

SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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American Legion Auxiliary

February 6 - 6:00 PM
Springville Legion

Legion Dinner/Mtg

February 13 - 6:30 PM
Springville Legion

Library Board

February 12 - 6:30 PM
Springville Memorial Library

P & Z Meeting

February 11 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

School Board

February 19 - 7:00 PM
Springville High School

Council Meeting

February 3 - 6:00 PM
February 17 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

Historical Society

February 11 - 6:30 PM

Parks

February 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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Dee's Desk

"Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough."

~Franklin D. Roosevelt



We've made it through the cold of January—thankfully, it wasn't too cold! Now, as we move into February, let's embrace what this month is known for: love. While Valentine's Day on February 14th is a celebration on romantic love, this is also a great opportunity to focus on kindness in all aspects of our life.

In today's fast-paced and ever changing world, a little kindness can go a long way. Random Acts of Kindness Day, celebrated on February 17th, reminds us that small gestures can have a meaningful impact on others. A simple act of generosity, no matter how big

or small, has the power to brighten someone's day, week, or even their life.

So, what can you do to spread kindness? Here are a few ideas:

- Pay for someone's coffee, meal, or groceries as a small but thoughtful surprise.
- Offer to help a neighbor by shoveling their driveway or sidewalk after a snow-fall.
- Take on an extra chore at home to lighten the load for a family member.
- Call a friend or a loved one just to chat and check in.
- Leave an uplifting note on someone's desk, car, or even in a public space to spread positivity.

These small actions require very minimal effort, but they can make a huge difference in someone's day. While February 17th is a great reminder to practice kindness, let's make an effort to spread positivity every day. A smile, a kind word, or a simple gesture of goodwill can create waves that extend far beyond what we can see.

Let's challenge ourselves this February: How many people can we make smile? A little kindness can go a long way—let's make it a habit for 2025!!

Your city clerk,

Dee Wagaman



Random acts of Kindness

"BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD." - MAHATMA GANDHI

Wish someone a good day
Smile when walking past someone
Check in on a friend or family
Donate used towels or blankets
Buy someone's favorite snack
Leave a tip to local coffee shop

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION
www.randomactsofkindness.org

February 2025

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Mon

Tue

Wed

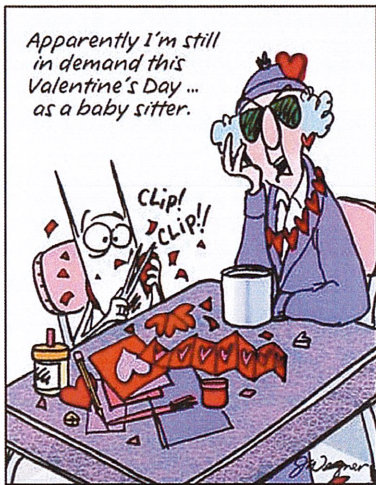
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<p>2</p>  <p>Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>City Council Mtg 6PM City Hall</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Legion Auxiliary 6 PM @ Legion</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>National Iowa Day</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>National Pizza Day</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Historical Society 6:30 PM SAHS</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Library Board 6:30 PM @ Library</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 PM @ Legion Dinner Mtg. Parks Mtg 6 PM City Hall</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Valentines Day</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Water Bill Due</p>
<p>16</p>  <p>Presidents Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Random Acts of Kindness Day</p> <p>City Council Mtg 6PM City Hall</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>School Board 7:00PM</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
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Upcoming Events



Valentines Day Fun Facts

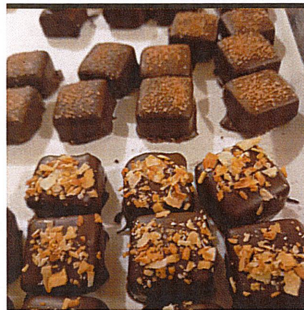
- Valentines Day dates back to ancient Rome.
- First heart-shaped chocolate boxes appeared around 1861.
- Hallmark started mas producing Valentines Day cards in 1913.
- Valentines Day is the second most popular holi-day to get engaged on, Christmas being first.

FORECASTING PHIL



Groundhogs Day is February 2nd.

- A groundhogs lifespan is typically 6-8 years.
- Punxsutawney Phil is allegedly immortal.
- February 2nd is half-way between winter solstice and spring equinox.
- They the largest members of the squirrel family.
- They can even swim and climb trees!



Share the love

BIG CREEK CHOCOLATES

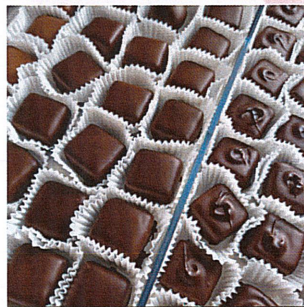
Place your Valentine's orders today!

local deliveries on Friday, February 14th
Call or email Britt : 319-504-2945
bigcreekchoc@gmail.com

Milk, Dark & White Chocolate dipped Strawberries \$2 ea

Milk, Dark, & White Chocolate Truffles \$2 ea

Truffle flavors: Bailey's Irish Cream(milk or dark), Orange Liqueur(dark), Coconut Cream(milk or dark), Raspberry(milk or dark), Classic(milk or dark), Lemon(white), Spicy Aztec(dark), Espresso(dark) & Peanut Butter cups(milk or dark)



SPRINGVILLE PARKS BOARD PRESENTS

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

IS THIS HEAVEN? NO ITS SPRINGVILLE!

5 APR | 6 PM

BASEBALL THEMED GALA

SPRINGVILLE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

SAVE THE DATE

\$35 TICKETS/\$40 AT DOOR

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN AND SPECTACULAR

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

MARCH 15TH @ 6PM
LINE UP 5:30PM @ PRESCHOOL
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

See you there!





ORIOLE NEWS



Early out
February 5 & February 19



National Law Enforcement Day! Elementary Student Council recognized the Linn County Sheriff's office with some snacks and goodies!

KIDS DANCE CLINIC

The SHS Dance Team will be hosting a Kids Dance Clinic Friday, February 28th (3:30pm-5:00pm) for students preschool-6th grade. Clinic dancers will perform their routine at the Springville Dance Showcase Saturday, March 1st. Clinic cost is \$30 and includes a T-shirt. deadline to register is Sunday, February 9th. Register on the Bound app!



State Speech Qualifiers



Radio Broadcasting:
Creston Cordes, Talna Bongolan,
Sara Taube & Katerina Laubengayer

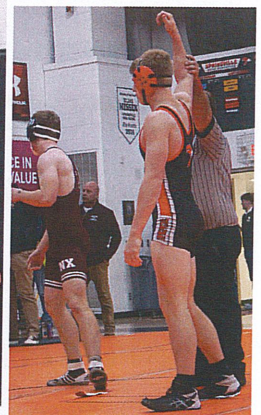


Television Newscasting:
Cecelia Northway, Creston Cordes, Enzler Breittfelder,
Katerina Laubengayer, Talna Bongolan,
Kalya Moorman, Sara Taube & Ellie Malanaphy

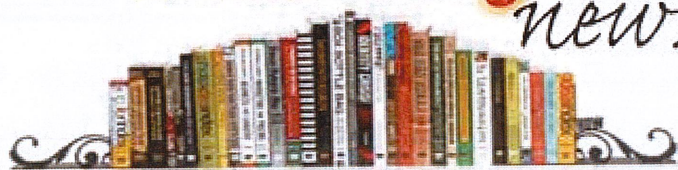
SPRINGVILLE BOYS & GIRLS

JV/VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Feb 4 : V G/B @ Home v. Edgewood-Colesburg 5:30 & 7
Friday, Feb 7 : V G/B @ Home v. Calamus-Wheatland 6:15 & 7:30
Monday, Feb 10 : V G/B @ Home v. Iowa Valley 6:30 & 7:45



Library *news*



REGULAR MONTHLY PROGRAMS

KNITTERS Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Feb 4, 11, 18, 27

AFTER SCHOOL Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. Feb 5, 19

STORY TIME Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

NEW KIDS MATERIALS

Adult Fiction

The House of Cross by James Patterson

Intermezzo by Sally Rooney

James by Percival Everett

The Mighty Red by Louise Erdrich

Raised by Wolves by James Patterson

Golden Hour by Brett Battles

Juvenile Fiction

Hot Mess by Jeff Kinney

Juvenile Graphic

Agent 9 by James Burks



*All you need is **LOVE***

But a little

***CHOCOLATE** now and then*

doesn't hurt.

~Charles M. Schultz



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Red Cedar Cultural Passport

On **February 15th at 1:00 p.m.**, Red Cedar is your ticket to travel! This third concert program of commissioned works inspired by folk music from around the world takes you to Finland, Korea, Vietnam, Mexico, and Iran. Composers Kari Juusela, Jean Ahn, Dylan Trần, J. Andrés Ballesteros, and Kian Ravaei have each contributed a wonderful new work. Sit back and enjoy stories and music that transport you to other times and places.

By Ground Hog's Day (no matter what Punxsutawney Phil says), here in Iowa we are ready to think about **SPRING!**

Each Tuesday evening during the month of April local master gardeners will present programs on some fascinating garden topics. Check our March newsletter for more details on these programs.



Senior Meal and Activity Returns

Welcome Back!! The monthly Senior Meals will resume **Wednesday, February 19th at 11:00 a.m.** This luncheon will be catered, thanks to a generous donor. Therefore, it's important that our headcount be very accurate. To reserve your meal, you must notify SANSI 319-854-6100 or the library 319-854-6444 no later than February 14. Please understand that notifications of reservations and cancellations are important due to the cost of "per head" catered food. The lunch will be served promptly at 11:00 a.m., with an activity to follow.

AN AFTERNOON OF ACOUSTIC MUSIC

Local guys Dave Pedersen & Jeff Schmidt join Cascade's Doug & Lisa Frey to warm your heart with a set of country, blues, pop & soul tunes.

Saturday, February 22nd 1:00 – 3:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US!!

AND THE LIBRARY STORY CONTINUES

Under Bertha's leadership the Springville Memorial Library continued to grow and improve. Judy Wilhelm was added to the library board, and we were receiving money from the city and county to purchase necessary shelving and books. The library needed to expand into the City Hall space, with the council approval this was done. Around the same time The Friends of Library was organized. They were supportive and instrumental in the growth and a fund for necessary money to make improvements that were needed.



Surveys were conducted to assess the needs of the community and what they wanted in a library. On February 1, 1999 this survey was presented to the city council after the library board had assessed the results and were making changes. It was decided to test the soil behind city hall as a possible building site. Treva Davis and Al Woods requested that a capital building fund be established for a library and/or city hall project. This put into motion getting information to the community. The Friends of the Library handled putting posters around town. By April 1999, the council voted to present a proposal to purchase the Gordon Lumber property to be used for the building of the library.

A Task Force was formed and the process of researching building costs began. The library board used money left to the library for the hiring of engineers and an architect. January 2000 the Library Board presented proposed building size to the council. Discussion was held about the City's commitment to the library project. The city would secure the land and the cost to build the library would be with the Library Board raising the needed funds. The Gordon Lumber property was approved for the purchase price of \$120,000 on April 17, 2000. Final approval of the agreement with the Gordons was approved May 1, 2000. And it began—the Library Board, the Library Task Force and the Friends of the Library would begin meeting and forming a plan of action for the building project. As with any city project there was opposition to the building of a new library, even though the only tax money used was to purchase the land. The engineers even looked at the Gordon Lumber building to see if it could be made into a library, which was not recommended.

The process of developing a list of fund raisers began and what a list it was. We were given a semi-trailer full of new books that were going to be thrown away and that began massive book sales at the Methodist garage. We held Western Days, Teas, Dad's Belgian Waffle breakfast, raffle for a refrigerator, pin sales, food booth at Anamosa's Pumpkin Fest, gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble at Christmas, dessert every month for a year raffle, pie sales, and dessert theatre. We were on our way to having a new library building.

Emmons Parks Board Update

Exciting progress is being made at Emmons Memorial Park! While construction is paused for the winter, planning is underway to have playable baseball fields by this summer. The Parks Board will be hosting a baseball themed gala on April 5th, the proceeds of which will go toward new backstops—stay tuned! After the backstops are installed, plans will move forward to add dugouts, and the board is currently researching options for moveable outfield fencing.

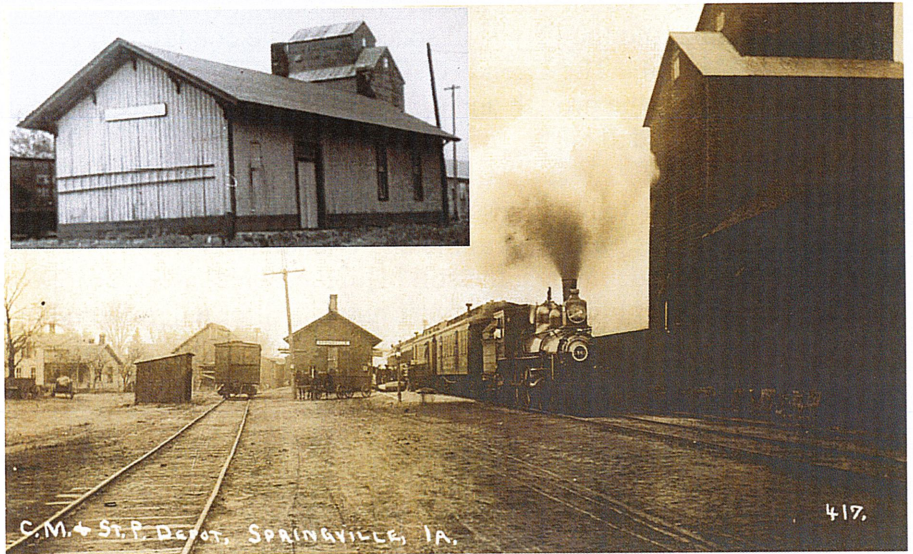
In addition, we're excited to announce that information on contributing to park benches along the walking path will be available soon. Thank you for supporting the growth of our community spaces!



A STROLL THROUGH THE HIS

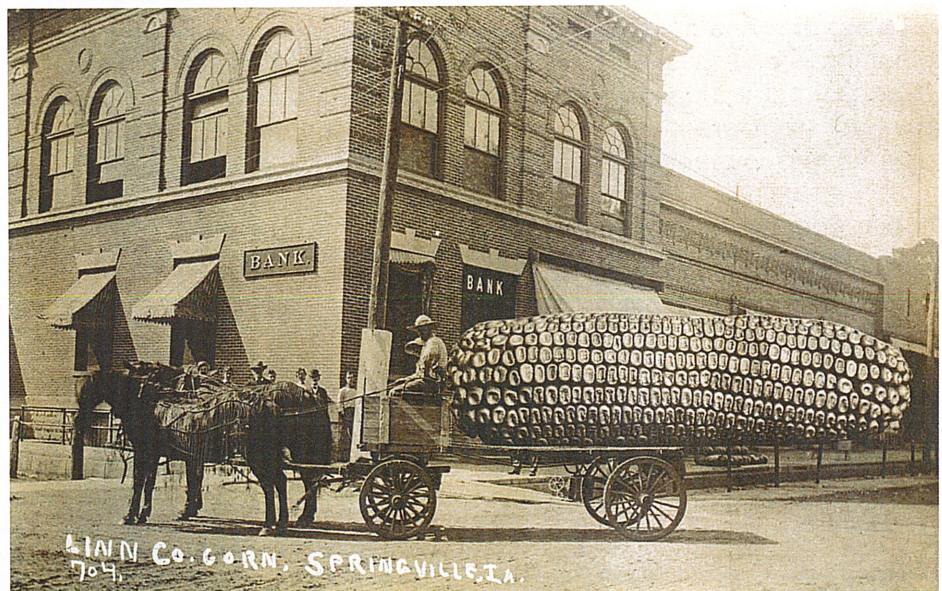
AT RIGHT. main photo:
Springville's Milwaukee Road depot, an eastbound train pulled by a steam locomotive, and the old elevator appear in this historic photo, taken about 1909. The first train into Springville arrived May 9, 1861, from Anamosa.

AT RIGHT, inset: The back (south) side of the Springville depot, about 1909. Several trains once went through Springville daily.



AT LEFT: This view of Broadway (Main Street) looking north dates from about 1909. The overhead object that looks a bit like a drone is possibly a street light. Hitching posts for horses are visible along the unpaved street. At far left is the Exchange Bank, and at far right is the hotel — at that time called the Clarence House— which stands about where the Legion Hall is now.

AT RIGHT: In 1909, the approximate year of this photo, there were no computers or Photoshop. But a clever photographer faked this “giant” ear of corn pulled by a team and wagon, standing at the corner of Broadway and Liberty Avenue. The horses are wearing fly nets, meant to keep flies from biting their skin. Names of the couple on the wagon and bystanders are not known.



TORY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA

Irene Minor's 100th birthday open house

Saturday, Feb.15, 2025

Sally's on Broadway
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

*Congratulations to
Springville's newest centenarian!*



IRENE MINOR
1950 Photo

Irene Minor, who will be honored on turning 100, began life in 1925 on a farm near Cherokee, Iowa. Her maiden name was Travagiakis. When she was 5, her family moved to Cedar Rapids. Later they relocated to Chicago, where she graduated from high school. Irene worked in Occupied Japan one in 1947-48.

She married Alfred Robert "Bob" Minor March 18, 1950. They lived in Springville from 1959 until Bob's death in 1994. Irene then moved to Cedar Rapids, but returned in 2004 to Springville. She has a daughter and son-in-law, Betsy and John Boyanovsky, and two granddaughters. Those unable to attend her open house may send cards to **349 Dubuque Rd., Springville, IA 52336.**

1940: Truck full of eggs collides with train

A semi-trailer loaded with 400 cases of eggs from Fort Dodge collided with the morning passenger train Saturday (*March 30, 1940*) at 7:18 at the crossing on 151 just west of Springville. The train was headed north (*toward downtown Springville*) and the semi-trailer was east-bound (*toward Anamosa*).

The impact was so great that it lifted the front truck off the rails, tearing down the danger signal (*crossbuck*) and burying the front end of the gas car in a six-foot embankment. The semi-trailer stopped alongside the gas car.

The cab was badly crushed, the glass broken out and the top caved in. The driver, **Lonnie Nall**, 37, of Macon, Mo., suffered severe head injuries, cuts on his neck and chest, and gashes on his left hand and ankle. He was rushed to St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids, by ambulance.

The other truckman, **Charles Fredenburg**, 39, of Buffalo, N. Y., was asleep in the sleeping compartment of the cab at the time of the accident. He was knocked unconscious by a bump on the head, and was taken to St. Luke's for treatment. Train crew members **Robert Strayer**, engineer, and **Frank Lafferty**, conductor, both of Marion, received minor injuries. The four passengers on the train were uninjured.

The crossing was blocked until 4 p.m., and all traffic had to be rerouted. The eggs, which were supposed to be on the market in New York Thursday morning, were taken over by Anamosa Produce – that is, all that were not so badly scrambled that they ran down the railroad track.

Many people of Springville and surrounding communities flocked to the scene of the accident, until the highway was crowded with cars, men, women and children for many blocks. Reports from the two injured men were good. (*Central City Newsletter, April 4, 1940*)

There was an honest woman

July 18, 1940, Springville news in Central City Newsletter: Depot agent L. J. Miller received a letter from an Ohio lady, in which was enclosed a dime. The lady stated that when she was a little girl in 1886, she rode to Anamosa from Springville and had no money for the fare, so the conductor paid it for her.

She promised to repay him, but had never done so. In later years, this had troubled her greatly. She didn't know the conductor's name, and thought he was probably not living. So she knew of no other way to pay but to send her dime to the Springville station agent.



GROUNDHOG DAY WORD SEARCH

GROUNDHOG
FEBRUARY
SHADOW
PREDICTION

BURROW
WINTER
CELEBRATION
METEOROLOGY

FORECAST
HIBERNATION
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MARMOT

SPRING
WEATHER
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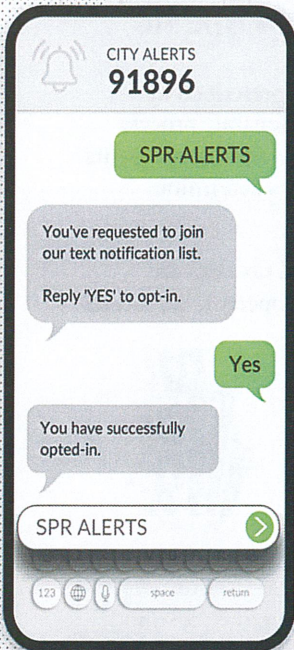
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Get Started,
opt-in to any of the following notification lists:

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- For Community Events Notifications text "SPR EVENTS" to 91896
- For Newsletter Notifications text "SPR NEWS" to 91896
- For Water Shut Off Notifications text "SPR SHUT OFF" to 91896
- For Water Reminder Notifications text "SPR WATER" to 91896

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- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.
- You may receive multiple text messages each month with a notification for each alert category opted-in to.
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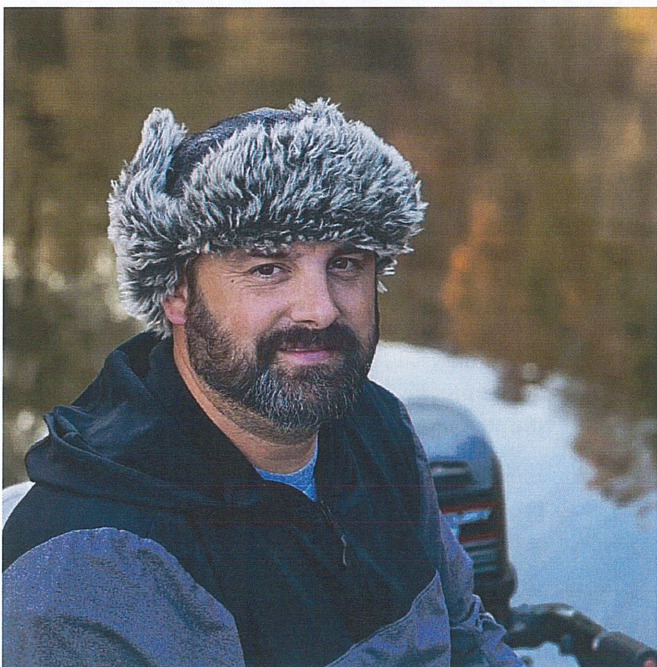


SPRINGVILLE FARMER'S MARKET & FOOD TRUCK

Dates:
Tuesday May 13th
Tuesday June 10th
Tuesday July 8th
****see below for August****
Tuesday September 9th
Cox Lake Park
5Th Ave, Springville
(behind City Hall)
5PM-730PM

****SATURDAY AUGUST 9TH @ BUTLER PARK DURING SPRINGVILLE FUNDAYS 10AM-1PM**

Who are the people in your neighborhood? The people that you meet each day.



Council member: Jeff Baych

What was your first car?
79' Malibu in the color gray

What is your favorite candy?
Cadbury Caramello

If you could eat dinner with anyone, who would you choose?
Dave Genz

What is your favorite pizza topping?
Taco Pizza

Property Tax Assessment in Iowa

2024 Update



The **property tax assessment process** in Iowa is a complex state regulated system, prescribed in *Iowa Code*. Cities do not control this process. In fact, assessments are a completely separate process completed by assessors with the goal of establishing equitable, fair market value. As such, assessments are separate from local revenue needs. Property tax rates are determined after cities determine revenue needs for providing local services

Taxable value is the portion of the assessed value on which a tax is applied, after equalization, rollbacks, and tax rates are determined, and credits and the results of any appeals are applied. Arriving at a taxable value for a given property takes several steps, and joint efforts by the local assessors, county auditors, and the State. Here is more detail:

Property taxes tax “real property” such as land, buildings, structures, and improvements on the land. These include five classes of property: residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural and utilities/railroad. All are assessed at the city or county level every other year, except annual state level assessment for utilities/railroad. There are a variety of types of property that are considered exempt or partially exempt from property taxes, or that receive credits to property tax.



How does the assessment process work? The assessor estimates the assessed value of each property (actual or market value) for most properties. This is NOT the final taxable value.

How is this determined? Typically, the assessor uses a blend of three approaches to value: market, cost, and income. Note: agricultural property follows a separate model based on productivity and earning capacity.

Market Approach → Examines recent sales for comparable property

Cost Approach → Estimates cost of labor and materials required to replace property

Income Approach → Estimates a property’s ability to produce income and capitalize this into an estimated value



Equalization is applied. The State requires that assessments of all taxable properties per classification be totaled together. The State then applies the equalization process every other year to ensure values are comparable among jurisdictions. In brief, this involves a state comparison of assessor abstracts to a “sales assessment ratio study.” If this study is 5% or more above the median ration of the sales ratio study, the State changes the assessment to reach 100% of actual value. This is applied by property class, and at the jurisdiction level, not the individual property nor statewide basis.

classification to the smaller of the two. The residential rollback generally has more volatility as it factors in market trends. Agricultural property is assessed at 100 percent of its productivity and net earning capacity, but has a separate property tax levy rate. Railroad and utility property are assessed annually by the state.

Commercial, industrial and railroad properties are taxed at the same rate as residential property for the first \$150,000 of value. The remaining value is taxed at a fixed rollback rate of 90%.



Rollback is applied. Residential property is “allowed” to grow by 3% statewide before “rolling back” to offset major swings in the market. In addition, the residential rollback includes a formula that ties the growth of its classification to that of agricultural property. This is commonly referred to as “coupling” and limits the valuation of either property



Tax rates are established. Most property is taxed by more than one taxing authority (for example, city, county, K-12 schools, etc.). Therefore the budget process and tax rate calculation will comprise a cumulative tax rate.

- Credits are subtracted.
- An appeals process specified by State law follows new assessment notifications.



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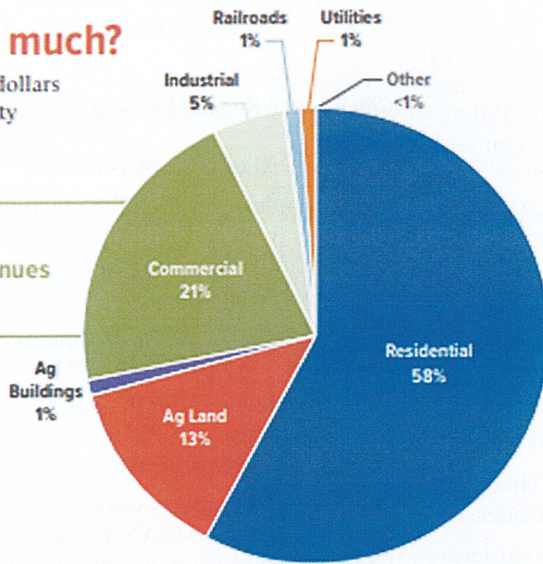
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Who pays/how much?

Chart A shows revenue of dollars collected from each property classification in Iowa.

Chart A
Property Tax Revenues by Class FY24:



So, can the tax bill on a house rise by more than 3%?

Yes. While the statewide rollback limits residential property to a 3% maximum increase, this is for statewide residential property collectively. An individual property can rise more than 3% in its assessed or taxable value.

If a property tax assessment went up by 8%, does that mean my tax bill will, too?

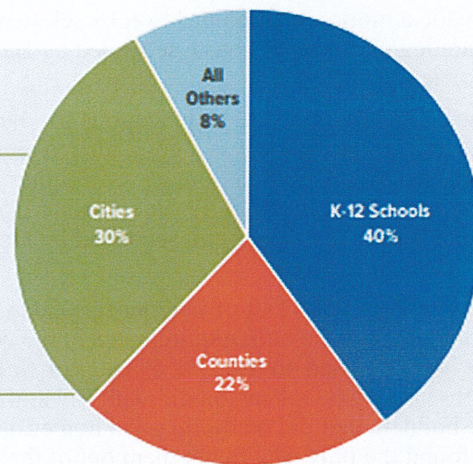
No. The equalization and rollback limitations are applied, as well as any eligible credits deducted, before the final individual tax bills are generated.

Who receives property tax revenues?

Schools, cities, and counties receive the largest property tax amounts, though other entities such as hospitals, assessors, ag extension districts, community college districts, and townships receive some funds.

Chart B shows the state average percentage of property tax revenue that flows to each type of local jurisdiction. As noted, cities receive approximately 30% of local property tax revenues.

Chart B
Share of Property Tax Revenues by Tax Authority FY2024:



Below, on the left, is an example of how homeowner tax bills are calculated. On the right, the city levy is isolated to show the portion of revenues the city receives.

Here's a sample of a homeowner tax bill:

➔	\$200,000 Assessment (residential home/land)
➔	State equalization process in that jurisdiction results in no change (assumption)
➔	46.34% rollback applied (FY24) (the math: $\$200,000 * 0.4634 = \$92,680$ (state sets changes each year))
➔	\$92,680 becomes the taxable value

Here's a sample of what a portion the city receives:

➔	Assume consolidated tax rate of \$32.30/\$1,000 taxable value
➔	(the math: $(\$92,680/1,000)*\$32.30 = \$2,994$)
➔	Homestead credit is eligible for this property (assumption) – subtracts \$157 (the math: $(\$4,850/1,000) * \32.30)
➔	Assume no add'l exemption/credits for sample
➔	Total tax bill (year): the math: $\$2,994 - \$157 = \$2,837$
➔	Paid twice per year @ \$1,419 per installment ($\$2,837/2$)

➔	Assume city tax rate of \$12.37/\$1,000 taxable value (simple average)
➔	(the math: $(\$92,680/1,000) * \$12.37 = \$1,146$)
➔	Homestead credit is eligible for this property (assumption) – subtracts \$60 (the math: $(\$4,850/1,000) * \12.37)
➔	Assume no add'l exemption/credits for sample
➔	Total city tax bill (year): the math: $\$1,146 - \$60 = \$1,086$
➔	Paid twice per year @ \$543 per installment ($\$1,086/2$)

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Karla Blakely, Makenna Hollandsworth, Cindy Kilburg, Bart Barner, and Jeff Baych. City staff present: Public Works Supervisor Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Treva Davis and Jim Koppenhaver were also in attendance.

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

Baych made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: December 16, 2024, minutes, approval of claims, and approval of Sally's Class C Retail Alcohol License, seconded by Hollandsworth. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, Linn County Building Permits, Treasurer's Report, and Clerk's Report.

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

Blakely made a motion to appoint Jason Hosek to a 5-year term on the Planning and Zoning board, seconded by Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed the three applications for the Board of Adjustments. Baych thought it was a good idea to appoint Besler and Holub since Obiedzinski is already on another board. Baych made a motion to appoint Nick Besler and Nick Holub to 5-year terms on the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Hollandsworth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wagaman presented the draft of Ordinance 1-2025. This is an Ordinance to change the bulk requirements in the zoning chapter to require home builders to use 2" x 6" exterior wall studs. This is due to research that D. Pearson did with Ely and Palo. They had some builders that did not build good homes, and both communities found the only way to get them out of the community was to make that requirement. The council is not sure of requiring this. They do not want to deter other good contractors from coming in. They would like to have D. Pearson and possibly Luke Maloney from the Linn County Building Department come and talk further about this. This will be on a future agenda.

Wagaman presented the draft of Ordinance 2-2025. This is an Ordinance to clarify the definitions of a detached and an attached garage. The Planning and Zoning wanted to make the changes with all the detached garages going up to make sure someone didn't just attach it with a board and be able to conform to the attached rules. Baych made a motion to move this Ordinance forward, seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wagaman discussed the need to get a space needs assessment done so the council can make some decisions about buildings and space that the city currently has and can use. While working on the CIP this will be very useful. Blakely made a motion to hire MSA/MGA to conduct a space needs assessment of our building needs for the cost of \$5,750, seconded by Baych. All ayes. Motion carried.

Blakely made a motion to approve the 2025 Regular Council meeting schedule, seconded by Hollandsworth. All ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed some additional projects that they would like to be added to the CIP before the prioritizing starts. Wagaman will get these added and bring back for further discussion.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, January 6,

2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Blakely moved to adjourn at 6:58 p.m., seconded by Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Jeff Baych, Karla Blakely, Makenna Hollandsworth, Cindy Kilburg, and Bart Barner. City staff present: City Clerk Dee Wagaman.

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: January 6, 2025, minutes, and approval of claims, seconded by Hollandsworth. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Deputy Pease presented Sheriff's Report, MSA's Engineer's Report, Parks Report, and Clerk's Report. Mayor Andersen let everyone know that there was a water main break last week on 4th Ave. Eastern Iowa was called to do the repair.

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

Blakely made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1-2025 to update the definitions of attached garage and detached garage, seconded by Hollandsworth. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Baych, Barner, Hollandsworth, Blakely. NAYS: None. **FIRST READING APPROVED.** Baych made a motion to waive the first and second readings of Ordinance 1-2025, seconded by Barner. RCV: AYES: Barner, Hollandsworth, Kilburg, Baych, Blakely. NAYS: None. **SECOND AND THIRD READINGS WAIVED.** Blakely made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 1-2025, seconded by Hollandsworth. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Hollandsworth, Blakely, Barner, Baych. NAYS: None. **ORDINANCE 1-2025 ADOPTED.**

Hollandsworth made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2025, approving a professional services agreement with MSA for a City Buildings Space Needs Analysis, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Hollandsworth, Baych, Kilburg, Barner. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 1-2025 adopted.**

Blakely made a motion to approve Resolution 2-2025 to approve an amendment to the T-Mobile lease, seconded by Barner. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Blakely, Barner, Hollandsworth, Baych. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 2-2025 adopted.**

Wagaman talked with the council about the FY26 revenues. Our property tax dollars will bring in \$5,000 more than we brought in last year. This obviously will not support increases in the department's budgets. The council would like to look at the budgets and see what they are unwilling to cut or things that are deemed necessary and work from there. Wagaman will get the numbers together and have a workshop.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Baych moved to adjourn at 6:31 p.m., seconded by Hollandsworth. All ayes. Motion carried.



Here are some tips to keep your pipes or water meters from freezing:

- Open cabinet doors under sinks to help circulate warm air near pipes.
- Eliminate drafts from rooms containing your meter or pipes. Seal cracks from cold air and cover drafty windows with plastic or insulation.
- Insulate water pipes that may be vulnerable to cold air drafts with wrap that contains fiberglass or other known insulating materials.
- Cover your meter with a blanket or rug to protect it.
- Always keep your home's temperature above 55 degrees, even if you are not home for an extended period.
- Leave a thin stream of water running from the tap furthest from your water meter when temperatures drop below 10 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Protect outdoor faucets/hose bibs by disconnecting hoses and turning off any indoor shut-off valves to those faucets.
- Ensure your water meter can be turned off in case of emergency. Turn your shut-off valve on and off a few times to make sure it is in working order. If the valve is inoperable, contact a plumber to make repairs.

If you are getting no water at your faucet, a good start is to check your water meter. If it is broken, then call City Hall. If your meter is not broken, check with neighbors to see if they have service. If not, it may be a water main break.

If you find frozen pipes, especially those along exterior walls, call a licensed plumber or use a hair dryer or hot towels to thaw it. Do not use an open flame.

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.



Please watch for snow emergencies. The City will post these on KCRG, KGAN and Facebook. These snow emergencies are intended to get all vehicles off the city streets so the snow plows can get the roads cleared of snow quickly.

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(meeting at Springville Memorial Library)
Service Times

Sunday 9:30

Pastor Joseph Bielema

Phone 563-235-7519

Email: pastorjoe.fcf@gmail.com

Secretary: Judy Cummings

Email: judynross@yahoo.com

ST. ISIDORE the FARMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00 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

Reverend Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

Deacon Mark Sandersfeld

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Cindy Kellerman

P 319-854-6141 FAX 319-854-7161

Email: dbq190sec@dbqarch.org

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

SPRINGVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Phone: 319-854-7355

Email: springvilleumc@netins.net

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

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Service Times

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

Reverend David Snyder

Secretary: Chris Gutierrez

Phone: 319-854-6611

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