



# Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2024

## September Chamber Meeting

Wednesday, September 18

12:00 - 1:00pm

Sioux Center Public Library

Meal Cost: \$12 | Catered by Casey's Bakery

No RSVPs needed. All Chamber members & their employees are encouraged to attend.



### Washington DC & Housing Update

Hear a panel discussion our our community's visit to Washington DC plus a local housing update presented by the City of Sioux Center and SCLD.

WELCOME TO OUR  
**NEW MEMBER!**



*Fresh Wash*  
**Laundromat**

18 3rd St NE Sioux Center IA

UPCOMING  
*Chamber Coffees, Ribbon Cuttings & Events*



**VANDER BERG**  
HOMES  
FURNITURE  
FLOORING

### Chamber Coffee

IN HONOR OF VANDER BERG  
HOMES' 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

Wednesday, September 4

10:00 am

4168 US 75 South, Sioux Center



**Fresh Wash**

### Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, September 5

10:00 am

18 3rd St NE, Sioux Center



**ATLAS**

### Ribbon Cutting

Monday September 16

2:00 pm

540 Main Ave, Sioux Center



**DESIGN &  
PROMOTIONS**

### Ribbon Cutting

20TH ANNIVERSARY AND  
NEW LOCATION!

Thursday, September 19

4:00 pm

440 6th Ave NW, Sioux Center

OPEN HOUSE 4:00-6:00PM



**reach out**  
**OPPORTUNITY**

We are looking for 10-15 volunteers to join us as we fill 350 Sack Pack Bags!

**Tuesday, Sept. 24**

**3:30-4:30pm**

**House of Missions & Equipping**

(behind Culver's)

101 19th St, Sioux Center

**SIGN UP TO FOR VOLUNTEER [HERE!](#)**

*Reach Out Opportunities are scheduled 3-4 times a year to allow our members an opportunity to network and give back to the community!*



**PROMISE  
COMMUNITY  
HEALTH CENTER**  
an iowahealth partner

### Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, September 26

3:00 pm

33 4th St NW, Sioux Center

**OPEN HOUSE +TOURS**

**3:15-5:00PM**

# CHAMBER GIFT CARD IMPACT SNAPSHOT

WE SOLD **1,557 GIFT CARDS**      TOTALING **\$145,000.00**



**\$93** AVERAGE GIFT CARD AMOUNT

**60** BUSINESSES REDEEMED GIFT CARDS LAST YEAR

## \$41,000

IN GIFT CARDS WERE PURCHASED BY BUSINESSES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS



## Christmas Cash is Back!

### WHAT IS CHRISTMAS CASH?

Christmas Cash is a program that allows the purchase of Chamber Gift Cards at a discount, and it has proven successful in keeping local dollars circulating in Sioux Center. Did you know that each dollar spent at a locally owned store is usually spent 6 to 15 times before it leaves the community? From \$1 you create \$5 to \$14 in value within the community. Since 2009 the Executive Board has made a commitment to our Chamber member businesses by making a Stimulus Package available in Chamber Gift Cards. Gift Cards can be purchased at a discount with a \$300 maximum purchase per family/business. The Board has again made a commitment to fund this program for the 2024 Holiday Season by having up to \$100,000 available to purchase at 15% discount. However, they are again putting out a challenge to our membership. They are giving you the opportunity to partner with them in to make this successful program a reality. You will soon receive a letter in the mail with more information.

### ANY QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT US AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE!

**CHRISTMAS CASH - IT'S BACK**



# SAVE *the* DATE! DECEMBER 5-7



## Hometown HOLIDAYS



# OKTOBERFEST SIOUX CENTER

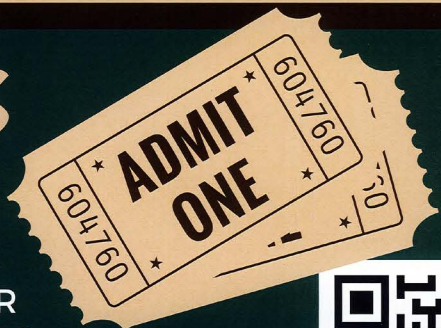
BEER | MUSIC | FOOD

OCTOBER 12 | 2-9:00PM  
HERITAGE VILLAGE SIOUX CENTER

## TICKETS

AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

\$100 PER PERSON OR  
\$1000 PER TABLE OF 10



ALL PROCEEDS TO:  
**ALL KIDS CAN**



EST. 2020  
**LATE HARVEST**  
• BREWERY •



EST. 1926

**WOUDSTRA**  
MEAT MARKET

## American State Bank welcomes new board member

**THE AMERICAN STATE BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS PLEASED TO WELCOME AMANDA BAHENA AS A NEW BOARD MEMBER BEGINNING IN AUGUST OF 2024.**

Bahena, a Sioux Center native and attorney at Woods Fuller Law, brings a wealth of experience in business and entrepreneurship as well as various areas of law including immigration, estate planning and corporate law.

"I look forward to serving ASB as a director, because a strong and healthy local bank drives community long-term growth and stability," says Bahena. "I also appreciate ASB's deep and committed support to area non-profits and other community organizations. My family and I are involved in agriculture and are entrepreneurs, so I know the importance of a close banking relationship and a healthy bank."

Bahena is involved in various professional and community organizations, including the American Immigration Council, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Iowa and South Dakota State Bar Associations, Sioux County Bar Association, Vi Bella Serves, Inc., and a local youth outreach program.

"We are excited to have Amanda join our Board of Directors," says Brandon Woudstra, CEO of American State Bank. "She is community-focused and will serve the bank well with her experience, knowledge, and energy."



WELCOME JOCELYN!



Jocelyn Terpstra started this past month as a dental assistant at Children's Dental Centre.

She is great with kids and has such a fun, bubbly personality. They are excited to have her!

# ASB KIDS CLUB Lemonade stand

WE HAD FUN RUNNING OUR KIDS CLUB LEMONADE STAND! NEXT TIME WE WANT TO MAKE COOKIES AND OFFER DIFFERENT FLAVORS OF LEMONADE!



It looks like our schedule is full for this fall! NO time for the F-L-U!



drive thru flu shot clinics:  
October 16, 23 & 30



seasons   
presents...

## Cultivating Resilience with Trista Miller

Strategies for Professionals & Kinship Families

Trista Miller, founder of the consulting firm Khidmah Inc., is a dedicated professional with over two decades of experience in supporting non-profit organizations focused on children and families. Having navigated foster and kinship care with 12 placements in six years as a child, she intimately understands the challenges faced by children in such circumstances. As a proud mother of three, Trista's personal experiences as a kinship caregiver inform her passion for fostering healthy, supportive relationships among children, families, caregivers, and professionals. Her innovative programs reflect her commitment to building a better future for all.

September 20, 2024

9:00 - 12:00  
Trauma-Informed Care for Professionals



Professionals in the workplace, whether it's child welfare, law enforcement, or even hospitality can experience various forms of trauma when dealing with employees, customers/clients, or even through their own life experiences. In this workshop, we will talk about the various ways trauma may impact professionals in the workplace and strategies for navigating this.

1:00 - 4:00  
Connecting with Kin



While kinship care can be the best option for children, it can be extremely challenging in ways that are different from traditional foster care. In this workshop, we will discuss the unique dynamics of kinship families and talk about the potential trauma of relative care on children, caregivers, parents, and the family as a whole. We will explore how to effectively support kinship families and promote healing from within. You'll leave feeling encouraged and empowered to support the kinship families in your life.

 Register... for one or both sessions

 CEUs available

 Dordt Agriculture Stewardship Center | 3648 US-75 | Sioux Center, IA

PLEASE JOIN US!

September 19

4 P.M. – RIBBON CUTTING  
4-6 P.M. – OPEN HOUSE



20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION &  
NEW LOCATION RIBBON CUTTING

Refreshments  
&  
Giveaways!



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440 6TH AVE NW  
SIOUX CENTER, IA 51250

you're invited

 PROMISE  
COMMUNITY  
HEALTH CENTER

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Ribbon Cutting: 3pm  
Open House & Tours: 3:15pm-5pm

Snacks and refreshments will be served



★ so fun!  
★ Dueling Pianos  
↓ Entertainment!

OCTOBER

fun night out  
supporting a  
great cause!

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yum, yum!  
Lorraine Nieuwsma  
Prime Rib Dinner!

Evening  
An of PROMISE

## September 2024 Library Announcements

### THE SIOUX CENTER LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Monday, September 2, for Labor Day  
Thursday, September 19 from 9-2:30pm for Staff Training

### THE SIOUX CENTER LIBRARY WILL BE OFFERING THEIR FALL PROGRAMS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

We have many programs for all ages – 0 to adult! Click on the link below for a complete listing of what's available:

[CHILDREN](#) | [TEEN](#) | [ADULTS](#) | [FAMILIES](#)

**Bilingual Story Time** will start their fall season at the library on Monday, September 9 at 6:30pm. This is a fun time for both English and Spanish-speaking families. Some of the books and activities will incorporate Spanish language learning.

The library is holding a **Family Game Night** on Thursday, September 5, from 6:30-8:00pm. All ages are welcome, although children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Light snacks will be provided. We hope you can join us for some friendly competition!

**National Hispanic Heritage Month** is celebrated yearly from September 15-October 15. Stop by the library on Wednesday, September 18, from 2:30-4:30pm to celebrate by making a decorative zipper pull for your backpack or purse! And then on Thursday, September 26, 5th-8th graders are invited to join us for a chips and guac. We'll be making homemade tortilla chips. Registration is required for the September 26 event.

**The Dyslexia Support Group** will be meeting on Thursday, September 19, from 7-8:00pm. The public is invited to join us in this Dyslexia 101 class for a broad overview helpful for both parents and teachers.

Sign your kids up to read with **Fern, the reading dog**. She will be at the library on September 4 and 18 from 2:30-4:30pm. Reading spots are available on a 15-minute interval.

**Sioux Stitchers** will meet on September 17 at 1:30pm. Visitors are always welcome. Each month a new skill is taught. Registration is not needed, simply stop on by!

The **Shelf Discovery Book Club** will meet on Saturday, September 21 at 10:00am to discuss the book "Don't Look Back". Pick up a copy of the book at the front desk of the library and join us for some great conversation!

**The Sioux Center Library is partnering with the Sioux Center Chamber to offer leadership training by Dale Carnegie!** These classes will be held on Monday afternoon from 1-4:30pm, starting on September 16 and going through November 4. Improve the way you communicate and become more self-confident! You can sign up through the library or chamber's website.

## Take Command with the Dale Carnegie Course®!

Dale Carnegie Course® is the exciting professional development experience that millions of people have participated in to bring out their very best!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your skills and professional network!

Here are just a few takeaways this experience equips you to achieve:

- Strengthen relationships
- Communicate clearly and confidently
- Master effective people skills
- Manage stress and reduce worry
- Develop foundational leadership skills

“Thank you so much for your help in making me more self-confident and to improve the way I communicate.”  
- Software Engineer, John Deere

**\*Sioux Center Chamber members receive a \$400 discount**  
Michaela Tamisiea | 319.331.2620 | MichaelaTamisiea@dalecarnegie.com



### Dale Carnegie Course®

Mondays, September 16th - November 4th, 2024  
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
Location: Sioux Center Public Library  
Price: \$2,295\*





**VANDER BERG HOMES** is one of the premier builders of high quality, “stick-built” modular homes in northwest Iowa, offering a simple and streamlined building experience for their customers.

**WHERE IT ALL BEGAN...** What was once a piano business started in 1919 by John E. Vander Berg, his son, Dave, converted the store to Vander Berg Furniture in 1968. But with an abundance of carpet remnants at their disposal, the business endeavor of Vander Berg Homes began in 1984, led by Dave’s sons, Doug & Jeff.

**FORTY YEARS AGO...** This new venture with the furniture store provided customers with the unique opportunity to not only build their home but to design and furnish it as well. Both businesses now employ over 20 team members including Doug’s daughter and son-in-law, Brittany and Andrew, and Jeff’s son and daughter-in-law, Keegan and Carsyn. Together these teams have sold, designed, built, and furnished over 800 homes.

**LET’S CELEBRATE...** Vander Berg Homes, Furniture & Flooring invites you to join them for a Chamber Coffee on Wednesday, Sept 4th at 10:00 am to kick off their 40th Anniversary. The celebration will continue with an Open House to follow on Thursday, Sept 5th (9a-8p), Friday, Sept 6th (9a-8p) and Saturday, Sept 7th (9a-5p). Coffee and cookies will be served in the Flooring Gallery.



## DORDT TO OFFER NEW MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Dordt University is now accepting applications for their new Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program, which will begin in August 2024. The MAT program is 100% online and, at 35 credits total, can be completed in as little as 16 months.

Dordt’s MAT program is designed for those seeking an initial teaching license in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) area. Current areas of focus include biology, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, mathematics / computer science, and physics. In the coming months, the program plans to expand to include non-STEM areas as well.

Learn more at [Dordt.edu/MAT](https://Dordt.edu/MAT).



**Start your health journey this Fall!**



**CHOOSE HEALTH NW IOWA - a program for people of any age who want to improve their overall health**

**QR Code or Call to register: 712-737-2971**  
**Cost: \$40/person or \$60 /pair**  
**Register by Sept. 12**

**8 classes - Thursdays, 5:15-6:30pm**  
**Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 24**  
**Nov 7, 21, Dec 5**

- \*eat healthier
- \*be more active
- \*lose weight
- \*manage stress
- \*lower risk of diabetes

**In Sioux Center at Promise CHC Mission Conference Room**

Classes taught by nurses and dietitians from Sioux County hospitals and health centers

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