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Sibley County Community Development

Rural Child Care Innovation Program

Survey results from parents show that:

- 51.56 percent of employees are absent from work due to child care issues
- 40.63 percent are unable to work overtime due to child care issues
- 29.69 percent are tardy at work due to child care issues
- 20.31 of parents are not fully productive
- 20.31 percent are unable to work different shifts

Survey results on the quality of available child care show that:

- 46.27 percent rate the availability of child care options in our area as poor
- 34.33 percent rate the availability of child care options in our area as very poor
- 16.42 percent rate the availability of child care options in our area as fair

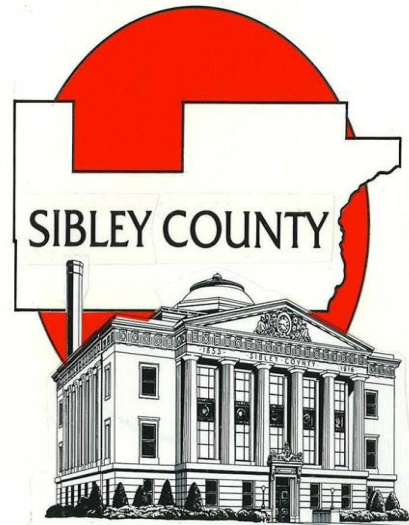
The upcoming Town Hall meeting is our collaborative opportunity to find a solution to these child care problems. The dinner is free, but please register for the event at sibleytownhall.eventbrite.com.

6:00PM – 9:00PM, Thursday, November 16, 2017
Arlington Community Center, Arlington, MN
sibleytownhall.eventbrite.com

Successfully Selling Your Business

Experts in buying and selling businesses will be at the Arlington Community Center on Tuesday, November 28th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Experts will be available to answer individual questions that evening, or you can sign up for a visit from SBDC Regional Director Mike Hahn or Business Broker April Femrite on Wednesday, November 29th. Please contact Amy Newsom at 507-237-4117 or AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us to schedule a meeting.



Upcoming events:

November 11th –
10 am to 1 pm. Yoga
workshop at the Henderson
Healing Hub
507-868-0053 to register.

November 12th
Drum making class at the
Henderson Healing Hub noon
to 5 pm.

November 16th –
Child Care Town Hall Event
6 pm – 9 pm
Please register at
sibleytownhall.eventbrite.com

November 18th and 19th –
Move your DNA Workshop at
Henderson Healing Hub
507-868-0053 to register.

November 18th –
Yoga Tune UP workshop 6-8
pm at the Henderson Healing
Hub
507-868-0053 to register.

November 19th –
75th Anniversary of St.
Francis deSales Parish in
Winthrop
Mass at 10:30 am, 11:30 am
social, 12:30 pm meal and
1:30 pm program



Two new businesses in Arlington

Pilot Travel Center Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) terminal was recently built in Arlington and Aly's Art By Hand Etc. recently opened on Main Street.

Check out Aly's Art By Hand, Etc. Owner Aly Ybarra carries art, antiques, music and more. Prints in pencil or leather, hand-tooled leather, art and accessories.
207 W Main Street in Arlington. 507-291-4578



Congratulations! The Arlington Chamber was awarded a \$2,000 Prairie Lakes grant for Arli-Dazzle and a \$7,000 Explore Minnesota Tourism Marketing grant!

Business for sale in Gibbon:



Turn-Key Bakery with Additional Space to Generate Income
Price: \$74,500
Location: 1021 1st Ave, Gibbon, MN
Year built: 1885
Taxes 2017: \$1,440

MLS: 7013875N/S: 4804367

Property Description:

Own your own turn-key 20x60' bakery with clients and equipment. Business built up, serving a 5 city area plus potential to expand business in adjacent 20x60' space next door. Possibility to rent out business space for leasing income. Adjacent space has 54x14' business area with 10x10' workspace containing a sink and a 10x6.5' office. The Bakery is fully equipped with all the inventory needed. Owner is willing to help get started. Many new appliances included, stainless steel tables and counters. Brand new hood vent with built in Ansul fire suppression system.

Exterior: Brick/Metal

Roof: Sloped/sprayed

Number of stories: 1, Utilities: City water & sewer. Heating: LP & Gas Cooling: Window units Water Softener: owned
Listing Agent: Deb Fischer 507-240-0546

Realtors: Matt Mages: 507-276-7002; Larry Mages 507-240-0030; Joe Maidl 507-276-7749; JC Chrest 612-269-6271; Ed Mages 507-276-2976



PACE – Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing. New financing tool for energy efficiency & renewable energy improvements

Is your business, farm, multi-family housing building, nonprofit, or place of worship interested in energy efficiency or adding renewable energy like solar? A new financing tool called Property Assessed Clean Energy, or PACE, can help you move forward.

How does PACE work? PACE financing is repaid as an assessment on your property tax bill for a set period. In this way, PACE eliminates the burden of upfront costs by providing low-cost, long-term financing. PACE is different than a traditional loan: there is less of a reliance on credit, the assessment stays with the property instead of the owner, and they can generally be repaid over longer terms than a bank might allow.

What can you do with PACE? Examples of potential building improvements that can be financed with PACE are solar arrays, HVAC upgrades, LED lighting, condensing boilers, digital controls, insulation, variable-frequency drive motors, building automation systems, and other water and energy conservation measures.

Who is behind PACE? The Rural Minnesota Energy Board provides the PACE funding and administers all aspects of the program. The county places the assessment on the property, collects payments each year, and passes money back to the Rural Minnesota Energy Board.

How can you take action? To learn more about PACE and take action, visit <http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/pace> for program details and applications, factsheets, success stories, and frequently asked questions.

Upcoming Events:

November 25th –
Small Business Saturday in
Henderson

November 28th –
Successfully Selling Your
Business
Arlington Community Center
5:30 – 7 pm

December 2nd –
Arli-Dazzle
Downtown Arlington

December 2nd –
Christmas Cookies Sale and
Crafts at Hahn's Dining in
Winthrop on Saturday, from
8:30 am to 1 pm. Sponsored
by the Winthrop Area
Federation of Women

December 2nd –
Santa comes to Winthrop on
Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 1 to
3 pm at the Winthrop City
Hall. Santa has a bag of
treats, a kids gift drawing and
special activities. Sponsored
by the Winthrop Area
Chamber of Commerce

December 8th –
Holiday Open House at
MidCountry Bank in Winthrop
from 3-6 pm.
A fun and festive holiday
party, to come socialize with
friends. Holiday treats with
cider and coffee. Elfy, our
little elf, and his helper will
make their appearance;
pictures with children will be
taken.

December 9th –
ACT Group
CODE3 Bowling & Party
10 am.

December 14th –
“It’s a Christmas Carol”
At the Green Isle Community
School at 7 pm. Free and
open to the public.

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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.

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Arlington Greys Base Ball

The Arlington Greys Base Ball Club will host the Mankato Baltics in the annual Snowball Game during the Arli-Dazzle on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2. The game will be played at Frenzel Park in Arlington at 2:30 p.m.

The game will be played under the rules of the 1860's which means the players do not wear baseball gloves. The pitchers throw underhand and no strikes or balls are called. The players make the out and safe calls. The umpire is only present to settle any disputes. Since it is a gentlemen's game, there is no spitting, no sweating, and no swearing.

The winner of the game will be presented with the Arli-Dazzle bat which serves as the traveling trophy.

There is no admission. A bonfire pit will be available for players and fans.

December newsletter

Please submit your local economic development news and events to Amy Newsom at AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us or PO Box 256 by Friday, December 1st to be included in our next Sibley County newsletter. The next newsletter will come out on Friday, December 8th.