

SPRINGVILLE NEWS

From the City Clerk's Office

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Springville Tractor Pull—2025

American Legion Auxiliary

August 6 - 6:00 PM

Springville Legion

Legion Dinner/Mtg

August 13 - 6:30 PM

Springville Legion

Library Board

August 12 - 6:30 PM

Springville Memorial Library

P & Z Meeting

August 12 - 6:45 PM

City Hall

School Board

August 19 - 7:00 PM

Springville High School

Council Meeting

August 3 - 6:00 PM

August 17 - 6:00 PM

City Hall

Historical Society

August 11 - 6:30 PM

Parks

August 13 - 6:00 PM

City Hall

CITY HALL LOBBY HOURS

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday - Thursday

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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11:00am-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:30pm

Mon-Friday

10:00am-11am Saturday

Dee's Desk

What's happening around town...from my desk to yours.

"A community isn't measured by the problems it faces, but by the people who quietly show up to make it better."



Can you believe we're talking about back-to-school season?

It feels like we were just celebrating graduations, watching kids head off to summer activities, and looking forward to long evenings spent outside. Now the school supplies are filling the store shelves, schedules are getting busier, and before we know it, the first school bell will ring. Even though I don't have kids in school anymore, the start of a new school year has always felt like the unofficial end of summer. And somehow, fall always seems to

arrive faster than we're ready for.

While families are preparing for another school year, something else is happening all around town.

Our community organizations have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare for one of Springville's biggest traditions—Fun Days.

The Springville Tractor Pull Association has spent countless hours organizing events and preparing the grounds to welcome nearly 3,000 to 4,000 visitors. The Park Board has been thinking outside the box to create a fun Kid Zone where children can laugh, play, and make memories. The football team has been organizing its first Quarry Run. More vendors continue to sign up for the Vendor Fair. The Presbyterian Church is preparing its annual pancake breakfast, while our local churches are putting the finishing touches on their first Youth Group Parking Lot Party and Gospel in the Park. The Methodist Church, the Archery Club, and the Wrestling Program have all been purchasing supplies and organizing volunteers to operate the food stands during the tractor pull, bags tournament, and Saturday night's free concert and fireworks.

What many people don't see are the hundreds of volunteer hours that happen long before the first event begins. Meetings, planning, fundraising, shopping, setup, clean-up, recruiting volunteers, coordinating schedules, it all happens because people care deeply about this community.

Working at City Hall gives us a unique perspective. There are definitely days when our office is filled with difficult conversations. We hear frustrations about garbage service, neighborhood disputes, tall grass, nuisance complaints, and countless other challenges. Those conversations are simply part of serving a community.

But every once in a while, we need to step back and look at the bigger picture.

When we see neighbors volunteering their evenings and weekends, local organizations working together, businesses sponsoring events, and countless people giving their time simply because they love Springville, it reminds us what this community is really about. Those moments have a way of putting everything else into perspective. They remind us that the good truly does outweigh the bad.

As you enjoy Fun Days this year, I hope you'll take a moment to thank the volunteers you see. Better yet, remember there are many more volunteers and sponsors working behind the scenes who you won't see.

Fun Days doesn't happen because of one organization or one group of people. It happens because an entire community comes together with one shared goal: creating a weekend that everyone can enjoy.

That is something worth celebrating.

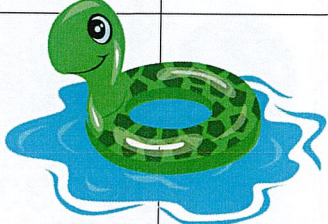
Have a safe, fun-filled weekend, and thank you to everyone who gives their time, talents, and heart to make Springville such a wonderful place to call home.

Until next month...

Be kind to one another and enjoy our little corner of Iowa.

-Dee, your City Clerk

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3  Recycling Week B City Council Mtg 6PM City Hall	4  National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day	5	6 6:00 PM @ Legion Auxiliary Mtg	7	8
9  National Book Lover Day	10  Recycling Week A	11	12 Library Board 6:30 PM @ Library	13 6:30 PM @ Legion Dinner Mtg Parks Mtg 6 PM City Hall	14	15  Water Bill Due
16	17  Recycling Week B City Council Mtg 6PM City Hall	18  Farmers Market & Food Truck	19 School Board Mtg 7:00PM	20	21	22  National Tooth Fairy Day
23	24  Recycling Week A	25	26	27  National Peach Day	28	29
30	31  Recycling Week B					

UPCOMING EVENTS

★ Mark Your Calendars ★

★ WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPRINGVILLE ★

Springville
HOMETOWN PRIDE
A KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

Springville's
MUSIC IN THE PARK

FEATURING LOW & AWAY
Local guys performing acoustic, electric & eclectic music featuring original songs and tasteful covers—country, folk, rock, and even a radio-friendly throwback or two.

SATURDAY AUGUST 22 **5:30 PM** **BUTLER PARK 400 ACADEMY ST.**

FOOD TRUCK ON SITE!
Sally's BROADWAY
PUT IN AN ORDER AT SALLY'S AND BRING YOUR FOOD TO THE PARK!

BRING YOUR CHAIRS, BLANKETS & DRINKS!
RELAX, ENJOY, SUPPORT LOCAL. LOVE SPRINGVILLE!

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SCTA
SPRINGVILLE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION

Let's keep Springville beautiful—together!

AutoPay Customers: Action Needed

The City of Springville is transitioning to a new utility billing software provider as we work to provide a more reliable and efficient billing experience for our residents.

If you currently pay your utility bill through AutoPay, a new Automatic Payment Authorization Form must be completed to continue automatic payments after the transition. Even if your banking information has not changed, we are required to obtain a new authorization for our new system.

If you have not already done so, please return your completed authorization form to City Hall ASAP, to help ensure there is no interruption in your automatic payments.

Customers may choose to have their payment withdrawn on:

- The 5th of each month (or the next business day)
- The 15th of each month (or the next business day)

AutoPay is available for **checking and savings accounts only**. If you choose to pay from a checking account, please remember to include a **voided check** with your completed authorization form.

We understand this requires a little extra effort, and we sincerely appreciate your cooperation during this transition. Our goal is to provide our residents with a utility billing system that is reliable, secure, and backed by a company we can trust.



If you have any questions or need another authorization form, please contact City Hall at **(319) 854-6428** or stop by during regular business hours. Thank you for helping us make this transition a smooth one!

★ *Cruise in* ★
FOR VETERANS
THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
4:30 PM ★ 8:00 PM
April through
OCTOBER

COME SHOW OFF YOUR RIDE.

HONORING OUR VETERANS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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SKOGMAN REALTY

★ 3RD ANNUAL ★
SPRINGVILLE PUMPKIN PALOOZA
WE NEED YOU!
OUR FAVORITE EVENT OF THE YEAR!
HELP MAKE IT THE BIGGEST YET!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HOST A TRICK OR TREAT BOOTH!
Be a part of a spooktacular community tradition! Hand out candy or prizes, bring your creativity, and help make memories for hundreds of kids and families!

PUMPKIN PALOOZA FUN INCLUDES:

- ✓ **PARADE OF COSTUMES**
Meet at Presbyterian Church Parking Lot at 5:30 PM!
- ✓ **TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL**
Around the scenic trail in Cox Park!
- ✓ **SPOOKY MAZE**
Created by our amazing City Staff!
- ✓ **TREATS, PRIZES & FUN**
For kids of all ages!

SIGN UP TODAY! SCAN HERE!

TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE IT A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

SIGN UP TODAY & HELP MAKE PUMPKIN PALOOZA THE BEST ONE YET!

DATE: OCTOBER 10TH | QUESTIONS? CALL CITY HALL 319-854-6428

SPRINGVILLE Fun Days

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

ECIPA Truck & Tractor Pull: 6:30 pm

STPA Park - Just W of the Elementary School, 162 JR Barnes Parkway

Admission: Adults \$20, Age 6 - 12 \$5, Age 5 & under free. Pit Passes: \$35 regardless of age
Spectator gates open at 4 pm. Pit gate opens at 3 pm.

9 ECIPA Classes:

9,500 lb 4.1 Limited Pro Stock Tractors
6,200 lb Super Modified 2wd Trucks
9,500 lb Hot Farm Tractors
8,500 lb 466 Limited Pro Stock Tractors
9,300 lb Super Farm Tractors
6,500 / 6,250 lb Light Limited Super Stock Tractors
8,000 lb 2.6 Pro Street Diesel Trucks
7,700 lb 360 Hot Stock Tractors
6,200 lb Super Stock 2wd Trucks

EXHIBITION FINALE: Steam Engine Light Show

Food & beverages available on-site.
Bring your lawn chair or blanket.
NO COOLERS PLEASE
FREE Parking

Hosted by the Springville Tractor Puller's Association (STPA)

Pull Info: Rick Evans 319-350-4421

Jeff Taylor 319-721-4550

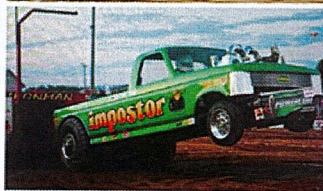
Mike Schultz 319-640-0241

SpringvilleTractorPull.com
or visit us on Facebook

STPA Animal Policy

For health and safety reasons, animals are not allowed on STPA grounds and at STPA Park, unless they are ADA Service Animals.

Thank you to all our sponsors!



Thank You To Our Gold Sponsors



Springville & Marion & Mt. Vernon Road Tire Company

Marion

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

8 am: Springville Extreme Quarry 6K Run/Walk
Presbyterian Church Parking Lot, 165 Broadway

This year due to scheduling conflicts, we are unable to use the Quarry, but we'll return to the quarry in 2027! This year's 6K run/walk will be through the town of Springville. Check-in 7 - 7:45 am. Online registration: raceroster.com/events/2026/118007/springville-extreme-quarry-runwalk-2026. Mail in registration and more info on facebook.com/SpringvilleExtremeQuarryRun



7:30 - 10 am: Pancake Breakfast
Presbyterian Church
165 Broadway
Includes sausage & drink.

10 am: Parade

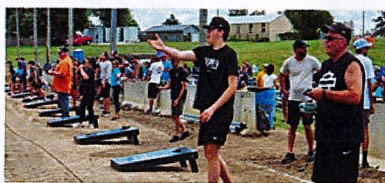
Line Up Starting at 9 am at Old Elementary School, 602 Mill Avenue

No registration needed. Parade route: Mill Ave east to Broadway, through downtown, west on 3rd Ave, and south on 5th Street.



10:30 am - 1 pm: Craft & Vendor Fair, Farmer's Market

400 Academy Street, In Front of the High School
Shop fresh food, handmade goods, & brand name vendors. Accepting vendors. Contact Sarah 319-210-9199



10:30 am: STPA Bags Tournament

10:30 am Adult Division, 1 pm: Kid's Division
STPA Park, 162 JR Barnes Parkway*

8:30 am check-in/registration and practice. Concessions & beer tent available on-site. Complete info including rules, entry fees, and registration form is at www.SpringvilleTractorPullers.com or contact Sarah Holub: sarahholub@aol.com or 319-360-6573.

TWO BOUNCE HOUSES!



FOAM CANNON FUN!



WATER GAMES!



10:30 am - 1 pm: Game Zone Activities
Butler Park, 400 Academy Street

\$5 wristband per person. We've added new activities for even more fun unlimited fun: foam house, water games, 2 bouncy houses Plus LOTS of opportunities to play and have fun! If your child plans to participate in the foam or water activities, please dress them in play clothes and consider bringing a towel. Food & beverages available on-site. Hosted by the Springville Parks Board.

11 am - 2 pm: 1st Annual Car Cruise

STPA Park, 162 JR Barnes PKWY*

Sponsored by Whittier Market

Cruise-in, view, & meet fellow enthusiasts. No cost, no awards, no pressure. Any automotive vehicle welcome. FREE to participants and spectators. Food onsite.



FREE CONCERT BOOT JACK BAND

6:30 - 11 pm: Live Outdoor Concert
STPA Park, 162 JR Barnes PKWY*

FREE admission. Bring your lawn chair or a blanket. Concessions and beer tent available on-site. NO COOLERS. Concert will break at dusk for a fireworks show.

STPA's Gold Sponsor



Springville & Marion



Dusk: Fireworks

162 JR Barnes Parkway

The Springville Tractor Pullers Association would like to thank the community for their support with a free fireworks show.

* STPS Park is west of Elementary School. Follow signs for free parking close to events.

STPA Animal Policy For health and safety reasons, animals are not allowed on STPA grounds & at STPA Park, unless they are ADA Service Animals.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

6 pm: Gospel Concert in the Gazebo at Butler Park

Bring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy live gospel music. FREE admission.

cityofspringville.us/pages/event
SpringvilleTractorPull.com
Just 8 miles NE of Marion on Highway 151

YOUTH GROUP PARKING LOT PARTY!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

6-9 PM

FOR 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

FREE ADMISSION,
FOOD AND GAMES!

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PARKING LOT
ON BROADWAY ST.

CRAFT & Vendor Fair

FARMER'S MARKET

DURING THE KID ZONE!

ON ACADEMY STREET
IN FRONT OF THE
HIGH SCHOOL
During the Kid Zone

Vendors & Crafters
STILL WELCOME!

CONTACT SARAH
319-210-9199

to register
your booth!

SPRINGVILLE FUN

KID ZONE at Springville Fun Days!

..... SATURDAY • BUTLER PARK
..... 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

NEW THIS YEAR!

TWO
BOUNCE HOUSES!



DOUBLE
THE FUN!

FOAM
CANNON FUN!



TONS OF
FOAM!

WATER
GAMES!



SPLASH,
SOAK &
PLAY!

PLEASE DRESS
FOR FUN!

If your child plans to participate in the foam
or water activities, please dress them in:



PLAY CLOTHES



CLOTHES THAT
CAN GET WET



WATER-FRIENDLY
SHOES
(RECOMMENDED)



BRING A TOWEL
IF YOU'D LIKE!

Come cool off, burn some energy, and enjoy an afternoon of
laughter, foam, and FUN at Springville Fun Days!

..... Activities subject to weather conditions.

SPRINGVILLE TRACTOR & TRACTOR PULL

★ FRIDAY ★
AT 6:30PM

STEAM ENGINE LIGHT SHOW FINALE!

★ HOSTED BY ★
STPA

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7:00 – 10:00 AM

• PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH •
PARKING LOT

Breakfast includes: PANCAKES, SAUSAGE & A DRINK



PARADE

10:00 AM

LINE UP STARTS AT
OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(602 MILL AVE)

Everyone Welcome!

DAYS 2026

★ SATURDAY ★ SPRINGVILLE

★ FUN DAYS ★

CORNHOLE ★ TOURNAMENT

SIGN UP & MORE INFO
AT THE TRACTOR PULL SITE

FREE CONCERT

★ BOOT JACK BAND ★

FIREWORKS ★ AT DUSK! ★

ALL EVENTS AT THE TRACTOR PULL SITE

SPRINGVILLE EXTREME QUARRY 6K RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

NEW ROUTE FOR 2026!

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Wedding Quarry will not be available for this year's event. Participants will enjoy an alternate 6K course through Springville.

The Quarry Run will return to the quarry in 2027!



RUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Proceeds from the Springville Extreme Quarry 6K support the Springville Community Football Fund, helping provide registration assistance and equipment for students in grades 7-12.



6K RUN/WALK
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8, 2026



CHECK-IN:
7:00 – 7:45 A.M.



RACE STARTS:
8:00 A.M.



DOWNTOWN
SPRINGVILLE



CHIP-TIMED EVENT!

Race bib included
with your entry.



Bib (race number)
and entry into a
chip timed event
(\$5.00 charge for
uncaptured chips)



Fun time
running/walking
with family
and friends



Prizes to be awarded
for overall male and
female winners as well
as top 3 in each
age group



The run will be
held rain or shine.
In the event of
inclement weather,
it will be at the
quarry manager's
discretion.



Traveling trophy
for school teams
winner as well as
overall winner

WHAT DO I RECEIVE FOR MY ENTRY?

HOW DO I REGISTER?



REGISTER ONLINE

Scan the QR code or visit:
bit.ly/SpringvilleQuarryRun



MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

Complete the form on the back of this flyer
and mail with payment to:
Springville Booster Club
PO Box 250
505 Heather Lane
Springville, IA 52336



SCAN ME!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ Chip-timed event
- ✓ Race bib included
- ✓ Awards for overall and age division winners
- ✓ Traveling trophy for school team champion
- ✓ Rain or shine event
- ✓ No strollers or pets allowed
- ✓ Participants must be 10 years of age or older on race day



QUESTIONS?

Email us at:
springville.booster.club@gmail.com



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY!



SPRINGVILLE SUNDAY

Gospel IN THE Gazebo

★ 6PM ★
EVERYONE WELCOME!

♥ FAITH • MUSIC • COMMUNITY ✝

★ A BEAUTIFUL EVENING OF PRAISE
IN THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY! ★



A STROLL THROUGH THE HIS

Boxwells lived on Springville's South Side, 1920s to 1950s

Readers have reported two South Side locations for Charlie and Mae Boxwell. One was on the northeast corner of High Avenue and Fifth Street, now a vacant lot. The other, 312 High Ave., is Dennis and Susan Denny's address, the northeast corner of High Avenue and Fourth Street.

The abstract for 312 High Ave. shows that Mae Wiles Boxwell inherited this property, with a house that is no longer standing, from her uncle, Daniel W. Shellhammer. At 92, he died May 27, 1928. Boxwells had come to Springville at least three years before his death.

They were in Dunkerton July 22, 1923, for son William Orville's birth. On May 10, 1925, Bertha was born in Springville. Others were Margaret, born in 1913; Eunice, 1915; and Dorothy, 1921.

Behind (north of) the Boxwell home was a barn that housed several milk goats, plus two small mules that hauled coal, gravel, and other material. Charlie did various odd jobs. Dave Kelley of Springville said the family drank goat milk, but he thought they did not sell it to customers.



Charlie Boxwell Jr. and Mae Wiles Boxwell, married June 2, 1912, in Springville. Photo was probably taken in the 1940s.

Charlie's goats grazed in ditches

Springville residents of a certain age might recall Charlie's goats tethered to graze in ditches. Goats could be seen in front of the Butler farm south of Springville, and along the highway west of town (151 was two lanes then, with much lighter traffic).

Three Boxwell girls graduated from Springville High School – Margaret in 1931; Eunice, 1935; and Dorothy, 1939. Margaret, first to marry, became Mrs. John E. Wilcox in 1936. In the 1940 census, only Bill and Bertha were at home. During World War II, Bill was in the Navy.

On March 30, 1950, Mae Boxwell was granted a divorce. She received the family home, and \$15 per week alimony. Charlie had to pay court costs, including \$100 for Mae's attorney. Reason for the divorce is unknown.

Charlie and Mae eventually moved to Monticello. They apparently remarried, as their names, followed by "*wife and husband*," appear on a Sept. 30, 1966, warranty deed for sale of the 312 High Avenue property. The buyer was Carl Denny, father of Dennis.

Charlie Boxwell, 77, died in February 1968. Mae died at 86 in November 1973. They are buried side by side in Monticello's Oakwood Cemetery. In Springville, memories of Charlie and his goats live on.

(Thanks to the Rev. Anna Mae Peck and Dennis & Susan Denny for research help.)



Charlie Boxwell's kid (baby goat) with Karen Safley.

(Photo by Emma Safley)

Boxwell brothers were Colorado natives

Charles Lennox Boxwell Jr. was born in Colorado Dec. 29, 1890. His Iowa-born father, Charles L. Boxwell Sr., headed west from the Linn Grove area at age 31 for his health. In Colorado Springs, he met Mary Hole, a native of England. They married Nov. 18, 1885.

The couple moved to La Junta, Otero County, where sons William and Charles Jr. were born. Both parents died of pneumonia in March 1900, orphaning their boys at 12 and 9. Later that year, the brothers moved to Iowa. They lived at Linn Grove with their widowed grandmother, Elizabeth Huston Boxwell, a native of Scotland.

Charlie's brother, William Huston Boxwell, was born May 5, 1887. He married Lueretta Amy Eldred (Steve Eldred's great aunt) in 1908. Their children were Carmen (Mrs. Harold Palmer), Willard, Lloyd, and Lolen. William died Dec. 22, 1918, in the flu epidemic. He never saw his youngest son, Lolen, born July 6, 1919.

ISTORY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA

In 1838, Crow and Kelley families came to Brown Township

Eighteen decades have passed since the first two families settled in Brown Township. On April 10, 1838, John Crow, 46; his second wife, Docia, 42; and six of John's children arrived. Samuel and Jane Kelley, in their twenties with two little ones, also arrived that spring – exact date unknown.

JOHN CROW was born in Orange County, N. C. He and Mary Millis were married June 20, 1815, in Indiana (also Orange County). In 1834, they and their eight children moved to Illinois, living briefly in Chicago, Joliet, and Geneva. Mary, 42, died Jan. 9, 1836. The next year, her two oldest children, Edward and Garrison, went to Iowa.

John married Docia Hill before they moved to Iowa. He was in Brown Township only three years, and was a justice of the peace. At 49, he died March 31, 1841, and was buried in Wilcox Cemetery near Viola. In 1850, Docia was living in Jones County with a stepdaughter.

Of the Crow siblings, Wesley moved to Wisconsin; Nelson, Minnesota; and Garrison and his sister Polly (Mrs. Charles White), California. Edward, Hester, Nancy and John Crow Jr. stayed in Linn or Jones counties, Iowa. (Hester and Nancy married brothers, Julius and Truman Peet.)

SAMUEL KELLEY was born Oct. 1, 1813, probably in Champaign County, Ohio. He married Jane Gillilan about 1834 in Ohio. She was a native of Greenbrier County, W. Va. Their first child, Margaret, was born in Ohio; the second, William, in Indiana.

Eleven more children, including twin boys, were born in Iowa. (Only three of the 13 children were girls.) In 1843, Samuel served on a committee to organize the Democratic Party in Brown Township. Horace Brown and Isaac Butler were among other members.

The Kelley farm was along Big Wood Road, which ran through Viola from northeast to southwest. After about 16 years in Linn County, Samuel and Jane moved in 1854 to Cass Township, Jones County. Their two youngest, George and Liona, were born there.

The Kelleys were still in Jones County for the 1870 census. Sometime after that, Samuel (with Jane?) went to Glidden in Carroll County. At 65, Samuel died there April 30, 1879. His obituary said nine children survived him, but didn't mention Jane, although she was living.

In 1880, Jane was 65 and residing with her bachelor son Ansel in Buchanan County. The census listed her as insane, but her occupation as keeping house.

Five years later, the census found Jane and Ansel Kelley in Union Township, Crawford County. (Ansel's twin, Hansel, had died at 7.) Jane died between 1885 and 1900. Ansel Kelley was last heard of in 1900, living in Monona County.

(Thanks to the Rev. Anna Mae Peck for research assistance)



The pioneers of Brown Township lived in log cabins similar to this one. It belonged to Barney and Betsy McShane, who came from Pennsylvania in the early 1850s. They were the great-grandparents of the late Aubrey McShane, who died at 101.

Photo from 1911 Linn County History, copied by Wes Bender

TWO CROW BROTHERS married three Lane sisters. Wesley Crow's wife was Fanny Lane. Nelson Crow married Eliza Lane, and (after a divorce) her sister Amanda. Father of the brides was Hiram Lane, son of Tamar Brown and her first husband. Hiram was a stepson of Tamar's third husband, Revolutionary War veteran Nathan Brown, and a half brother of Horace N. Brown. (And you thought *modern* families were complicated!)



FROM THE STACKS

News from the Springville Memorial Library

Senior Dining & Fellowship

Looking for a delicious meal and great company? Join **SANSI** and the **Springville Memorial Library** for this month's **Senior Meal & Activity** on **Wednesday, August 19**.

A home-style lunch will be served beginning at **11:00 a.m.**, followed by an enjoyable activity and plenty of time to visit with friends. It's a wonderful opportunity to share a meal, make new connections, and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun.

Reservations are required by Friday, August 14.

To reserve your seat, please call:

- **Springville Memorial Library:** 319-854-6444
- **SANSI:** 319-854-6100

We look forward to seeing you for good food, good friends, and a great afternoon!



LIBRARY PROGRAMS



KNITTERS—Aug 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 1:00 *Work on your project and chat.*

STORY TIME—Aug 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 10:30 *Hear a story, sing songs and do a craft.*



The Springville Memorial Library

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Hours of Operation

Mon-Wed: 11:00 - 6:00

Thursday: 10:00 - 8:00

Friday: 11:00 - 5:00

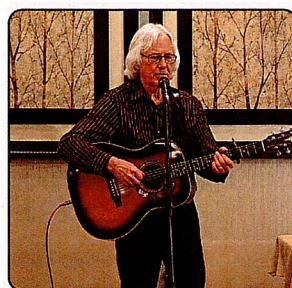
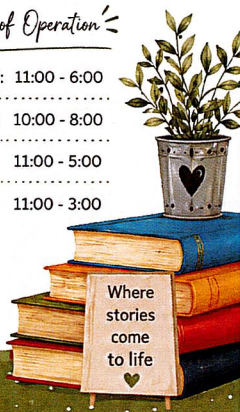
Saturday: 11:00 - 3:00

Director of Library Services: Linda Eldred

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SATURDAY
AUGUST 29TH



1:00 PM



LIVE MUSIC
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NEW ON OUR SHELVES



Juvenile Graphic

Finn Fallon: The Boy Who Falls into Adventure by Any Ways Studio

Diary of a Famous Cat by Di Alber

Sprinkles and Unicorn: Surprise Visit by Di Alber

Adult Non Fiction

Dyslexia Unlocked by Natalie Brooks

How to Grow Medicinal Herbs by Vanessa Minton

It Could Have Been Her by Lisa Jewell

Adult Fiction

A Catered PTA Murder by Isis Crawford

The Country Road Murders by James Patterson

Daughters of the Sun and Moon by Lisa See

The Final Target by Nora Roberts

Heather by Caitlin Mullen

Mad Mabel by Sally Hepworth

Not What It Seems by Lisa Jackson

A Pair of Aces by Marie Benedic

The Rainy Day Bookshop by RaeAnne Thayne

Ransom by Daniel Silva

Revenge Prey by John Sanford

A River Red with Blood by John Connolly

Weddings by Danielle Steel (Large Print)

Whistler by Ann Patchett



Live Music at the
LIBRARY!

Jeff Schmidt

and Friends



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12TH



1:00 PM



LIVE MUSIC
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Plant a Seed, Read... and Celebrate!

Celebrating a summer of stories, imagination, and growth!

The Springville Memorial Library is wrapping up another wonderful **"Plant a Seed, Read"** Summer Reading Program, and it's time to celebrate all the young readers who made this summer bloom!

Everyone who registered for this year's Summer Reading Program is invited to join us for our **Summer Reading Finale Party** on **Wednesday, August 5**, beginning at **2:30 p.m.**

The afternoon will be filled with fun as we celebrate a summer of reading with:

- * Fun Games
- * Snacks
- * Gift Bags for all registered participants

Thank you to everyone who spent the summer reading, creating, learning, and growing with us. We can't wait to celebrate another fantastic summer and all the memories we've made together!

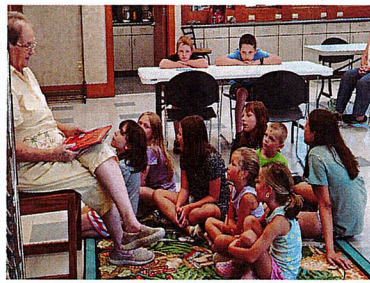
- * **Summer Reading Finale Party**
- * **Wednesday, August 5**
- * **2:30 p.m.**
- * **Springville Memorial Library**



Summer has been full of fresh discoveries in the library garden! Throughout the season, the kids have been learning where their food comes from by planting, tending, harvesting, and—best of all—tasting the vegetables they grew themselves.

So far this summer, they've harvested lettuce, kohlrabi, broccoli, snow peas, green onions, and potatoes. During a recent garden program, Miss Jenn and Miss Brittany helped the children gather the latest harvest. While everyone was excited to sample the fresh vegetables, the broccoli quickly became a favorite—especially with a little ranch dressing!

The fun didn't stop in the garden. The potato harvest was washed,



couraged creativity, curiosity, and a love of nature.

Each week began with Miss Linda bringing stories to life during story time, helping spark the children's imaginations and introducing the day's theme. From there, Miss Brittany guided the young participants through engaging activities that connected reading with hands-on learning.

From creating beautiful nature-inspired artwork using items found outdoors to making seed bombs that will one day bloom into colorful flowers, each program gave kids the opportunity to learn while getting their hands a little dirty. One favorite activity was planting and decorating their own succulents, giving each child a special reminder that, just like a good book, a little care and attention can help something wonderful grow.



Whether they were listening to stories, creating nature-inspired crafts, planting seeds, or exploring the outdoors, every Wednesday afternoon was filled with laughter, learning, and new friendships. Through the dedication of Miss Linda and Miss Brittany, the library's summer programs helped children discover that books can inspire creativity, curiosity, and a life-long love of learning—one story, one seed, and one smile at a time.

sliced, and cooked into delicious homemade French fries, giving the kids the chance to enjoy the vegetables they worked so hard to grow.

The library's garden has become much more than a place to grow



vegetables—it's a place where children grow curiosity, confidence, and a love for learning, one harvest at a time.



ORIOLE NEWS



SPRINGVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BREAKS

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



LABOR DAY

No School

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2026



THANKSGIVING BREAK

No School

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 25-27, 2026



HOLIDAY BREAK

No School

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
DECEMBER 23-31, 2026



NEW YEAR'S DAY

No School

FRIDAY
JANUARY 1, 2027



SPRING BREAK

No School

MONDAY-FRIDAY
MARCH 15-19, 2027



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2027



TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

No School for Students

SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
Professional Development Day

JANUARY 18, 2027
Professional Development Day

MARCH 29, 2027
Professional Development Day



EARLY DISMISSAL REMINDER

Early dismissal on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.

1:55 PM
ELEMENTARY

2:00 PM
SECONDARY



Support student success by **reducing absences** and **planning ahead** for time off.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR

students and schools!

Back-to-School Supply Lists

The first day of school will be here before we know it! Now is a great time to start gathering school supplies so your students are ready for a successful year.

Springville Community School District has posted the official **2026-2027 School Supply Lists** online for all grade levels.

Elementary School Supply List:

See the complete list here:

https://springville.k12.ia.us/files/20262027_elementary_school_supply_list_72270.pdf

Middle School & High School Supply List:

See the complete list here:

https://springville.k12.ia.us/files/202627_mshs_school_supply_list_37489.pdf

We hope everyone enjoys the final weeks of summer break and wish all of our students, teachers, staff, and families a wonderful start to the new school year.

Go Orioles!



Springville Orioles
Student-Athlete Registration

EASY AS 1-2-3

OUND

1

Scan the QR Code or go to the link below and click the **Registration** tab
<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/springville>



2

Login or click 'Create Your Account Now'

3

Click 'Add a Student' and then search for your student. Verify the information and click 'Connect to My Student'.

Add a Student

For assistance, contact Bound with the green chat bubble!

Connect to My Student

IN-PERSON/ONLINE

School REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH
1:00PM TO 6:00PM

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

For PK-12, all preschool students, incoming kindergartners, and any student new to the district.

Held in the
Elementary School Commons

We can't wait to see you!

ONLINE REGISTRATION

For returning students, registration will be available through **PowerSchool**.

The Gazette's 2026 Female Athlete of the Year:
Rowan Jacobi of Springville



Full name: Rowan Renae Jacobi
School: Springville
Date of birth: Nov. 4, 2007
Family: Parents, Tyson and Michelle Jacobi; brother, Reece.

High school accomplishments: The Class 1A player of the year as a senior in both volleyball and basketball. A three-time first-team all-state basketball player, she ranks 19th all-time statewide in scoring (2,103 points, including 660 as a senior) and 12th in rebounds (1,150). Holds school records in volleyball in career kills (1,290) and kills in a season. A 4-time state qualifier in track and field, and an eight-time place winner. As a senior, she was third in the 100-meter hurdles, fourth in the high jump, fifth in the shuttle hurdle relay.

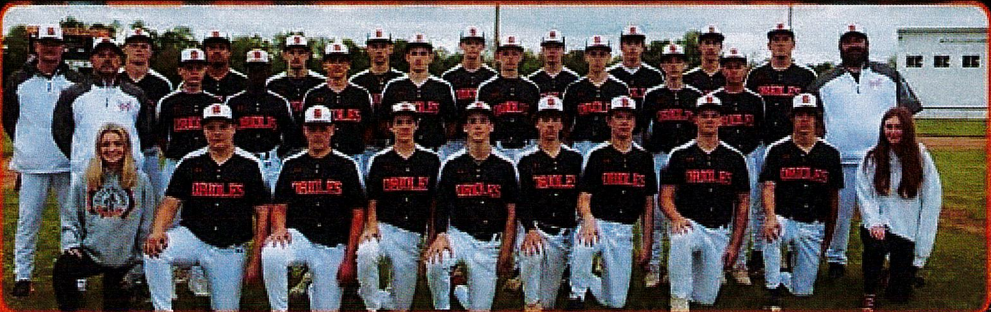
College: Will play basketball at the University of South Dakota. Plans to major in exercise science.

Athlete Of The Year 2026, The girls
Nine staffers from the sports and photo departments participated in the voting; points were tabulated on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis. First-place votes in parentheses.

- THE TOP FIVE
1. Rowan Jacobi, Springville (6) 40
 2. Averie Lower, Clear Creek Amana (3) 39
 3. Lily Belle Barker, Cedar Rapids Washington 15
 4. Reese Naeve, Iowa City Regina 13
 5. Jovi Evans, Mid-Prairie 10



CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL TEAMS
ON THEIR SEASONS!



Thank you for your
hard work, dedication,
and for representing
Springville Schools
with pride!

#ORIOLE
NATION

City Council Regular Meeting

July 6, 2026

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Treva Davis, Cindy Kilburg, Karla Blakely, Drew Mollenhauer and Jeff Baych. City staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Joe Horaney with the Linn County Solid Waste Agency and Tom Miller were also in attendance.

Baych made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Davis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Davis made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items; June 15, 2026, meeting minutes, claims, Springville Food & Gas Tobacco Permit, American Legion's Class C Liquor License, and STPA Class C Alcohol License, seconded by Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, Public Works Report, and Clerk Report. Mayor Pearson let the council know that the IDOT will be mowing the properties that they have purchased every two weeks. He would also like to start posting the agenda on our social media, email and text out a link. He is hopeful that this will get more people involved. He would also like to donate half of his pay to implement a program that he saw in Wisconsin. He handed council a flyer and will work on getting this program started. Council person Baych thought that the fireworks went pretty well this year. He also talked to the fire department about equipment for accidents involving electric vehicles. They only have blankets, but the equipment needed would be around \$1,000.

Mayor Pearson invited citizens with input to speak. There being no public comments, Mayor Pearson moved to business.

Joe Horaney with the Linn County Solid Waste Agency gave an annual report to council. He talked about all the services that they are providing and the landfill capacity. This is an ongoing issue.

Kyle Martin was unable to join the council, so they will talk about space needs study at the next council meeting when Kyle can be present.

The council reviewed the library wages that were presented by the library board. The board voted to give the library employees a 7% annual increase. They also discussed a recommendation from the council and mayor who did the employee reviews this year. In the mayor's research it was found that Wyman is below the average of other local communities for the position. They recommended giving him a market adjustment of \$1.92 per hour to align his salary to local communities. Davis made a motion to adopt Resolution 81-2026 to approve the library wages and an increase to Wyman's salary, seconded by Blakely. RCV: AYES: Baych, Mollenhauer, Blakely, Davis. Kilburg abstained. **RESOLUTION 81-2026 adopted.**

The council discussed the possibility of adding a longevity policy to the current employee handbook. They were provided with several different scenarios to look through. They would like more time to review these.

The council discussed adding an employee leave donation policy to the current employee handbook. Mollenhauer will get Marion's policy to Wagaman. The council will look at this at their next council meeting. It was discussed at this time whether the council is planning to add a couple of policies to the employee handbook so that it might be time to review the

handbook in its entirety. The last revision was done 2015.

Wagaman presented to the council the desire to get new city credit cards. She has made several attempts to make staff changes to the cards and has not been successful. The higher limit that the mayors used to have is no longer available for use and Wagaman's city card does not have a large enough spending authority to handle booking hotels, training, and purchases. Mayor will meet with Tyson to see what he can get set up.

The council, mayor and staff discussed a few things that came out of their reviews. Wagaman would appreciate topics for the upcoming agendas. She would like to have things on there that they would like to discuss, rather than her trying to think of things for them. They also talked about communication. Mayor feels that it is the council's responsibility to defend their policies, not the staff. He would like to come up with a solution so that him and possibly another council member could be tagged in on certain situations. No solution at this time.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, July 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Davis moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Council Meeting

July 20, 2026

Cancelled

City Council Virtual Meeting

July 22, 2026

The Springville City Council met in a rescheduled session on July 22, 2026. The regular city council meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Council members present: Karla Blakely, Drew Mollenhauer, Treva Davis, and Cindy Kilburg. Jeff Baych was absent. City staff present: City Clerk Dee Wagaman.

Blakely made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

Blakely made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items; July 6, 2026, meeting minutes, and claims, seconded by Davis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Blakely made a motion to adopt Resolution 82-2026 to approve the temporary closing for the annual Fun Days Parade, seconded by Davis. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Mollenhauer, Davis, Kilburg. ABSENT: Baych. **RESOLUTION 82-2026 adopted.**

Davis made a motion to adopt Resolution 83-2026 to close the yard waste site in preparation for the annual Tractor Pull, seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Mollenhauer, Davis, Kilburg. ABSENT: Baych. **RESOLUTION 83-2026 adopted.**

Kilburg made a motion to adopt Resolution 84-2026 to close Academy Street for the annual Fun Days, seconded by Blakely. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Mollenhauer, Davis, Kilburg. ABSENT: Baych. **RESOLUTION 84-2026 adopted.**

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, August 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Blakey moved to adjourn at 3:04 p.m., seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Beware of Scam Text Messages

We have recently become aware that residents have been receiving fraudulent text messages claiming to be from the City. These messages may ask you to complete a survey, provide personal information, or click on a suspicious link.

The City of Springville will never send surveys or requests for personal information through text messages.

If we are conducting a survey or requesting public input, the information will always be shared through one or more of our official communication channels:

- The City of Springville website
- The City of Springville Facebook page
- The *Springville News* newsletter

If you receive a text message claiming to be from the City and you cannot find the same information in one of these official locations, do not click on any links or provide any personal information. Delete the message and disregard it.

If you are ever unsure whether a message is legitimate, please contact City Hall before responding. We are always happy to verify whether a communication is officially from the City.

Thank you for helping us keep our community informed and protected from scams.

KIDS YOUTH GROUP
AT SPRINGVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

165 BROADWAY ST. SPRINGVILLE, IA | EVERY THURSDAY | 6:00-8:00 PM | GRADES K-6

Faith, Friends & Fun! ♥ ALL KIDS WELCOME!

Community YOUTH Group
7TH-12TH Grades

AT SPRINGVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
169 BROADWAY ST SPRINGVILLE, IA

Join us! EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 6:30PM

FREE Dinner 6:30-7PM | Fellowship | Devotion 7-8PM | Activities

FUN. FAITH. FRIENDS. ♥ You belong here!

COMMUNITY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Faith. Fellowship. Community.

All are welcome in Springville!



ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

- ⌚ **MASS:** Thursday • 8:00 a.m.
- ✝ **RECONCILIATION:** Thursday • 8:45 a.m.
- 👤 **SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER:** Cindy Kellerman
- 📞 **PHONE:** 319-854-6141
- ✉ **EMAIL:** C.Kellerman@dbqarch.org
- 🏠 **OFFICE HOURS:** Wed & Thurs • 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

- ⌚ **SERVICE TIME:** Sunday • 9:30 a.m.
- 👤 **PASTOR:** Neil Manternach
- 📞 **PHONE:** 563-235-7519
- ✉ **PASTOR EMAIL:** pastorjoe.fcf@gmail.com
- ✉ **SECRETARY:** Judy Cummings
- ✉ **SECRETARY EMAIL:** judynross@yahoo.com



SPRINGVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

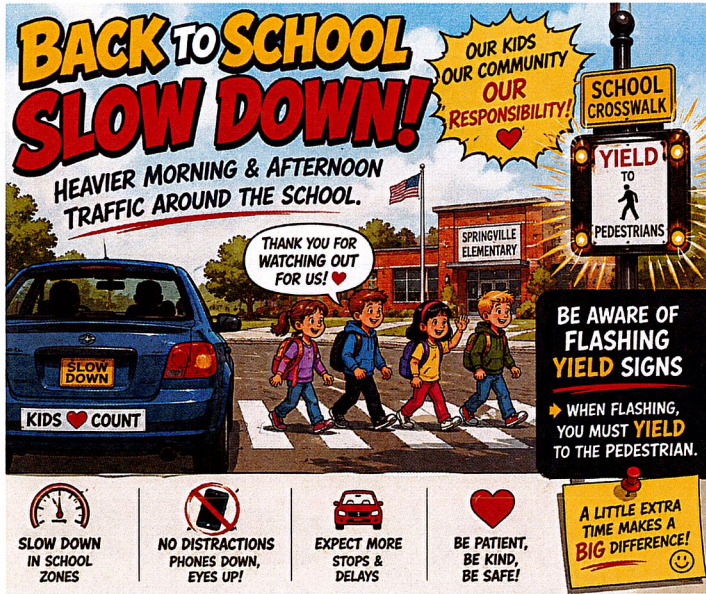
- ⌚ **SERVICE TIMES:** Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- 👤 **PASTOR:** Reverend Guillermo Bongolan
- 📞 **PHONE:** 319-854-7355
- ✉ **EMAIL:** springvillemethodist@gmail.com
- 🏠 **OFFICE HOURS:** Mon & Thurs 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tues & Wed 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



SPRINGVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ⌚ **SERVICE TIMES:** Sunday 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
(3 years old – adult)
- 👤 **PASTOR:** Reverend David Snyder
- 👤 **SECRETARY:** Chris Gutierrez
- 📞 **PHONE:** 319-854-6611
- ✉ **EMAIL:** sprpresch@netins.net

We are stronger together. We invite you to join us in worship and fellowship.



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