March 2019

Sibley County Community Development

Don’t forget to sign up for the Business Expo.
Deadline to register is April 8th.

The deadline to register for a booth at the Sibley County Community & Business Expo is April 8th. This year’s Expo will be held at the SE Elementary School in Gaylord on April 22nd and will feature presentations by the Sibley County Historical Society and the Gaylord Garden Club. Reserve your space now! Call Joleen Dose at 507-237-4100 or email CommunityDevelopment@co.sibley.mn.us for more information.

Upcoming Events

March 27th—BizLink North presentation by Mike Hahn and Nate Tuckek at the Henderson Road Haus, 7 PM
March 31st—Sibley County Heav- enly Soup & Chili Cook-Off— Gaylord United Church of Christ, Gaylord—11 AM—1:30 PM
April 2nd—Sibley County Munici- palities meeting in Henderson Road Haus
April 8th—Greater MN Law En- forcement’s Response to Human Trafficking—SE High School, Ar-lington—7 PM
April 16th—Sibley County Sr Expo - Arlington Community Center— 9AM—2:30 PM
April 18th— SBDC Workshop for Women Business Owners - MSU Strategic Partnership Center, Mankato—8 AM- 4 PM

4TH ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO
APRIL 22, 2019 4:00–7:00 PM
SIBLEY EAST ELEMENTARY COMMONS
GAYLORD, MN

5:00 PM Sibley County Historical Society

6:00 PM Get Growing with Larry Pfarr—Trends, Tips, and Random Gardening Musings

6:30 PM Door prize drawings—Amy Newsom, Sibley County Community Development

Sibley County Snow Plow Truck will be on display in the parking lot. Gaylord Garden Club will be selling shredded pork sandwiches, chips, and water. The Prairie House will be selling desserts.
Upcoming Events

April 22nd—Sibley County Community & Business Expo—Sibley East Elementary Commons, Gaylord—4 PM—7 PM

April 28th—Sibley County Historical Society Annual Banquet—Noon at the Sibley County Service Center

May 11th—St Paul Saints vs Crow River League All Stars Baseball Game at Green Isle Ball Park—Game Time 4 PM

May 18th—Sibley County Cancer Cruise—various activities in Arlington and Green Isle—9 AM—5 PM

Commercial property available for lease in downtown Arlington. 3,200 square feet available for lease, but if you do not need the full square footage the building owners are open to building office/retail space to suite your needs. Lease price is negotiable. 229 Main Street. Great storefront, very accessible.

Call Brandon at 507-351-1005 for more information.

306 Main Street is also available and was once the VFW and was most recently Otto’s Café. 1,080 sq. ft. in the front part of the building, 1,590 sq. ft. in the back. Call Matt Carney at 507-469-2923 for more information.
Greater Minnesota Law Enforcement’s Response to Human Trafficking

Monday, April 8, 7:00-9:00 PM
SE HS Auditorium, Arlington
Material presented is suitable for adults only.

This presentation will provide information on how we can work together to fight sex trafficking. It provides information about how to work with child protection teams, human services, and probation officers and includes recent research about prostitution stings, how to use the media to our advantage, and how to educate the public about sexual exploitation.

Marc Chadderdon is an Investigator with the Nicollet County Sheriff’s Office in St. Peter. He is also the founder and president of Minnesota South Central Investigators Coalition (MSCIC). Marc earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Mankato State University and has worked approximately twelve years as a Deputy Sheriff and ten years as an Investigator. Marc has investigated burglaries, thefts, assaults, narcotics, human trafficking, sexual assault, and homicide. He grew up in Le Center, MN, and has resided in Nicollet since 1995.

Gibbon creating space for artists

**Vision:** Bringing Gibbon back to life by providing a shop for local artists to display and sell their artwork and crafts in hopes of making sales and acquiring custom orders.

**Location:** 1021 1st Avenue, Gibbon MN 55335 (The old Barber Shop – attached to the Gibbon Bakery)

Potential Openings: Soft Opening, April 2019 - Grand Opening, July 2019, during Summerfest

**Look of the Shop:**
We will design the shop to be artistic and fun, yet classy and warm. It is our goal not to have the shop look like a consignment store, where each area has its own look and feel, but instead have the appearance of one conductive shop full of art and gifts.

**Who can participate:**
We are looking for a good blend of artwork and crafts for this shop. Space will be shared by artists with a mixture of price points. We are looking for at least 10 artists, but depending on what is sold the space needed could increase to 15-20.

**Pricing:**
You have total control of the price of your items, but all pricing will be on Homeplace cards containing your vendor number and price. Your personal business cards can be provided at the register for future business and custom orders. For the checkout process, our customers will feel as if they are purchasing their items from The Homeplace.

**Taxes:**
We will not collect taxes on the items sold. The Homeplace is not a business and will not be making money from this venture. Therefore artists will be asked to adjust their prices in increments of $25 to include tax, if you file returns and have a business license all reporting is up to you. Example: A game of bowling is $35. $25 of that is our Sales & Use Tax but to the customer, they pay a flat fee. This is the structure we hope to follow at the Homeplace.

**What is your commitment:**
We are trying to keep it simple. You will pay a monthly flat fee for store space and be asked to cover a few hours in shop during the month (if possible). You will commit for a three month term to keep things simple and be asked to give a 30 day notice if you plan to leave the shop so we can fill your space.

**Payout:**
We will pay out all funds collected at the end of each month. This should allow most checks and credit card charges to clear, leaving these payouts clean and simple. In a spirit of full transparency, all payouts will be in cash with a copy of the monthly record keeping logs. The Homeplace will pay no taxes or make any revenue and pay no wages for time spent in the store, so no tax information will be provided. All tax reporting will be up to you individually, so if helpful, please keep these monthly documents for your records.

**TELL US ABOUT YOU!**

Name:  
Your City:  
Email:  
Phone:  

What do you create:  

What is your price point:  

Desired display space:  
Wall, Shelves, Floor, other. Do you have particular displays that you currently use and need?

Are you willing to work in the store to help cover store hours: If so, what days are you available?  

Do you have any specific questions or concerns?
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

Like Sibley County on Facebook!
Scan the QR Code below!

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Two generations ago, women were called to the workforce by Rosie the Riveter, who told us, “We can do it!”

Today, women are needed again – to be entrepreneurial in a tech-based economy and generate wealth in our communities.

In this workshop you will learn:

- The 3 things that have kept women from building business profits and wealth in the old economy and what has changed.
- Why your passion really is the most important driver of business success.
- How a triple bottom line of people, planet and profits is critical in the New Economy.
- Tech trends that are changing every industry – including the four industries where women hold 80% of the market (for now).
- Learn about women across industry who have combined their passion with clever technologies to grow their sales by 20%-30% and more.
- Participants will engage in Tech-Ideation®, a form of idea storming to connect with new and off-the-shelf technologies to grow sales, reach new markets and improve business operations.

Presenter & Program Creator: Mo Collins, New Economy specialist, national speaker, trainer, and expert in women’s entrepreneurship.

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National Nutrition Month®

Each year the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics celebrates National Nutrition Month® in the month of March. This is a time to celebrate and promote nutrition. By visiting: [http://www.eatright.org/resource/food/resources/national-nutrition-month/nnm-handouts-and-tipsheets-for-families-and-communities](http://www.eatright.org/resource/food/resources/national-nutrition-month/nnm-handouts-and-tipsheets-for-families-and-communities) you can find FREE handouts that will provide ideas and information on ways to enjoy more fruits and vegetables, healthy snacks for kids, eating right on a budget, and more!

Participants who qualify for WIC in Meeker, McLeod, or Sibley county can also speak with a registered dietitian on staff during their appointments for more ideas. To see if you qualify for WIC or to make an appointment please call 507-237-4000.