JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST BECAUSE IT ONLY HAPPENS ONCE

JANUARY CHAMBER MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 12-1 PM @ Sioux Center Public Library



"City Update:Progress through Cooperation" Presented by Scott Wynja, City Manager

COST: \$12* Meal Catered by Culver's

*due to increased food costs, the meals for Chamber Meetings will be increased to \$12 per meal effective January 1st.

Thank you for your membership!

You should have received a window cling in the mail over the holidays. You can proudly display this cling on your business window! If you have not received a window cling or would like an electronic version of this decal to display on your company's webpage, please email **amberv@siouxcenterchamber.com**







The Chamber Elves had amazing adventures around Sioux Center! Starring on Instagram Reels turned into hiding in Chamber Businesses, reading to children, meeting the Grinch and passing out candy canes. Thank you to the community and our members for supporting local during this Christmas season!



Description of the DATE ((()))





Thursday, January 6 at 10:00 am

Join us in celebrating with them on the completion of their beautiful building project!

Public Open House will be held from 5-7 pm

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

MANNUAL 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!



Upcoming Events

SUCCESS IN 6

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 <u>Investor</u> and <u>Visionary</u> Members. Join us for our next session:

> Thursday, January 20 8-9 am

Sioux Center Public Library Meeting Room

"Mental Health Wellness for the Workplace" Presented by Donna Van Peursem, LISW and Matt Visser, CEO, Connections EAP

REGISTER: https://www.siouxcenterchamber.com/success-in-60/



Leadership Sioux Center spent the day touring the Ag Stewardship Center, learning about Servant Leadership from Dordt University President Erik Hoekstra, and hearing more about our local educational institutions and the value they bring to our community! And a session is never complete without all participants getting to wear a blindfold for a leadership challenge! Thank you to all of our partners who help make this program a success!





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Friday, January 21 11-2:45 pm Campus of Northwest Iowa Community College

An event designed specifically for over 600 Sioux County high school sophomores and teachers to increase awareness of career opportunities available in Sioux County. We welcome you to come visit us that day and see the event in action! Thank you to all our business partners who help make this event a success!

-December Ribbon Cuttings



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Congratulations

classroomtocareer

Congratulations to our second graduating class of Classroom to Career! A huge thank you to our business partners who shared about today's workforce needs and helped raise awareness about what today's work environment looks like. It is exciting to see an increased number of business-to-education partnerships being created as this will directly benefit our students and our future workforce. It was a true honor to spend time with these educators each month. They love their students!



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.

Library Announcements

WINTER READING PROGRAM

The Sioux Center Library's Winter Reading Program for Teens and Adults will begin on January 17 through February 28. This program is only available through the Beanstack app and is for anyone 5th grade and up. The more you read the better your chances to win the grand prize! If you need help setting up your Beanstack account, please call the library at 722-2138. Happy reading!

"JUST BREATHE, WOMAN!"

The Sioux Center Library will be partnering with the Orange City Library, Sheldon Library, and NCČ to offer a program called "Just Breathe, Woman!" on Tuesday, January 4. It seems simple enough, but more often than not women simply aren't breathing properly – not only during exercise but throughout their day. The \$40 pre-registration fee includes a 90-minute presentation, hands-on learning, fellowship with other women/mamas, and of course a complimentary beverage because talking about women's health is hard and uncomfortable sometimes. Register online through the library's website at www.siouxcenterlibrary.org.

SPANISH CLASS

Do you want to learn some basic Spanish? Then join us at the library for a beginner Spanish Class beginning January 4! We will meet every week for two months to develop some basic Spanish skills, focusing heavily on practical, conversational Spanish. This class is for adults and requires registration. Sign up now!

JO ALBERDA - MOTIVATION TALK

Jo Alberda will be giving an art demonstration on Tuesday, January 11 at 3:00pm. The public is invited to come view her work hanging in the hallway at the library and then stay to hear her talk about the motivation behind her work and show how she creates her fabric art and her block printing and ice dyeing. Registration is not required, but is helpful in planning.

THE SIOUX STITCHERS

The Sioux Stitchers sewing group meets monthly at the Sioux Center Library on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm. On January 18, Kristin Hoftyzer will demonstration sewing "Y" seams on your sewing machine. Registration is not required and visitors are always welcome!

CHESS CLUB

Are you new to chess? Come learn how to play from chess expert, Elias Matthews. Already know how to play? Great, join us for a game! Chess club will be held on January 10 and 24 from 6:30-8:30pm at the library.

DAYCARE CLASS

Carol Ehlers from the Iowa State Extension Office will offer a class for daycare providers on Thursday, January 20 at 6:00pm. The program will be titled "Read, Talk, Learn and Play" and will give providers ways in which they can introduce money-related words and concepts throughout their day through fun activities. Sign up now!

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 <u>www.siouxcenter.org/nominate</u>. 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.

Chamber Member News



October is Bone and Joint Health Awareness Month. When you need specialized care like a total knee, shoulder, or hip replacement, shoulder scope, or an ACL repair, you can find your surgeons and caring staff close to home. There's no better place than Sioux Center Health for your orthopedic needs.

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Pop Up Thrift Shop

Northwestern College Business Club will be hosting a pop-up thrift shop filled with professional clothing on February 26. Would you consider donating gently used items? If so, please visit one of the Sioux Center drop off sites between January 17 and February 11. We appreciate your support with helping us provide NWC students with affordable professional clothing!

Drop Off Sites

We'll Accept

Clabaugh & Goslinga Law Sioux Center Library Perspective Insurance



Business Casual Professional Clothing Ties, Jewelry, Watches Other Accessories **Dresses & Suits Dress Shoes**



Sioux Center Housing Survey

Input from people who work, live, shop, and do business in Sioux Center will help shape a housing study to prepare for community growth. The City of Sioux Center is working with McClure Engineering to develop a housing study and residential development strategy for Sioux Center. The study will identify development areas for new housing in Sioux Center and types and number of units needed. You are invited to complete a survey about your current and future housing to help the study represent local housing needs from the community's perspective.

You can take the survey online at: https://bit.ly/

SiouxCenterHousing2022

Print copies available at the Sioux Center Public Library and City Office in English and Spanish. Or scan the QR code here:

