

# Sibley County Community Development

## Sheriff's Office receives \$4,000 grant for Project Lifesaver

The Sibley County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that they were awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety to purchase a radio frequency based locating system from Project Lifesaver International. Project Lifesaver manages the world's leading system for the search and rescue of wandering victims of Autism, Down Syndrome, Alzheimer's, and all related mental disabilities for people of all ages. Members of the Sibley County Sheriff's Office have been trained to use the electronic locating equipment and trained in methods to communicate with a person who has special needs. Members of the Sibley County Sheriff's Office know how to approach the person, gain their trust, and put them at ease for the trip back home.

People who enroll in the Project Lifesaver program wear a personalized wristband that emits a locating signal on an individually assigned FM radio frequency. The bracelet contains a one-ounce battery-operated radio transmitter with a 30+ day battery life that emits an automatic locating signal every second, 24 hours a day. The signal can be tracked 1 mile on the ground or 5-7 miles from a helicopter.

Deputy Neil Johnson of the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office trained the Sibley County Sheriff's Office and stressed that time is of the essence. When someone who is enrolled in the program goes missing, Johnson said to "let law enforcement know as soon as they are gone." The radio receivers can pick up the bracelets within a 1 mile range on the ground so it's important to contact the Sheriff's Office as soon as the person wanders away.

To enroll someone in the Project Lifesaver program or for more information about the program please contact Sibley County Chief Deputy Pat Nienaber at 507-237-4300 or 888-880-4567. Chief Deputy Nienaber will come to the person's home to meet with family members and fill out a simple application.



### Upcoming events:

May 10-  
Arlington ACT support groups  
begin meeting from 10:30 to  
11:30 am at Fairview  
Assisted Living

May 19-  
Author David Larochelle at  
the Gaylord Public Library  
3 pm

May 20th -  
6th Annual Cancer Cruise -  
5K Fun Run/Walk AND a Car  
Show, Arlington  
CancerCruise55307@gmail.c  
om or (507) 964-5603  
Rain Date: Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

May 20-  
Winthrop City Wide Garage  
Sales

May 21 -  
Gaylord Ambulance French  
Toast Breakfast at the  
American Legion in Gaylord  
Serving from 7 am to 1 pm

May 22-  
ACT meeting at the Lodge in  
Winthrop at 6 pm

May 23-  
ACT meeting at Oak Terrace  
at 6 pm

## Veterans On The Water

Owner of Steve's Copy Shop & More Steve Gillaspie started the Veterans On The Water project in 2015. Gillaspie is a US Army Ranger Vietnam combat vet. He offers free fishing trips to local veterans that may have given up on going fishing because they couldn't get around like they used to. Gillaspie bought a pontoon in 2015 and took a few veterans fishing. The project has grown from there and Gillaspie has purchased more boats, many are older and he is doing the repairs on the boats at his farm in rural Arlington. This fishing season Gillaspie will have 26 boats available to take veterans on the water. Gillaspie repairs the boats and paints them a patriotic red, white, and blue.



Gillaspie is in need of volunteers to help with boat restoration. He is also looking for donations of good fishing equipment, boats, motors, trolling motors, anchors, tackle, life jackets, fish finders, new seats, lights, wire for trailers, spare tires, and gas tanks. Veterans On The Water also needs to raise money for expenses like boat repairs, bait, fishing supplies, and insurance.

Gillaspie will be holding a Fundraiser for the project on Sunday, June 11, from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Sibley County Fairgrounds in Arlington. There will be a live and a silent auction and food will be served. Retired announcer from the MN Gophers Dick Jonckowski will MC. The Honor Guard will be present and they will recognize Military in uniform, Veteran groups that attend, Veterans, and a special salute to WWII Veterans. For more information please contact Steve at 651-353-5050.



### Adult Basic Education: The Workforce Puzzle

There are many different pieces to solving a workforce shortage in a region. One piece, as identified in Region Nine's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, is the support of educational attainment. Educational attainment can be achieved by utilization of programs that build the educational and workforce skills of individuals who did not achieve the skills by traditional means. Enhancing the skills of individuals within a community can help grow the potential labor force. One example of educational attainment efforts in the region is Adult Basic Education. Adult Basic Education (ABE) is a statewide educational program designed for adults to build basic literacy skills to become successfully employed. In Minnesota, ABE programs are housed under local school districts and are implemented through 48 regional ABE consortia.

The goal for programs like ABE is to help adults achieve their full academic and employment potential by strengthening the fundamentals. People enroll for a variety of reasons, including: incomplete traditional High School education, functioning below the 12th grade level in basic academic areas, seeking to build skills in high-demand careers, and to learn English. Workforce literacy is integrated at every level with students advancing to higher level classes as they progress in their educational trajectory. Classes can be offered at multiple sites including schools, libraries, jails, community centers, and college campuses. The Mankato Area ABE consortium serves 800 students annually, including many immigrants.



## Commercial Property for Sale: 640 E 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Gibbon, MN 55335

South 80 Circle

PID 21.0207.010

9,625 sq. ft. for sale in Gibbon. The main building being 2,125 sq. ft. with a 7,500 sq. ft. empty lot. This is a large banquet facility.

Price is negotiable.

Contact the owner Pat Reinhart at 507-276-1976 or the City of Gibbon at 507-834-6566 for more information.

### Seneca property sold!

Dave Siwek of Siwek Lumber, located in Jordan and Minneapolis, recently purchased the former Seneca property in Arlington. Seneca Corporation ended operations at the plant in 2014. The property consists of over 235,000 square feet of building space with excellent access from Hwy 5 and the Prairie Line Railroad. Mr. Siwek intends to lease or sell portions of the building to multiple tenants. The City of Arlington is excited to work with Mr. Siwek on bringing jobs to community!

### Residential Rehabilitation Program

The City of Arlington approved a program to help incentivize improvements to residential rental buildings. It is a low interest loan program requiring a 50% match from the property owner or tenant. Potential improvements include window/roof replacement, siding replacement, and updates to electrical or plumbing systems. Properties with 10 or less units in any zoning district are eligible to apply for the funds. Funds are available on a first come, first serve basis. Contact EDA Director Holly Kreft at [hkreftmdg@gmail.com](mailto:hkreftmdg@gmail.com) if you'd like more information.

### Pilot Travel Centers Coming to Arlington

The City has received a proposal from Pilot Travel Centers to construct a urea solution production facility. An almost 10,000 square foot building will be constructed at 39625 230th Street in the Arlington Industrial Park. An important site feature is easy access to rail as product will be shipped in via rail cars. There are five employees planned for the site, which will be open 24 hours a day for 7 days a week.

### Cemstone Products to Relocate in Arlington

Cemstone Products presented a plan to the City in April to develop a new batch plant adjacent to the Arlington Industrial Park. The building will be about 4,000 square feet and located on almost 6.5 acres. The plant is anticipated to maintain the same number of employees as the current facility.

### SCORE mentors needed in Sibley County

Sibley County is working to establish a pool of SCORE business mentors in Sibley County. Would you be willing to devote one hour per month to help an entrepreneur in Sibley County? Do you have experience with business plans, marketing, or funding sources? For more information please contact Sibley County Community Development Program Manager Amy Newsom at 507-237-4117 or [AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us](mailto:AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us) or SCORE mentor Gary Schott at 574-453-6997 or [glschott14@gmail.com](mailto:glschott14@gmail.com).

## Relay For Life of Sibley County 5K Color/Walk Run

Teams and community members of Sibley County Relay for Life will gather at Four Seasons Park on June 17th from 8am-12pm to relay against cancer.

Relay for Life is a fun filled event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer), remember loved ones and raise money for the fight against cancer.

The event begins with registration for the 5K Color/Walk Run event at 8:45am-9:30am, a welcome at 9:30am that includes recognizing cancer survivors, those who have survived cancer or who are currently battling cancer, and the 5K Color/Walk Run starts at 10:00am. Breakfast and Silent Auction from 8:00am-12:00pm encourages people to participant all morning. Closing Ceremony begin at 11:45am where we will remember loved ones lost to cancer and learn ways to fight back against cancer all year long. Luminaria may be purchased for \$10 by calling 612-418-6880 or by visiting [www.relayforlife.org/sibleycountymn](http://www.relayforlife.org/sibleycountymn)

For more information on how you can get involved in Relay visit [RelayForLife.org](http://RelayForLife.org) or call 1-800-227-2345. We hope you and your family and friends can join us on June 17th at Four Season Park 1st Ave SE in Arlington for a morning of inspiration and help us to find the cure.

### ACUPUNCTURE: NOT JUST NEEDLES

Most people have heard of the field of acupuncture by now, but did you realize the scope the practice encompasses? Traditional Chinese medicine includes so much more than just needles. Let's explore this therapy.

First, the practice of Chinese medicine starts with a diagnosis. The practitioner asks many questions to build a history; this includes the answers to digestion, appetite, diet, sleep patterns, bowel movement, urination, pain, lifestyle, and stress level for example. The acupuncturist will also be noting the voice pitch, hair luster, skin color and tone, as well as posture and mood of the patient and any significant odor. After that, there is a pulse and tongue analysis to determine where the pattern and root are, primarily. Finally, blood pressure is measured and other applicable tests done, including palpation of the body. After this history, a diagnosis and treatment plan is determined.

For more information contact the Henderson Healing Hub at 522 Main Street, Henderson, MN 56044  
507-868-0053  
[www.hendersonhealinghub.com](http://www.hendersonhealinghub.com)



### Upcoming Events:

May 24-  
ACT meeting at CODE3 Party & Bowling at 9:15 am

May 24-  
ACT meeting at Fairview Assisted Living in Arlington at 6 pm.

May 27-  
ACT meeting at the Henderson Healing Hub at 11 am

May 27-  
Minnesota Twins Free Baseball Clinic in Arlington  
[www.playballmn.com](http://www.playballmn.com)

May 30 –  
Henderson Classic Car Roll-in begins, downtown Henderson.

June 4-  
Kids Summer Bowling League, Double Tap in Arlington

June 8-  
Mixed Summer Adults League Bowling, Double Tap

June 16 thru 18-  
2017 High Life Invite - baseball tournament





Photo courtesy of the *Arlington Enterprise*/Kurt Menk

### Backwoods Bar & Grill in New Auburn in OPEN for business.

New Auburn City Clerk Wendy Becker and her daughter Laura Becker opened Backwoods Bar & Grill on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Wendy and Laura purchased the former High Island Hide Away.

Head over to New Auburn to see Wendy and Laura. The Backwoods Bar & Grill is located at 7540 5<sup>th</sup> Street in New Auburn. 320-864-6580.

The bar is open:

**Monday thru Thursday: 11am – midnight Friday and Saturday: 11 am – 1 am Sunday: Noon – 9 pm**

Check them out on Facebook at:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/Backwoods-Bar-1838582659688307/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Backwoods-Bar-1838582659688307/about/?ref=page_internal)

**Music on Main**  
 5th and Main Ave. Gaylord, Minnesota  
Rain or Shine, the show must go on! Inclement Weather location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
 Live Music\*\* 5 PM to 7 PM \*\*Bring your lawn chair\*\*

**JUNE**  
 2017 Summer Series

June 7<sup>st</sup> Lonny Carpenter  
 St. Pauls Church

Farmers Market,  
 4 PM to 7 PM

June 14<sup>th</sup> Singing Cowgirl  
 Wakefield Park

Drawing:  
 Throughout event.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Church Of Cash

Must be

### What's happening in Winthrop?



Winthrop city wide garage sales are May 20<sup>th</sup>.

The army reserve building auction is now live at [www.realestatesales.gov](http://www.realestatesales.gov) if anyone is interested in bidding on it.

Winthrop is also working on a shop local campaign. They have a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/winthropshoplocalcampaign/>, and are giving away \$25 to anyone who likes & shares the page, also \$50 for a winning slogan.



Summer Engineering Challenge at the Innovation Center in Winthrop. Engineering Design Challenge: Rube Goldberg Information webinars June 13 and 28. **For more information contact Lisa Burnette** [sore0251@umn.edu](mailto:sore0251@umn.edu) or **507-614-STEM.**

Summer Technology Opportunity 4-H Media Madness – open to anyone interested in video production. Deadline to register teams is June 30. Contact Lisa Burnette for more information.

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## Double Tap Bowling & Sports Bar

Looking for something to do this summer?

Double Tap Bowling will have Summer Mixed Adults League starting approximately June 8th and a Kids Summer League, for kids in grades 3-6, starting about June 4th. The dates may be subject to change. Contact Tony Woehler at 507-964-2774 for more information or to sign-up for a league.

<http://doubletapbowling.com/>

## June's 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, June 2nd to be included in our next Sibley County newsletter which will come out on Friday, June 9th.