

# NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2020

## NEW DUES STRUCTURE

### NEW DUES STRUCTURE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

In an effort to better meet the needs of our members, we have created a new dues structure that will go into effect for all of our members on July 1, 2020. This dues structure was created from input we received from our members during focus groups that we held last spring. We heard from you what you valued...and didn't value...about your membership and we used this information as we designed this new structure. We realize that if you are a single-owner business or a business that employs 500 people, your needs are very different. We are confident that this new dues structure will better serve each of you! We will be scheduling informational meetings in February and March in which we will further explain your options. We are also willing to meet with businesses individually. We will continue to update you as informational sessions get scheduled. If you have any initial questions, please call our office at 712-722-3457.

JANUARY 08

## JANUARY CHAMBER MEETING

**Wednesday, January 8**

12-1 pm

Sioux Center Public Library

### Agenda:

1. Chamber by-laws presented for approval

2. Update from AgriVision



3. Update from Perdue:

"Perdue Premium Meat Company-  
A Look to the Future."

presented by Gary Malenke, Sr. VP  
of Perdue Pork Operations.



**Cost: \$10**

Meal catered by Dordt Dining Services

**No RSVP required.** All chamber members and their employees are encouraged to attend!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Chamber Sponsored Events



SIoux CENTER

# BRIDAL

— SHOWCASE —

SATURDAY, JAN 11  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TERRACE VIEW EVENT CENTER

**FREE BRIDAL GOODIE BAGS**  
INFORMATIONAL BRIDAL BOOKLET TO **FIRST 100 BRIDES** + MIMOSAS + PASTRIES

**OVER 30 REGIONAL EXHIBITORS**  
EVERYTHING FROM CAKES TO FLOWERS

**CAKE CUTTING • 12:30PM**  
CAKE PROVIDED BY PIECE OF CAKE

**STYLE SHOW • 12:45PM**  
FEATURING CHRYSALIS BRIDAL SALON, KEL-BRIT'S, OC TIP TOP TUX,  
+ REFLECTIONS PROM & BRIDAL

**DOOR PRIZES + 3 GRAND PRIZES** EACH VALUED AT \$500  
GIVE-AWAYS THROUGHOUT THE DAY - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN +  
**\$500 BRIDAL CASH GIVE-AWAY + 2 \$500 TRAVEL VOUCHERS**, ONE FROM  
TRAVEL ADVANTAGE AND ONE FROM TRAVEL SAVVI

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+ MORE INFORMATION,  
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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

### E-Rate Complete

**Erin Berkenpas Johnson**

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The Schools and Libraries Program, popularly known as the "E-Rate" program, makes technology and internet access affordable for every school and library in the U.S. by providing discounts on eligible services and components. I work with K-12 schools across the country to assist with applying for e-rate discounts and to ensure program compliance.

## JANUARY 10

### Your Future @ Work

Friday, January 10

11-2:45 pm

Campus of Northwest Iowa  
Community College



An event designed specifically for over 500 Sioux County high school sophomores, their parents and area 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 of our business partners who help make this event a success!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Save the Date!

We have some exciting things planned for you this spring, so be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

**MARCH 24**

#### Annual Ag Breakfast

**Sponsored by the Chamber Ag Committee**

Tuesday, March 24

8:30-10:30 am

Terrace View Event Center

Featuring Mike Naig,

Iowa Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

**MARCH 25-26**

#### Indoor Fair

March 25-26

Mark you calendars for the 60th annual Indoor Fair! The home shows of ALL home shows!

Vendor Registration information will be available in early January 2020.

2020 sioux center  
Indoor Fair

**APRIL 17**

#### Spirit of Community

Friday, April 17

6:00 pm

Terrace View Event Center

Featuring Tommy Ryman, stand-up comedian

[www.tommyryman.com](http://www.tommyryman.com)



Congratulations to our first-ever 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!



*bylaws  
changes*



The Executive Board of the Chamber has recently made amendments to the Chamber By-Laws. The Board will ask the membership to approve these amendments at the January 8, 2020 monthly Chamber Meeting. Each Chamber business in attendance will receive one vote.



## NEWS & FASCINATING FACTS

### About our Members

## HOMECOMING GRANT

SIoux CENTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
HOMECOMING GRANT AVAILABLE:  
COLLEGE GRADUATES ENCOURAGED TO APPLY



The Sioux Center Chamber is pleased to announce that they are now accepting applications for the third year of the Homecoming Grant. The Homecoming Grant is a program that awards \$6,000 to a college graduate 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 us one more recruitment tool to bring talent back to Sioux Center and encourages college graduates to make Sioux Center their home," states Barb Den Herder, Executive Director of the Sioux Center Chamber.

#### THIS GRANT IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO:

- has or will graduate from a two- or four-year college in 2018, 2019, or 2020
- 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 in order to receive the full grant amount. Eligible applicants can complete an application at [www.siouxcenterchamber.com](http://www.siouxcenterchamber.com).

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2020,  
AND THE AWARD WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY APRIL 30, 2020.**

# THE TEXAS TENORS

in concert with the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra

WINTER POPS CONCERT  
Saturday, January 18, 2020  
7:30pm

**niso**  
northwest iowa symphony orchestra  
Christopher Stanichar,  
Principal Conductor

**BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE!**

CELEBRITY CONDUCTOR CONTEST

*VOTE for Your Favorite Conductor!*  
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Steve Connell  
Orange City

Lyle Van Ravenswaay  
Hull

Dan Vanden Bosch  
Sioux Center

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
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website [niso.dordt.edu](http://niso.dordt.edu)

**TICKETS**  
Adults (floor) \$25.00  
Adults (balcony) \$20.00  
Students (Buy 1, Get 1 Free) \$6.00

**PURCHASE TICKETS**  
Online - <https://niso.dordt.edu/>  
NISO Office - 712-722-6230

NISO/NISYO is made possible by the generous support of Dordt University, Sioux Center Recreation and Arts Council, the Friends of the Symphony, and individual patrons, organizations and business establishments.



IOWA ARTS COUNCIL  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The project is supported, in part, by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

## CONGRATS REFLECTIONS!

Reflections is excited to be open in our new space in the Sioux Center Mall. We have expanded our space to include many more dressing rooms and a loft specifically for Tux and Suit Rentals. We would love to show off our new space, so please feel free to stop in and check it out even if you don't need a dress or tux! We are open Tuesday-Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1, and can set up private appointments at other times as well. We plan to do a grand reopening at the beginning of the year, and hope to see many of you there to celebrate our new space with us!



# NEWS & FASCINATING FACTS

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### JANUARY 2020 LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Sioux Center Library will be closed on January 1 for the New Year's Holiday.**

The Sioux Center Public Library is excited to announce a few new Teen programs coming this January to the library:

- **Maker Mondays** will be held every Monday afternoon (January 13-April 27) from 3:30-5:00pm. Teens and Tweens, 5th grade and up, who are looking for a creative outlet after school can come to the library for an unstructured time to work either together or individually on STEM topics. Registration is not required for this program.

- **Teen Tuesdays** will be held every Tuesday afternoon (January 7-April 28) from 3:30-5:00pm in Room A. There is no need to register for this event. The doors will simply be open for students to do homework, meet friends, play games, or just hang out! Once a month there will be a structured activity such as taste tests, movie days, or crafts. Stop in to check it out and enjoy a little down time after school!

- **Baking Club** will be held on January 30, February 27, and March 26 from 3:30-4:30pm. Tweens in 4th through 6th grades are invited to register! This free club will teach tweens baking basics, as well as use baking to reinforce literacy skills. Registration is required and seats are limited so sign up now!

- **Unplugged Gamers is back!** On the last Wednesday of every month, teens in grades 5-12 may come to the library after school from 2:30-4:00pm and unwind with board games. All teens are welcome and no registration is required. You can bring your own games or play one of ours!

**The Winter Reading Program** will be held January 27-March 7. Participants are invited to cozy up this winter and start reading for prizes! Stop in at the library for more information!

On Monday, January 27, Greta Grond from Northwestern College will present a program called

**"Widow on the Witness Stand"** at 7:00pm in the library. This program will focus on the historical event in 1898 when Alice Blood shot her husband George near Hull. The public is invited to join us to hear this case as it touches on domestic violence, mental health, and the insanity defense.

Do you want to learn some basic Spanish? Then join us at the library beginning on Tuesday, January 28 for a **Spanish for Beginners Class**. We'll meet each week for two months to develop some basic Spanish skills, focusing heavily on practical, conversational Spanish. No prior Spanish knowledge is required as this class is targeting beginners. This class is for adults and requires registration. There is a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the book that you will take home.

**THE ANNUAL RGM\* CONFERENCE ON BIBLICAL CREATION**  
THE BIBLE IS THE DEAREST, INVALUABLE WORD OF GOD — THE BEST INTERPRETATION OF WHAT WE OBTAIN FROM COSMOLOGY TO GENETICS

## "IT'S IN THE GENES"

**When:** **March 28th, 2020** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** **The Terrace View Event Center**, 230 St. Andrews Way, Sioux Center, IA

**Cost:** **FREE**

**Scientist/Speaker:** **Dr. Robert Carter:**  
 BS in Applied Biology, PhD in Marine Biology (currently researching human genetics and other issues related to biblical creation as senior scientist and speaker for CMI-USA in Atlanta, GA)

**Presentations on Saturday, March 28, 2020:**

- "Biblical Worldview as it Relates to Science"**
- "Genetics According to Jesus"**
- "Ancient DNA and the Bible"**

**Presentations on Sunday, March 29, 2020**

11:00 a.m. - American Reformed Church, Hull, IA  
 (After the 9:30 am worship service)

7:15 p.m. - Doon United Reformed Church, Doon, IA  
 (After the 6:00 p.m. worship service)



*Scan me*

**Register at:**

**[www.ReformationGospelMinistries.org](http://www.ReformationGospelMinistries.org)**

\* Reformation Gospel Ministries, a non-profit evangelism organization dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ laboring in partnership with local churches within the Reformed community. A faith supported ministry that welcomes your support: we need volunteers to help with the conference itself, as well as your prayers and any financial support the Lord leads you to give to help RGM spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ without compromise, according God's word. Your donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.



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Dordt is now accepting applications for the summer term of the Master of Education program. This program is taught from a Christian perspective, is 100% online, is engaging, and is collaborative. Choose from eight specializations such as school leadership, special education, and early childhood education. Apply now at [Dordt.edu/apply](http://Dordt.edu/apply).



Dordt has launched two new online master's programs: a Master of Social Work and a Master of Public Administration. Taught from a Christian perspective, these programs allow students to choose from specializations in clinical practice, community practice and administration, police administration, and nonprofit administration. Learn more at [Dordt.edu/masters](http://Dordt.edu/masters).

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- Child & Adolescent Therapist
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- School Social Worker
- Hospice Social Worker
- Program/Agency Administrator
- Community Developer

### INFORMATION

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## SIouxLAND DAIRY QUEEN COMMITS

### \$100,000 ON GIVING TUESDAY DQ®

*Smiles & Stories will award grants to area non-profits*



Siouxland Dairy Queen believes in giving back to the communities in which we live, work and do business. In correlation with Giving Tuesday, Siouxland DQ is announcing the 2nd annual grant program, DQ® Smiles & Stories, where we are committing to give \$100,000 to various non-profit organizations throughout the communities we serve.

“By providing these grants to non-profit organizations, our hope is to bring thousands smiles and support to the children and families who need it most in our community,” said Steve Hill, Concept Manager of Siouxland DQ.

The DQ® Smiles & Stories grant program is open to non-profit organizations in the communities we serve including Sioux City, Sergeant Bluff, LeMars, Sioux Center, Onawa, Cherokee, Canton (SD), Dell

Rapids (SD) and Iowa City. Non-profit organizations outside of these areas are still encouraged to apply.

Online applications for the DQ® Smiles & Stories grants will be accepted December 3, 2019 – January 31, 2020. The DQ® Smiles & Stories grant recipients will be notified late February and awarded on February 28, 2020. To learn more about eligibility and requirements, or to apply, visit [siouxlanddq.com](http://siouxlanddq.com). Siouxland Dairy Queen is a member of the locally-owned Aftershock Ventures, LLC family of companies.

For more information, please contact Ashley Schoenrock with Siouxland DQ at [ashley@mosaic-business.com](mailto:ashley@mosaic-business.com) or (712) 943-3733.

# Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. can help with HEAT bills!

Your local Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. office will be taking applications for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) **until April 30, 2020.**

**Please call your local outreach office or 800-859-2025 for an appointment time to apply.**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

A household may qualify for assistance in this program if the total household income falls within the income range listed below:

SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
1.	\$ 21,858
2.	\$ 29,593
3.	\$ 37,328
4.	\$ 45,063
5.	\$ 52,798

For family units with more than five members, add \$7,735 for each additional member.

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# COMMUNITY'S NEW WASTEWATER PLANT ONLINE



A new facility that will serve nearly every home and business in Sioux Center is now in operation. Sioux Center's new wastewater facility began treating wastewater in November and is now online. "It's been a long process and it is good to now see the result of that work and that long-term investment," said Sioux Center Wastewater Department Head Zeke Ellis. "This plant has new processes and better technology, and we're already seeing the benefits."

The plant was designed to meet new, more stringent DNR standards and replace the community's aging wastewater facility. It will treat the water to a higher standard and produce a cleaner effluent than the old treatment plant.

"We're already seeing levels for ammonia and total suspended solids drop," Ellis said. "The plant will also be decreasing nitrogen and phosphorous levels, and it has UV disinfection, which the old plant didn't have."

The plant's technology gives staff real time data on all parts of the treatment process, allowing

them to more closely watch the process and more efficiently keep the plant running smoothly. "As we celebrate the completion of this major project, we also want to recognize the utilities staff.

They keep standards high for service and are great stewards of our facilities," said Utility Manager Murray Hulstein.

The Sioux Center Wastewater Department serves 2,536 customers, treating an average of 1.7 million gallons of wastewater daily.

## SHARE WITH US

We try hard to stay on top of the news by scouring the local papers and websites for information about our members to include in our newsletter. But we would hate to miss anything so would appreciate your help. If you have news, congrats, awards, sympathies, events or any information about your business or your employees that you would like included in the next Chamber newsletter, please email it to me by the 22nd of the month. We'd love to help share your news!

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