

April 2017

Sibley County Community Development

Sibley County's 2nd Annual Community & Business Expo

Sibley County Community Development will be hosting the 2nd annual *Live and Work in Sibley County* Community & Business Expo on Thursday, April 20th from 4-8 pm at the Arlington Community Center, 204 Shamrock Drive. Free admission!

There will be 37 different businesses represented at the event. There will also be two speakers that evening. Sibley East teacher Mike Feterl will speak about the Sibley County Enrichment Programs and the importance of having a digital presence at 5 pm. Minnesota Valley Action Council will speak about the services they offer at 7 pm.

Sibley County will be offering free popcorn and lemonade all evening. Other food will also be available for purchase.

Make sure you sign up to win one of ten tote bags that will be given away that evening filled with lots of items from local businesses. Check out the Sibley County website or Facebook for more information.

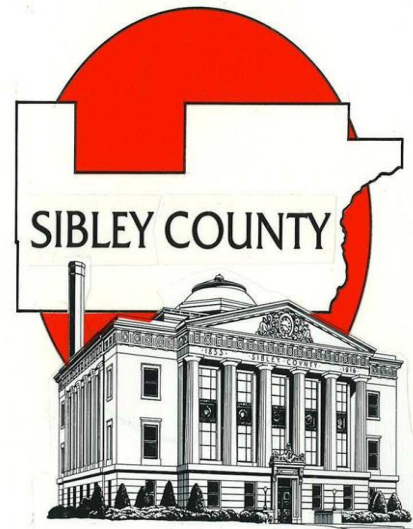
Sibley County to be featured on KGLB

1310 KGLB Classic Hit County is proud to announce the launch of *Sibley Talk*. *Sibley Talk* is hosted by Bob Thomes and Matt Nelson, and airs every Friday, beginning May 5th, from 1:30 to 2:00 pm, and replayed at 11:00 am on Saturdays. The show consists of current events in and around Sibley County. We'll address area town, school, and organizational activities. Each week we'll showcase a different "guest speaker" to discuss a variety of localized topics throughout the year.

SKYWARN Training

Interested in becoming an official storm spotter? SKYWARN Training will be offered April 27th from 6:30 to 8:45 PM at the Sibley County Courthouse, Lower Level Conference Room/Emergency Operations Center. There is no charge for the training, but please pre-register with Kim at 507-237-4109 or kimf@co.sibley.mn.us.

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Upcoming events:

April 13th – May 18th
Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Ridgeview Sibley Medical
Center
Barb Alsleben, 320-221-3747

April 20th –
Sibley County Community &
Business Expo
Arlington Community Center
4-8 p.m.

April 17 – 21st
Severe Weather Awareness
Week
Sirens will sound for drills on
April 20th at 1:45 and 6:45
pm.

April 21st –
Dave Jones will speak about
Mount Rushmore at Oak
Terrace at 2 pm.

April 27th –
Pie Social at Oak Terrace
at 3 pm.

April 27th –
Spring into Arlington
Shop Chamber businesses
from 5-8 p.m.



Retail Property for Rent: 223 4th Street, Gaylord, MN 55334

816 sq. ft. (34' x 24') 9' x 9' office.

Zoned central business district.

Showroom space with office area, 1 block north of the Highway 5. Historic building was built in 1899 and remodeled in 2007.

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\$500 per month/negotiable.

Contact Sarah Kirsch at 507-237-5339 for more information.

Funding information is available by contacting Community Development Program Manager Amy Newsom at 507-237-4117 or amyn@co.sibley.mn.us

First Choice Pharmacy

First Choice Pharmacy would like to thank everyone who has supported their business for the last year or last 12 years! They celebrated their 12-year anniversary March 1. In those 12 years, they opened a telepharmacy in Henderson, acquired a pharmacy in Jordan, and will be opening another new store in May in Belle Plaine! To find out more information about locations and services they offer, check out the First Choice Pharmacy Facebook page or website firstchoicepharmacymn.com.

Spring into Arlington

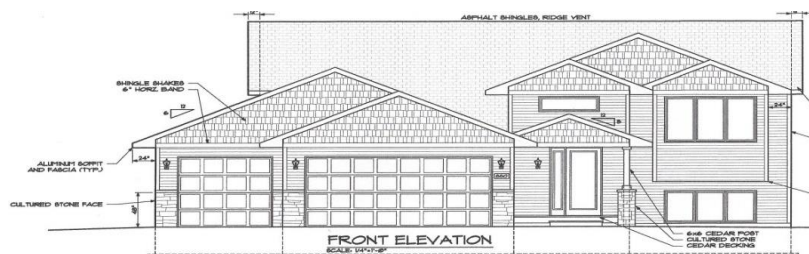
Thursday, April 27th from 5-8 PM

The Chamber of Commerce will host the 1st Annual Spring into Arlington on Thursday, April 27th from 5-8 p.m. Businesses will be open late and will have a variety of giveaways, including \$600 in prizes from the Chamber. The Arlington EDA will have an open house at the former TSE building located at 108 5th Avenue NW. This is a great way for local and area residents to learn more about and support our businesses!

Looking for a new home?

Nexus Construction is building in Green Isle and Arlington. Contact **Mike Westphalen, RE/MAX Advantage Plus**

13875 Hwy 13
Savage, MN 55378
Office: 952-226-7700
Cell: 612-978-9786



Sibley County Issues Request for Proposals Housing Needs Assessment and Analysis

The Sibley County Board approved issuing an RFP to complete a housing needs assessment for the County. The main emphasis of this study is to determine what types of housing are needed in Sibley County as a whole, including townships and cities, to meet current and future demands of our workforce and residents, and to develop a recommendation to begin to meet that demand.

The proposal will look at various items such as housing stock, housing and land related issues such as workforce housing, senior housing needs, and rental housing demand, in addition to county demographics and economics. Several questions are being asked in this process including:

What can our county expect with respect to economic, employment, and population change in the next 2-5 years?

- Based on market and gathered research information, what is the nature and extent of short-to-mid-term housing demand in our community?
- In what areas of the County is there, or will there be, a housing demand? This is to include all areas of the County, including townships and cities within the County.
- What is the price range that could be charged for the following:
 - New construction or rehab of existing homes?
 - Senior housing?
 - Family Housing
 - Workforce Housing?
 - Rental Housing?

The end goal of the proposal is to receive recommendations and to develop action steps based on recommendations in coordination with County staff. Proposals are due April 24, 2017 and then will be brought back to the County Board for funding discussion on either May 9 or May 23, 2017. At this time, the Board has not funded the work; it has only approved obtaining the proposals so that we can determine the costs of moving forward.

Saturday, May 20th, 6th Annual Cancer Cruise - A 5K Fun Run/Walk AND A Car Show & Cruise

Community Giving Hope, a newly organized group, announces that Tim Spletzer, rural Arlington, has been selected as the 2017 Cancer Cruise recipient.

The 2017 Cancer Cruise will be held on Saturday, May 20th. The morning starts off with a 5K fun run/walk at Four Seasons Park in Arlington at 8:30 a.m. Immediately following the 5K, the group shifts gears, and heads to the parking lot of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington for a roll-in type car show.

There will be a DJ onsite playing all types of music, along with trivia and prizes. At 4 p.m., anyone interested can go with the group on an approximate 50-mile cruise through the eastern part of Sibley County.



Upcoming Events:

April 27th –
SKYWARN Training
Sibley County Courthouse
Contact Kim Flanagan at
507-237-4109 to register.

April 29th –
Graceful Minds at Oak
Terrace beginning at
2:30 p.m.

May 3rd –
Gaylord Area Chamber
Annual Dog Days of Spring
Senior Station Park, Gaylord

May 4th –
Leading Sibley Together
Green Isle Day & Graduation

May 4th – 6th –
Gaylord Area Chamber of
Commerce city-wide garage
sales.

May 9th –
Sibley County Economic
Development Committee
meeting
5:30 – 7 p.m.

May 20th –
6th Annual Cancer Cruise –
5K Fun Run/Walk AND a Car
Show.

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South View Assisted Living

South View Living Center in Gibbon is doing a remodeling project that will include a new tub/shower room for their residents.

South View Living Center is a 12-room senior care facility in Gibbon, Minnesota. Located just 75 minutes southwest of the Twin Cities, South View serves seniors and their families through a variety of skilled care options and wellness-focused services.

May's newsletter

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

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