October 2018

Sibley County Community Development

Event to benefit Sibley County ACT on Alzheimer’s!

Upcoming events:

October 27th – Groovy Musical Happening by Sibley County ACT on Alzheimer’s, Hahn’s Dining and Lounge

October 31st – Fright Night, Arlington

November 5th – Quality Child Care Program by SMIF in Winthrop (Hahn’s Restaurant)

November 6th – General Election

November 13th – Early Childhood Grant Deadline, SMIF

December 1st – Arli-Dazzle Holiday Event, Arlington, 10 am - 10 pm

December 11th & 12th – Santa’s Workshop, American Lutheran Church, Gaylord

January 18-20th – Gibbon Winterfest

Please see the Things To Do section of the Sibley County website for details on events.
Grant Opportunities

Transportation Alternatives and Safe Routes to School Grants
Applicants submit a single letter of intent to be considered for both programs. A regional representative will contact applicants to help review the project proposal and the steps necessary for delivering a funded project. Applicants will then submit a full grant application. Projects selected for the Transportation Alternatives program must be implemented in 2023; projects selected for the Safe Routes to School State Infrastructure program must be implemented in 2019, 2020, or 2021.
Deadlines:
—Oct. 31, 2018—deadline to submit letter of intent
—Jan. 4, 2019—deadline to submit full application

Minnesota Rail Service Improvement Program Grant
Cities, counties, railroad companies, and rail users can apply for grant funding to improve freight rail service that supports economic development through the Minnesota Department of Transportation’s (MnDOT) 2018 Minnesota Rail Service Improvement Program.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
This grant is available to assist first-responder organizations that need support to improve their capability to respond to fires and emergencies of all types under the AFG Program. The deadline to apply is Oct. 26 at 4 p.m.

Available Property

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| Site | E Grant St |
| City | Winthrop |
| County | Sibley County |
| Zip Code | 55396 |
| Type of Space | Storage |

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QUALITY CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Monday, November 5, 2018
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Join SMIF to learn more about business practices, professional development and Parent Aware in your community. We know that the future of our next generation depends on the strength of our region’s early care providers. That is why SMIF is offering this FREE results-oriented training to all area family child care providers. You are invited to this special event to learn how to take your program and business to the next level!

November 5, 2018
Hahn’s Restaurant
206 N. Main St.
Winthrop, MN 55396

CONTACT INFO
Rona Holcomb
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507-214-7017
Small Business Development Center

Congress created the Small Business Development Center program in 1980 to provide the much-needed assistance that many businesses could not afford in the private sector.

SBDCs provide the expertise and guidance that every small business owner needs to flourish in today’s competitive economy. The South Central Minnesota SBDC is part of the Minnesota network of regional centers. We are funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration and regional support partners, which allows us to provide professional services at no cost.

We offer one-on-one consulting to established businesses and start-ups. We also help to find and secure the capital you need to operate and expand. Finally, we offer an array of training sessions at no cost or nominal cost.

Why the SBDC? The primary causes of small business failure are avoidable: undercapitalization and management inexperience.

Our consultants are experienced business people, most of whom have owned their own businesses. They are able to help you identify, understand and overcome the challenges of running a successful business and competing in the worldwide marketplace.

SBDC Services — Help at Every Stage

- Start-up assistance
- Business plan development
- Access to capital and loan packaging
- Business operations
- Cash flow management and financial analysis
- Bookkeeping / QuickBooks
- Marketing plan development and market research
- eCommerce, social media, websites
- Buying or selling a business
- Business valuation
- Succession planning
- Turn-around assistance for distressed businesses

Small Business Development Center Minnesota State University, Mankato
424 North Riverfront Drive, Suite 210 Mankato, MN 56001
Sibley County Community Development

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Gaylord, MN  55334
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amyn@co.sibley.mn.us

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!

Submit photos for Watershed Photo Contest!

The High Island Creek/Rush River Watershed Dissolved Oxygen TMDL will hold its annual photo contest this fall. The winning photo will be awarded a $50 prize! Previous winning photos have included pictures of crops, nature, and outdoor recreation. Individuals may email their entries to: jack.bushman@sibleyswcd.org

Photo Entry Due: 11/1/2018

Arlington is a Making It Home community!

Extension research about the rural “brain gain” has inspired resident recruitment throughout the state. While 18- to 30-year-olds leave to find jobs and get an education, people aged 30 – 49 frequently move into rural areas. Extension is engaged with these initiatives to learn how efforts to attract and retain newcomers can succeed.

Arlington’s project is called Choose Arlington.

8TH Annual Halloween Fright Night
(Sponsored by Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce)
Wednesday, October 31, 2018
5:30-7:00 pm

Trick or Treating
(Along Main Street-East of Hwy 5 to 1st Avenue)

Haunted house, free food, and games
(Above the Dugout)