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Sibley County Community Development

***Computer assistance available for
residents and businesses***

Sibley County Community Development is offering two different programs to help Sibley County business owners.

The first program is a computer basics class through South Central College. Those who live or work in Sibley County can sign up for 16 hours of computer basics classes which will be offered at the Sibley County computer lab via the ITV system. Students will acquire hands-on skills in email/netmail, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access.

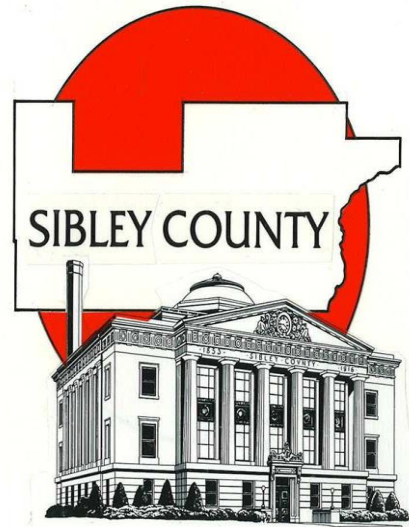
The cost for 16 hours of classes is \$50 thanks to a grant from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. Classes will be held every Wednesday January 10th through February 28th from 2-4 pm.

Those wishing to participate in the class must come to the Community Development office at the Sibley County Courthouse to fill out the intake forms and register for the class. Registration deadline is December 22nd. No late registrations will be accepted.

Community Development is also offering one-on-one assistance for businesses' websites and Facebook pages. A consultant will provide up to 4 hours of one-on-one time to create or update your website or Facebook page, and demonstrate how to keep your pages current.

The cost is \$60 for up to 4 hours of assistance. This project is subsidized by a grant from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

For more information on either of the computer programs being offered, please contact Amy Newsom at 507-237-4117 or AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us.



Upcoming events:

December 8th –
Sibley County Choral Society
performance, Immanuel
Lutheran Church in Gaylord
7:30 pm

December 9th –
FREE Bowling for Caregivers
at CODE3 Bowling and Party
in Gibbon 10 am to 11:30 am

December 9th –
Home Based Business Expo
at D's Pit Stop in Gibbon from
10 am to 2 pm.
Team Gibbon Alzheimer's
Fundraiser

December 9th –
Santa Day at Gaylord Library

December 9th -
Sibley County Choral Society
performance, Bernadotte
Lutheran Church 7:30 pm

December 10th –
Sibley County Choral Society
performance, Zion United
Church of Christ in Le Sueur
2 pm

December 14th –
Community Christmas
program at Zion Lutheran
Church 7 pm



Two new businesses in Sibley County

Timberline WoodProducts, a custom cabinet shop, has begun development in the Green Isle Industrial Park.

Timberline is constructing a new \$562,000 facility in the industrial park. The business will bring at least two new employees to the City of Green Isle.

Also, congratulations to Dawn Alice Kiecker, the new owner of Alice's Family Hair Center located at 422 West Main Street in Arlington.

The hours will be Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm and evening and weekends by appointment.
507-778-0102



Office space for rent in Winthrop:



Premium Winthrop office space available at **313 N. Redwood Street** at the intersection of MN Hwy. 19 and Redwood Street/CR 33 or one block west of GFW high school at the SE corner of the intersection. This is a pristinely maintained building with 500 square feet of finished office space divided into 3 separate adjoining offices. Large supply area is included as well as comfortable bathroom with new modern fixtures. Office has new electrical and is prewired for commercial phone systems and computer networks. Attractive manicured exterior will add to the appeal of any on site activity. Forced air heat and air conditioning, video camera security system and ample parking.

Rent is \$495 per month plus utilities. Many additional options exist: large rear conference and media room, additional significant storage areas in finished heated shop area, complete office furnishings package including brand new commercial desks as well as file cabinets, storage cabinets, décor, refrigerator, microwave, etc. Security system and complete technology services also available up to and including multiple networked computer systems (new), printers, copy machines, fax machine, and phone systems. Weekly housekeeping services are also available. If tenant is interested in any of these options, they can be customized to fit that individual's specific needs.

Contact Scott Trebelhorn at 507-276-0655 or email at sjtnt@hotmail.com.

City of Winthrop contact: Jenny Hazelton, 507-647-5306 or administrator@winthropminnesota.com

Sibley County contact: Amy Newsom, 507-237-4117 or amyn@co.sibley.mn.us



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**Could your company benefit from a talented
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SciTechsperience**

SciTechsperience is a free, statewide, state-funded internship program that connects small for-profit Minnesota businesses with talented college STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) students.

Participating companies receive a wage reimbursement of 50 percent of the intern's wages up to \$2,500.

What's New

- Companies located anywhere in Minnesota with less than 250 employees worldwide may participate
- Graduate students are now eligible for the program
- More than 325 reimbursements are available now on a first-come, first hire basis

Eligible Companies:

- Are for-profit, registered and conducting business in Minnesota
- Have fewer than 250 employees worldwide
- Offer an internship that offers hands-on STEM industry experience
- Are doing business in one of the following industries:
 - Aerospace and Defense
 - Agriculture and Food Science
 - Biotechnology, Life Sciences and Health IT
 - Engineering Services
 - Fuels, Energy, Energy Management
 - IT/Computer Technology
 - Mining, Materials, Manufacturing and Processing

For more information and to apply go to SciTechMN.org.

Want to know more? Check out this short [webinar](#) or contact SciTechsperience Program Director Becky Siekmeier, Minnesota High Tech Association at beckys@mhta.org or [952-230-4241](tel:952-230-4241).

Upcoming Events:

December 14th –
Christmas with the Good Samaritan Society – Arlington 5 pm

December 16th –
The Echos Big Band Sound 16 piece orchestra at the Henderson Event Center from 7:30 to 10:30 pm

December 14th –
Child Care Implementation meeting
Sibley County Service Center, 111 8th Street, Gaylord 6:30 – 8:00 pm

December 14th –
“It’s a Christmas Carol”
At the Green Isle Community School at 7 pm. Free and open to the public

December 22nd –
Deadline to register for Computer Basics Classes

December 25th –
Courthouse closed for Christmas.

January 1st –
Courthouse closed for New Year’s Day

January 7th –
Tom Noack Knights of Columbus Free-Throw contest at Sibley East Arlington campus at 1 pm

January 10th –
First day of Computer Basics class at Sibley County computer lab

January 19th –
Knights of Columbus, St. Arthur’s Council #10172, Arlington 23rd Annual Fish Boil from 4:30 to 8 pm at the Arlington Community Center

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There are always more events happening in Sibley County than we can fit into the newsletter, so make sure you look at the **“THINGS TO DO”** section of the Sibley County website and like the Sibley County Facebook page.

Find us on the Web:
co.sibley.mn.us

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Arli-Dazzle parade

January newsletter

Please submit your local economic development news and events to Amy Newsom at AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us or PO Box 256 by Friday, January 5th, to be included in our next Sibley County newsletter. The next newsletter will come out on Friday, January 12th.