

SPRINGVILLE NEWS

From the City Clerk's Office

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American Legion Auxiliary

December 7 - 6:00 PM
Springville Legion

Legion Dinner/Mtg

December 14 - 6:30 PM
Springville Legion

Library Board

December 13 - 6:30 PM
Springville Memorial Library

P & Z Meeting

December 12 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

School Board

December 20 - 7:00 PM
Springville High School

Council Meeting

December 4 - 6:00 PM
December 118 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

Historical Society

December 12 - 6:30 PM
SAHS Building

Parks

December 14 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

CITY HALL LOBBY HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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Brad Merritt

Cindy Kilburg

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Nate Hinders

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Fire & Maint. Captain - Corbin

McCombs

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Koch

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Dee's Desk

"Money is but one venue for generosity. Kindness is an even more valuable currency."

~Alan Cohen



The snow has arrived! It was beautiful, but I don't like that it has to be so cold to enjoy it.

Now that December has arrived it is time to wish Michele well. As many of you know, she retired as of December 1st. She retired from Trans America after working there for 20+ years. She then came to us and started working for the City in the fall of 2017. She has served as the Deputy City Clerk for six years. She has decided that it is time for her to enjoy life without work getting in the way. Thank you for all

your hard work and dedication to serving the citizens of Springville. She will be missed!!

I would also like to take a minute to thank Brad Merritt for also serving the citizens of Springville for over eight years. He has been on council for two terms. He has also decided that it was time to step away. He will be able to spend what free time he does have enjoying his grandkids.

As we have just got through the season of thankfulness and getting ready for the season of giving, I want to talk about the amazing things that I have recently read on social media. You read that right, social media. There have been a couple of scary situations that have happened to some of our residents and they all took to social media and talked about how amazing this small town is. In all the situations, their neighbors were there to help no questions asked. When the fire department was called they received such praise. One of the posts the resident had fallen and he was told that he could have called the fire department. His response was perfect, "since Springville has volunteer fire department, it would just have been different neighbors." I absolutely love this. I have really loved hearing the stories of neighbors helping neighbors. This is why I love this town! Thanks for sharing your stories.

Lastly, I want to wish you all a happy holiday season. Whatever holiday you celebrate I hope you find peace and joy. I also hope that the spirit of giving and helping others can carry us into the new year! Have a safe holiday season.

As always, my door is open to help in anyway that I can.

Your city clerk,

Dee Wagaman



December

Sun

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National Christmas
Lights Day

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Christmas Parade
6PM

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City Council Mtg
6PM City Hall

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Start of Hannukah



Legion Auxiliary
6 PM @ Legion

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Northpole letters
due

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P&Z Mtg
6 PM City Hall
Historical Society
6:30 PM SAHS

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6:30 PM @ Legion
Dinner Mtg.
Parks Mtg
6 PM City Hall

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Santa @ Library
1 pm—3 pm



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City Council Mtg
6PM City Hall

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School Board Mtg
7:00 PM @ HS

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Library Closed
City Office Closed

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HAPPY
KWANZAA



City Office Closed

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Happy 177th Birthday
Iowa

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Office Closed at Noon

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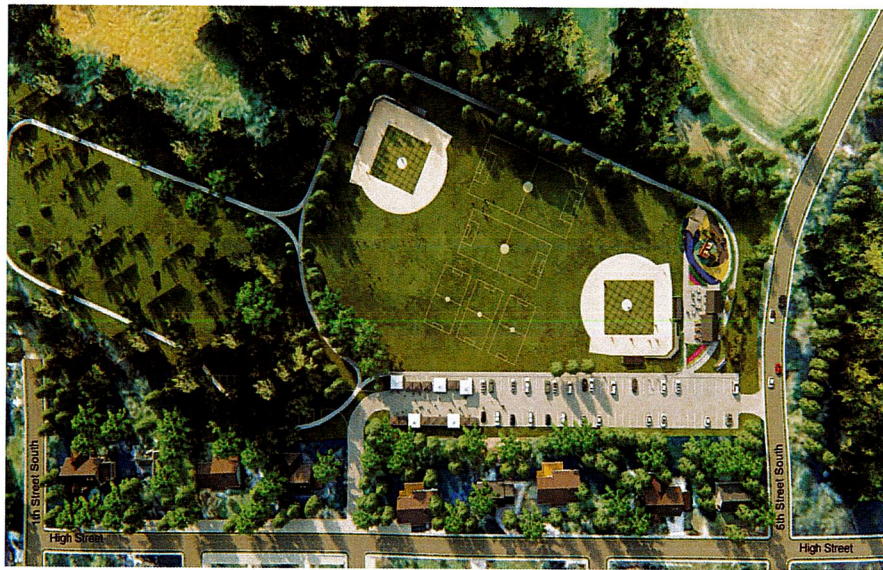


Emmons Park Project Update

There has been a lot of activity at Emmons Park. Some of you have probably been inconvenienced for a short time in the past couple of weeks. We have had to close roads and shut off water to certain residents while the water was being connected. We really appreciate your patience while we are making these improvements in the park.

The water, sewer and storm sewer have all been installed. The east loop needs a little more work to make it more accessible, but it contains two water basins that add more to the nature setting. This trail will not be concreted at this time. This can always be done at a later date depending on the wants of the community. This will be a great place for a natural pollinator area. The west side of the park (front) has been brought to grade for the future ball diamonds, football and soccer fields and just a great green space. With the weather turning cold early, it is unlikely that the concrete will be poured this fall. We anticipate the parking lot and trail to be installed first thing this spring.

This project has taken a lot of time and effort to get this far. We appreciate all the patience as we have had several unexpected hurdles that have stretched the timeline of this project, but we are nearing the finish line.



Our community is lucky to have wonderful parks to enjoy walking, running, playing, and fishing. As we continue constructing Emmons Park, **there is a special opportunity to support having benches throughout the park.** These benches include an engraved plaque with your family name or a business name. You could also engrave the name of someone you want to honor, memorialize, or celebrate. **Each bench is available for a tax-deductible donation of \$5,000 to the Springville Parks.**

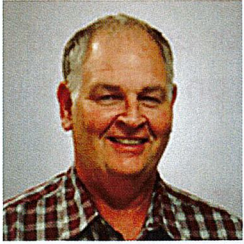
The sale of the benches will help raise money to get the ball diamonds installed this spring. If you do not want to purchase a bench, you can make a monetary donation to Emmons Park. We are still looking for donations to help with the ball diamonds, a pavilion and the restrooms/concession stand. Below is a summary of where the funds have come from to date.



ALL RED QUARTZITE W/ ZINC 2.25 X 7 PLAQUE & CP-72 PAD

- City Funds - \$590,000
- Grants - \$240,000
- Fundraising - \$48,000
- Private Donations - \$25,000

thank you



We want to give Brad Merritt a special thank you for his time on the city council. Brad was first elected to fill a vacancy which ended in 2015. He was then re-elected and served two more full four year terms from 2015-2023. Brad has been an important asset to the city and will continue to be.



SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER:

Just a reminder that dumping, snow blowing, shoveling or throwing snow in the street is unlawful and is a violation of City Code 135.12. Snow should remain on the owner's property and not moved to adjacent private or public properties. Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep your snow off their property.

Also, please make sure those fire hydrants are cleared of snow if they are in front of your home. Your cooperation in getting the hydrants and sidewalks promptly and properly cleaned is greatly appreciated.

The snow will soon be starting to fall. When the City needs to declare a snow emergency, we will post it on KCRG & KGAN. We will also get the information out on our Facebook page and website. When the City declares a snow emergency you will need to get your car off the street and public parking, this makes it possible for the Public Works to get the City streets cleared off quickly.

Please be respectful of your neighbors and not park in front of their properties during snow removal and snow emergencies so the streets can be cleared on all sides making it easier for everyone to travel through the streets.



thank you

Being the Deputy City Clerk the past six years has been a great opportunity to meet the wonderful people in our community. It has been a pleasure to get to know many of you.

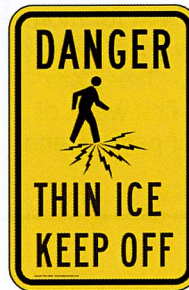
Thank you to the mayor, City Council, Todd, Brandon, Rich, and especially Dee for your patience & support over the years. Shelby is a great asset to the team. Looking forward to the next chapter in my life.

Michele Weinschenk



Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the snowman came to life in 1950, when Gene Autry first sang the popular song.



Please be safe this winter season and stay off of Cox Pond. This pond does not freeze solid due to the aerator that is in there. Please warn all your children to stay off the ice.

NOTICE OF RATE INCREASES FOR GARBAGE & YARDWASTE

The Springville City Council passed Ordinance 3-2023 at the September 18, 2023 City Council Meeting which amended Chapter 105, Solid Waste Control and Recycling.

1. Recycling/Solid Waste. The fee for the collection of recyclables and solid waste is \$16.75 per month for residential premises.
2. Yard Waste Disposal. The regular fee for the maintenance and use of the yard waste disposal site is \$4.50 per month. This yard waste fee will be charged to each residential dwelling within the City.

The new rates were effective as of November 1, 2023.

Library *news*



The library will be open Thursdays 10:00 a.m. until **6:00 p.m.** (rather than 8:00 p.m.) until March.

The library will be **closed December 25th** in honor of the Christmas Holiday.

TREE WALK



Please join us for the annual Library tree walk. Families and organizations are encouraged to decorate a tree or wreath for display in the library during the holiday season. Call 319-854-6444 for more information or to let us know you'll take part in this traditional event. Trees are normally left up through the first week of January for the enjoyment of patrons and community members.

Book Review

Marcia Muller's [Ice and Stone](#)

Detective Sharon McCone is called in to solve the mysterious murder of two Indigenous women in northern California. She's certainly no stranger to living on the edge in dangerous situations. This novel holds the reader's interest, as does all of Ms. Muller's books. An added benefit is learning about the country and its peoples. I am never disappointed in her books and always look forward to her adventures featuring Detective McCone. Enjoy this book—it's a wonderful read!

CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE

The Library has packets of Christmas cards available. Each packet contain ten cards. There is no cost, but a small donation is always welcome.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

New Books



The library has new holiday materials available. These include books for adults and children, periodicals, books on CD and movies.



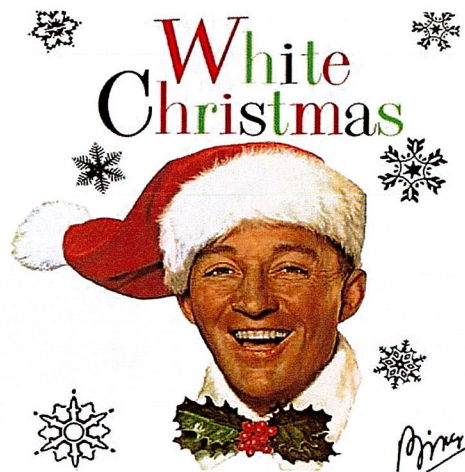
**WE WILL DRAW FOR
ADULT READING PROGRAM
PRIZES
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

SENIOR MEAL & ENTERTAINMENT

The December meal will be held Wednesday, December 13. The meal begins promptly at 11:00 a.m. **Due to the popularity of this program, we must ask you to reserve your spot no later than December 8.** After the lunch there will be a classic Christmas movie for your enjoyment. Even if you do not come for the lunch you are welcome to join for the movie.

Please call SANSI at 319-854-6100 or the Library at 319-854-6444.

Please Note: there will NOT be a senior meal in January.





SANTA LETTERS

Santa's mail box was delivered to the City Clerk's office at 304 Broadway St. the last week in November. This is a special place for kids to mail their letters to Santa so they

can be sent directly to the North Pole.

It is an extremely busy time of year for Mr. & Mrs. Claus, the reindeer, and elves trying to get everything ready to make the holidays special.

Mrs. Claus tries to respond to as many letters as she can. Please have the kids drop their letters in Santa's mail box by December 11th, so the letters have plenty of time to get to the North Pole. Please make sure the name of each child and their address are included in their letters.



Need something special for Christmas this year?

Shop your local crafters and vendors December 9th at the Springville Legion from 11am - 3pm.

CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 3rd

Parade starts at 6:00 p.m.

Tree Lighting at Butler Park

Santa, Cookies & Cocoa at Gazebo after.



SANTA IS COMING TO SALLY'S

Monday night December 4th

From 5 p.m.—8 p.m.

All Kids Eat Free!



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Saturday, December 16th

Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Buresh Room - Springville Memorial Library
264 Broadway St.

Visit with Santa by the fire. Enjoy a snack while doing a Christmas craft, or while listening to a story. After that you can take a walk around enjoying all the beautiful Christmas trees.



TOYS FOR TOTS

Citizens State Bank and Coberly Chiropractic will be collecting unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots and donating them to SANSI. Thank you.

SANSI CHRISTMAS



If you would like to purchase a Christmas gift for a Springville child this holiday season beginning December 1st the Exchange State Bank and the Springville Memorial Library will have a tree with tags and ideas for gifts. Please wrap and attach the tag to the wrapped gift, circle the item(s) you bought and return the gift to the American Legion Hall or the SANSI Office by Friday, December 15th. Thank you for your support of this event.

A STROLL THROUGH THE HIS

Tamar Brown's granddaughter had a baby in 1861

On June 11, 1861, Martha Sammons gave birth to a son she named Roland. Martha, 22 and unmarried, lived with her parents and seven younger siblings on a Linn Township farm south of Springville. Two older sisters were married.

Martha's baby was a great-grandson of Tamar Brown, widow of Revolutionary War veteran Nathan Brown. Ira Sammons, Martha's father, was Tamar's son by her second marriage. (Nathan Brown was her third husband.)

Tamar lived in Brown Township, about a mile southwest of Springville. She might have met her new great-grandson, as she lived until March 1867.

In 1864, the entire Sammons family – including Martha and little Roland, 3 – moved to California. Mary Sammons, 8, Martha's youngest sister, died in route. Her grave site is unknown.

In 1875, Martha married Charles H. Bixby in the Salinas Valley. She was 36, he 38. Roland turned 14 that year. He soon had two half siblings – Alta Bixby, born in 1876, and George Oliver Bixby, 1878.

Charles and Martha Bixby moved to a ranch south of Monterey. In 1905, they retired to 517 Madison St., Monterey. Martha, widowed in 1915, died Nov. 18, 1928. She and Charles are buried in Monterey City Cemetery.

Roland predeceased his mother. He died July 20, 1918, and was interred in Garden of Memories, Salinas, Calif. He was 57 and apparently unmarried.

His full name was Roland Sammons Butler, suggesting that his father was a Butler. In 1861, Joseph S. Butler, 40, was living in Springville with his wife and two sons. His involvement seems unlikely.

William Butler from Vermont, 27 in the 1860 census, lived in Linn Township – closer to the Sammons. But after 158 years, the paternity of Martha's first son remains a mystery.

By Karen Taylor, with thanks to the Rev. Anna Mae Peck

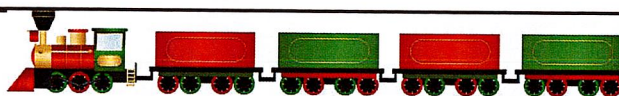
Linn County was home to Sammons

Ira Sammons was born in November 1805, youngest of Tamar Lyon Lane Sammons' four children from her first two marriages. He was about 18 months old when his mother married Nathan Brown in Onondaga County, N. Y.

The family later relocated to Erie County, N. Y. There in 1832, Ira married Elvira Bailey. They moved to Linn County, Iowa, about 1839, and to California in 1864.



Martha Sammons Bixby



Love history and snacks?



The historical society is hosting their annual Christmas meeting December 12th at 6:30 PM. Located next to city hall in the old library. Please feel free to bring snacks to share with others while enjoying a slideshow full of historical photos of Springville.

There will also be a lot of pictures of the railway!

All are welcome the more the merrier!

TORY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA

Arthur A. Storrs located, a long way from Iowa

Arthur Aurey Storrs could run from Iowa – but he couldn't hide from DNA technology almost a century later. Thanks to efforts of his second family, especially granddaughter Nancy K. Thompson Price, his formerly hidden story has emerged.

Arthur's father, Andrew Dana Storrs, was born east of Springville in 1857. Andrew earned a law degree at the University of Iowa and practiced law in Des Moines. There he married Elizabeth Blanche Knapp, and their son Arthur was born in 1882. Soon after, the parents moved to Hawarden in far western Iowa. Five more children were born.

On May 7, 1908, Arthur married Iva Leota Patrick Arff. Their sixth child, Grace, died soon after birth Feb. 20, 1920. Just 18 days later, Iva succumbed to pneumonia. Arthur was left with Gilbert and Virgil (Iva's sons by her first marriage), Aurey Arthur, Jesse, Margaret, Martha, and Richard.

Iva was interred at Ute in Monona County, where the family had lived until moving to Arion, Crawford County, about 1916. Arthur's double loss apparently overwhelmed him, and he vanished. His children never saw or heard from him again.

New name, new life: Arthur Storrs fled to Pascagoula, Miss., on the Gulf Coast. He changed his name to Art Dale and invented a new set of parents (David and Margarette Kelly Dale) and a new birthplace (Philipsburg, a small town in western Montana).

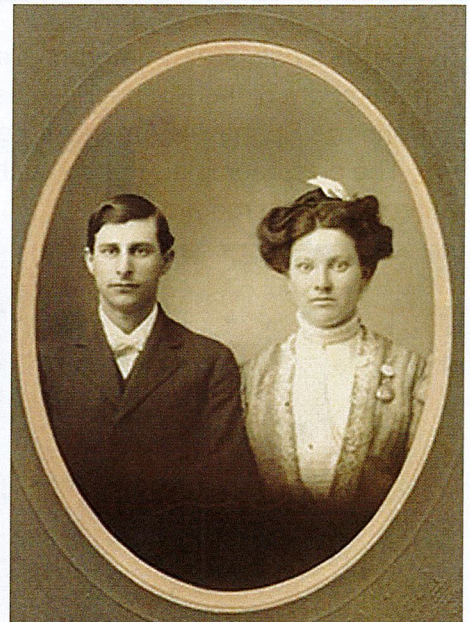
Arthur/Art remarried Aug. 15, 1924. Mary Celestine Dismuke, 19 years his junior, already had a son, Lionel. Between 1925 and 1934 Donald, Bernice, Elsie, Eugene, Aileen, and Helen were born.

On March 18, 1938, Arthur/Art left his second family when cirrhosis of the liver took his life at 56. He was buried in Machpelah Cemetery, Pascagoula. His youngest Mississippi child was about 4; his eldest Iowa one, 30. Mary Celestine, his widow, lived until May 1990.

Genealogy sleuth: Thanks to Nancy K. Thompson Price of Pascagoula, who emailed the Springville City Clerk about her discovery. (Online, she had found the March 2019 Springville News article about the grandfather she knew as Art Dale.)

Also, posthumous thanks to Nancy's aunt, Aileen Dale Newman. In 2016, she provided the crucial DNA sample that linked Art Dale to the Storrs family. Mrs. Newman, daughter of Arthur Storrs, died in 2017.

Nancy has written a detailed report covering her intensive quest to discover Art Dale's true identity.



Arthur and Iva's wedding photo, 1908

By Karen Taylor, with thanks to the Rev. Anna Mae Peck and Arthur Storrs' second family

ARTHUR A. STORRS' paternal grandparents, Andrew and Elizabeth Gamberton Storrs, came to Linn County, Iowa in 1849 from Cortland County, N.Y. They farmed east of Springville for about 30 years. Elizabeth was a descendant of William Bradford, a Mayflower passenger who was governor of Plymouth Colony and author of "A History of Plimouth Plantation".

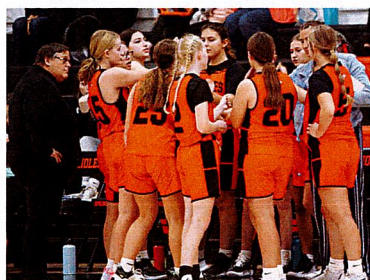
WHO IS OUR TOWN'S most senior citizen? Read the January issue of Springville news to learn about her Adventures in life!



The Oriole's celebrated Veterans Day with an assembly with members of the Springville American Legion Post 331 and the Springville American Legion Auxiliary Juniors. The classrooms also showed their thanks by decorating their classroom doors!



Good luck to the girls Middle school basketball!



ORIOLE NEWS

SPRINGVILLE BOYS & GIRLS

JV/VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec 1: JV/V G/B @ Home vs North Linn 6:15 pm & 7 pm
 Saturday, Dec 2: JV/V G @ Home vs Central Elkader 3:30 pm & 5 pm
 Tuesday, Dec 5: JV/V G/B @ Central City 5:30 pm & 7 pm
 Thursday, Dec 7: JV/V G/B @ Lisbon 5:30 pm & 7 pm
 Friday, Dec 8: JV/V G/B @ East Buchanan 6:15 pm & 7 pm
 Tuesday, Dec 12: JV/V G/B @ Maquoketa Valley 5:30 pm & 7 pm
 Thursday, Dec 14: JV/V G @ Cascade 7:30 pm
 Friday, Dec 15: JV/V G/B @ Home vs Starmont 6:15 & 7:00 pm
 Tuesday, Dec 19: JV/V G/B @ Alburnett 5:30 pm & 7 pm

Wrestling Schedule

Monday, Dec 4: 4:30 pm @ Center Point—CPU JV Tournament
 Thursday, Dec 7: 6 pm @ Edgewood-Colesburg Elementary - Edgewood-Colesburg Quadrangular
 Saturday, Dec 9: 10 am @ Home - Springville Invitational
 Monday, Dec 11: 6 pm @ Home - Springville Meet
 Thursday, Dec 14: 6 pm @ Midland HS - Midland Quadrangular
 Saturday, Dec 16: 8:30 am @ North Linn HS - North Linn Tournament

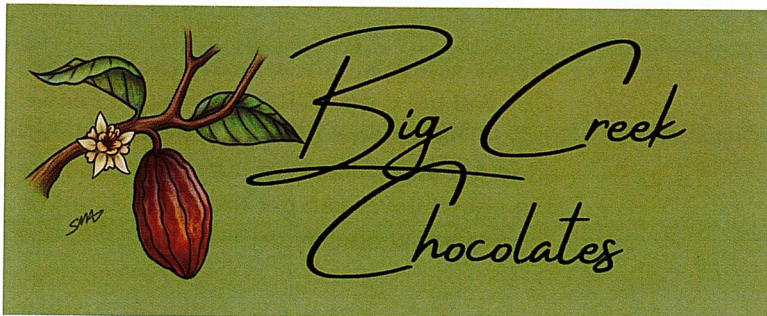


7-12 Grade band and choir concert!



Congratulations to Cheer for making state!





Delicious locally made chocolates!

Sustainably sourced Belgian chocolate is used to create hand-made chocolate dipped confections, right here in Springville.

Owner, Brittany Aldrich has been working with chocolate for over ten years and has been a resident of Springville for over seventeen years! Some of you may know her from the library. Just in time for the holidays check out her peppermint chocolate, Christmas themed chocolate pops, and small advent calendar pieces!

Visit bigcreekchocolates.com for more information. Contact Britt at bigcreekchoc@gmail.com to place an order.



Please register your children for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. It is free and the child receive a book a month until their 5th birthday. Registrations forms may be found at City Hall or Springville Memorial Library. Online registration available at imaginationlibrary.com.

If you need a tax deduction, please consider giving a donation, we are a 501c3 status. Make checks out to Springville Community School District Foundation and drop off at City Hall or the Springville Memorial Library or mail to PO Box 12, c/o Treva Davis, Springville, Iowa 52336. We need donations to keep this program going for many years. You can also donate online at imaginationlibrary.com.



Congratulations to Wayne Chapman on your retirement from serving 50 dedicated years to the Springville Fire and Rescue from 1973-2023.

JOIN US FOR COOKIES & HOT COCOA

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Friday, December 15th, 2023
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
607 6th St. South, Springville, IA

CITIZENS STATE BANK



REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder snowmobiles are not allowed in city limits! Please be courteous of your neighbors.



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Central City – Springville FFA

Amazing job to our local FFA group and the communities for donating to feed a family. This year the FFA had enough donations to put together 40 boxes of food for families in need in the Springville, Central City and Lisbon school district.



FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

(meeting at Springville Memorial Library)

Service Times

Sunday 9:30; Wednesday 7:00 Home Bible Study at Pastor

Jack Ray's home 604 4th Avenue

Pastor Jack Ray Phone 319-854-6858

Email Jandbray04@netins.net

Secretary: Judy Cummings

Email judynross@yahoo.com

ST. ISIDORE the FARMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend Mass: Saturday 6:00 pm

Daily Masses: Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 5:30 pm or by appointment

Religious Education Wednesday: K-8 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm, HS 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

Rev. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah, Pastor

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Cindy Kellerman

P 854-6141 FAX 854-7161

Email: dbq190sec@dbqarch.org

Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

SPRINGVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SUMC)

Service Times

Sunday 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00-11:00 am.

Pastor Guillermo Bongolan Phone 319-521-1710

Email: bongolanguillermo26@gmail.com

Email: springvilleumc@netins.net P 319-854-7355

Secretary : Mareta Ralston

Office Hours: Mon., Tues. & Wed. 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

SPRINGVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service Times

Sunday 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

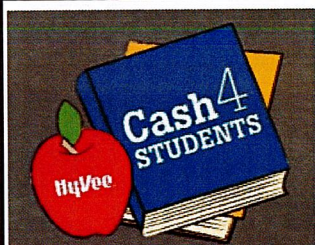
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. (3 years old—adult)

Pastor: Reverend David Snyder

Email: sprpresch@netins.net

Phone: 854-6611

Secretary: Chris Gutierrez



Cash 4 Students

In 2012, the local Cedar Rapids and Marion Hy-Vee Food Stores and Drugstores launched a fantastic fundraiser program for schools called "Cash 4 Students."

This program is intended to help area schools raise much needed funding for equipment, supplies, events and any other special project a particular school is working toward.

How can you help?

Simply save your receipts, and turn them into the school of your choice. The school will then total and submit all receipts to Hy-Vee. For every \$200 submitted, \$1 is earned.

Whether you are a parent, aunt, uncle, grandparent, school volunteer, or friend of a student—everyone is encouraged to participate. With the exceptions of Money Orders, all Hy-Vee receipts from the 13 local Hy-Vee Stores are accepted. This includes: postage, pharmacy, wine/spirits, laundry, Market Grilles, catering orders, general grocery, and gas at the Cedar Rapids and Marion Hy-Vee locations.

You can drop your receipts off at City hall, the Springville Co-op Telephone Company, the Exchange State Bank, the Citizens State Bank or the Library.

IOWA HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND



MORTGAGE HELP IS HERE FOR IOWA HOMEOWNERS

The Iowa Homeowner Assistance Fund program assists eligible Iowa homeowners in avoiding foreclosure by providing financial assistance with mortgage payments and related property expenses.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNERS MUST:

- Be income qualified
- Have had someone in the household experience a financial hardship after January 21, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - This could be the result of a reduction in income or increase in living expenses due to job loss, fewer work hours, paying more for childcare, illness, or being unable to work because you had to take care of a family member
- Be at least one payment behind on one of the following:
 - Mortgage
 - Contract sale, (purchasing a home under a legally recorded contract)
 - Manufactured home
 - Property taxes.
- Own the property located in Iowa (applicants purchasing a home under a legally recorded contract are eligible)
- Occupy the home as their primary residence

WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

Up to \$25,000 per eligible household to assist with past due payments, including:

Eligible Past Due Expenses:



- Mortgage Payments
- Land contract sale payments
- Manufactured Home/Lot Rent Payments
- Property Taxes
- Homeowner's Insurance (Homeowner's hazard, flood, and/or mortgage insurance)
- Homeowner Association Fees

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO APPLY?

- STEP 1** Take the eligibility precheck at iowafinance.com/IHAF to determine preliminary eligibility.
- STEP 2** Prepare required application documentation.
- STEP 3** Submit online application at iowafinance.com/IHAF.
- STEP 4** The mortgage servicer and/or other service providers of past due amounts will be required to verify the information submitted by the applicant.
- STEP 5** The case review team will review the application to ensure all documentation is complete and to verify eligibility.

In some cases, applicants will be referred to free, confidential mortgage counseling through Iowa Mortgage Help to ensure housing stability prior to being eligible for financial assistance through the program.

WILL I RECEIVE PAYMENT DIRECTLY, IF APPROVED?

No. Payments will be made directly to mortgage servicers and other payees, as applicable to be applied to the homeowner's account(s).

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The Springville City Council met in regular session on November 6, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Jeff Baych, Cindy Kilburg, Bart Barner, Brad Merritt, Karla Blakely. City staff present: Public Works Supervisor Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Jim Holz, Andrew Inhelder, and James Watters (all from MSA) were also in attendance.

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

Baych made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of October 16, 2023, meeting minutes, claims, and Sally's liquor license, seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, Library Director's Report, Public Works Report, and Clerk Report. The mayor talked about water reports comparison that went around. Out of 14 cities that replied to the survey, we are the 12th lowest rate. There are also cities that have other charges on the bills. Baych gave an update on Emmons Park. The water is installed, and Taube is waiting for the water tests to come back. The parking lot will be graveled and prepared for concrete to be poured soon. Taube is waiting for some material before he can install the sewer. The park is staked out to show where the trail will come out and where the playground, pavilion and restrooms can go.

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

Mayor Andersen opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m. No one spoke for or against the amendments to the building codes. Baych made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:21 p.m., seconded by Blakely. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Barner, Blakely, Kilburg, Baych. NAYS: None. **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.** Blakely made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4-2023, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Baych, Barner, Merritt, Blakely. NAYS: None. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 4-2023 APPROVED.**

The council was just presented with the 28E agreement with Linn County for the property and rental inspections and wanted more time to review. Motion by Merritt to table approving the 28E agreement with Linn County, seconded by Baych. All ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed possible rates for the Linn County Rental inspections. They would like Wagaman to present some sample rates with the effect to the landlords at the next meeting.

James Watters updated the council on the 5th Ave Bridge project. They have done the locates and the survey work is completed. No pins set, but he will put together an exhibit to show where the right-of-way is. The council also discussed what fund the project would be coming out of. Wagaman suggested the LOST funds since it will be a street project. They can alter this decision during budget season. Baych made a motion to use LOST funds to pay for the 5th Ave Bridge project, seconded by Barner. All ayes, motion carried.

Andrew Inhelder discussed with the council the questions that the IDOT has for the city. The IDOT will be altering the current 5th Street-6th Ave intersection which will require a rebuild of

part of 5th St. S. They want to know if the city would like to improve the street to have curbs, gutter and storm sewer. This would all be at an additional cost. The IDOT will bid it out to be a concrete street with gravel shoulders. Inhelder also wants the council to think about extending 5th St. S concrete to High Ave. It would be about 50' of additional cost of concrete to the city. The IDOT will also be removing the sidewalk in front of Casey's and Citizen's State Bank. They want to know if the city would like to have the IDOT put the sidewalk back. Inhelder explained that the IDOT might be willing to move the sidewalk to go along 6th Ave or 5th St (the same linear footage), but then the city could increase the length at the city cost. The other question that the IDOT has for the city is a turnaround at the end of 1st Ave and Wendling Lane. They intend on removing concrete at the end of 1st Ave, but the City and Wendling would like to see the concrete stay but control the traffic by dead ending the road. The IDOT is willing to put in a hammer head for vehicles to get turned around. Inhelder explained that these decisions don't need to be made right away, but the sooner we can get our wants into the plan the smoother the project will go. The council will take all the information into consideration and bring it back to discuss.

Wagaman presented the FY23 Annual Finance Report. This is a report of all revenues and expenses for the fiscal year 2023. No action necessary. Wagaman will have the mayor sign and submit the report.

Discussion was held on the fee to get a name engraved on the memorial stone in the Springville Cemetery. Mayor Andersen called and found that the price to engrave a name is \$100-\$125. He would like to see the minimum donation set at least at \$600. The council discussed setting the price so it would be good for several years. Baych made a motion to approve Resolution 61-2023 to set the minimum donation amount to \$750, seconded by Blakely. RCV: AYES: Barner, Baych, Merritt, Kilburg, Blakely. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 61-2023 adopted.**

The council discussed the tree that was removed at 206 5th St. N. The resident was given until the end of October to get the stump removed and the area graded and reseeded. As of meeting time this had not been done. Baych made a motion to have D&D Tree Service grind the stump and charge the resident, seconded by Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed giving the city clerk the authority to put a lien on property taxes for nuisance abatements. The clerk already has the authority to do so for utility bills, but this resolution would also allow the same procedure for the costs associated with nuisance abatements. The council wants to make sure that there is a policy in place that the council would have to approve all liens prior to clerk filing them. Barner made a motion to approve Resolution 62-2023 to give the city clerk authority to file a property tax lien, seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Baych, Blakey, Kilburg, Barner, Merritt. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 62-2023 ADOPTED.**

Blakely made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 5-2023 pertaining to Alcohol and Tobacco, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Barner, Merritt, Blakely, Baych. NAYS: None. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 5-2023 APPROVED.**

Kilburg made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 6-2023 pertaining to Fiscal Management, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Baych, Blakely, Barner, Kilburg. NAYS: None. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 6-2023 APPROVED.**

Barner made a motion to approve Resolution 57-2023 to add Shelby Northrup and remove Michele Weinschenk for The Exchange State Bank signatures, seconded by Blakely. RCV: AYES: Blakey, Merritt, Barner, Kilburg, Baych. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 57-2023 adopted.**

Baych made a motion to approve Resolution 58-2023 to add Shelby Northrup and remove Michele Weinschenk for The Citizen State Bank signatures, seconded by Barner. RCV: AYES: Barner, Baych, Kilburg, Blakely, Merritt. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 58-2023 adopted.**

Blakely made a motion to approve Resolution 59-2023 to add Shelby Northrup and remove Michele Weinschenk for Linn Area Credit Union signatures, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Baych, Barner, Merritt, Blakely, Kilburg. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 59-2023 adopted.**

The Clerk purchased an electronic notebook for work with her personal funds. Blakely made a motion to reimburse Wagaman in the amount of \$595.99, seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Clerk proposed to change the office hours. With the new hire and herself having to take kids to school, it makes it hard to get the office open at 7:30 a.m. There is currently not much foot traffic before 8:00 a.m. Baych made a motion to change the office hours to 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. effective December 1st, seconded by Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, November 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Barner moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Council Regular Meeting

November 20, 2023

The Springville City Council met in regular session on November 20, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Karla Blakely, Jeff Baych, Cindy Kilburg, Bart Barner, Brad Merritt. City staff present: Public Works Supervisor Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Treva Davis, Jim Koppenhaver, Laura Barner, Ryan Sweet, Jim Holz, Andrew Inhelder, and Sarah Fosbinder (all from MSA) were also in attendance.

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

Barner made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of corrected October 16, 2023, meeting minutes, November 6, 2023, meeting minutes, and claims, seconded by Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, Library Minutes, Public Works Report, Treasurer's Report, and Clerk Report. The mayor reported that the tree stump on 5th Street had been removed. He also made a note that the street list to the 28E agreement with Linn County Secondary Roads has been amended due to the recent annexations.

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

Sarah with MSA presented a conceptual utility analysis overview for the water extensions for Springville. This is a very basic concept with a cost estimate. They will move onto the sewer analysis overview and present it to the council soon. If a new tower is needed MSA's recommendation would be to demolish the existing tower and use just one tower. They would also recommend a third well.

Laura Barner spoke on behalf of the Park Board. They would like to be able to speak to the progress of the project out in the public. Baych updated the

Park Board on the progress and the timeline of the project. It is very likely that the concrete will not get poured due to the weather getting colder. The water is installed, and the sewer is in progress currently. As far as the funding has gone, the city has put about \$590,000 towards the project and \$240,000 in grants have been secured. The fundraising efforts to date brought in \$50,000 and private donations total \$24,000. This phase is almost paid for, but the extras will not be covered, like the pavilion or restrooms. Baych will better communicate with the Park Board to keep them updated on the progress.

No change order presented to council for park. Moved to topic 10.

Baych made a motion to adopt Resolution 60-2023 to enter into a 28E agreement with Linn County Building Department for rental and property inspections, seconded by Barner. RCV: AYES: Barner, Baych, Kilburg, Blakely, Merritt. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 60-2023 adopted.**

The council discussed the fee schedule for the rental inspections. Council was good with a \$5 add-on to the Linn County Fees. The main goal is the inspections, not to make money from the process. Wagaman will bring back Resolution with the entire fee schedule to the next council meeting.

Blakely made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 4-2023 pertaining to building codes, seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Barner, Merritt, Blakely, Baych. NAYS: None. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 4-2023 APPROVED.** Blakely made a motion to waive the third reading of Ordinance 4-2023, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Blakely, Baych, Kilburg, Barner. NAYS: None. **THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 4-2023 WAIVED.** Blakely made a motion to adopt Ordinance 4-2023, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Barner, Kilburg, Baych, Merritt, Blakely. NAYS: None. **ORDINANCE 4-2023 ADOPTED.**

Blakely made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 5-2023 pertaining to alcohol and tobacco, seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Merritt, Baych, Kilburg, Barner. NAYS: None. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 5-2023 APPROVED.** Blakely made a motion to waive the third reading of Ordinance 5-2023, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Kilburg, Barner, Baych, Blakely. NAYS: None. **THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 5-2023 WAIVED.** Blakely made a motion to adopt Ordinance 5-2023, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Baych, Barner, Blakely, Kilburg, Merritt. NAYS: None. **ORDINANCE 5-2023 ADOPTED.**

Blakely made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 6-2023 pertaining to fiscal management, seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Merritt, Blakely, Baych, Barner. NAYS: None. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 6-2023 APPROVED.** Blakely made a motion to waive the third reading of Ordinance 6-2023, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Baych, Blakely, Kilburg, Barner, Merritt. NAYS: None. **THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 6-2023 WAIVED.** Blakely made a motion to adopt Ordinance 6-2023, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Merritt, Barner, Baych, Kilburg, Blakely. NAYS: None. **ORDINANCE 6-2023 ADOPTED.**

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Baych moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.



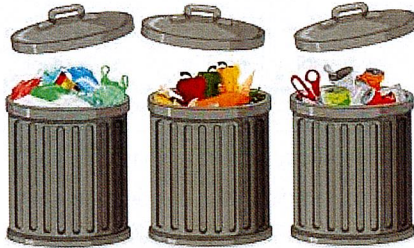


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a Happy New Year!**



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CITY OFFICE CLOSED

Monday 12/25/23

Tuesday 12/26/23

Christmas Day Observance

Friday at Noon 12/29/23

New Years Observance



CITY NEWS BRIEFS

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