee Retention

"The Great Resignation: Perspective from Sioux Center"

Practical advice on retaining your talent and best practices in mitigating turnover

Presented by Andrew Roelfs, Development and Training Manager, Interstates

REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.siouxcenterchamber.com/success-in-60/>

SAVE THE DATE

INDOOR FAIR

March 16 & 17

3:00-8:00 pm

Dordt University Rec Center

Mark your calendars for the 62nd annual Indoor Fair...the home show of ALL home shows!

Vendor information and registration is now available [HERE](#)

ANNUAL AG LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 22

11:30-1:00 pm

Terrace View Event Center

Featuring Brad Kooima, Kooima Kooima Varilek Trading, plus a welcome from Mike Naig, Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

Ticket information will be coming soon!

SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

Friday, April 22

6:00 pm

Terrace View Event Center

Featuring The String Showdown <https://www.glberg.com/roster/The-String-Showdown>

Ticket information will be coming soon!

Seeking Nominations [HERE](#)

SUMMER CELEBRATION



Thursday, June 2 - Sunday, June 5

Sioux Center

Celebrating our community! Many free family-friendly events are scheduled throughout the weekend for all to enjoy!

Sign up for sponsorship [HERE](#)



METEOROLOGIST SESSIONS

The Sioux Center Library is excited to announce a new program that we will have on Saturday, February 5 with meteorologist Katie Nickolaou from KMEG! Katie will lead three different sessions for kids depending on their age group and kids will learn about weather and do some fun weather-related activities. Sign your child up now through our website at www.siouxcenterlibrary.org.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

The Sioux Center Library will be partnering with the Orange City Library, Sheldon Library, and NCC to offer some fun programs in February:

1. "Ordinary Meals Extraordinary Messages" on Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00pm at the pavilion in Sheldon. Anita McVey is a Midwest farmer's daughter who grew up in NW Iowa. She will give a 90 minute presentation explaining the priority of eating at a table. There will also be hands-on learning. Each participant will also receive a complimentary beverage, a set of recipes for entertaining and an entry into the door prize.

2. Flowers with Friends on Thursday, February 24 at 6:00pm. Grab a friend and enjoy an evening with fresh flowers! Lindsay Millard of Joie Floral Design in Orange City will instruct us in the art of floral design. You'll work with unique flowers and greenery, enjoy refreshments, and go home with a modern, gorgeous floral arrangement. Join us at Prairie Winds Event Center for a special night out with flowers and friends! The cutoff date for signing up is February 4. Cost: \$45

FINANCIAL LITERACY BOOK CLUB

The Sioux Center Library is offering Financial Literacy Book Club for your children on Thursday, Feb. 3. We will read books on the theme of money as well as do fun activities related to the topic. Parents are required to attend with their child and will also be given a reading a discussion guide to continue the activities at home. There is a program for Preschool, Elementary, and Middle school aged kids. Sign up now through our website!

HOW ARE PEOPLE DIFFERENT YET THE SAME?

Humphrey W. Muciiri, Ph.D. and Mary Nyambura Muchiri, Ph.D. are authors and have lived in Kenya and will share their personal stories at the library on Thursday, February 10 at 3:30pm. Dr. Humphrey Muciiri will talk about his latest book: The United States and Kenya: How Similar or Different are the Two Nations? This was written as a result of a perceived need by students, educators, missionaries, business people, tourists, and other professions from both the United States and Kenya. Dr. Mary Muchiri has written seven books and will share from her books. After their presentation, Yee Lim Shin, the current president of Students without Borders, will share details about Dordt University's cultural fair scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 5-7.

THE SIOUX STITCHERS

The Sioux Stitchers group will meet at the library on Tuesday, February 15 at 1:00pm. This month there will be a trunk show by the Groeneweg sisters. Registration is not required. Simply call your friends and come on over!

Nominate local difference makers for award

Each year, a local individual, a business, and an organization are recognized for outstanding contributions with Community Service Awards.

Seeking nominations! If you know someone, a business or group that has made an exceptional contribution to local quality of life through volunteer service, nominate them for the 2022 awards. Nominate them online at www.siouxcenter.org/nominate. Include the nominee's name and reasons for nominating them. Must be received no later than Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Awards presented at Spirit of Community night on Friday, April 22.

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health Presents:

CAMP AUTUMN'S 3RD ANNUAL ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT & FUNDRAISER

**Saturday,
February 12**

Registration: 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Tournament: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Lunch & Prizes Following

Register at

<https://bit.ly/3kmh97f>



seasons



4233 Yew Ave.
Sutherland



Winter Camp Day for Kids!

**Foster/Adoptive respite event designed for
kids to have fun & adults to have a day to
themselves!**

Kids will spend time with other foster/adoptive kiddos enjoying
outdoor winter activities, indoor activities and play time.

**February 5, 2022
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Camp Autumn
4233 Yew Ave,
Sutherland, IA**

Transportation will be
provided, via Camp Autumn
buses, from the Seasons
Center offices in Sheldon
(118 N 2nd Ave.) & Sioux
Center (147 South Main).

Transportation times:

- Out to Camp: pick up in
Sioux Center at 8:00 AM
& in Sheldon 8:30 AM
- Return from Camp: drop
off in Sheldon at 4:45
PM & in Sioux Center
5:15 PM

Those transporting kids to
Camp on their own should
plan to arrive at Camp by
9:15 AM and pick up at
Camp by 4:00 PM

Lunch & snacks, that take into
account food allergies, will
be provided.

For additional questions,
please email:
FSC@seasonscenter.org or
call Sherri (712) 363-7723 or
Taneil (712) 262-2922.

**Space is limited.
Register at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-camp-day-for-kids-tickets-238342578067>**



seasons



Adam Christensen joins the
BEI Sioux Center office full-
time as of the first of the year!
Adam has been with BEI since
2017 and previously worked
out of the Spirit Lake office.
He has taken the opportunity
to join the Sioux Center team
as we continue to build
relationships in the area.

WELCOME

CASIE LEIGHTNER, MD

Family Medicine Physician
Obstetrics



Dr. Leightner is dedicated to offering comprehensive services in a compassionate and comfortable environment for your family. We are excited for Dr. Leightner to join our team to help increase access to care for our patients!

For more information, visit
siouxcenterhealth.org



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Dr. Joshua Zhu, associate professor of chemistry at Dordt University, was awarded a \$350,916 grant by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for pharmacology, physiology, and biological chemistry research.

This research project will allow student researchers to have the opportunity to learn how to use organic chemistry and biochemistry technologies to understand the delicate structures of peptides and proteins and their functions in biological systems, especially in the immune system. Read the full article here: <https://www.dordt.edu/news/86035>



FREE
YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
FIRST AID


for Foster & Adoptive Parents & Workers

Tuesday, March 1
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, March 2
6:00 - 9:00 pm

*must be able to attend both sessions

Registration links found at:
<https://bit.ly/32ydfSX>



In-Person Option: 147 South Main, Sioux Center | **Virtual Option:** Via Zoom



Tobacco and Nicotine Free Policy for your Business/Agency

Did you know that electronic smoking devices (e-cigs, vapes, JUULs, etc.) are not covered by Tobacco-Free policies and the Smokefree Air Act? Businesses are able to customize their policies to protect them from unwanted use of these devices. If you would like to update your policy to include vaping devices, contact Teri Bos at Community Health Partners (CHP) at teri.bos@siouxcountychp.org or call 712-737-2971.

CHP provides policy assistance at no cost and comprehensive policies are eligible for free signs (window clings, vehicle clings, and outdoor metal signs) from the Iowa Department of Public Health:




Description automatically generated
6"x4" clear door cling
3"x3" clear vehicle cling



Image result for tobacco & nicotine free grounds sign iowa
12"x12" metal outdoor sign

For more information on vaping in the workplace, click here for an interesting read:

<https://truthinitiative.org/research-resources/emerging-tobacco-products/vaping-workplace>

 **Sioux Center Health**
An Avera Partner

SIoux CENTER HEALTH BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross has issued a national blood crisis - the worst shortage in over a decade. Please consider donating. The blood you give can help someone live.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10
12:00 - 4:30 PM
HOSPITAL CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2

To register, visit:
siouxcenterhealth.org/events/lifeferve-blood-drive-6/
or call (800) 287-4903

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [SIOUXCENTERHEALTH.ORG](https://siouxcenterhealth.org)

