



Sioux Center

chamber of commerce

January Chamber Meeting:



Cyber-21: It's more infectious than you think.

Presentation on Cybersecurity
by Premier Network Solutions

**Wednesday, January 13th
12-1 PM @ The Ridge Golf Club**

All Chamber members and their employees
are welcome to attend!

Thank You to our Healthcare Workers

Thank you to the many Chamber businesses that joined together to give a special thank you to our local healthcare workers. In hopes of spreading some encouragement and inspiration, over 40 Chamber businesses donated nearly \$10,000 so that we could bless over 600 local healthcare workers with a \$15 gift certificate to a variety of local restaurants!



Fun Facts

#1

We sold nearly
\$100,000 in Christmas
Cash in 4 ½ hours!

#2

Over 6000 people viewed
our "Thank You to our
Healthcare Providers"
Facebook post.

#3

Just south of Jimmy John's,
the Vision Builder's
Christmas Tree stands
60 feet tall

Chamber News

A warm welcome to our new members...



Joe and Gina Poppema
 223 Central Ave NE
 Orange City, IA 51041
 712-737-4254
www.joestvandappliance.com

Kevin Bosma
 34 3rd Street NW
 Sioux Center, IA 51250
 712-722-1500
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Upcoming
 Events:

Ribbon Cutting:

floral design • home decor • weddings
PETALS + PERKS

JANUARY 28
10 AM

Join us in congratulating
 Kari Hickman on her
 ownership of Petals and Perks



Welcome, Daniel, to the Chamber Board!

Daniel is the Associate Director of Development at Dordt University, serving alumni and donors across the United States and Canada. Originally from Winchester, Kansas, Daniel grew up in a pastor's family of eight and paid his way through college by running a lawn care business.

He is a 2011 graduate of Dordt University. After graduation Daniel spent two years in Colorado Springs, CO working for State Farm and then returned to Sioux Center to work at Dordt University in 2013. Daniel's wife, Abby, is a 4th grade teacher at Sioux Center Christian. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity to help propel the prevailing strong collaboration in Sioux Center between businesses, schools, and organizations.

Save the Date!

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

**17 & 18
MARCH**

Indoor Fair

3-8 pm
Dordt University Rec Center
Vendor Registration is now available
on the Sioux Center Chamber website!

Annual Ag Event

Sponsored by the Chamber Ag Committee

11:30-1:00 pm

Terrace View Event Center

Featuring a welcome from Mike Naig,
Secretary of Ag and Keynote Speaker,
Joe Kerns, Kerns and Associates.

**25
MARCH**

**23
APRIL**

Spirit of Community

6:00 pm

Terrace View Event Center

Featuring Tommy Ryman,
stand-up comedian

www.tommyryman.com

**BRIDAL SHOWCASE
RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 9TH TO OCTOBER 23RD**

Chamber News

Leadership Sioux Center

In December Leadership Sioux Center spent time learning about Servant Leadership from Dordt President Erik Hoekstra, hearing from representatives of our educational institutions, and learning about their individual DISC profiles. And of course, we experienced some leadership challenges where blindfolds were again required!



Homecoming Grant Available

The Sioux Center Chamber is pleased to announce that they are now accepting applications for the fourth year of the Homecoming Grant. The Homecoming Grant is a program that awards \$6,000 to 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, CEO of the Sioux Center Chamber.

THIS GRANT IS FOR ANYONE WHO...

- Has or will graduate from a two- or four-year college in 2019, 2020, or 2021
- 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 \$6,000

The grant award is \$6,000, which will be given over a 4-year period (\$1,500 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.siuoxcenterchamber.com.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2021 AND THE AWARD WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY APRIL 30, 2021

Library Announcements

WINTER PROGRAMS

Registration is open for the winter programs at the Sioux Center Public Library. Due to the limitations in place about the number of people who can gather in a room – registration is required for most, if not all, of these programs. We will update accordingly when allowed. To see a complete list of all the upcoming programs, please visit our webpage at www.siouxcenterlibrary.org.

DROP-IN RUBIK'S CUBE CLUB

The Sioux Center Public Library is holding a Drop-In Rubik's Cube club on Thursday evening and Saturday mornings beginning January 14 at 10:00am. Individuals of all ages are invited to come learn how to solve the Rubik's Cube or develop their cubing skills with fun games and activities. Registration is required.

VISITING AUTHOR

Michelle Kuiken from *The Proper Place* will be at the library on Wednesday, January 13 at 4:00pm to help you get your home in order. The focus will be on how to handle paperwork, toys, and sentimental items. This program will be held at the same time as the Lego Kids' program. Parents are encouraged to attend while their child(ren) are at Lego Club. Registration is required due to the limits on program attendants. Sign up now through our website.

BAKING CLUB FOR KIDS

The Sioux Center Library is offering Baking Club for kids in 4th-6th grade on Tuesdays beginning January 12. This free club will teach tweens baking basics, as well as use baking to reinforce literacy skills. Registration required.

SHELF DISCOVERY BOOK CLUB

Shelf Discovery Book Club will be meeting on January 16 at 10:00am and will be discussing the book "Women Rowing North". Following that book club on January 30 – Kim Van Es will join us at the library to present on navigating life's currents and flourishing as we age. Registration is required

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Are you in need of some tech help? Did you get a new tablet for Christmas but are unsure how it works? Then stop by the library for Drop-In Tech Help on January 12 or 26 from 1-3:00pm. A tutor will be available to answer all your questions!

MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB

A fun new book club is starting on January 21! The Mad Scientists Club for 2nd through 4th graders will meet at 3:30pm and is not your ordinary book club! We will use non-fiction books and experiments to read about and explore science topics. In the winter/spring of 2021 come explore the earth as we examine and experiment with fossils, rocks and magnets.

TAX PROGRAM

A general tax program will be offered on Wednesday, January 20. There will be two sessions available. The first one will be held from 5:30-6:30, and the second one from 6:45-7:45. Sheila Drenkow, the accounting teacher at Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) the past 13 years, will be the presenter. She has her MBA and works at a local accounting firm. Sheila has been a coordinator at the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site at NCC for many years but this program will not be offered this spring because of COVID. Sheila will cover items one should save to prepare for taxes, identify community resources, how to look out for fraud, and the top five things one should know. The 6:45 presentation will have a Spanish interpreter. Register on the Sioux Center Public Library website.

Chamber Member News

*Celebrating
65 years!*

Congratulations, Northside Body Shop on Celebrating 65 years of business and three generations of ownership!



Long-term planning for Open Space Park

City council members would like to engage public feedback on options for the future use of portions of Open Space Park, specifically the location of Heritage Village and a proposed indoor turf facility. As they consider three proposed concepts, which range from having both Heritage Village and a turf facility on the Open Space site to having one or the other move to a different location, the council is hoping to have a community open house in early 2021.

“We want to create some dialogue, and an open house is a forum where you can have discussion



back and forth,” Councilmember Dale Vander Berg said. “We’re looking to make a decision for Sioux Center not for tomorrow, but for 10, 20, 25 years from now.”

The first concept places the indoor turf facility and parking north of the football field and practice field, replacing two existing recreation softball/baseball diamonds there. Heritage village would remain in the same location, with added commercial-type development in the current fairgrounds footprint.

The second concept suggests moving Heritage Village to a new site, placing the indoor turf facility and its related parking in the current Heritage Village area, and adding a park space where the fairgrounds currently sit. The third concept would place the indoor turf facility just east of the existing football field and track, using some of the Heritage Village space, but leaving most of Heritage Village in its current location. The council discussed working with the Heritage Village Board and the Joint Use Committee to lead an open house together in early 2021. A date has not yet been set.

The concepts are online for public viewing at www.siouxcenter.org/openspace

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In Other News...



Walstra Plumbing and Heating is your trusted hometown service provider for plumbing, heating and cooling since 1983. We're a family-owned business who serves both the residential and commercial plumbing industry. From a leak to a flood, our teams have all your needs covered. We also offer emergency plumbing service, because we know your systems often choose the worst time to fail.

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Winter is a great time to visit with us about indoor air quality improvements. We look forward to serving you in 2021!

Bilby graduates from law enforcement academy

Caleb Bilby, an officer with the Sioux Center Police Department, graduated from the Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy with top academic honors. Bilby, who joined the department full-time earlier in 2020, received the director's academic honors award for top academic record of his class during the academy graduation ceremony at Western Iowa Tech in Sioux City in November. Prior to working full time with the Sioux Center Police, Bilby served as a reserve police officer with the department for about one and a half years.



Christine recently celebrated her five year anniversary with Primebank. Christine is an Ag Loan Officer with Primebank.

Congratulations!

