4th Annual Sibley County Community & Business Expo

The 4th Annual Sibley County Community & Business Expo will be held Monday, April 22, 2019 from 4:00—7:00 PM at the Sibley East Elementary Commons, Gaylord. Registrations are being accepted now on a first come, first served basis. Registration forms are available on page 4 of the newsletter. Vendors will be allowed to bring their own tables and chairs this year.
Do you own rental property in the City of Arlington and looking to make some improvements to your property. The EDA offers a Residential Rental Rehabilitation Program. Low interest loans ranging from $1,000 to $10,000 can be used for a variety of interior and exterior projects. Contact EDA Director Amy Newsom at 507-237-4117 for more information.

**Business For Sale:**

**That Special Touch**

Sales will be run through December on gift items. The month of January they will have reducing inventory sales and liquidating. Anyone interested in purchasing the business should call Pat at 507-237-5528. Pat is willing to stay on for a short time to help if someone is interested in purchasing the business.
**Succession Planning Lunch & Learn for Community Leaders**

To be held February 8, 2019 from 11AM—1PM at the Sibley County Service Center. The University of Minnesota Extension will present the insights gained from the research and highlight actions that community leaders can undertake to support successful business transitions in their town.

**Green Isle Community School working to address Sibley County child care shortage**

Data provided by First Children’s Finance shows that Sibley County has a child care gap of 379 slots. An article in *Prairie Business Magazine* by Editor Kris Bevell states that “if employees can’t find quality care for their children, they won’t work for you. They won’t move to our community, or they’ll be forced to move away, or they might have to consider quitting their job to stay home with their children because they have no other option.”

Green Isle Community School has opened a daycare center as part of their mission to serve the community, serving birth-5yrs old in their newly re-structured Clover Kids Child Care (CKCC) program. They will continue to serve Kindergarten through 6th grade in the multi-age classrooms. The purpose of Green Isle Community School and the CKCC program is to provide a nurturing environment that promotes social, emotional, physical, cognitive and language growth. CKCC programs reflect the research-based understanding that play is essential to children’s health and well-being, and foundational to children’s learning. Teachers provide encouragement, nurture, protection, security, stimulation, and supervision to children.

Allan Bartels of Green Isle Properties, LLC signed a purchase agreement for 3 lots in the Industrial Park where Green Isle Refrigerated Warehouse will be built. Green Isle City Council voted unanimously to approve the agreement at their regular Council meeting on December 11th. **Welcome to Green Isle Bartles!**

Northland Drying in Arlington is hiring operators. These are full-time positions. Work close to home! For more information or an application please contact Dave Burns at dave.burns@northlanddrying.com

Trailblazer Transit is conducting a public transit survey that will be a major part of a Five Year Transit System Plan that is being created. Trailblazer Transit goal is to obtain a minimum of 1,000 survey responses before December 21, 2018. The direct link to the survey is: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TrailblazerTransit](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TrailblazerTransit)
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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Check out BINGO in the local communities

Arlington—Tuesday 7:00PM @ Dugout
Gaylord—Thursday 7:00PM @ Neisen’s Bar
Gibbon—Tuesday 7:00 PM @ D’s Pit Stop
Green Isle—Thursday 7:00PM @ Club New Yorker

Henderson—Thursday 6:30PM @ Road Haus
New Auburn—Wednesday 7:00PM @ Dicky Bob’s
New Auburn—Tuesday 7:00PM @ Backwoods Bar
Winthrop—Monday 6:30PM @ Hahn’s Dining