

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

### YOU NEVER SAY NO

Our Sioux Center Chamber businesses are hands-down the best chamber members in the entire state. True, I may be a bit biased but other people are noticing and are asking, “What is your secret in Sioux Center?” It may have something to do with our members’ willingness to say yes.

WHEN WE REACH OUT TO YOU TO HELP WITH A RETAIL PROMOTION, YOU SAY YES.

WHEN WE REQUEST SPONSORSHIPS FOR AN EVENT, YOU SAY YES

WHEN WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, YOU SAY YES.

WHEN WE ARE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER, YOU SAY YES.

WHEN WE ASK IF YOU’D BE WILLING TO HOST A LEADERSHIP SIOUX CENTER SESSION, YOU SAY YES.

WHEN WE ASK IF YOU’D SHARE SOME OF YOUR WISDOM, EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE, YOU SAY YES.

WHEN WE ASK YOU TO PARTNER WITH US ON A NEW INITIATIVE, YOU SAY YES.

In a recent example, the newly created Classroom to Career program is building a bridge between our business and education community. Businesses have walked along side us through this program, opened their doors, shared their stories and have given local educators a first-hand look of what today’s workplace looks like and what needs they have for their workforce. Because of our business’ strong commitment, this program has far exceeded our expectations.

People across the state have asked us how we do it? How does a small, rural community in NW Iowa have such an active chamber? It’s honestly pretty simple. I tell them that it’s our businesses’ willingness to partner with us, to brainstorm with us, to take risks with us. But, the biggest factor....

**YOU NEVER SAY NO.**

A chamber’s strength lies in the strength of its businesses. In this season of Thanksgiving, we thank you for walking along side us, believing in us, and doing your part to make our community an even better place to work, play and live. We are blessed to be able to partner with each of you!

#### REMINDER: NO DECEMBER MEETING

Reminder: There is no December chamber meeting. See you again on *Wednesday, January 8* where we will hear an update from AgriVision and Perdue Premium Meat.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER!

**WHISPERS OF LOVE, HOPE & JOY, INC.**  
**Pastor Deb Rensink**  
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"Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy delivers unique, personalized ministry to families embroiled and affected by domestic abuse. We strive to help families in identifying support networks that equip, promote healing, and provide hope so that they can live independently, flourishing lives free from violence."



## CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Northwest Bank  
Thursday, December 5  
4:30-7 pm



*You Are Invited!*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Open House*

**DECEMBER 5, 2019**  
**4:30PM - 7:00PM**

JOIN US FOR A NACHO BAR & REFRESHMENTS!



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*bylaws  
changes*



The Executive Board of the Chamber has recently drafted 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. In mid-December, a link to the proposed By-Laws will be e-mailed to the membership for their review. A hard copy can be mailed per members' request.



As you shop for the perfect gift this Christmas season, we encourage you to visit our local stores first! By supporting our local businesses, you help build a strong local economy. Shop Sioux Center where you will get friendly service, great prices and a wonderful customer experience!

**Live it. Love it. Support it.**



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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### VIBELLA RIBBON CUTTING

We were thrilled to help ViBella celebrate their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting! They have a beautiful new location (former Dakota PC building) and so many wonderful, unique items to purchase, most of them handmade. Your Christmas shopping just got a whole lot easier! Congratulations Julie and team on this wonderful new addition to Sioux Center!



### LEADERSHIP SIOUX CENTER

Leadership Sioux Center spent the day with Mayor David Krahling exploring the history of Sioux Center and learning more about the significant impact agriculture plays on our economy. Thank you to Farmers Coop Society and Dykstra Dairy for the tours and a huge shout-out to our LSC participants for braving the super frigid temps for one of our coldest LSC tour days ever!



*Ladies' ViBella Night!*

Join us December 2 from 5-8 pm!  
Come for a night out with refreshments, prizes, and a special in-store discount off artisan made, Vi Bella pieces at our new boutique! Also, fill out a special wish list and anyone who purchases from the list by December 23 will also receive a special discount.



## DECEMBER 2019 LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 01

The Sioux Center Library will be closing for the Christmas holiday at noon on December 24 and will reopen at 9:00am on Thursday, December 26. The staff at the library would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

# 02

The Sioux Center Library will be holding their annual Christmas Crafts and Cookies exchange on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00pm. This event is for teens (9th grade and up) and adults. Registration is required to ensure we have enough supplies. Participants are asked to bring in 2 dozen cookies to exchange!

# 03

The Sioux Center Library has chosen the book "Twas Nochebuena" as their Christmas storywalk book for this year. The book pages will be displayed in storefront windows on the east side of Hwy 75, beginning at B & B Plumbing and ending at the library between the dates of December 3-28. Twas Nochebuena is a bilingual (but mostly in English) homage to the classic poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas," exploring the many traditions that accompany a Latino family's celebration of Nochebuena. Parents are encouraged to take their children on our storywalk to learn more about these traditions! The book finishes at the library where participants will be awarded with a little treat. Don't forget your flashlight if you are walking at night!

### CONGRATS SMIT FAMILY!

Congrats to Troy and Katelyn Smit (ProActive Physical Therapy) as they welcomed baby girl Bryar Ann on November 3. She was 7lbs 13 oz.



### WELCOME LILY!

ATLAS welcomes Lily Van Beek from Rock Valley. She is married to Nick Van Beek and they have 3 children, Nestor, Barbie, Jayden. Lily is bilingual and will work in Sioux Center and also Rock Valley satellite office.



### DORDT ADDS MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Dordt University is now accepting applications for the new, 100% online Master of Social Work (MSW) program. The program is taught from a Christian perspective and offers three tracks: Clinical Practice, Community Practice and Administration, and Advanced Generalist. Learn more at [Dordt.edu/msw](http://Dordt.edu/msw).







**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 – SHOP & HOP**

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Centre Mall by Casey's Bakery, Sioux Center  
Enjoy bounce houses, train rides, Santa and movies at the mall! \$5/wristband; \$2/child discount for Meal Squeeze members.

**TOT TIME:**

Weekly on Wednesdays, starting November 20

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Centre Mall, Sioux Center

Do your little ones need to burn off some energy?  
Tire them out with a bounce house, variety of ride-on toys, playhouses, interactive and pretend play.  
\$5/child entry fee; \$2/child discount for Meal Squeeze members. Ages 5 and under; infants are free.

**THANK YOU FROM PEOPLES BANK**



Peoples Bank wants to thank you for coming out to our open house on the 14th- it was a nice time!!

The following people were drawn and these four charities will receive \$250.00 each from Peoples Bank.

Carlos Bahena  
**Family Crisis Center**

Jon Rosenboom  
**Katelyn's Fund**

Brady Kroeze  
**Young Life**

Elinor Punt  
**Outlet 75**



**Quilting Friends Present 5th Annual**

# HOLIDAY QUILT SHOW

**Friday, December 6: 3pm-8pm**

**Saturday, December 7: 9am-3pm**

**New Life Reformed Church**  
**232 16th Street SE**  
**Sioux Center, IA**

**Suggested Viewing Donation \$5**

*Wheelchair Accessible!*

## Raffle Quilt

Bring a cleaning product or laundry detergent and receive an entry slip to WIN a quilt! One slip for every item!

## All New Quilts - No Repeats!

## Quilters Boutique & Garage Sale

Brand new & quilter's cast offs for sale!

## Quilt Challenge

Entry details on the back - you could WIN quilt store gift cards!

*For more information on Family Crisis Centers, visit [familycrisiscenters.org](http://familycrisiscenters.org). For event info, visit @familycrisiscenters on Facebook.*



**All donations support crime victims in our communities.**



## **NORTHWESTERN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM ACHIEVES ACCREDITATION**

Northwestern College's master's degree program in physician assistant (PA) studies has received the green light college officials were waiting for: accreditation-provisional, which is the initial accreditation status for new programs.

Program Director Dr. Christina Hanson and Medical Director Dr. Alan Laird had reason to expect accreditation success after a May 2019 site visit with "no observations"—or areas requiring improvement—from the reviewers, which is rare. "Still," says Hanson, "it's exciting to have the official go-ahead."

Preparations for the 27-month on-site graduate program have been

underway since before the May visit. PA faculty and staff are hired, and construction crews are renovating Van Peursem Hall classrooms and labs that were vacated when the biology and chemistry undergraduate programs moved into the DeWitt Family Science Center. The redesigned spaces will accommodate equipment for teaching physician assistant students, such as treatment tables, virtual cadaver tables and gross anatomy dissection tables.

Northwestern's faith-based PA program will enroll up to 32 students each year. Although the first cohort is not yet finalized, Hanson and her team spent the fall months reviewing applications and invited



more than 50 applicants to interview. "Selection of students for the first cohort is particularly important, as their results when they take the board exam will set Northwestern's first-time pass rate," explains Hanson. "That metric will be crucial for continuing accreditation."

Now that the program has achieved accreditation, Hanson expects the number of future applications to be similar to what she experienced at her former institution, which routinely received around 20 times more applications than open seats in the program.

## **AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT COMING TO SIOUX CENTER**



**JOHN DEERE**



AgriVision Equipment Group, LLC, a John Deere dealer, is expanding its footprint to Sioux Center, IA with a new facility to serve customers in the agricultural, residential and construction markets.

Construction on the new facility will begin in the Spring of 2020. The shop will be sized to house 30 technicians to better service the local customer needs. The state-of-the-art facility will be equipped with overhead cranes, a large area for combine/forage harvester storage,

expanded parts inventory, wash bay and training facilities. Once established, the new location will employ 30 to 50 people, bringing new jobs to the area.

"We have experienced significant growth over the last few years in this area and have outgrown our local facility," says Jeremy Ostrander, CEO and one of the founding members of AgriVision Equipment. "The strength of the livestock and row crop sector, along with healthy economic growth in Northwest Iowa was a motivating factor when choosing a location for expansion. This is an exciting step in our long-term commitment to the customers, employees and communities in and around Sioux County."

As a local family owned and operated company, AgriVision Equipment is rooted in 100+ years of Midwestern farm heritage, with its first dealership opening in 1899. Today, AgriVision Equipment has 17 locations and 450 plus employees, serving customers throughout Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Missouri.



## LOCAL SOFTBALL DIAMOND TAKES TOP HONORS IN NATION



The softball field at Open Space Park in Sioux Center has been selected as top in its class in the nation.

The diamond was named Softball Field of the Year by the Sports Turf Managers Association. It was selected as the number one softball diamond at the K-12 schools and parks level across the United States. This is the second field in state history to receive this type national recognition. The first was Jack Trice Stadium, home to the Iowa State Cyclones.

“This award is very humbling and extremely exciting at the same time,” said Sioux Center Parks Director Lee Van Meeteren. “We never expected to win this type of award, but to be recognized by our peers as having the type of field that deserves this award is an honor that I don’t take lightly.”

The STMA calls the Field of the Year awards “the industry’s highest honors,” selected out of members who manage baseball, football, soccer, softball and other sporting playing surfaces worldwide at the professional, collegiate, schools, and parks and recreation levels.

A panel of 12 judges independently scored entries based on playability, appearance of surfaces, utilization of innovative solutions, effective use of budget and implementation of a comprehensive agronomic program.

“Our efforts are not only to provide a safe, quality playing

surface for our athletes and coaches, but also to manage it in an environmentally-responsible way,” Van Meeteren said. “This is an award for Dordt University and Sioux Center schools as well as the City of Sioux Center. Being part of joint use efforts for this community provides us the ability to have this level of facilities.”

Van Meeteren will accept the honor for Sioux Center at the STMA annual Awards Banquet and the field will be featured in a 2020 issue of SportsTurf Magazine. This national honor comes months after the diamond was named Iowa’s 2019 Field of the Year.

“Our committee is appreciative of your submittal and impressed by the time and effort you put into your softball field management program. The competition in this program was very strong, and your entry is definitely deserving of this honor” Kim Heck, CEO of STMA.

### **CONGRATS ON YOUR NEW SPACE AGENCY 212!**

**WE MOVED!** Agency Two Twelve has moved to their new location at 72 19th Street SW, just north of Culver's. Stop in and say hi next time you're on the south end of town!





# GROWING

TO SERVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

*"Sioux Center is a growing, vibrant community encompassing residents across the entire lifespan. One reason the community is so vibrant and continues to grow is that the people stay in our community, invest in our community, and remain connected to the community throughout their entire lives. It is important for Sioux Center to have a full continuum of options available for individuals as their needs change throughout their lives. Providing high-quality medical care, independent and assisted living options and nursing home care are all part of that continuum. All of us at Sioux Center Health look forward to creating new opportunities for our community members to access care and needed services right here at home so they can continue to enjoy the support of family, friends, and their faith community."*

CORY NELSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## SENIOR LIVING CAMPUS

- Expand services with different levels of care in one location
- Additional living space, features, and amenities
- Greater capacity to allow seniors to live and stay in our community
- More accommodations to live maintenance free with access to health care services
- New Assisted Living Memory Care

## FAMILY MEDICINE CLINIC AND SPECIALTY CLINIC

- Enhance privacy and safety features
- Better access to care
- Improve wayfinding

## HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND OCCUPATIONAL/EMPLOYEE HEALTH

- Relocate services to hospital campus to improve patient direct access
- Manage departmental growth

## GROWING *community* CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



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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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