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MAKING A BIG MOVE

Sioux City heavy equipment distributor Road Machinery & Supplies Co. will soon have a new home at 5700 Al Haynes Dr. near Sioux Gateway Airport. Groundbreaking on the \$5 million project was held last May; construction should be complete in early 2025.

While Road Machinery & Supplies Co. has operated from 1400 Highway 75 since the 1950s, President Russell Sheaffer says its 10-person team is eager for the move.

“Since our business involves hauling heavy equipment in and out, this is a great location with proximity to the airfield and Interstate 29,” he notes. “This facility is also a substantial upgrade, so our ability to take care of customers is significantly enhanced.”

Highlights of the 12,000-square-foot structure include six enclosed drive-through bays for large equipment, outdoor space for new and used machinery, and a second-floor mezzanine to accommodate planned growth.

“Road Machinery & Supplies has been a key part of Sioux City’s landscape for many years, and this investment highlights its continued commitment to our community’s future,” states Mayor Bob Scott. The company will host an open house celebration April 24.

NEW LIFE FOR OLD SPACE

A local developer with a heart for downtown Sioux City is investing \$3.5 million to revive a long-vacant downtown property at 901 5th St. that should be complete by mid-summer.

“Our company employs lifelong Sioux City residents who want to see continued downtown revitalization,” shares Dave Hegarty, chief financial officer for R. Perry Construction.

Two buildings originally sat on the property. One was a now-demolished battery shop; the other (901 5th St.) was home to Mahoney Ford and later Novelty Machine Company. Dating to the 1920s, that building will feature commercial space (including Sioux City Brewing Company) on its main floor and 13 large market-rate apartments on level two.

“In terms of structure, this building had really good bones,” Hegarty points out. “We have been able to give it a facelift and make it look clean and modern but keep some historical touches.”

“It’s great to see underutilized buildings like the one on 5th Street brought back to life,” states Renae Billings, economic development manager. “Projects like this play a significant role in attracting residents to downtown and providing opportunities for new businesses.”



BARGE COMING IN

Sioux City’s Missouri River hasn’t seen barge traffic for years, but that’s all about to change.

Sioux City Compressed Steel is purchasing nearly four acres of city-owned land located at 2500 Chautauqua Dr. to construct a barge terminal used for incoming and outgoing shipments of steel, aggregate, sand, gravel, and agricultural products.

The project has prompted valuable community dialogue about transportation,” notes Dave Bernstein, whose company will invest up to \$1 million to construct a driveway, lighting, concrete pad, and on-site office by 2026.

“The Missouri River has been key to Sioux City commerce in years past,” reminds Mayor Pro Tem Dan Moore. “Now barge traffic can once again be a strong complement to the air, rail, and highway system we have in place.”



HUD-VASH: HOUSING HOPE

Once-struggling local veterans have found a path forward thanks to the HUD-VASH Program. This federal partnership between the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) provides housing vouchers and support services to eligible homeless veterans.

Back in 2010, Sioux City Housing Authority (SCHA) applied for and received targeted HUD-VASH support in the form of 25 housing vouchers. Over the years, SCHA has received additional vouchers, bringing its current total to 40. In fact, the Sioux City Housing Authority’s HUD-VASH Program has housed 188 veterans over the past 14 years.

“To select HUD-VASH participants,” explains Tom Bates, SCHA housing analyst and inspector, “Veterans Affairs and SCHA respond to veterans who report homelessness, then work together to determine eligibility, proceed with the application, and eventually issue vouchers.”



STOREFRONT FUNDING

Little things are big things. Downtown Partners knows this. That’s why the organization is offering Downtown Storefront Grants of up to \$4,000 per storefront, per year.

Any of Sioux City’s 500+ downtown businesses can apply for a matching grant to help with “little things” that make a big impact on first impressions. Grant categories include signage, safety and security, and aesthetic upgrades.

Funding is provided on a first-come, first-served basis, but businesses can apply at any time. Grants require a 50-50 match.

Since the program began in 2018, Downtown Partners has contributed to \$519,164 in local storefront improvement projects and had almost 70 applications. “If you’re a downtown business owner, we want to help people find you,” explains Ragen Cote, executive director. “When people come off the street and go into your business, we’ve done our job.”

HELP FOR HOMELESSNESS

The City of Sioux City’s Neighborhood Services Division works with many community partners to serve the homeless and connect them with local resources. Visit sioux-city.org/ns for information or assistance.



Michael Clarke served in the U.S. Army from 1981-84 and the Army Reserves from 1984-86.

“My story started in 2011 when my wife had cancer, and we lost her very quickly. At that point, I pretty much gave up. I lost half my income and ended up homeless for five years. Finally I reached out to my provider...

who connected me with the VA, which got me in touch with HUD-VASH.”

Clarke got his own place in November 2021. “The program gives you your respect back and your self-worth back,” he notes. “My mental outlook is different and now I look forward to every day.” To others in a tough spot, he has this advice: “Ask for help. It’s out there. Don’t be ashamed. There are organizations that can help...and I’m forever grateful.”



Bob Baker enlisted at 17 and served two years in the U.S. Army from 1970-71. When his life after the service involved a series of struggles, a nurse at his doctor’s clinic connected him with the HUD-VASH Program. “I didn’t have a clue there were organizations that

did this,” he shares. “These people really care, and it’s not just a job for them. They get involved in your life, and they want to make it better.”

Baker says the program has made a huge difference. “I’m self-sufficient again, and I wouldn’t have gotten to this point without the help they gave me to get my life back in order. Sometimes you just need that. Having your own place and getting the support you need builds your self-esteem and gives you hope.”

RESTAURANT RUN

Looking for a new place to eat in Sioux City? You’re in luck!

In response to increased demand for more restaurants in town, developers are working to offer different food options. As they look to open new establishments in our community, they consider how strongly residents and visitors have supported similar businesses in the past.

Additions to the local restaurant scene include:

- Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakhouses
- Chick-fil-A (second location)
- Jersey Mike’s Subs
- Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers
- Brekky’s Breakfast & Coffeeshop
- Hardline Coffee (new location on 4th Street)
- Winnie’s (desserts & alcohol-free drinks)
- Crumb. (artisan bakery)
- Scoops Udder Place (ice cream)
- Food trucks throughout town

“Along with the new places, we have so many amazing local establishments we can continue to support,” shares Councilmember Alex Watters.



“We enjoy bringing the community together with food, as it adds culture and diversity,” says Peggy La, owner of Yummi Blox food truck lot at 700 West 7th St. “Yummi Blox is also popular for events, especially Siouland Asian Fest and 712 Night Market.”

THE ARTS: TAKING CENTER STAGE IN SIOUX CITY

Sioux City has long been a city that sees the power of performance.

“Understanding the importance of the arts...and the contributions they can make...doesn’t always happen within a community. It definitely happens here,” says David Gross, executive director of the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra. “It seems to be in Sioux City’s DNA to appreciate what the arts can mean for culture, education, and economic impact.”

Bruce Miller, *Sioux City Journal* editor and longtime arts supporter, agrees. “Thank goodness the City encouraged the arts through facilities like the Orpheum Theatre, which is our link to all kinds of touring productions, and the Tyson Events Center, which hosts everything from concerts to sporting events. When there’s that kind of support, the arts community will thrive.”

And thrive it has, in big ways and small.



BROADWAY SHOWS

“The Broadway series at the Orpheum gives us exposure to shows—and ideas—we might not get otherwise,” notes Miller. “And the presence of working performers sends a strong message to young people about the viability of the arts.”

Why does this matter? “When we didn’t have a way for Siouxlanders to see what was possible, there wasn’t a chance for growth,” explains Miller. “Now, it’s not uncommon to hear teenagers consider careers in the arts.”



LAMB THEATRE

Founded by Russell Wooley and Diana Guhin-Wooley, LAMB Theatre has been an important part of the community’s cultural landscape since 1979. Its mission—to provide Siouxland with theatrical experiences that captivate and inspire—comes to life through vibrant and diverse theatre performances (now in season 45!) and arts education programs for all ages. Over the past 36 years, its innovative LAMB Ewe-niversity summer programs have served thousands of students. After operating on Sioux City’s west side for 38 years, LAMB is currently running its programs from Klinger-Neal Theater, 3700 Peters Ave., through a partnership with Morningside University.

SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY THEATRE

Sioux City Community Theatre (SCCT), 1401 Riverside Blvd., has been part of the regional entertainment landscape since 1948. Its mission is to heighten community appreciation and participation in the performing arts through quality entertainment, volunteerism, and educational opportunities. Along with main stage productions, SCCT produces several children’s shows, exposing local kids to classes, workshops, productions, and skill-building experiences.

“Live theatre is so important in every community,” states longtime director Rick Myers.

MUNICIPAL BAND

Since the 1930s, this ensemble has performed eight Sunday evening concerts (always free!) at the Grandview Park Bandshell every summer. Founded by Leo Kucinski, the band invites spectators of all ages to enjoy live music from their blankets, benches, and folding chairs.

GILCHRIST MUSIC EDUCATION CENTER

Sioux City’s performing arts community will soon have a tremendous new resource thanks to the Gilchrist Foundation and a \$250,000 grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Housed in the Orpheum Building, the 2,800-square-foot **Gilchrist Music Education Center** will feature high-tech practice modules, recording studios, offices, and a climate controlled music library. The \$1.2 million project also allows for an on-staff teaching artist and enables the SCSO to provide individual and group lessons for hundreds of area students.

SIOUX CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A strong force in Siouxland’s cultural community for over a century, the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra (SCSO) was once a 30-piece college ensemble. Today about 90 musicians (including 65 contracted performers from throughout the Midwest) comprise a highly respected civic orchestra with a rigorous performance schedule and a nationally recognized conductor.

“It’s a privilege to work with Musical Director and Conductor Ryan Haskins and create concert calendars that are incredibly diverse,” explains Gross. “Having a wide cross-section of repertoires allows us to serve the community in a greater way.” Music from this year’s season runs the gamut from Handel and Bach to Tina Turner and the score from *Gladiator*.

Along with performing for 12,000+ patrons each year, SCSO musicians also emphasize education and outreach. Small ensembles perform regularly in area schools, and the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra also presents Young People’s Concerts to more than 5,000 students annually.

And through the Sioux City Symphony Youth Orchestra, the SCSO provides instruction, encouragement, and “side by side” performance experiences to about 100 young musicians. Notes Miller: “When the symphony includes students in its concerts, it tells them they’re right to consider music as a career.”



SIOUX CITY CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

The mission of the Sioux City Conservatory of Music is to facilitate music education, but it’s also a great place to enjoy music performance by musicians of all ages. Located at 1309 Pierce St., it was founded by Ron and Gia Emory, who believe the study of music enriches the lives of students as well as the surrounding community and its society.

VANGARDE ARTS

Situated in the heart of Sioux City’s cultural district at 416 Pierce St., VanGarde Arts touts itself as “an inventive club that explores new boundaries of human creativity to foster social change.” We agree! This up-and-coming venue hosts everything from niche performers to open mic nights.



CREATIVE COLLABORATION

Sioux City Arts & Entertainment Coalition is a new group that has united community arts organizations, especially those from downtown. Its goals? Raising awareness about the arts in Sioux City and creating more collaboration among various groups. Working together, they hope to find more ways to bolster the downtown economy and gain greater support from state and federal funding organizations.

“We’re looking for partnership opportunities so there’s not just a single concert or solo art exhibit, but rather a comprehensive experience that involves more organizations, appeals to a more diverse crowd, and gives people more ways to engage,” notes Amy Thompson, owner of ArtSUX Gallery.

HER STORY IN MUSIC: A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS

During the week of March 22, up to a dozen local arts organizations will team up for an inspiring multigenerational, multicultural experience honoring the impact of women in the arts. Watch for programming by the Sioux City Public Museum, exhibits at local galleries and the Sioux City Art Center, films presented by the Sioux City International Film Festival, and a SCSO concert showcasing choral, chamber, and symphonic music from history’s most influential and iconic female composers.

“This is an unprecedented collaborative effort,” shares Gross. “We want to send the message to young women that the sky’s the limit!”



DESTINATION: SIOUX CITY

Let's face it...every so often we all need a response to that age-old question: What is there to do? To help, Sioux City responds with plenty of options. Explore these CLASSIC SIOUX CITY and INSPIRED BY THIS ISSUE itineraries to discover countless adventures. Some are tried and true; others may be new to you!



CLASSIC SIOUX CITY

STOP 1	STOP 2	STOP 4	STOP 5	STOP 6
Riverfront Trails Run, walk, or bike! OR Trinity Heights Enjoy the peaceful surroundings 🕒 1 hour	Sioux City Art Center KIDS: Visit the Hands-On! Gallery 🕒 1 hour	Palmer's Old Tyme Candy Shoppe Pick up your favorites for later 🕒 .5 hour	Mid America Museum of Aviation & Transportation KIDS: Look inside the FedEx plane OR Sioux City Railroad Museum KIDS: Find the miniature exhibit 🕒 1-1.5 hours	Cone Park Try the mountain bike park or snow tubing hills 🕒 2-2.5 hours
BREAKFAST	STOP 3	LUNCH		DINNER
Jitter's OR Pierce Street Coffee Works	Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center KIDS: See Lewis & Clark come to life 🕒 1-2 hours	Tastee Inn & Out OR Milwaukee Wiener House		Marto OR Buffalo Alice

INSPIRED BY THIS ISSUE

STOP 1	STOP 2	LUNCH	STOP 6	STOP 7
Chatauqua Park Riverfront Trails See where the new barge facility will be! BONUS: Find the new location for Roadside Machinery & Supplies Co. 🕒 1 hour	Sioux City Fire Rescue (7 stations citywide) Call 712-279-6377 for a rig tour or firehouse visit KIDS: We'll send you home with a fun surprise 🕒 1 hour	Jersey Mike's Subs	Downtown Sioux City Discover local history (siouxcitymuseum.org/walking-tours) + Browse local shops 🕒 1 hour	Lyons Park Explore the walking trail + Try the new Ninja course 🕒 1.5-2 hours
BREAKFAST	STOP 3	STOP 4	SNACK	DINNER
Brekky's Breakfast & Coffeeshop OR Hardline Coffee (new 4th Street location)	Sioux City Public Library Get your BINGO card + 3 to Go KIDS: Join us for storytime 🕒 1 hour	City Hall Stop in the City Hall Museum to view items from Sioux City's sister city in Japan 🕒 .5 hour	Winnie's OR Crumb.	Freddy's
	STOP 5	STOP 5		STOP 8
	Sioux City Public Museum Dig into the new dino exhibit KIDS: Do the Big Dig 🕒 1 hour	Local Venue of Choice Attend a concert or theatre performance 🕒 2-3 hours		

LYONS PARK: NINJA READY

One of the community's oldest parks now has some of the coolest features! Located on Sioux City's west side, Lyons Park is in the final stages of a \$1.2 million revitalization that's been five years in the making! "Lyons Park was on our radar back in 2019, well before the pandemic provided increased federal funding," explains Jill Wanderscheid, neighborhood services manager. "We wanted to invest dollars into that neighborhood, and we've received tremendous feedback from community members about their hopes for the space." Neighborhood Services partnered with Engineering and Parks & Recreation to deliver on community requests: picnic shelters, walking path, safe surfacing for the existing playground, and a crazy cool Ninja obstacle course. The project has also included housing rehabilitation, with improvements to several area homes. "The Lyons Park revitalization is a great example of how our departments work together to accomplish a greater good," shares Councilmember Julie Schoenherr.



B-I-N-G-O FOR BOOKS!

What's better than a free book? A free book you can win with BINGO! Here's how:

1. Pick up your BINGO card at any Sioux City Public Library location.
2. Finish a BINGO (five squares in a row).
3. Bring your completed card to the Reference Desk on the 2nd Floor of the Aalfs Downtown Library to choose your very own book!

BONUS: Check back for new BINGO cards through the end of February!



SO MUCH TO DO!

Whether you're craving a cultural connection, hungry for history, or longing for a little recreation and leisure, Sioux City offers SO MUCH TO DO! Follow us on social media for the latest updates on what's happening.



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ARTS & CULTURE

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Snow tubing & ice skating + cool new mountain bike park

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woodburyparks.org • 712-258-0838
Hiking trails + snowshoeing; see Facebook page for details

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siouxcityparksandrec.com • 712-279-6126
New Chris Larsen Riverfront Park; see Facebook page for trail info & other events



HISTORY & LEARNING

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DO A LITTLE DIGGING

The Sioux City Public Museum wants you to do a little digging...into dinosaurs! Its newest exhibit, Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek, features fossils from the Hell Creek Formation of western South Dakota excavated over a 30-year span by Brian Buckmeier and Darren Maurer, amateur paleontologists from Sioux City.

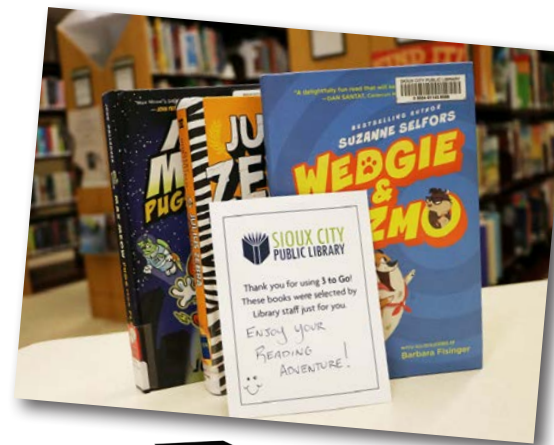
A layer of sedimentary rocks covering eastern Montana and portions of Wyoming and the Dakotas, Hell Creek Formation dates from the late Cretaceous Period—about 70 million years ago. The exhibit includes examples of Hell Creek Formation's most common dinosaurs, including the Dakotaraptor (Velociraptor's larger relative), the duckbilled Edmontosaurus, the three-horned Triceratops, and the always impressive Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Since Hell Creek Formation also preserved remains of plants, mammals, crocodylians, turtles, amphibians, fish, ammonites, and bivalves, the exhibit includes remains of sea life and other non-dinosaur fossils from the late Cretaceous Period.

The exhibit runs Feb. 1 through Aug. 3.



THE BIG DIG replicates an active fossil dig site! Filled with replicas of land and sea animals that lived 165 to 45 million years ago, THE BIG DIG is a Sioux City Public Museum treasure that prompts hands-on learning as children use brushes to discover hidden fossil replicas.



WHAT'S YOUR NEXT READ?

Not sure what to read next? Check out a "3 to Go" solution from the Sioux City Public Library!

"Research shows most people want to read more, but taking time to find a good book can be difficult," admits Helen Rigdon, library director. "This new service can help!"

With "3 to Go," you can submit a brief online form that explores your reading tastes and then let library staff find your next page-turners.

1. Complete a "3 to Go" request form in person or online at siouxcitylibrary.org/3togo.
2. Wait patiently (three days at most!) as Sioux City Public Library staff personally choose **three** book options for you.
3. Pick up your "3 to Go" from any library location and start reading!

SOCCER COMPLEX SUCCESS

One season after Sioux City Parks & Recreation began managing the Riverside Soccer Complex, local leaders report success!

"City management of the Riverside Park Soccer Complex has opened up availability not only to organized clubs, but also to the public," says Parks & Rec Director Matt Salvatore. "Maintenance of the complex is far more efficient, too, as we have staffing and resources to keep up with the large number of fields."

Spanning 17 fields of various sizes, Riverside Park features the largest (and one of the only) soccer complexes in town...and Sioux City is a community that is hungry for soccer fields. Changes in complex management have accommodated local organizations (Interstate Soccer Club, Diablos Football Club, UFA Academy, and others) along with numerous adult and children's leagues.



UTILITIES UPGRADE



Our community's Utilities Department is responsible for services many people take for granted, including water distribution, sanitary sewer collection, and stormwater management. To house the slew of equipment supporting these services, the City of Sioux City will construct a new Utilities Field Office at the corner of 18th and Steuben Streets—right across the street from its current location. "Our former facility was constructed in 1985, and its structural integrity has deteriorated over the years," states Brad Puetz, utilities director. "The new space will include offices, training and conference space, and a garage for nearly 40 vehicles." H&R Construction is the general contractor for this \$7.7 million project, which should be complete by early 2026.

CITY CONSTRUCTION REPORT



In the next fiscal year, the City of Sioux City will invest nearly \$25 million in infrastructure improvements! This includes \$6 million in road resurfacing, \$10.5 million in complete utility and pavement reconstruction, \$4 million in new and upgraded bridges, \$1 million in sidewalk repairs, and over \$3 million in new water mains. The City of Sioux City recently completed a major project involving several blocks of Pierce Street. "Maintaining continuous access to 5,000+ vehicles per day while replacing a delicate 100-year-old water main provided challenges for construction workers and for people living and working downtown," shares Gordon Phair, city engineer. "Patience and communication were the keys to success."



TRAVEL TRANSPORT

Sioux Gateway Airport has received \$1.5+ million in federal funding to purchase and install a new passenger boarding bridge that will replace an outdated jetway. "Having accessible, compliant, safe, energy efficient, and reliable boarding bridges is critical for our guests who fly in and out of SUX," says Mike Collett, airport director. Sioux Gateway was one of three Iowa airports to obtain infrastructure support through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Airport Terminals Program. Its new jet bridge should be in place within about a year.

WHAT'S UP WITH WASTEWATER

Plans are moving forward on reconstruction of Sioux City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), which serves local residents along with commercial and industrial customers. While this is a \$470 million investment, upgrading the WWTP (instead of building a new facility) will save constituents hundreds of millions of dollars, create jobs, and provide benefits for the local economy. Project milestones so far:

- 30 percent design completion for Phase 1 by the engineering team
- WWTP Reconstruction Design and Advisory Committee in place to oversee the project
- Preliminary design finalized
- Facility Plan approval by Iowa's Department of Natural Resources
- Site visits conducted to support selection of critical equipment



Also of note, the City of Sioux City recently chose a Construction Management At-Risk, or CMR, delivery method for the project. This reduces the potential for costly change orders and construction delays. "We are putting in additional controls to carefully manage project costs and stay on schedule," explains Thomas Pingel, utilities director. "This will benefit ratepayers as we complete needed upgrades in the most efficient way possible." Renewal and reconstruction of the WWTP will restore the plant to "as-new" condition and provide at least 20 more years of continued service. It is one of Sioux City's largest ever capital investment projects and should be complete by late 2030. Project information is available at sioux-city.org/wwtp-improvements.



CONNECT WITH SCPD

The Sioux City Police Department is increasingly involved in community policing, which creates partnerships between residents and law enforcement. Last year the SCPD connected with residents in 300+ ways: attending and hosting community forums, talking with youth, conducting presentations and programming, and engaging in other outreach efforts. "Connecting with the community is an invaluable way to create and maintain relationships with local citizens," states Police Chief Rex Mueller. "These events give people access to officers, both to learn about what we do and see how we can address challenges in their neighborhoods."

SAVING LIVES WITH LUCAS

Sioux City Fire Rescue's Emergency Medical Services division has welcomed LUCAS (Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System)—a mechanical device that provides chest compressions during cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR. Using \$50,000+ in grant funds from Missouri River Historical Development, Sioux City Fire Rescue has added LUCAS 3 Chest Compression Systems to four primary response ambulances at Stations 1, 3, 4, and 5. LUCAS provides continuous compressions, so there's no interruption when responders need to navigate stairs or move a patient into the ambulance. "Each time we pause compressions, it takes 15-20 compressions to 're-prime' the heart and circulate the blood," explains EMS Director Jim Haden. "LUCAS minimizes these delays and leads to more positive patient outcomes." All SCFR crews are trained on LUCAS, he points out, "but our responders are also very proficient in providing manual compressions when necessary." Mechanical CPR devices have been around since the 1970s, but knowledge and technology have greatly improved in recent years. SCFR's new LUCAS systems feature wireless capabilities that link compression data to patient care records.



SCFR NAMES NEW CHIEF

Sioux City Fire Rescue has a new leader! This summer, Chief Ryan Collins took the reins after longtime Chief Tom Everett announced his retirement. Born and raised in Sioux City, Collins attended Heelan High School, earned a bachelor's degree from South Dakota State University, and moved back to Sioux City for a short time before working for the state of South Dakota. Serving as a volunteer firefighter in Pierre, S.D. sparked an interest in his future career path. He joined SCFR as a firefighter/EMT in 2006; he was promoted to lieutenant in 2015 and captain and deputy fire marshal in 2018.

"I've always trusted the department to place me in roles where I can best serve the organization and the community," says Collins, who now sees himself as an extension of Chief Everett. "This is something I believe I was meant to do." Like Everett, Collins is committed to upholding SCFR's legacy of excellence. On the heels of an arduous accreditation review, Collins is working to address current staffing shortages due to recent retirements. Other goals include considering proactive ways to reduce SCFR's 911 call volume, getting to better know the men and women who serve in the department with him, and bringing back a "neighborhood fire department feel" to the department. And at the top of the list? Ensuring continuous improvement...each day, each shift.

WAYS TO ENGAGE



TOWN HALL MEETING
Join the SCPD for a Town Hall Meeting at the Sioux City Public Museum on April 8 from 7-9 p.m. Meet SCPD officers and join valuable conversations to improve quality of life for all residents.

CITIZEN'S ACADEMY
Ever wondered what it's like to be a Sioux City police officer? The SCPD Citizen's Academy gives an inside look at being part of the force! To learn more, follow SCPD on social media or find an application online: siouxcitypolice.com/citizens-academy.

YOUTH ACADEMY
Designed for students from 14 to 18 years of age, Youth Academy provides an exciting preview of police work and often ignites interest in that career path. Follow SCPD on social media or apply through SCPD School Resource Officers at local high schools.



SISTER CITY EXCHANGE

A delegation of three local officials recently traveled to Sioux City's sister city of Yamanashi City, Japan, to meet its leaders, discuss challenges facing our cities, and visit various places of interest. For instance, the group observed a new vehicle that's providing remote medical care, learned about drone technology used in local fruit farming, and attended a local middle school English class taught by a Morningside University alum.

Representatives from Yamanashi City visited Sioux City in November 2023. Over the past 20+ years, representatives from both cities have traveled to share strengths, exchange ideas, and learn about their unique cultures.

"I was surprised by some similarities between our societies," states Steven Postolka, who chairs the Yamanashi City Sister City Committee. "As an example, we both have to meet challenges of the present (which, in both our cases, includes a low birth rate), while also planning for the future."

Looking forward, Councilmember Matthew O'Kane sees value in the group's visit. "So many opportunities have blossomed from this trip!" He is promoting a partnership between the school systems for increased cultural exchange and working with area businesses to foster better trade between our cities. And, impressed with the Japanese greenspace, O'Kane adds: "We'd also like to create a greenspace with trees and plantings inspired by Yamanashi City."

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

You can make a difference by serving on one of the City of Sioux City's 22 boards, committees, and commissions. These groups provide guidance and make key decisions regarding current and future operations within our community. Visit sioux-city.org/boards-and-commissions for openings.



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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Meet Sioux City's volunteer of the year! Larry Obermeyer is recognized for his longtime efforts with the Sioux City Historic Preservation Commission, which allows him to put his heart for historic preservation to work in the community.

"I have a passion for place-based history with an emphasis in archaeology, heritage education, and historic placemaking," he says. "It's a privilege to work alongside City staff members and fellow commissioners who share similar passions."

A self-taught grant writer, Obermeyer has perfected his craft over 35 years—giving countless hours to civic causes and securing nearly \$260 million for various organizations. Which ones stand out? A Missouri River Historical Development (MRHD) Discretionary Award to nominate Pearl Street for the National Register of Historic Places and a federal grant to support a Phase I Archaeology Survey for War Eagle Park.

This volunteer veteran is creating a book and documentary on the Railway Archaeology project at the Milwaukee Railroad Repair Shops Historic District within the Sioux City Railroad Museum. It's a field he knows well, as he's provided key leadership there for 40 years—including time as its president.



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