

July 2017

# Sibley County Community Development

## *Leading Sibley Together*

Are you interested in broadening your networks, learning about our local communities and businesses, and growing your skills for working with people? If so, *Leading Sibley Together* is for you!

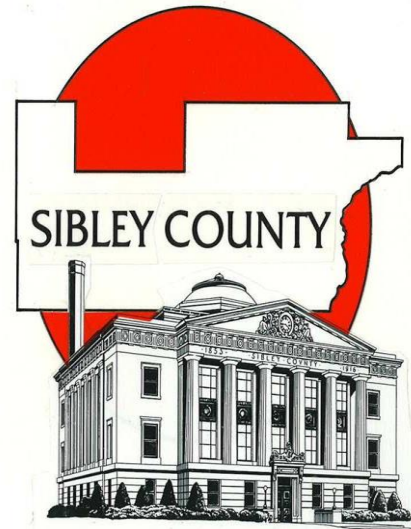
The nine session program features monthly sessions where participants visit each of the communities in Sibley County to discover local resources and network with community leaders. Each session features leadership training, presentations, tours and demonstrations. Participants learn about local businesses, county history and government, health care, education, agriculture and natural resources. The program will run from September through May. Tuition for this year's program is \$375 per participant, equating to less than \$42 per day for 9 sessions of Leadership Training. There are also scholarships available, to those that qualify, that reduce the cost to \$275.

Leadership training focuses on leading with strengths, navigating conflict, leading effective meetings, strategic thinking, visionary leadership, ethics, working with different generations, strengthening social capital, dealing with change, and the art of hosting.

This opportunity is available to individuals or company-sponsored employees who live or work in Sibley County. Space is limited to a maximum of 24 participants. Brochures can be downloaded at [www.co.sibley.mn.us](http://www.co.sibley.mn.us) or contact Roxy Traxler, Program Coordinator at [LeadingSibley@co.sibley.mn.us](mailto:LeadingSibley@co.sibley.mn.us) or 507-237-7805. Deadline to apply is August 4<sup>th</sup>.

The program is funded by Sibley County, along with tuition fees, and donations from businesses in the County. Educational support comes from the University of Minnesota Extension, and funding for scholarships from the Blandin Foundation. If your business is interested in donating or having a member participate, please email or call today!

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## Upcoming events:

July 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Gibbon Funfest 130<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary events  
Check out the Things To Do  
section of the website for full  
schedule

July 15<sup>th</sup> –  
Gibbon Funfest  
CODE3 ring toss booth  
donating \$2.00 to Alzheimer's  
every time a ring is looped

July 17<sup>th</sup> –  
Farmer's Market in the  
parking lot of CODE3 Bowling  
& Party, Gibbon  
3 - 6 pm

July 17<sup>th</sup> –  
Arlington Farmer's Market  
4:00 to 6:30

July 19<sup>th</sup> –  
MVAC presents FREE vision  
screenings at the PHHS  
parking lot 111 8<sup>th</sup> Street in  
Gaylord  
9 am to 12 pm  
Open to all residents

July 19<sup>th</sup> –  
Caregiver Support Group  
10 am at Fairview Assisted  
Living in Arlington

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## Commercial Property for Sale: 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in New Auburn

8,836 total square feet. Charles Goettl  
 Located near Dicky Bob's 320-964-6098

Zoned commercial

Please contact the City  
 of New Auburn for more  
 information.  
 320-864-5831 or  
[cityofnewauburn@gmail.com](mailto:cityofnewauburn@gmail.com)

PID: 36.0146.000  
 Broker Information:

## 2 new restaurants and a food truck in Sibley County

**Pimo's Bar & Grill**  
**206 N Carver**  
**Winthrop, MN 55396**  
**507-647-5302**

Pimo's Bar & Grill opened in January of 2017. Pimo's offers wings and drummies, salads and baskets, and a variety of appetizers with weekly specials. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 1 am and Sunday noon to 8 pm.

**Otto's Café**  
**306 W Main Street**  
**Arlington, MN 55307**  
**507-964-2227**

Mike Otto opened Otto's Café in June. Otto's Café serves a variety of appetizers, burgers, and wraps. Open daily from 11 am to 9 pm.

**4 Bro's Cocina Latina**  
**507-237-2617**

Mexican food truck. Look for it in Gaylord and New Auburn beginning in July, and coming soon to Arlington.

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*SMIF is offering grants of up to \$10,000 for communities under 5,000 to support projects that can demonstrate a collaborative and transformational opportunity for their community.*

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## Arlington ACT on Alzheimer's



Photo Courtesy of the Arlington Enterprise/Kurt Menk

June 6th groundbreaking for the Dementia Friendly Garden in Arlington. The Dementia Friendly Garden will be part of the community garden located in Memorial Park in Arlington. Thank you to the Arlington Garden Club for supporting this project!



Sibley County FoodShare has the Open Your Heart to the hungry & homeless going on the entire month of July. Money donations are matched up to \$5,000. Donations can be made by mailing to PO Box 676, Gaylord, MN 55334 or on website [sibleycountyfoodshare.org](http://sibleycountyfoodshare.org)

## ***Rural Child Care Innovation Grant***

First Children's Finance has chosen Sibley County to participate in their Rural Child Care Innovation Program. The Rural Child Care Innovation Program is a community engagement process designed to address the challenges of child care in rural America. Close to 20 applications statewide were submitted and Sibley County was one of four communities to be selected.

The program is based on the fundamental idea that rural communities are greater than their size in numbers and greater than their current challenges. By mobilizing and empowering rural communities, the landscape of early care and education is changing in rural America.

Local analysis provided by First Children's Finance shows that five cities in Sibley County have a shortage of child care providers with Arlington having the largest shortage of 134 slots; followed by Gibbon, short 62 slots, Henderson short 54 slots, Winthrop short 24 slots, and New Auburn short 17 slots.

To help find a realistic child care solution, Sibley County has included community leaders from the schools, businesses, Public Health and Human Services, and child care providers to join the Rural Child Care Innovation Program Core Team. Team members include: Amy Newsom, Sibley County Community Development; Roxy Traxler, Sibley County Administrator; Jenny Hazelton, Winthrop City Administrator; Holly Kreft, Arlington EDA; Jim Amsden, Sibley East; Elia Peterson, 3-in-1 Learning Center; Sam Kral, resident; Maria Munoz, resident; Jennifer Thompson, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop; Elisabeth Aiken, Sibley County Public Health; Tara Sabako, Sibley County Licensor; John Gliszinski, Sibley County Public Health and Human Services Director; Chris Marben, MVAC; Jennifer Wendinger, UFC; Diana Karau, resident; Megan Bruegger, child care provider; Lisa Templin, child care provider; Yuriana Soto, Community Health Worker; Tammy Petzel, child care provider; Brandy Barrett, Green Isle Community School, Apryl Deno, Sibley East Childhood Coordinator, and Dana Lietzau, Gibbon City Administrator.

The Rural Child Care Innovation Program is a community engagement process designed to develop right-sized solutions to address the needs of child care and early education for communities selected to participate. Over an 18-month period, chosen communities will increase the focus on opportunities and challenges they are facing with child care. First Children's Finance helps facilitate the conversation and provides expertise, tools and resources to support the creation and implementation of solutions to address child care shortages in rural communities. There are also potential grant monies available at the completion of this process to help communities implement the solutions.

For more information please contact Amy Newsom at 507-237-4117 or AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us.



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above!

### Upcoming Events:

July 19<sup>th</sup> –  
Gaylord's Music on Main  
5-7 pm

July 21<sup>st</sup> –  
Arlington Chamber Night at  
the Ballpark.

July 23 –  
Benefit and Silent Auction for  
Debbie Trebesch 10 am to 1  
pm at the Berdan Center in  
Winthrop

July 26<sup>th</sup> –  
Gaylord's Music on Main  
5-7 pm

August 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>  
Sibley County Fair!  
Stop by and see us at the  
Community Development  
booth.

August 4<sup>th</sup> –  
Leading Sibley Together  
applications are due by 4:30  
pm.

August 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> –  
Gaylord's Eggstravaganza

August 24<sup>th</sup> –  
Lunch & Learn  
Facebook and websites  
507-237-4117

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## Cheryl Brugman promoted to Assistant Branch Manager at MidCountry Bank

MidCountry Bank in Winthrop is pleased to announce the promotion of Cheryl Brugman to Assistance Branch Manager. Cheryl is a member of the Sibley County Economic Development Committee.



### August newsletter

Please submit your local economic development news and events to Amy Newsom [AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us](mailto:AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us) or PO Box 256 by Friday, August 4th to be included in our next Sibley County newsletter which will come out on Friday, August 11th.