

DETAILS OF TOUR

“Oh, the Places You’ll See!”

An upclose, hands-on tour of unique places in Sioux Center!

Saturday, September 23, 2017

9:00am-12:30pm

Dean Holdings Classic Cars

2856 St. Andrews Way

Tours @ 9:00, 10:00, 11:00

2856 St. Andrews Way is home to a rare 48-car collection owned by Jim Dean. This Sioux Center secret includes cars from the 1920s to the 2016 high performance Corvette with 650 horsepower. The inside is decorated with neon and porcelain signs that are mostly originals from the 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s. A couple of the cars you’ll see are an Orange 1955 Corvette, one of only 700 produced that year, and a 1970 Boss 429 Mustang, one of only 500 produced. Both cars have less than 25,000 original miles. Dean also has a 1954 Kaiser Darrin, designed by Dutch Darrin. Only 420 cars were produced before the company went out of business.

This collection is a blast from the past and a time capsule of automotive history, with something that will fascinate almost all ages.

First Reformed Church of Sioux Center Parsonage

1164 1st Ave SE

The parsonage of First Reformed Church was built in 1964 and was first occupied by the Rev. Harry Brower family. In 1999 the First Reformed congregation approved the building of a family life center and the parsonage was moved to its present location, two blocks south of church. Since it was built in '64 seven pastors and their families have lived in that home. Rev. Travis and Juliana Else with their children Ian, Sophie, Annie, Isaiah and their puppy, Harper currently call 1164 1st Avenue SE home. Many inside changes have been made in the last few years, with the kitchen and basement updated this past year. The Else’s invite you to stop anytime the morning of Sept. 23 between 9:00-12:30 to see the house. They are grateful for the opportunity to share it with the community.

Smithfield Brand Foods

251 15th St. NE

Tours @ 9:30, 10:30, 11:30

Be sure to pick-up your package of free bacon at the end of the tour!

You've probably noticed the bacon smell on the north end of town. Each year Sioux Center's Smithfield plant supplies 23 million pounds of bacon to grocery stores and restaurants across the U.S. and Canada. It is one of the largest single site employers in Sioux Center, with 436 employees working three shifts, six days a week.

In 2014 the Sioux Center Smithfield plant earned the President's Award for Occupational Safety, and recently completed a run of four million man-hours with no employee injuries. They rank first of the company's 44 plants for environmental sustainability, having reduced water use by 2.5 million gallons, reduced energy use, and become a landfill-free facility last year, resulting in receiving the President's Award for Environmental Management. The success is due largely in part to a dedicated and dependable workforce, says Plant manager Nathan Frens. You'll have an opportunity to see how they make all this happen as you tour their Sioux Center facility.

Dordt College Organ, BJ Haan Auditorium

498 4th Ave NE

Demonstration @ 9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00

Dordt College is home to a magnificent three-manual tracker-action organ built by Casavant Freres in 1979. For almost 40 years, this organ has served the college and its students, campus and area communities, and guest artists.

It has been called "one of the best kept secrets of the Midwest. The organ serves three main purposes: pedagogy (the teaching of students), performance (concerts) and worship. In the decades since it was dedicated on September 1, 1979, this fine instrument has splendidly served its many purposes. The motto inscribed in the gold leaf above the keyboard proclaims: "Praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary with the sound of trumpet, psaltery, harp, stringed instruments and organs. Psalm 150."

Some of the world's greatest organists have performed on this instrument - and now you have an opportunity to see it "up close and personal" on the "Oh, the Places You'll See" tour. Mary Lou Wielenga, Director of Keyboard Studies, and organ scholarship winners will demonstrate the unique sounds of the organ on Saturday morning, Sept. 23 at 9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15 and 12:00.