



## REMINDER

*No Chamber Meeting  
in December*

**WE WILL SEE YOU AGAIN IN JANUARY!**



## Leadership Sioux Center

LIVE. GROW. BETTER. TOGETHER.

### November Session

This month Leadership Sioux Center spent their day learning from Mayor David Krahlung about the history of Sioux Center and identified ways to continue our growth. We also learned more about the significant impact agriculture has on our economy and had the opportunity to tour Center Fresh Group and Dykstra Dairy. Thank you to Interstates for hosting our group, to Jimmy Johns for catering the lunch, and to all who partner with us to make this a valuable learning experience for our participants!



WELCOME  
*New Members!*



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## HOLIDAY SEASON

WIN \$100 IN CHAMBER GIFT CARDS

PROMOTION RUNS NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4  
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PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

ARROW BOUTIQUE	PAT'S JEWELRY
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SCAN FOR DETAILS

### Need Christmas Ideas for Your Employees & Customers?

Sioux Center Chamber Gift Cards are the perfect gifts for your employees and customers this Christmas season. They can be loaded with any dollar amount and can be redeemed at over 80 Chamber Businesses.

**PURCHASE HERE**

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# SIoux CENTER Hometown HOLIDAYS

NOV 30 - DEC 2

## THURSDAY, NOV. 30

**9am-6pm**

Sioux Center Library: Christmas StoryWalk®  
Centre Mall

**4-5pm**

Casey's Bakery Cookie Decorating  
Centre Mall



**4-5pm & 6-7pm**

Coloring Contest Turn-In  
Centre Mall

**5-7pm**

Hot Drinks & Treats Vendors  
Centre Mall

**5-8pm**

Mini Train Rides  
Centre Mall

**5:30pm**

Lighted Parade  
Along 1st Ave SW



**Immediately Following Parade**

Tree Lighting  
Centre Mall Parking Lot



**6-9pm**

Peoples Bank: Christmas for a Cause  
Heritage Village



**6:30pm**

Holiday Stage: Featuring "Hollander Jazz"  
Centre Mall

**7pm**

Free Family Movie "The Grinch"  
Cinema 5



**\$5  
POPCORN  
+ DRINK  
DEAL!**

## FRIDAY, DEC. 1

**9am-6pm**

Sioux Center Library: Christmas StoryWalk®  
Centre Mall

**6-9pm**

Peoples Bank: Christmas for a Cause  
Heritage Village

**7pm**

Sioux Center Arts Presents:  
A Christmas Showcase  
Covenant CRC



## SATURDAY, DEC. 2

**9am**

Breakfast with Santa  
Centre Mall



**9am-3pm**

Sioux Center Library: Christmas StoryWalk®  
Centre Mall

**9:30am-3pm**

Mini Train Rides  
Centre Mall

**11am & 12pm**

Free Merchant Matinee Movies  
Cinema 5



**2pm**

Sioux Center Arts Presents:  
A Christmas Showcase  
Covenant CRC

**4-8pm**

Christmas at the Village  
Heritage Village



**6-9pm**

Peoples Bank: Christmas for a Cause  
Heritage Village

**7:30pm**

Festive Sweater Trivia  
Late Harvest Brewery  
(Hosted by Sioux Center Health Foundation)



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Scan for parade route,  
contest map and voting,  
coloring pages and more info!

## Thank You Sponsors

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- Beaver Eye Care
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**REMEMBER TO VOTE  
FOR YOUR FAVORITE  
LIGHTED HOUSE!**

Voting is active Thursday,  
November 30th through  
December 15th.





## Don't Get Lost in Highway 75 Construction!

Use these "We Dig Progress" marketing assets and ensure your customers can always find you!

Any business can utilize these resources to keep your customers informed about updates, promotions, or any crucial info. We encourage all businesses to utilize these assets to promote shopping, visiting, and supporting our community throughout the construction phase.

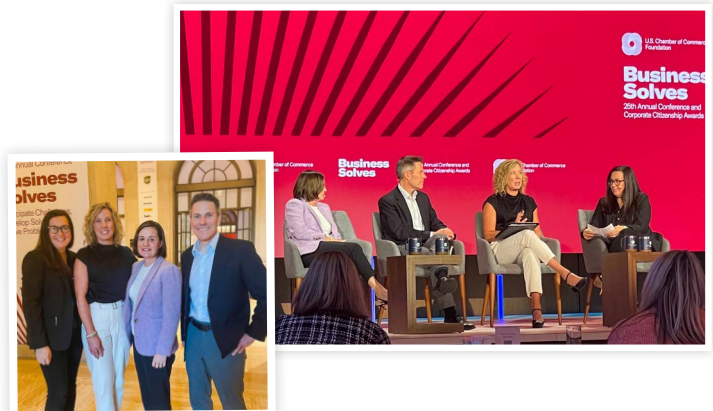
Find these resources here:  
<https://www.sioxcenter.org/622/We-Dig-Progress>

#WeDigProgress



## U.S. Chamber of Commerce Conference

It was an honor to be a part of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Business Solves Annual Conference held this week in Washington DC. As a rural, growing, and progressive community, we were able to share Sioux Center's perspective on the value we see in business and educational partnerships in preparing today's students to become career and workforce-ready. It was an honor to present alongside the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the PNC Foundation and hear the incredible things they are also doing to prepare today's youth for tomorrow's careers.



## Thank You OPEN HOUSE

MAYOR DAVID KRAHLING

Tuesday, Dec. 5 | 4-6 p.m.

Children's Park Shelter House

Join us in thanking  
Mayor Krahling!



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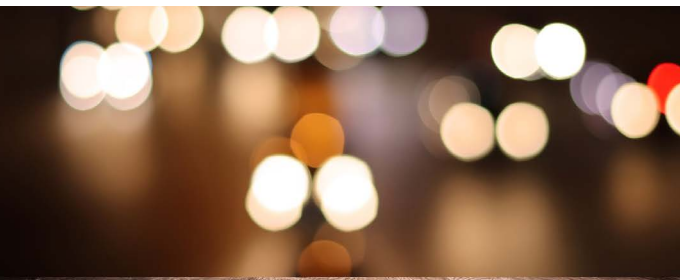
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 | AT DORDT UNIVERSITY

This event is designed for over 700 Sioux County sophomore students to help increase awareness of available career opportunities right in their backyard!

If your business is interested in sharing more about your industry by participating as a presenter and/or with a vendor booth, please register below.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER YOUR BUSINESS IS  
DECEMBER 22**

**REGISTER HERE**



## Chamber After Hours

Hosted by Peoples Bank

After the Hometown Holidays Parade  
Thursday, Nov. 30 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
The Barn at Heritage Village  
Appetizers + Drinks will be served.

While you're at Heritage Village, we invite you to check out Peoples Christmas For A Cause! All proceeds from this year's event benefit Midwest Honor Flight!



### Centre Mall Welcomes Andresen to Staff

There's a new face in the Centre Mall office. Jacy Andresen has joined the City of Sioux Center staff as Centre Mall's new administrative assistant, providing support and customer service to the tenants and patrons of the mall.

Andresen is in the Centre Mall office weekdays. She says she is already enjoying connecting with the Mall tenants and City staff.

"It's right up my alley. I like working with people," Andresen said.

A Battle Creek native, Andresen worked for a decade with the Red Power International Harvester magazine. She and her family have lived in the Alton area for about 7 years. Andresen also owns her own boutique, The Old Soul Boutique.



## USE YOUR CALLING FOR A HELPING CAREER IN COUNSELING

Northwestern College now offers online graduate programs in counseling. Earn your M.A. in

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**Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

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## DECEMBER 2023 Announcements

- Celebrate the holiday season with a stroll through the heartwarming tale of *The Christmas Book Flood* by Emily Kilgore. The Sioux Center Public Library will be displaying their annual Christmas Story Walk in a new location this year! Pages will be displayed in the storefront windows at the Centre Mall. Participants can pick up a map from the library before you start the walk. When you are finished stop back at the library to pick up a FREE children's book! The Christmas Story Walk will be on display from November 30-January 2.
- Calling all strategic minds and chess enthusiasts! Face off in a friendly match and test your skills at the next **CHESS CLUB** meeting at the library on Tuesday, December 5. Registration is helpful, but not required.
- Is your child hesitant to read aloud? Bring them to the library for a comforting reading experience as they share stories with Stanley, the reading dog! He will be at the library on Wednesday, December 6. Sign up for a 15-minute spot through our website.
- Step through the wardrobe into a Narnia-themed Escape Room at the library! Kids in grades 2-8 will work alongside their friends to decode clues and solve enchanting puzzles to escape! There are three sessions to choose from on December 7 and 9. Sign up soon as these spots fill up fast!
- The library is holding another Doll DIY program on Thursday, December 14 at 3:30pm. 9 through 12 year-olds are invited to bring their 18 inch doll for a fun make and take event. We will be making "winter" themed accessories for your favorite doll! Because of the use of hot glue guns, an adult must be present with their child. Registration is required.
- Are you passionate about books and eager to dive into thought-provoking discussions? Look no further! The Shelf Discovery Book Club would love to have you join them at their next meeting on Saturday, December 16 at 10:00am at the library. This month they will be discussing the book *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

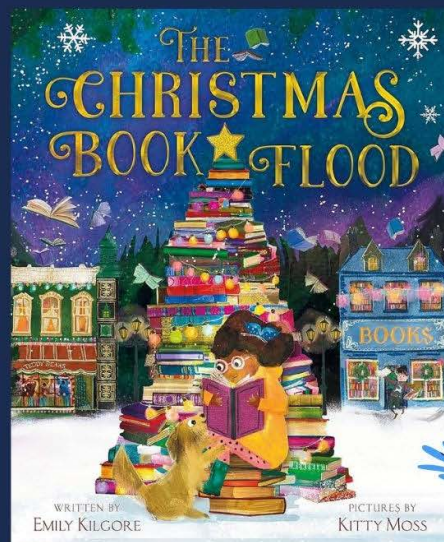
The Sioux Center Library will be closed all day on Saturday, December 23 and Monday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday.

To see a complete list of all the upcoming programs, or to sign up for a library event, please click [here](#).

# CHRISTMAS story walk

NOVEMBER 30 - JANUARY 2

Enjoy a holiday walk around the Centre Mall in Sioux Center as you read pages from this year's story, *The Christmas Book Flood* by Emily Kilgore. Stop by the Sioux Center Public Library for a map of the story walk before you begin. When you finish, come back to the library to pick up a free children's book to keep or give as a gift.



## FCS Elevates Grain Facilities with Strategic Investments

Farmers Coop Society (FCS) -- The Board of Directors and Management of Farmers Coop Society are pleased to announce a multifaceted initiative, solidifying our dedication to efficiency and innovation. This plan involves the expansion of its grain handling capabilities at two of its locations: Sioux Center and Ireton.

The Sioux Center and Ireton locations will undergo significant upgrades in grain facilities for Harvest 2024. FCS is set to invest in strategic upgrades, injecting vitality into operations with cutting-edge grain-handling equipment. This aims to significantly enhance grain handling speed and capacity, laying the groundwork for a seamless and expedited process for the producer.

FCS recognizes the critical role time plays in agriculture, and these enhancements will optimize the speed of grain handling and significantly improve the handling capacity. Farmers will find themselves back in the field faster, ensuring maximum productivity during crucial harvesting periods. The construction of these projects will start this spring and will be up and running for Harvest 2024.

FCS is also proud to announce the expansion of its retail presence in Sioux Center. Breaking ground in the spring of 2024, FCS will open a new retail meat store set to open its doors in the fall of 2024. This venture was born from a deep commitment to FCS's cooperative business model and a passion for supporting local farmers. FCS understands that the quality of the food we put on our tables directly impacts the livelihoods of those who work tirelessly to raise and produce it. That's why they've embarked on this journey to create a haven for meat lovers and a platform to tell the stories of local farmers. The journey begins with locally grown and raised meat, carefully selected from local farms who share the same dedication to quality and sustainability. They take pride in our farm-to-table promise, ensuring that every cut we offer is fresh and sourced from your local Iowa farmers.

Farmers Coop Society, a member-owned cooperative, has ten locations across Northwest Iowa and Southeast South Dakota. FCS offers patrons agronomy, feed, and grain sales and services. They also operate the How-to-Building Center in Sioux Center. For more information on Farmers Coop Society, visit [www.farmerscoopsociety.com](http://www.farmerscoopsociety.com).



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**OUR FRIENDS AT INTERSTATES ARE CELEBRATING A YEAR OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO SAFETY, THEIR CULTURE OF FAMILY, AND PURSUING A BETTER WAY FOR THEIR CLIENTS.**

**Here are some exciting highlights from 2023 for Interstates and their team members:**

- In Eagle Mountain, UT: Received the Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC) Eagle Award for Excellence in Construction.
- In Omaha, NE: Received the ABC Pyramid Award for Specialty Contractor Electrical/Industrial.
- Received the Safety Pinnacle Award –the highest honor of safety to ABC member companies. Of more than 16,000 members, fewer than 10 receive it.
- Reached 1 Million Work Hours without a recordable injury for the fourth time. Fewer than 100 contractors in the U.S. have accomplished this one time, let alone four!
- Accepted the South Dakota Safety Council Governor's Safety Award for exceeding the state's industry safety standards.
- Listed as #126 on the overall Top 600 Specialty Contractors list from Engineering News-Record (ENR).
- Listed as #38 on ENR's Top Electrical Contractors list.
- Awarded the Construction Industry Safety Excellence Award by the Construction Users Roundtable (CURT) for their aggressive safety program that goes above and beyond safety regulations and general policies.

What does Interstates say is the root behind these accomplishments? Even though the company has grown to nearly 1300 team members nationwide, they live and work each day as if they are still part of a small family. "Safety lives in our Family core value, and I believe our team members live it out every day. Family means we take care of each other and we don't leave people behind," says Interstates' Safety Manager, Claudia Ancona. Safety Committee member, Jason Breidenbach, Project Executive, adds, "When you're a family, there is a sense of responsibility to take care of one another." You might say this is Interstates' secret ingredient to doing great things for their clients.

Learn more about Interstates by checking out their refreshed website at [Interstates.com](https://www.interstates.com).



## Northwest Bank Announces Jen Vander Broek as Treasury Management Representative



### JEN VANDER BROEK

#### Treasury Management Representative

242 N. Main Avenue | Sioux Center, IA 51250  
Direct Line: 712.722.5508

Jen specializes in building customer relationships with prompt and courteous customer service. She uses her knowledge of the bank's products and services to make recommendations that help take a client's business to the next level of success.



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## Pella's First All-Spanish Continuous Improvement Event Elevates Team Collaboration

The Pella manufacturing plant in Sioux Center recently completed its first-ever continuous improvement project performed completely in Spanish. Following what's known as the Kaizen approach, Pella team members considered gaps in the overall fit, finish and cleanliness of its finished products and identified ways to make improvements.

Not only will the group's efforts help achieve an even better customer experience, by conducting the exercise in Spanish, Pella was able to benefit from the ideas and innovative thinking of its Spanish-speaking team members.

"Pella strives to be a place where all of our team members have opportunities to grow professionally," said Luke Francois, Pella's Sioux Center Plant Process Engineer. "To achieve that, we're working hard to create an environment where every team member's unique perspective, ideas and voice are valued. That's why we've been investing in efforts that support our team members whose primary language is Spanish, including translation services, training provided in Spanish and more. This all-Spanish continuous improvement project was the logical next step in fully engaging our Spanish-speaking team members in doing work they're proud of and making a positive difference for each other, our customers and our communities."




Pella team members who recently participated in the company's first-ever continuous improvement project performed completely in Spanish include front row: Maria Cortes, Ana Cruz, Miguel Reyna, Guadalupe Ramirez; back row: Octavio Rodriguez, Tristan Hulstein, Ariel Gomes, Luke Francois, Ricardo Serrano, and Juan Rodriguez.

 **Crown Pointe Christmas**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6TH | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.**  
**1400 7TH AVE SE, SIOUX CENTER, IA 51250**

CHRISTMAS GAMES	SANTA & MRS. CLAUSE	CHRISTMAS TREATS
HAIR TINSEL	COLORING CONTEST	LIVE MUSIC


 **Christmas For A Cause**

**Heritage Village, Sioux Center**  
**November 24 - January 1 | 5:00-10:00 PM**  
 Join us for the 3rd annual Christmas For a Cause, and enjoy a walk-through Christmas light display!



**All freewill donations will benefit Midwest Honor Flight.**


**How to Donate:**


- QR Code
- Midwest Honor Flight Envelopes found at Christmas For a Cause
- [midwesthonorflight.org/christmas](http://midwesthonorflight.org/christmas)



**Hot Chocolate**  
 Served out of Doc's  
 November 24 & 25 • December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, & 23  
 Will be served from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
 \*Weather Permitting\*

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