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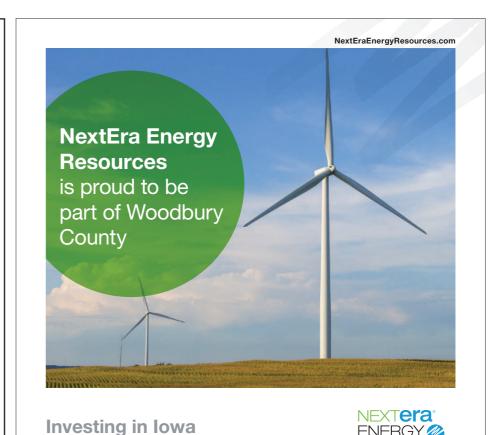
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A southern portion of the Le Mars Recreational Trail where it weaves south of the airport is shown in Le Mars. The southern end of the Le Mars trail would be extended south to meet Sioux City's trail system as part of the proposed PlyWood Trail.



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A automated machine fills Blue Bunny cones with vanilla ice cream at one of Wells Enterprises' two ice cream plants in Le Mars. Iowa.



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Blue Bunny ice cream novelties roll down the line at one of Wells Enterprises' plants in Le Mars, Iowa.



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Wells embarks on \$70 million expansion

Blue Bunny maker to add lines and upgrade equipment in Le Mars

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Business Journal staff writer

LE MARS, Iowa - Wells Enterprises plans to add new product lines and upgrade equipment in a \$70 million capital investment project.

The Le Mars-based ice cream producer was awarded \$6.3 million in High Quality Jobs Program tax credit by the Iowa Economic Development Authority on Friday. The project is expected to create 135 new jobs, and 82 are to pay at least \$23.94 per hour, per project the company unthe state contract.

Wells, the maker of Blue Bunny, Halo Top and Bomb Top ice cream products, is by far the largest employer in Le Mars, and one of the largest employers in Iowa with 2,500 employees and an additional 500 seasonal workers on the payroll during the "ice cream season." Nationwide, the company employs an estimated 4,000 people.

The \$70 million investment project plans to add new product lines, as well as upgrade and modernize existing equipment throughout the facilities such as production lines, hardening equipment, freezer and refrigeration upgrades and other equipment, according to their IEDA application.

The additions are for the two Le Mars production Wells director of communications Lesley Bartholomew in a statement.

"Our Le Mars facilities and the strong teams we have in place are key to Wells' overall business strategy and will continue to be well into the future," said CEO Mike Wells. "We're excited to bring more investment to Le Mars and move forward with this project to bring on new lines and equipment."

The investments will help optimize the manufacturing footprint and set up the company for future growth, Bartholomew said.

The last large expansion dertook was the acquisition of Fieldbrook Foods, an ice cream manufacturer with plants in New York and New Jersey in April 2019.

The acquisition placed Wells as the No. 2 producer of ice cream in the U.S. and increased the production level by about 25 percent.

At the time, Wells said the company would need another 20 percent of growth to be No. 1 in production, over Unilever, whose brands include Ben & Jerry's, Good Humor and Breyers, and Nestle, whose brands include Edy's, Haagen-Dazs and Nestle.

The same year in September, Wells struck a deal with Unilever to purchase an ice cream plant in Henderson, Nevada to expand Wells' manufacturing cafacilities and will take place pacity. The company then over the next two years, purchased Halo Top, a lowcalorie brand of ice cream, from Eden Creamery, LLC days later.

STONE BRÜ

TIM HYNDS PHOTOS, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

Stone Bru's Brad Lepper talks about the remodeling of the company's new headquarters as Adrian Kolbo, director of wholesale, center, and Nick Topf, director of coffee, work at a coffee station. The coffee company recently moved into the former Stultz Plumbing building, 101 West Third St., and is remodeling it into its headquarters and coffee roasting facility.



The former Stultz Plumbing building, 101 West Third St., is shown boarded up last fall, just before renovations began.

LUMBING & HEATING



An espresso is shown at Stone Bru's new headquarters building.

SEE, SMELL THE COFFEE

Historic West Third Street building becomes Stone Bru headquarters

DOLLY A. BUTZBusiness Journal staff writer

SIOUX CITY
lisitors to Stone Bru Coffee
Company's new headquarters and roasting facility will
be able to see and smell green
coffee beans and watch a roast from
beginning to end for the first time
early this summer.

Brad Lepper, Stone Bru's president, purchased the historic 22,000-square-foot building overlooking downtown, at 101 West Third St., in December 2020 and renovations began the following year. He said "everything" needed work.

The structure, which most recently housed Stultz Plumbing, combines a historic front with adequate warehouse space. The back portion of the building, which Lepper said once served as the first mechanically cooled cold storage facility in town, was built in 1890. The front portion was added on and used as a showroom by Anderson Furniture Company around 1911.

"The location was probably the first thing that drew us. Just being

right here in downtown and the visibility right across from Hard Rock," Lepper said of Prospect Hill. "This is where Sioux City started. There's a lot of cool history in this part of town."

Upon entering the front door, visitors will find themselves in the roast lab, which features red brick walls and wood floors. The roaster will be located on the west side, while burlap sacks containing green coffee will be stored on racks standing in the northwest corner. The building's upstairs is available to lease as an office space.

"It basically mimics the front area downstairs – similar wood, brick, lighting, all those types of things," Jeff Carlson, a realtor who owns RE/MAX Preferred, said of the upstairs. "It's just really a beautiful space." Two green couches currently sit in the middle of the roast lab, a warm, airy, welcoming space. Accent chairs underneath a chandelier, tables and chairs, a booth and bench along the back wall, and an espresso bar will round out the furnishings.

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Coffee

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Visitors will be able to purchase limited specialty coffee drinks and baked goods from the coffee bar, but no salads or wraps. The roastery isn't a café like Stone Bru's Sunnybrook location. It won't have a kitchen. However, Lepper said the plan is to sell 2-pound and 5-pound whole bean coffee directly to the consumer.

business," he explained. "While you're sipping one is located right across ing's bones and structure. cup of coffee, you can't the street from what was watch a whole batch get roasted."

Stone Bru will use to service and repair coffee equipment. Lepper said they'll be able to bring in new equipment and bench test it there. The warehouse portion of the building, which is adjawas built in 1954. Lepper said the space underwent a "tremendous deep cleaning." The walls were painted white and, then, Wholesale Director Adrian Kolbo's sister, mural of coffee plants.

has known Stone Bru as a bring it back into an incafé, as a drive-thru coffee shop. Our café now is more of showcase for us. It's a place where we can ingunderwent a complete try things, learn on our gut, renovation and build own and, then, pass that out. All new electrical, information on to our cli-lighting and HVAC sysents," Lepper said. "Our tems were installed along growth pattern going forward is going to be more what is now the roast lab, on the roasting and café the infill was taken out, consultation side and not the old tile was pulled so much retail locations."

A piece of history



TIM HYNDS, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

"It's almost like a mi- Stone Bru's Brad Lepper gestures while talking about crobrewery, where you go the remodeling of the company's new headquarters. The to see how the product is coffee company recently moved into the former Stultz made and learn about the Plumbing building, 101 West Third St., and is remodeling deeper nuances of that it into its headquarters and coffee roasting facility.

Empire Mills, one of the largest coffee roasters Down a hallway and in the early 1900s. The to the left is an area that Haddock Monument and a billboard currently stand on the site.

> Back then, Lepper said the grocers would get green coffee, so they could store it longer, and, then, roast it themselves.

"According to the mucent to the repair area, seum, most of the coffee in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and some of Missouri originated right here in downtown Sioux City," he said. "It's fun to come back to Annika Kolbo, painted a a historic building that would've been built dur-"In the past, everyone ing that time period and dustry that was once very prevalent in Sioux City."

Lepper said the buildwith new windows. In up and the plaster on the walls and ceiling was re-It just so happens that moved. In fact, Lepper the building selected for said the only thing that's to work, I would look at eration is the Sunnybrook Stone Bru's headquarters still original is the build- that building. Of course, store."

He said it was "fun" taking down the ceiling and having items from the early 1900s fall onto the floor. He plans to frame a railroad map from 1908. Another interesting as Stone Bru's director of find is a letter from 1931, which was still inside an envelope.

"It was a customer who had sent a letter requesting \$10 in product and saying that he would send the rest when he could and that things were just as bad there as everywhere, but at least the weather's good," Lepper recalled. "It was like a really unique piece of depression era business communication."

A new direction

Lepper, describes himself as a serial entrepreneur who loves business and creating things. He got his start by purchasing a laundromat in Dakota City. Shortly after that, the Burger King on in in a day, it really Gordon Drive relocated, freeing up that building.

"My wife and I, our first home in Sioux City was on quarters. "We have this Mulberry Street, right at because we want people the top of the hill in Morn- to be able to come in and ingside. Every day that I see what we're doing. Our would come down and go real customer-facing op-

being the laundry business, I see every building as a potential laundromat. I thought that would be a good spot between the colleges," he said. Since the laundry business didn't need a drive-thru, Lepper thought it would be a good coffee shop. Lepper reached out to his aunt, who lives in Lincoln and owns a coffee shop.

"She didn't want to expand, but she had met a gentleman from town, Nick Topf, who worked for a roaster here at the time. She said I should go talk to him. So, I went and talked to him," Lepper recalled. "That first experience of pulling espresso shots and seeing the roasting and seeing the green coffee beans and just seeing the inside works of the coffee business, I think I was hooked at that moment."

Topf, who now serves coffee, convinced Lepper that they could handle the business proposition on their own. Lepper partnered with Robbie Jennings and Jeff Boonstra. They opened the first Stone Bru retail location on the corner of Stone Avenue and Gordon Drive in December 2015. A location in Dakota Dunes followed in 2018. Then, amid the pandemic, Stone Bru consolidated its retail operations at 5822 Sunnybrook Drive. The coffee company currently does its roasting at 609 Wesley Way, but that operation will be moving to the West Third Street headquarters.

"If nobody were come wouldn't affect our operation," Lepper said of the West Third Street head-

Chamber Anniversaries

The following businesses and organizations are celebrating milestone anniversaries as Siouxland Chamber of Commerce members.

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Sioux City **Siouxland Ethanol LLC**

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Meredith Treppa Sioux City

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JESSE BROTHERS, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

Al Smith walks on the new walking bridge which spans Floyd River to connect to Chris Larsen Riverfront Park on the riverfront trail. Sioux City and four other cities have jointly applied for nearly \$7.6 million from the new Destination Iowa program to help finance new trail projects.

DAVE DREESZEN

Business Journal editor

A regional network of recrebe expanded to over 100 continuous miles, under an application from a coalition of local governments for millions of dollars in state funds.

Sioux City, Le Mars, Sergeant Bluff, Hinton and Merrill are seeking a nearly \$7.6 million grant from Destination Iowa, a new tourism and economic deAmerican Rescue Plan Act fund-

funds: economidevelopment, outdoor recreation, and creative placemaking.

Reynolds

The local coalition, led by the

nanced by \$100 million in federal to tap the \$40 million Outdoor projects. That means local offi-Recreation fund. Rather than aping the state received, Destination ply separately, the metro commuational trails in Siouxland would Iowa will award grants from four nities decided to submit a single A total of \$2.27 million alone was struction of nine miles of natural combined proposal that aligns raised from May 1-6, including an cally significant with their years-long push to anonymous matching challenge of connect regional recreation trails to enhance quality of life in the tourism attraction, region.

Destination Iowa requires applicants to raise 60 percent of the total project costs to activate a 40 percent match from the Iowa Sioux City Parks Economic Development Author-Reynolds announced in April. Fi- the Siouxland Initiative, wants \$19 million for five identified trail tore said.

cials raised over \$11.4 million to access the state matching funds. Park, which calls for the con-\$500,000.

Director Matt Salvatore said the state fund would help expeditate for the \$2 million project, which trail projects that are already in the works, including some scheduled to begin later this year.

velopment initiative Gov. Kim and Recreation Department and ity. With an overall price tag of all of these communities," Salva-

The projects include:

■ The Cone Mountain Bike surface track through the hills of Cone Park and Setroma Park. The Chesterman family, which oper-Sioux City Parks and Recreation ates the local Coca-Cola bottling plant, has donated \$1 million would incorporate jumps and berms, as well as a pump track.

■ The Loess Hills Scenic Trail "I think it's a game changer for Connection, a proposed 4.3 mile trail that would link Sioux City's trail system with Sergeant Bluff.



PROVIDED

Jay Chesterman is shown mountain biking. The Chesterman Foundation has pledged \$1 million for a proposed mountain bike course in Cone Park and Sertoma Park.

The components include Segment the eastern boundary of the Loess 1, from Baker Park to South Ridge Road, Segment 2 from South Ridge Road to the Green Valley Golf Course clubhouse and Seg- ment that would extend from the ment 3, from the golf course to Singing Hills Bouleard.

■ The Big Sioux River Pedtiran Bridge, which would be built over the Big Sioux River, linking Sioux City's Riverside neighborhood with Dakota Dunes.

■ The Floyd River Trail connector, a .09 mile link that ould transverse the Floyd River, contrail with the Floyd River Trail connect,

The Destination Iowa projects also include two of the three segments for the proposed PlyWood through would pass through rural Plymouth and Woodbury counties, connecting existing trail sytems in Le Mars and Sioux City.

■ Phase 1A, which would start this fall, calls for a 2.8-mile segend of Le Mars' trail system, which a trailhead in the town of Merrill. trails." Phase IB is a segment that will

Hills while overlooking the Floyd

■ Phase 3, a 6.9-mile segsouthern city limits of Hinton to the northern city limits of Sioux City, along Highway 75 right-of-

■ Phase 3A, a 1.8-mile segment that would link the northern city limits of Sioux City with the existing Floyd River trail.

Phase 2, which calls for 7 miles of trail between Merrill and Hinnecting Sioux City's riverfront ton, is not part of the Destination Iowa application. Reconstruction of Highway 75 must first take place prior to the installation of that trail segment.

The Siouxland Regional Trail Trail, an 18.5-mile trail path System would provide access by walking to biking to a long list of local attractions, including the Siouxland Expo Center, the Lewis & Clark Interpretitive Center and the Sioux City Railroad Museum.

"Once it's all completed, it's ment that would link on the north over a 100-mile network that really puts Siouxland on the map," would include bridge over the Salvatore said. "It really would west work of the Floyd River and make Siouxland a destination for

Sioux City is believed to be the



CAITLIN YAMADA, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL Wells Enterprises President

Mike Wells speaks at the Dec. 21 groundbreaking ceremony in Merrill for the PlyWood Trail, which would connect the trail systems in Le Mars and Sioux City.

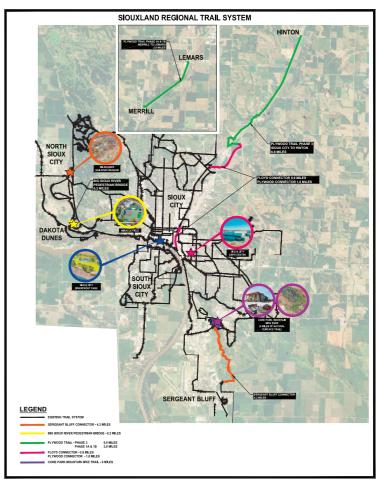
connection to another Iowa city. Over the past eight years,

Reynolds said Destination Iowa aims to invest in new attractions to raise Iowa's profile, welcome out-of-state travelers and increase visitor spending while accelerating tourism's recovery. It also will spur local economies and contribute to efforts to recruit new members of Iowa's workforce, she



TIM HYNDS, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

A dilapidated pedestrian bridge is shown Dec. 20 spanning the Big Sioux River, connecting the Two Rivers Golf Course in Dakota Dunes to Riverside Park in Sioux City. The city of Sioux City is moving forward with a new pedestrian bridge that would connect the Sioux City and Dakota Dunes trail systems.



The proposed Siouxland Regional Train System is shown above.

wans take pride in and that will funds. Local officials stressed the raise the positive profile of our importance of submitting their state well beyond our borders," Reynolds said in announcing the noting the program calls for funds initiative.

Cities, counties, nonprofits and first-served basis. "Destination Iowa will inspire other organization have until Dec. allow users to safely travel along largest Iowa city without a trail the kinds of attractions that Io- 31 to apply for Destination Iowa pleted by June 30, 2026.

application on the first day, May 9, to be distributed on a first-come,

Funded projects must be com-

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be 185th Air Refueling Wing hosted the Signals

The 185th Air Refueling Wing hosted the Siouxland Chamber's Rush Hour Connect on April 28. During the event, wing commander Col. Mark Muckey announced he has been promoted to Deputy Adjutant General, Air, for the Iowa National Guard. He will move to the Joint Forces headquarters in Johnston. Col. Sonya Morrison, vice wing commander, has been selected as the new 185th wing commander. Col. Stephanie Samenus, the 185th former vice wing commander, will return to Iowa to become the next Chief of Staff – Air for the Iowa National Guard. Samenus currently serves as Director of Personnel, Space Operations, for the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C.



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LEWIS & CLARK

Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center/Betty Strong Encounter Center recently opened its Scraposaurs Outdoor Exhibit, a prehistoric traveling exhibit. Pictured from left: Kim Mathers; Rex Towns, president of the Lewis and Clark Board, Tracy Bennett, executive director; Theresa Jackson; Sara Olson, assistant director; artist Dale Lewis; and his assistant Mecca Page.The sculptures of dinosaurs are made out of scrap metal by Lewis and include velociraptors, Tyrannosaurus Rex, and pterodactyls. Lewis has gained national and international attention as a respected sculptor. The sculptures will be on display until May 2023.



LED INNOVATIONS

The Siouxland Chamber recently welcomed LED innovations as a new member and celebrated the company's new location. Pictured are owner Austin Knudsen and contractor James Jones. LED Innovations specializes in lighting, new construction, retrofitting, and custom project lighting. The firm can integrate lighting with crown molding, baseboard stairs and decks and also has accent options and a 3D Holographic design for advertising purposes that can be installed at customers specific locations.



SIOUXLAND FOSTER CLOSET

The Siouxland Chamber welcomed the Siouxland Foster Closest as a new member and celebrated the launch of its new Comfort Care program. Pictured are Connie Gehring, treasurer and shop manager, and director Rochelle Pfeifer. The Siouxland Foster Closet provides free clothing and necessities for children in foster and out-of-home placement in the tri-state region. The Comfort Care program works toward ending the practice of children moving between homes with their belongings in a trash bag, provides DHS with necessities and personal comfort items for children in transition, and provides children with fully packed comfort bags when they first enter care.





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GroundBreakings



HEARTLAND COUSELING SERVICES, INC.

Heartland Counseling Services broke ground on its new building at 1201 Arbor Drive in South Sioux City. Pictured are: Heartland Counseling Executive Director Jennifer Jividen Jackson (center holding green-handled shovel), with current board president Cyd Fleckenstein, to her right and past board president and current building committee member, Nancy Cochrane, to her left, surrounded by other Heartland Board & Committee Members, staff, South Sioux City Area Chamber & Siouxland Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, city officials and community members. The new building will allow Heartland to expand its mental health and substance abuse services in Siouxland.



SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart School and Parish recently broke ground on a \$6 million expansion project. Pictured from left: Sacred Heart parishioner Nick Roth and his son, Eldon, a Sacred Heart student); Sacred Heart School Principal Kate Connealy, The Rev. Terry Roder, Sacred Heart priest, and Ken Keaulieu, campaign committee member and parishioner. Plans for the school include adding classrooms, a new secured school entrance and office upgrades. Expansion for the church includes a new parish center with a community room, kitchen, meeting rooms, and other improvements.



Bruce Kalin HBA President Kalins Indoor Comfort

HOME REMODELING BOOM CONTINUES POST-PANDEMIC

With increased home values, a growing number of home owners are flush with home equity and are eager to re-invest in home improvements. The recent

pandemic sparked a demand for remodeling projects (e.g., home offices, gyms and outdoor living spaces) and those trends have continued.

"Extended time at home meant home owners focused on projects that may have otherwise been put off," said Kurt Clason, the 2022 National Home Builders Association (NAHB) Remodelers Chair. "Many decided to stay in their homes longer, seeking out aging-in-place or universal design projects. As a result, our industry has not just survived the pandemic, but it has thrived."

Quarterly surveys conducted by NAHB throughout the past year confirm that as home prices and interest rates rise, prospective buyers are increasingly losing steam with their home search and opting to stay put. Luckily, with recent advancements in building products and techniques, it's never been easier for home owners to infuse new life into an existing property.

And not all remodeling projects are as intensive and visible as renovating a full kitchen or bathroom.

Sometimes, the smaller upgrades can make a big impact – especially those that make your home "smarter," for example:

Smart Security

The options for smart-home security systems are perhaps more plentiful than in any other category of home technology. Home owners now can easily monitor nearly every inch of their home, and that includes the garage: Several garage door opener manufactures have created dual-purpose openers that feature built-in cameras and two-way audio communication. This improves security in what is often an overlooked space of the home. And some models integrate with Amazon Key for convenient and secure in-garage deliveries.

Smart Plumbing

Water damage can be a home owner's worst nightmare. Failed plumbing can happen at any time and often with little or no warning. Even in existing homes that are relatively new, having an integrated water monitoring system will provide significant peace of mind. Some of the latest — and relatively inexpensive — plumbing products will send ultrasonic sound waves through a home's main water line to measure water

flow. If potential problems are detected, alerts will be immediately sent to the home owner. Customizable features can also be set to automatically shut off the main water line, if desired.

Smart Lighting

One of the more crowd-pleasing features of a smart home is one that is affordable and easy to install: automated illumination. But lighting isn't just about bulbs, cans, fixtures and blinds. There are other "behind-the-scenes" smart devices such as dimmers, switches and receptacles that can be installed quickly to enhance devices in any room of the home. The key is to determine early on which technology platform you prefer, ensuring optimal compatibility among your devices and minimizing the need to install additional bubs.

With a seemingly endless variety of new smart-home products to choose from, it's important to define your preferences and priorities before you begin. Your best bet is to enlist the expertise of a professional remodeler who can help walk you through the process.

To find a professional remodeler in the Siouxland area, visit www.siouxlandhba.com/members

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PREMIER GLAZERS

Premier Glazer's Beer & Beverage recently unveiled its White Claw bar at the Tyson Events Center. Pictured from left: Bill Christensen, general manager of Premier Glazer's; Meghan Carannante, Tyson Events Center; and Daniel Callahan, district sales manager. The White Claw bar was added to the Tyson's south concourse in February 2020. The bar space offers beverage favorites including a variety of White Claw flavors, White Claw cocktails, and other domestic offerings.



MARTO

Marto Brewing recently unveiled its Marto Bar at the Tyson Events Center. Pictured are Erik Martin, founder and head brewer, and the Tyson's Meghan Carannante. The Marto Bar was added to the Tyson's north concourse in March of 2021. The bar serves local Marto brews, including the Musketeers Golden Ale during events.



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WINNAVEGAS

WinnaVegas recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. Pictured from left: Michael Michaud, general manager; Brian Chamberlain, vice-dhairman; Kenny Mallory, tribal council member; and James Louis Larose, former tribal council member. Since opening in April 1992, the property has employed hundreds of regional residents, paid more than \$311 million in wages, paid over \$270 million to local vendors for products/services, and donated more than \$5.7 million in the community.



POWELL BROADCASTING

Powell Broadcasting celebrated 95 years of being on the airwaves with a ribbon cutting followed by a celebration held at Country Celebrations. Pictured are general manager Dennis Bullock and COO Robert Bond. KSCJ was founded on April 4, 1927 by the Sioux City Journal. The radio station at 1360 AM and 94.9 FM, provides local news, weather and sports. The station broadcast dozens of high school football and basketball games each year, and have exclusive local radio rights to the Sioux City Explorers, Iowa Hawkeyes football and basketball and Kansas City Chiefs.

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J LIND CONSTRUCTION

The Siouxland Chamber recently welcomed J Lind Construction, LLC as a new member and celebrated the launch of its business. Pictured in front from left: Owners Angie Rojas-Lindsey and Justin Lindsey. In the back: Melissa Bishop, Omar Crawford, Macquire Hodges and Austin Shanks. J Lind's goal is to supply quality construction to a community with a growing need in both residential and commercial markets.



SBL NUTRITION

The Siouxland Chamber recently welcomed SBL Nutrition as a new member. Pictured are owners, Matt and Brianna Craft, center, with daughters Aryanna and Aaliyah and SBL Nutrition staff, Jenna Meyer, Katie Sale and Makayla Grote. SBL Nutrition offers on-the-go protein packed shakes and energizing teas, as well as health coaching. Stop by their store at 503 1st St. in Sergeant Bluff and check out their Facebook page to learn more.



895 Cottonwood Lane



New strip center under construction next to the Holiday Inn Express in Dakota Dunes. Located at I-29 Exit 1, featuring five 1950 sf suites including an end cap with drive up window! The other end cap suite is designed exclusively for a 5,040 sf restaurant. The property owner is willing to discuss a partnership with a restaurant owner/operator. Call for more details!

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- Summit Carbon Solutions will help its ethanol plant partners **lower their** carbon emissions and compete in fuel markets across the country.
- Opening these new marketplaces will maintain strong land values and commodity prices, while improving the long-term economic outlook for ethanol producers and lowa landowners.
- This project will support local businesses, suppliers, and workers to provide a meaningful, ongoing boost to the economy of local communities.
- Summit Carbon Solutions will create thousands of high-quality jobs during construction and hundreds of full-time jobs once operational.



'Summit Carbon Solutions will open new economic opportunities for ethanol producers here in lowa and beyond. That's critical not just for the ethanol industry, but for lowa corn growers who continue to sell more than half of their crops to ethanol plants. I support this project because it will enhance the financial bottom lines of farmers today and in the years to come."

Kelly Nieuwenhuis, Farmer, Northwest Iowa

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