

LESSONS I'VE LEARNED THROUGH COVID-19

COVID-19 has had so many negative effects on our lives. Things were suddenly taken from us...opportunities, jobs, school, travel, weddings, graduations....and we continue to process the loss of many of the things we had to let go of so quickly. We are people who are now hesitant to dream, cautious to believe, and afraid to hope too far into the future. Many are experiencing isolation, anxiety, and depression. Our foundation has been shaken, and we falter in knowing what to trust.

Thankfully, there are always good things that come through challenges. Here are some of the positive lessons that living through COVID has taught me that I hope I never forget.

Lesson 1: It's OK to Slow Down.

As our community shutdown, the pace of our life also drastically changed. Highway traffic slowed down, people moved at a leisurely pace in the grocery stores, and the

panic of "I need to be somewhere in 5 minutes" went away. We instead prepared meals and ate as families. We fixed puzzles. We planted gardens. We baked bread. We took walks. We improved our homes. We bought puppies. We reorganized our priorities, and most importantly, we built relationships.

Lesson 2: Our Educational Systems are Critical for Community Success

I am on my knees thankful that our children are receiving in-person instruction. It comes with significant challenges but that our children can learn with other children, interact with their teachers, play with their friends, participate in extra-curricular activities...I'm just so thankful! The amount of decisions the leaders and teachers in our educational systems need to make each day are exhausting, and they deserve an incredible amount of respect and grace from our community as they continue to

serve one of our greatest resources-our children.

Lesson 3: Invest in Community

Amenities Community amenities cost money. That's a fact. But they are what help make a community a community. Our community's amenities gave many of us an outlet and much-needed mental health breaks. Our bike trails were packed, our golf course saw golfers at all times of the day, and the Siouxnami was again a perfect attraction and outing for families. We missed our parks dearly when they were closed but appreciated them even more once that yellow caution tape was removed!

Lesson 4: Extra-Curricular

Activities are a Gift I will never, ever take a sporting event, play, or a music concert for granted again. To watch a child work hard towards something and then to be able to compete and perform is a gift and a wonderful opportunity!

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Lesson 5: Almost Anything You Need to Purchase Can be Found in Sioux Center The Chamber would be remiss to not talk about the value of shopping local! Our community discovered that they didn't need to travel 60 miles to find the things they were shopping for. Many found safety, comfort, and excellent customer service by shopping locally and our stores noticed! Mother's Day gifts, home improvement projects, school supplies...these were all things found right here in Sioux Center. Our local stores have served you well. Please continue to support these local businesses who pride themselves in meeting your needs!

COVID isn't over but thankfully,

the lessons learned aren't over yet either. The post-COVID world offers many possibilities, including a dramatically reorganized set of priorities and engagements. The greatest things rise from the hardest challenges. Sioux Center is and will be stronger and better as we continue to navigate this journey together!

City of Sioux Center's new wastewater treatment plant's ribbon cutting and open house was a great success! Many enjoyed the tours, refreshments and seeing how this facility will serve our community for many years to come!



OCTOBER

14 CHAMBER MEETING

Wednesday, October 14 12-1 pm The Ridge Golf Club Cost: \$10

Lunch catered by The Ridge Golf Club

"Top 10 Things We Wish You Knew about Leading a School in a Pandemic"

Presented by Josh Bowar, Head of School at Sioux Center Christian School and Gary McEldowney, Superintedent at Sioux Center Community Schools.

All chamber members and their employees are encouraged to attend. No RSVP's needed.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

815 COMPLEX GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING

Thursday, October 22 4:00 pm 815 Highway 75 North Sioux Center, IA 51250

Join us at this event celebrating the ribbon cutting of these businesses:







Also hear an update from Vision Builders
Light refreshments
will be provided.



YOUR FUTURE @ WORK

Friday, January 8, 2021
Campus of Northwest
Iowa Community College

This event is designed for over 500 sophomore students to increase awareness of career opportunities available in Sioux County.

If your business is interested in participating as a presenter or with a vendor booth, please call our office for more information! 712-722-3457

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS



Heartland Coffee & Nosh

712-870-0436
coffee.nosh@gmail.com
Their food truck is often seen in
Sioux Center! Check out their
schedule by visiting
www.coffeeandnosh.com



Isakson Chiropractic

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LEADERSHIP SIOUX CENTER

We are excited to soon begin our 7th year of Leadership Sioux Center.

Congratulations to the following participants!

Ryan Boone Premier Communications

Laremy De Vries Fruited Plain

Zeke Ellis......City of Sioux Center

Nate Fritz Pella Corporation

Andrew Geleynse Sioux Center Health

Jill Harskamp...... Sioux Center Community Schools

Erin Johnson E-rate Complete

Kelly Kamerman..... Entegro Health

Blake Kruger Peoples Insurance

Michelle McCord...... Interstates

Sam McLaughlin Northwest Bank

Jason Mulder..... M Design and Promotions

Keith Roghair Interstates

Ben Rowe New Life Reformed Church -

Sponsored by American State Bank

Melinda Scholten..... Promise Community Health Center

Josh Shetler..... Pottebaum and Van Bruggen, CPA's

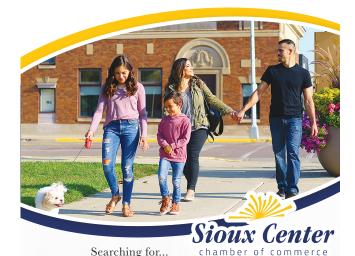
Grant Stelling...... Compass Construction

Brent Town Sioux Center High School

Joel Van Den Brink..... Link Manufacturing

Nathan van Niejenhuis Dordt University





Searching for...

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

15-20 hours per week

Responsible for over-seeing all marketing and communication aspects of the Sioux Center Chamber

Click on the Job Board link at siouxcenterchamber.com to learn more

Send or email resume to Barb Den Herder 303 N Main Ave Sioux Center, IA 51250

barbdh@siouxcenterchamber.com

It was our pleasure to celebrate the newest addition to the Sioux Center trails with a ribbon cutting. The City of Sioux Center, Sioux Center Health and Vision Builders teamed up to add a beautiful bridge with the addition to the trails by the Woodridge development.



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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY MONTH!

We encourage you to learn about the many benefits of Physical Therapy and how ProActive can help achieve your physical activity goals, and improve your quality of life.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with all the ProActive happenings and giveaways!

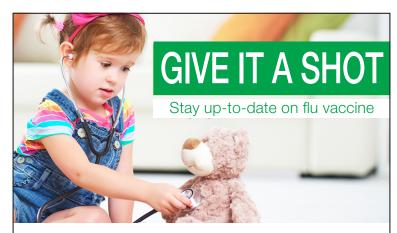
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Facebook: @ProActiveIA



Instagram: proactive.pt.ia

ProActive is here to help you Get Active and Stay Active! Call us at 712-722-1902 to make an appointment.



DRIVE-THRU FLU VACCINE CLINIC

PLEASE NOTE: For the convenience and safety of our patients no walk-in's allowed. Please plan to attend one of the Drive-Thru Clinics.

SIOUX CENTER CLINIC

North Parking Lot (Temporary Building)

- Sat, Oct. 3 | 9 am 1 pm
- Wed, Oct. 7 | 2:30 6:30 pm
- Sat, Oct. 17 | 9 am 1 pm
- Wed, Oct. 21 | 2:30 6:30 pm

HAWARDEN AND HULL CLINICS

Parking Lot

- Sat, Sept. 26 | 9 am 1 pm
- Sat, Oct. 10 | 9 am 1 pm

We can file to your insurance. Self-pay cost for the flu vaccine:

- . \$46 6 months and older
- · Flu shots are effective for 1 year
- \cdot Flu shots will be available as supplies last

FOR FASTER SERVICE, fill out the consent form in advance and bring it with you, along with a copy of your insurance card. The consent form can be found at siouxcenterhealth.org under Family Medicine/Clinics.

If you can't make one of the Drive-Thru Clinics, please schedule a nurse visit by calling Sioux Center Clinic (712) 722-2609 | Hawarden Clinic (712) 551-1000 | Hull Clinic (712) 439-1315





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OCTOBER 2020 LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The public is encouraged to attend the book discussion for One Book, One Sioux County on Monday, October 19 at 7:00pm at the Sioux Center Public Library. This year's selection is Black River by S.M. Hulse. The library has multiple copies available so pick one up now to read prior to the discussion date! The live virtual event with the author will be held on November 5.

The library is looking for vendors to participate in their annual Holiday Boutique to be held on Saturday, November 21. Cost for a booth is \$25 with the proceeds going toward the summer reading program. Registration is now open at: https://siouxcenterlibrary.librarycalendar.com/events/ab-holiday-boutique.

Two adult book clubs will be held at the Sioux Center Library this month:

- 1. Young at Heart Book Club will be held on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00am.
- 2. Shelf Discovery Book Club will be held on Saturday, October 17 at 10:00am. The public is invited to join us for both of these discussions! Contact the library for more information!

StoryTime will be on Site: at Holland Flower Farm on October 6 at 10:00am. Parents can take their children for fun farm stories and songs just outside of Sioux Center. Registration

is very helpful and is on their website calendar at www.siouxcenterlibrary.librarycalendar.com.

Does your 5th-8th grader love Harry Potter? Then have them join the gals at the Sioux Center Library on Thursday, October 29 at 6:30pm. We'll have a fun evening of magic and wizardry, food, crafts, and more. Costumes are encouraged and registration is required through our online calendar at: www.siouxcenterlibrary. librarycalendar.com.

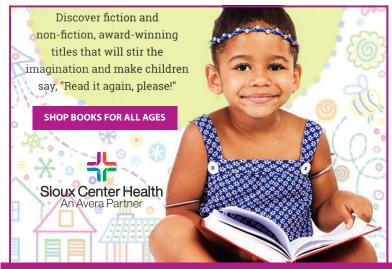


Support Sioux Center Wreath Across America! THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 SIOUX CENTER CULVER'S

All donations and 10% from the day's sales will go towards Remembrance Wreaths being placed in Sioux Center and Carmel Cemeteries on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 11:00 AM at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center Volunteers will be present from 5-8PM Learn more at siouxcenterwaa.org







COME TO THE USBORNE BOOK FAIR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 10 AM – 3 PM SIOUX CENTER HEALTH'S TOWN CENTER

Choose from almost 2000 bright colorful and fun title books from one of the leading children's publishing companies. They are high-quality, innovative, lavishly-illustrated, and best of all they have a wide variety of subjects for kids to love and read.

If you can't make the Book Fair, shop now until October 31
by visiting https://a1336.myubam.com/1797128
(Please mark Sioux Center Health as the organization when you check out)

 $Proceeds \ of \ the \ sale \ will \ go \ to \ Early \ Childhood \ Center \ for \ the \ purchase \ of \ new \ books \ for \ their \ class rooms.$

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Promise Community Health Center is excited to announce employee retention speaker and trainer, head hunter, human resources professional, father, coach, martial artist and U.S. Army veteran, Jeff Kortes.

Join our Promise Community Health Center Team to listen and learn from Jeff about C.R.A.P. (Caring, Respect, Appreciation and Praise) in the work place! Drawing on decades of front-line HR experience, Jeff speaks on employee retention, worker recruitment, workplace culture & the emerging generation.

Jeff's unique insight enables participants to leave his sessions with actionable steps to begin building employee loyalty and to drive employee retention in their department or organization. Jeff's presentations inspire audiences to take immediate action that strengthens their organizations' workforces.

Tuesday, November 17, 8am to 12pm

- Terrace Event Center in Sioux Center
- \$50/ticket
- Light breakfast will be served
- Social Distancing and precautions will be taken at the event
- Fill out the form online and submit to register today!

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OCTOBETZ IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARZENESS MONTH

Join us in donating these items this month:

Hand Soap Dish Soap All-Purpose Cleaner Toilet Paper Kleenex Toilet Bowl Cleaner 13 gallon garbage bags

\$10 Gas Gift Cards Shampoo Conditioner Body Wash Laundry Detergent Deodorant

Drop off at any local bank from October 1 - 31











DRIVE-UP FLU

no appointment necessary - park in the designated parking spots in our east side parking lot



- **♥ FREE** flu shots for youth 18 & under (if eligible)
- **⊘** \$25 flu shots for adults

FREE DAIRY QUEEN ICE CREAM WITH EVERY SHOT!



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