



## ***May Chamber Meeting***

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

**11:45AM-1:00PM**

**TERRACE VIEW EVENT CENTER**

Meal catered by Cedar Rock Grill | Cost: \$15

### ***"Leadership Sioux Center Graduation"***

Join us as we recognize the 8th year graduates of LSC

*No RSVP Required*

*All members and their employees are invited to attend!*

## **FUN FACTS** *what we learned at Spirit of Community...*

**20**

# of hours per week  
that Daniel Wolfswinkel  
volunteers his time taking  
and editing photos

**260**

number of people who  
attended the annual  
Spirit of Community event

**\$12,500**

raised for Family Crisis Centers  
through Peoples Bank:  
Christmas for a Cause

**4,779**

population growth since  
W. Dale Den Herder started  
as City Council Member

## ***Spirit of Community***

At the annual Spirit of Community event, we took time to award those who have gone above and beyond in our community. It is a great opportunity for us to recognize individuals, businesses and organizations that make Sioux Center a special place to live, work and grow. Thank you to all who attended! It was a great evening of food, fun and laughs.



## ANNUAL CHAMBER INVESTMENT

Members with a renewal date of July 1 will soon be receiving a letter and invoice with their annual Chamber investment. We also included an explanation of our tiers and each of their benefits. We kept each business at their same tier, but if you would like to change your level of investment, please contact our office and we would be happy to assist you!

### *Van Beek Chosen as the 2022 Recipient of the Sioux Center Chamber Homecoming Grant*

The Sioux Center Chamber is pleased to announce that Isaac Van Beek has been named as this year's recipient of the Homecoming Grant. Isaac will receive \$6000, payable over four years, to assist with school loans. The Chamber initiated this annual program in 2018 to help recruit and retain talent to Sioux Center.

Isaac is a graduate of Sioux Center High School and will graduate this May from Dordt University double-majoring in Accounting and Business

Administration with emphasis in finance and management.

He is currently employed by Interstates as an Accounting Analyst.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to work at a company like Interstates. Their values and vision make it a great place to work. I am very passionate about volunteering for the community. The Homecoming Grant will allow me to spend more time to get involved in the community. I hope to make a lasting impact on Sioux Center both at

work and in my community. Sioux Center is a place I am proud to call home," stated Isaac.

"Isaac was selected from a very strong pool of candidates. His passion for volunteering and giving back to the community is contagious. We were very excited to hear about his involvement with local charities and with the Veterans through Wreaths Across America and the Midwest Honor Flight. We see the importance and benefits of retaining our local talent," stated Stephanie Regnerus from Link Manufacturing and member of the Homecoming Grant Committee.

"We were excited with the number and quality of applications we again received this year," shared Barb Den Herder, CEO of the Sioux Center Chamber. All applicants needed to meet the following criteria:

graduated from a two- or four-year college in 2020, 2021, or 2022; lived in the 51250 ZIP code when they graduated from high school; had accepted an offer for a position in Sioux Center; and had student debt more than \$6000. Applicants were evaluated on their level of involvement in the community, their history of volunteer experience, and their interest in investing in our community. "It was a very difficult decision, and all candidates are wonderful investments to our community. We are fortunate to have this level of talent working in Sioux Center," includes Den Herder.

The Homecoming Grant is an annual program of the Sioux Center Chamber. Applications for next year's grant will be available on the chamber website in November of 2022. [www.siuoxcenterchamber.com](http://www.siuoxcenterchamber.com)



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UPCOMING  
*Open House*



*ProActive Physical Therapy*  
**TUESDAY, MAY 3 | 4-5PM**

*Celebrating 15 years in business!  
Join us for drinks and light appetizers*

SAVE THE DATE!  
*Upcoming Event*



**GET READY FOR...**

*The Community Cook-Out, the Street Dance with IV Play,  
Food Vendors, Car Show, Kids Karnival, Parade, Fireworks...*

**AND SO MUCH MORE!**

SAVE THE DATE!  
*Upcoming Event*

## CHAMBER BUSINESS APPRECIATION GOLF EVENT

THE RIDGE GOLF COURSE

**Monday, June 27, 2022**

### Gear up for the 45th Annual Chamber Business Appreciation Golf Event!

We hope you can join us for a day filled with fun!

This is our opportunity to thank you for your business  
and contributions to the community and continued  
commitment to the Sioux Center Chamber!

### REGISTER HERE



### 18 HOLE SHOTGUN START

**12:00 PM**

Grilled lunch served before play

*Sponsored by  
Perdue Premium Meat Company*

### ENTRY FEE

**\$400/team or \$100/player**

Team Mulligans: \$20

Putting Contest: \$5/person

FREE Appetizers & beer served after play  
*Keg sponsored by German Farmers Mutual*

### SPONSORSHIP

Hole Sponsorship: \$150





## CHAMBER COFFEE

### *German Farmers Mutual*

German Farmers Mutual held a Chamber Coffee celebrating some impressive years of service of their employees. Congratulations to Ila Harskamp and Barb Hoekstra for 40 years and Bruce Koerselman for 25 years of employment!



## RIBBON CUTTING

### *Hummingbird Events*

Congratulations to Kelly Franklin with Hummingbird Events for hosting a fantastic Ribbon Cutting. Our members enjoyed seeing the variety of services you offer and the delicious brownie bar!



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### *Guiding Star Siouxland*

Congratulations to Guiding Star Siouxland on their recent move to Sioux Center! We are thankful to Kaleigh Van Middendorp and her team for the many valuable services they provide to women in the region.



## E-CYCLE EVENT A SUCCESS!

Thank you to these environmentally-conscious companies for their sponsorship of this event: City of Sioux Center, Interstates, Pella Corporation, Brommer Sanitation, Visser Elevator, and Center Fresh.

## *Dale Zevenbergen Named Director of K&K Dooyema Center*

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Dale Zevenbergen has been named director of the K&K Dooyema Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Dordt University and will assume the role in June. The center provides students the opportunity to choose an entrepreneurship minor or emphasis. It also serves the local community through Project Elevate, which ranges in services from researching viability of an idea to providing marketing support to aligning with existing third-party services.

[LEARN MORE.](#)

## *How much economic value does Dordt University bring to Sioux County?*

A recent study by Emsi Burning Glass shows that Dordt creates "a positive net impact on the county economy and generates significant return on investment for students and society and benefits for taxpayers." [LEARN MORE.](#)





## Link Completes 50,000-Square-Foot Facility & Opens Michigan Location

*Link's expanded footprint in both Iowa and Michigan positions it for continued growth, innovation and industry influence.*

SIoux CENTER, Iowa, USA (April 14, 2022) — Link Mfg., Ltd., the leader in specialty engineered suspensions, suspension controls and air management products and a Tier-1 supplier to major heavy-duty commercial truck manufacturers, has officially opened two new facilities. Link's 50,000-square-foot Plant 4 manufacturing and training facility is located on the company's Sioux Center, Iowa, campus, and its new Suspension Controls Engineering Center is located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Both locations will help Link accommodate its recent growth in staffing, manufacturing capabilities, engineering, software development and sales.

"The new Sioux Center and Grand Rapids facilities reflect the growth and momentum Link has continued to enjoy leading up to and following its recent suspension controls product line acquisition," said Jim Huls, president of Link Manufacturing. "Link's strategic focus on suspension, suspension controls and specialty products helped drive our expansion initiatives, and these new spaces will enable us to comfortably manage the positive impact as we continue our 42-year evolution."

Link's Plant 4 in Sioux Center is now the manufacturing core for all of the company's mechanical and electronic air management products, including its SmartValve Electronic

Height Control Systems and Smart Air Management Systems (SAMS) dynamic air suspension control technology. Targeted sectors of the building are temperature controlled, which is critical for the precision manufacturing and assembly of many of the air management system's sensitive valve and electronic components.

The light manufacturing space also offers Link the broad flexibility of being able to configure new manufacturing cells for other products as the need arises. The new Plant 4 will also serve as Link's new consolidated shipping and receiving hub, continuing to leverage Iowa's location near the geographic center of the country and thus major transportation corridors.

"Our new 'Synergy Team Room' is also located in Plant 4 and will be used for large company gatherings, corporate events, for continuing education and for new employee onboarding," Huls said. "And we've been doing a lot more onboarding lately, with the addition of 50 new local staff in association with and in anticipation of the Sioux Center Plant 4 opening."

Link's new 15,000-square-foot Grand Rapids-based Suspension Controls Engineering Center will help focus a new segment of Link's product engineering team specifically engaged in developing and expanding Link's growing suspension control technologies. Expert staff at the new location will also be engaged in the integration of the company's SmartValve and SAMS air management systems with Link's Road Optimized Innovations (ROI) technology.

The Michigan staff's expertise in electrical engineering, software development, testing and sales will help broaden Link's overall capabilities and effectiveness. The Grand Rapids location also puts Link in close physical proximity to a rich industry talent pool, as the company continues to expand its focus into the whole-vehicle suspension



control segment of the commercial vehicle market. With its Michigan assets online, Link will continue to expand its reach into medium- and heavy-duty truck, tractor, trailer, motorcoach, transit bus, shuttle bus, recreational vehicle and specialty vehicle markets.

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The new Suspension Controls Engineering Center will also enhance Link's world-class testing capabilities. Already certified to IATF 16949 standards at its Iowa facility, Link's Michigan location will focus on new product prototype testing and validation. New capabilities include temperature and humidity cycle testing, submersion testing, tension elongation and compression testing, pressure, leak and lifecycle testing and optical comparison testing. The company will also perform warranty testing for all valve and suspension control products at the facility.

In addition to its original Sioux Center location and its new Grand Rapids center, Link maintains engineering and manufacturing facilities in Nisku, Alberta, Canada. The company currently employs more than 250 team members.

"Link's expansion in Sioux Center and Grand Rapids shows that its roots are growing ever deeper in the heartland of Iowa, even as it continues to exert new gravitational influence near the center of the commercial vehicle universe," Huls said. "What started with a revolutionary cab suspension in 1980, leading to ROI technology in 2019 and smart air management capabilities acquisition in 2021, is continuing to lead to growth, and ultimately to a new class of vehicle suspensions and suspension control systems."

Link products are available and can be ordered through Link's nationwide network of dealers. For more information on Link products or to find a dealer, please call (800) 222-6283 or visit <https://www.linkmfg.com/dealers>.

To access high-resolution images of Link's new Sioux Center, Iowa, and Grand Rapids, Michigan facilities, please visit <https://www.linkmfg.com/news/2022/completes-facility>.



## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The Sioux Center Library will be closing early on  
**MONDAY, MAY 2 AT 5:00PM**  
for their annual Board/Staff social.

The Sioux Center Library will also be closed on  
**MONDAY, MAY 30**  
for Memorial Day.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Sioux Center Library is gearing up for the Summer Reading Program! The theme for this year is *"Read Beyond the Beaten Path"*. The program runs from **June 6 to August 4**. Participants may pick up their logs anytime on June 6 or after.

### SUMMER PROGRAMS

Registration for the summer programs at the library opens on **May 15**. Mark your calendars and plan to sign up early as these programs have registration limits! Register for all the library's programs at [www.siuoxcenterlibrary.org](http://www.siuoxcenterlibrary.org).

#### Programs that require registration are:

- Summer Splash (for kids entering K-8th Grade)
- Summer Lego Club
- Doll DIY programs
- Creation (Woodworking) Class
- Summer Sky Fun Night
- Family Fishing Clinic
- Dutch Oven Cooking
- Spanish Camp
- More programs may be added later. . .

### SIOUX STITCHERS

The Sioux Stitches will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 17 at 1:30pm**. Guests are always welcome!

### SHELF DISCOVERY BOOK CLUB

The Shelf Discovery Book Club will meet on **Saturday, May 21 at 10:00am** to discuss the book *"Marcelo in the Real World"*. Stop in and pick up your copy soon! Visitors are always welcome!

### TINY ART SHOW

Stop by the library during the month of May to view their Tiny Art Show! This art show is centered around the summer reading theme of *"Read Beyond the Beaten Path"*. Participants were encouraged to create art using textiles, paper, and other materials on a 3x3 mini canvas.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The library is looking for summer reading volunteers to help sign children up for the summer reading program, hand out prizes, and more. If you have a 6th grade student or higher who would be interested, have them contact **Emily Van Weerdhuizen** at the library!



## MAY IS NATIONAL *Mental Health Awareness Month* ALSO KNOWN AS *Brain Health Month*.

Healthy Sioux County, a coalition of community health organizations and community resource providers, are encouraging schools, libraries, businesses, neighborhoods and community members to get out during the month of May to **"CHALK THE WALK."**

**It's OK to have a mental illness** - many people do.

**It's OK to talk about mental illness** - talking makes people feel less alone.

**It's OK to get help with mental illness** - life can get better. (Iowa Healthiest State Initiative- Make it OK)

Together we can reduce the stigma, encourage the conversation, normalize seeking help and spread joy!

We encourage all local businesses, ministries, homes and neighborhoods to join in and **CHALK THE WALK** with us!

Watch the Promise Community Health Center social media for more information and ideas!  
**Then email your pictures over to be highlighted on the Promise social media pages!**

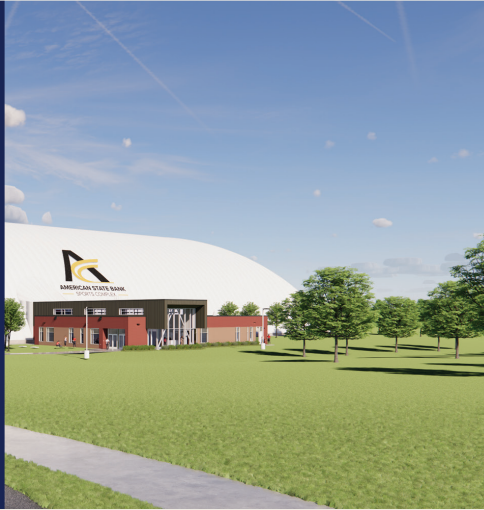


## Director Hired for ASB Sports Complex

*A director has been selected to provide leadership for all programming at the American State Bank Sports Complex.*



Carrie Krohn



Carrie Krohn, of Orange City, has accepted the position for Sioux Center's new indoor turf facility, which is under construction and scheduled to open in late 2022. Her role will involve setting and reaching goals for programming, usage, experience, and revenue at the facility, a shared facility between the City of Sioux Center and Dordt University.

"To be part of something that innovative and new is exciting," Krohn said. "I'm pretty passionate about what it can bring not only to athletics but also fitness. It's a venue that can allow people many opportunities to be active and build relationships, even with different people groups they haven't interacted with often."

Krohn brings leadership and coordination experience to this role, most recently as cross country and track and field assistant coach at Northwestern College, in Orange City. She has worked at Northwestern since earning her bachelor's degree in political science there in 1995.

AT AMERICAN STATE BANK WE ARE PROUD OF  
OUR EMPLOYEES' ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ORGANIZATION.

# Congratulations

TO **AJ Borger**

ON COMPLETION OF THE IOWA BANKERS  
ASSOCIATION CONSUMER CREDIT SCHOOL.



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# SWINGING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

AUGUST 8, 2022

