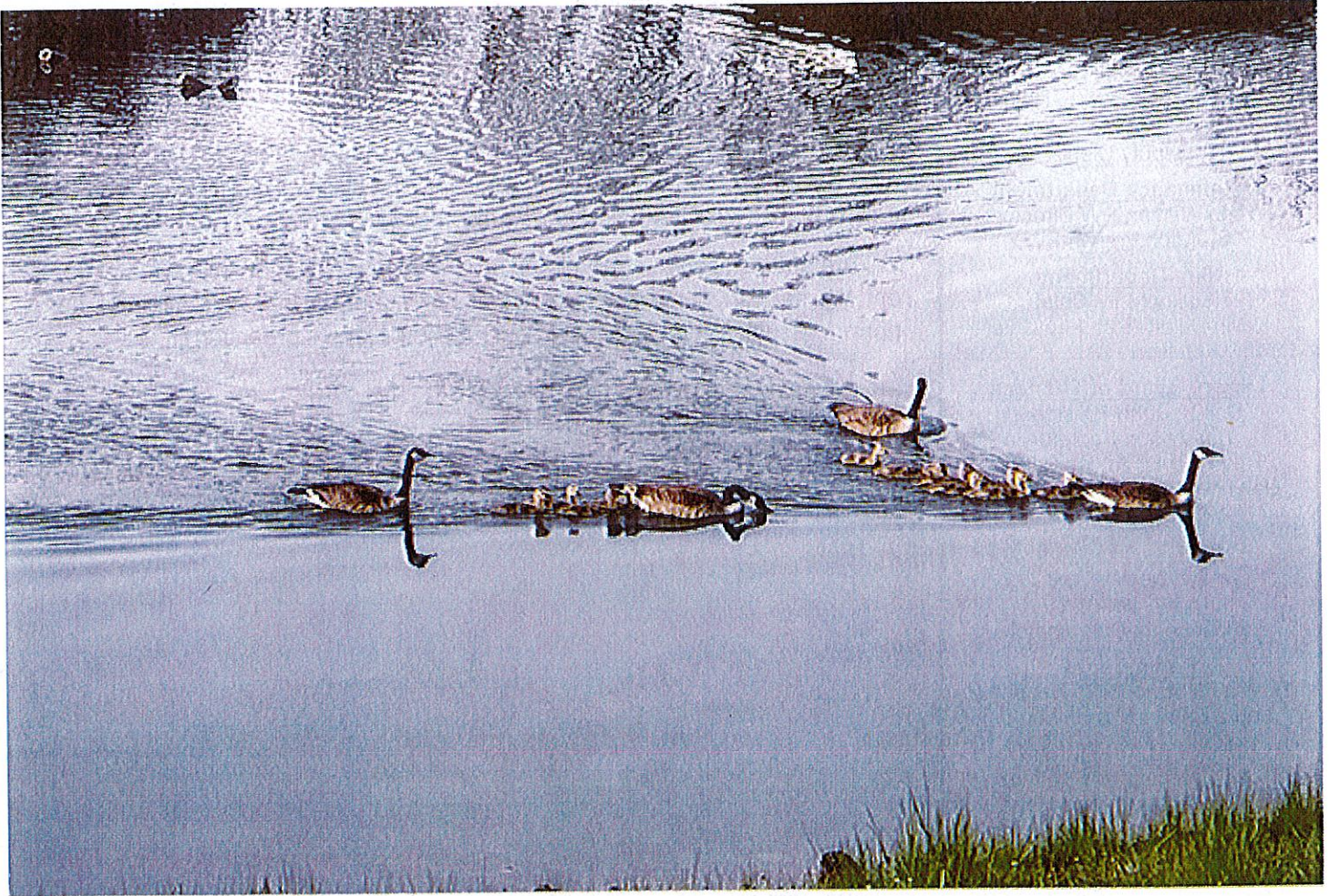


# SPRINGVILLE NEWS

From the City Clerk's Office  
Volume 20, Issue 6 June 2020



Enjoying a morning swim on Cox Lake.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **American Legion Auxiliary**

June 4-6:00 PM  
Springville Legion

### **Legion Dinner/Mtg**

June 11-6:30 PM  
Springville Legion

### **Library Board**

June 10- 6:30 PM  
Springville library

### **P & Z Meeting**

TBA  
City Hall

### **School Board**

June 17- 7:00 PM  
Springville high school

### **Council Meeting**

June 1- 6:00 PM  
June 15- 6:00 PM  
City Hall

### **SAHS**

CANCELLED  
SAHS Building

### **Parks**

TBA  
City Hall

### **CITY HALL HOURS**

Monday—Friday  
7:30AM -12:00 PM  
12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

City Hall Phone: 854-6428

City Hall Fax: 854-6443

Email:

[cityofsp@netins.net](mailto:cityofsp@netins.net)

Keep current by visiting our website:

[www.ci.springville.ia.us](http://www.ci.springville.ia.us)





#### Mayor

Roger Shebetka - 854-7771

#### City Council

Jeff Grimley - 854-7596

Brad Merritt - 854-6996

Lyle Andersen - 854-7435

Karla Blakely - 854-7860

Bart Barner - 854-7769

#### City Hall - 854-6428

Dee Wagaman-City Clerk

Michele Weinschenk-

Deputy Clerk

#### Maintenance Department

Todd Wyman-PW Director

Brandon French-PW

#### Fire Department

PJ Hoyt-Fire Chief

Kevin Hulett-Asst. Fire Chief

Jeremy Ketelsen - Asst. Fire Chief

#### Library Board of Trustees

Deb Vaughn-President

Tina Allsup-Secretary

Treva Davis, James Porter,

Daryl McCall, Marla Carnahan

& Susan Cooper

#### SANSI - 854-6100

(Springville Area Neighborhood Services & Information)

Janet Lentz-Coordinator

#### Parks Board

Teresa Pilipovic, Mike Hanshaw,

Laura Barner & John Lemon

#### Board of Adjustment

Mike Hanshaw, Iris Trampe,

Nick Besler & Andy Hoge

#### Planning & Zoning

Michelle Stone,

Edward Ware, Dan Weber, Jason

Hosek & Bart Barner

#### Historical Society

Rick Heeren-President

Wes Bender-V. President

Bev Franks-Secretary

James Crow-Treasurer

Karen Taylor-Historian

#### Township Trustees

Kevin Hulett-Chairman

Tom Donaldson & Steve Lam

#### SAHC

(Springville Area Housing Corporation)

Gordan Trampe-President

-V. President

-Secretary

Janet Lentz, Jean Schmidt

& Jake Hiner

## Dee's Desk

"Be counted or be counted out." ~Rev. Cecil L. Murray

Happy June! The warmer weather is finally upon us. With the sun shining and the warmer weather, we can all be outside a bit more, even if you are just hanging out in a lawn chair and watching the traffic go by. Find some time to get outside, it is good for the soul.

Just a reminder to be counted! Please take a minute to fill out the 2020 Census. You will find instructions on page 9 of this newsletter. Everyone matters.

Here at City Hall we have been extremely busy with all the building projects that are being done out in the community. It is awesome to see so many taking this time to get some things done around the house. It has also been nice to see so many people out in their yards. I want to remind everyone that when you are mowing, please do not blow your grass into the street. This is dangerous for motorcycles, bicycles, and mopeds. Please help keep our roads safe for everyone.

We are getting ready to open back up to the public. Things will look and be different. We ask for your patience as we all move forward into what might be our new norm. We look forward to seeing our citizens. Have a great June!

*Dee Wagaman*

## MEMORIAL DAY 2020



## AMERICAN LEGION MEAT AND FREEZER RAFFLE

Beef, Pork and Poultry approximately 145 pounds

And a 5.5 Cu. Ft Freezer

\$10 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$20

Contact Lyle @854-7435 or Steve @854-7112

Drawing August 1



# June 2020

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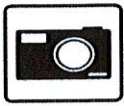

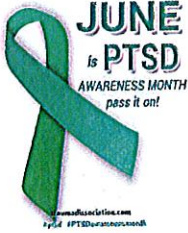
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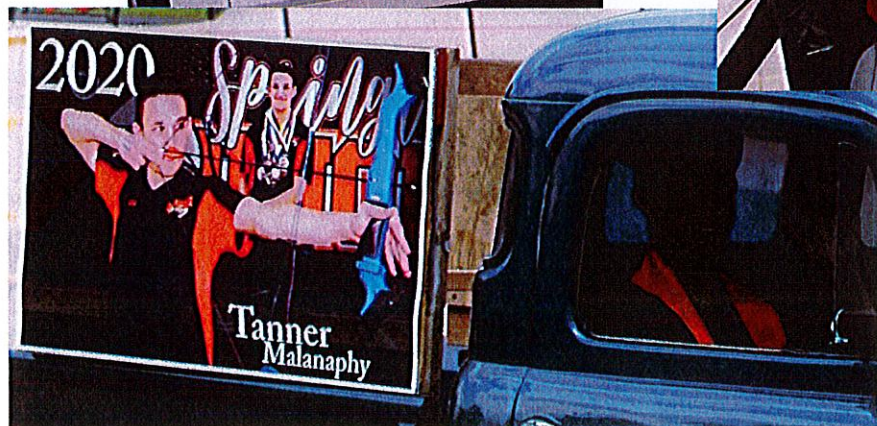
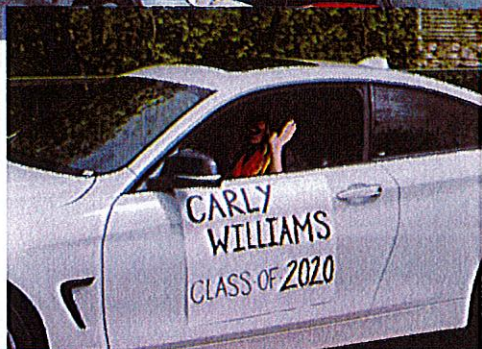
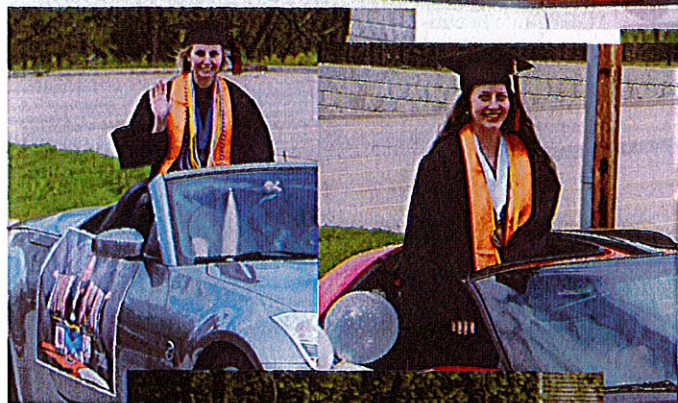
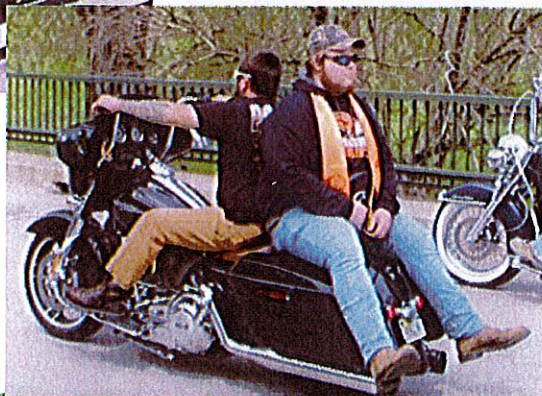
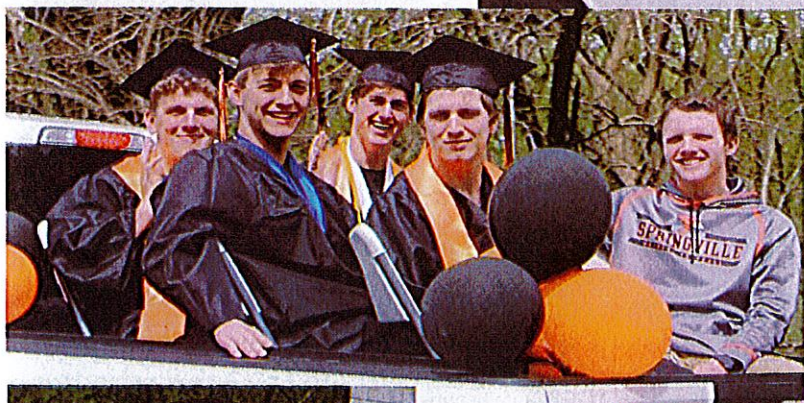
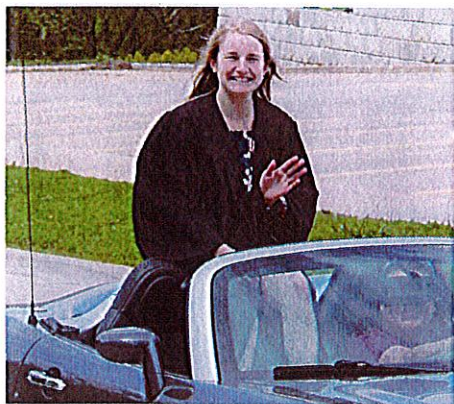
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	<p>1</p> <p>Go Barefoot Day</p> <p>City Council @6:00 City Hall</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Rotisserie Chicken Day</p> <p>Primary Election</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Chocolate Macaroons Day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Cheese Day</p> <p>Legion Auxiliary 6:00 PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Moonshine Day</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>D-Day</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Cancer Survivor's Day</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Best Friends Day</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Donald Duck Day</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Black Cow Day</p> <p>Library Board Mtg. 6:30 @Buresh Rm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Making Life Beautiful Day</p> <p>Legion Mtg @6:30</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Red Rose Day</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Weed Your Garden Day</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Flag Day</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Smile Power Day</p> <p>City Council @6:00 City Hall</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Fudge Day</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Cherry Tart Day</p> <p>School Board @7:00@ HS</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Go Fishing Day</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Wear Blue Day</p> <p>Dumpster Daze 8:00AM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>American Eagle Day</p> 
<p>21</p> <p>Father's Day</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Onion Rings Day</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pink Day</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Pralines Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Strawberry Parfait Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Beauticians Day</p>	<p>27</p> <p>PTSD Awareness Day</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Paul Bunyan Day</p> <p>Graduation @ 3:00</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Camera Day</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Social Media Day</p> 				



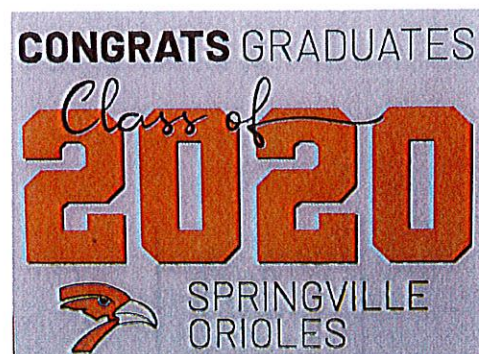
# SENIOR PARADE





The City would like to congratulate the class of 2020. They have officially received their diplomas, but are still hoping to have a ceremony on June 28 at 3pm. Congratulations to the following seniors:

Max Andersson	Kelly Kirchmann
Ploy Nara	Kyle Koppes
Jazlyn Andrea	Tanner Malanaphy
Travis Benesh	Zanne Novick
Dylan Ellison	Zack Pierce
Averi Epperson	Lily Schaum
Lovtee Estes	Dustin Sill
Miranda Garman	Zane Taube
Dalton Hawker	Caleb Weber
Anna Hennings	Carly Williams
Jacob Hungate	Cade Zaruba



## 2020 SENIOR AWARDS

Alumni Association Scholarship-Dustin Sill & Cade Zaruba  
 Springville American Legion Scholarship-Dustin Sill & Kyle Koppes  
 Sons of the Legion Scholarship-Jazlyn Andrea  
 SEDC Scholarship-Kyle Koppes  
 Springville Archery in the Schools Scholarship-Jazlyn Andrea & Tanner Malanaphy  
 Veda M. Moore Scholarship-Lily Schaum & Cade Zaruba  
 Springville Foundation Scholarship-Zanne Novick & Kyle Koppes  
 Walt Hammill Education Scholarship-Jazlyn Andrea  
 SAMS Scholarship-Lily Schaum  
 Springville Cooperative Telephone Scholarship-Kyle Koppes & Lily Schaum  
 Bowser Memorial Scholarship-Jazlyn Andrea  
 College Opportunity Scholarship (GCRF)-Cade Zaruba  
 Iowa Financial Know How Challenge-Kyle Koppes  
 ISU - Forever Scholar-Lily Schaum  
 Maurice S. & Elinor J. Reid Endowed Scholarship in Design-Lily Schaum  
 Glen & Eloise Kirkpatrick Scholarship-Lily Schaum  
 Governor's Scholar Award-Kyle Koppes  
 KWWL Best in Class-Kyle Koppes  
 Des Moines Register Academic All-State-Lily Schaum  
 Ambassadors Program-Dalton Hawker, Kyle Koppes & Dustin Sill  
 Leadership: HOBY, Boys/Girls State-Jazlyn Andrea, Lovtee Estes & Cade Zaruba  
 NCYL Whalen Family Scholarship-Carly Williams  
 BBB Student of Integrity Award-Kyle Koppes  
 DAR Good Citizen Award-Kelly Kirchmann  
 Iowa State Bar Association Good Citizenship Award-Jazlyn Andrea  
 Bernie Saggau Award-Dustin Sill  
 Bob Smiley Award-Kelly Kirchmann  
 E. Wayne Cooley Award-Lily Schaum  
 Northeast Iowa Male Athlete of the Year-Kyle Koppes  
 Outstanding Male and Female Athletes-Kyle Koppes & Kelly Kirchmann  
 Roy T. Schwab Award-Kelly Kirchmann  
 John Philip Sousa Band Award-Cade Zaruba  
 Director's Award for Chorus-Miranda Garman & Tanner Malanaphy  
 National Choral Award-Jazlyn Andrea



# A STROLL THROUGH THE HISTORY

## Dachau Liberation April 29, 1945: Bittersweet for Gilbert siblings



*Fred and Ann Gilbert, survivors of Dachau concentration camp, with their children Jack, Doris (center) and Lena in 1959. Jack and Lena now live in Springville.*

*Gazette photo, courtesy of Lena Gilbert*

April 29th has deep personal significance for siblings Lena and Jack Gilbert of Springville. On that date in 1945, their parents were among survivors of Dachau concentration camp, liberated by the U.S. Army's 42nd Rainbow Division.

Fred Gilbert was brutally imprisoned for 5 and a half years of his life; his future wife, Ann for 4 and a half years. They lost all of their family members to the Nazi Holocaust. And yet, they were very fortunate in that they survived.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Dachau. On that day, Fred and Ann Gilbert, both natives of Poland, met. They married January 2, 1946, in Schwabisch Hall, a town northeast of Stuttgart.

Almost four years after being liberated, they left Bremerhaven, Germany, with their son Jack, 3. Arriving in New Orleans, La. March 13, 1949, the Gilberts traveled by train to Marion, Iowa, where they were met by members of the Jewish Temple, who helped them

begin their new life in Cedar Rapids.

Daughters Doris and Lena were born in Cedar Rapids. Doris now lives in California. Lena said she was about kindergarten age when she realized, "Our family was unique."

The Gilbert parents started speaking publicly about their Holocaust experiences about 1974. They gave literally hundreds of lectures over more than 30 years. The final one was in 2006 at the Springville Memorial Library. They also donated money for the purchase of books about the Holocaust.

Ann Gilbert died in 2008 at the age of 84, and Fred in 2009 at 90. Their daughter Lena is keeping the memory of their horrific Holocaust experiences alive.

*By Karen Taylor*

**THE COVID-19 SITUATION** has delayed a program commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Dachau. Lena Gilbert of Springville is planning this event. It will be rescheduled later.

### Springville man died in Montana

Paul B. Taylor, 25, of Springville died of influenza on December 23, 1918, while homesteading in Roy, Fergus County, Montana. He left a wife, Blanche Higgins Taylor, and a 20-month-old son, Howard "Bud."

Taylor was the son of Albert B. and Mary Fogler Taylor of Springville. He had one sister, Minnie, who married Tom Pollock in March 1919.

Paul Taylor's body was returned to Iowa by train for burial in the Springville Cemetery. Blanche Taylor later married James Knudsen.

Bud Taylor married Winnifred Fowler, a 1933 graduate of Springville High School. They were the parents of Paul "Joe" Taylor, a 1960 Springville High School graduate, who lives in Anamosa.



# TORY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA

## Montana Territory proved fatal to Viola men

Not many Linn County residents lost forebears to Indians, but Matt Kenney is one. His great-great-grandfather, Joseph Leander Kenney of Viola, left Iowa in May 1864 to avoid Civil War conscription. Joseph met an awful fate "out West."

Joseph, his brother George, and brother-in-law Thomas Rhoten joined a wagon train from Linn County. Four months later, they reached the Gallatin Valley in southwest Montana Territory. For four years, they homesteaded 160 acres near Virginia City and prospected for gold. Grasshoppers ate their crops, and gold was elusive.

On Aug. 26, 1868, Joseph wrote to his father-in-law, Alexander Rhoten of Viola: "I think us boys were out of luck that we ever came to this country." He called it "a lottery with five thousand blanks and one prize."

In late September 1868, Joseph Kenney and Thomas Rhoten started back to Iowa by boat on the Yellowstone River, a tributary of the Missouri. George Kenney chose to go back by rail.

Joseph, Thomas, and three others traveling with them almost reached Montana's eastern border. Near Savage, Mont., they were seized by Sioux Indians and burned at the stake, likely in October. The exact date will never be known.

Much later, the killings were reported in Virginia City by a Crow Indian. In June 1869, the local newspaper printed an article – about 20 percent news, the rest angry opinion – blaming the U.S. government's Indian policy for the five men's deaths.

Waiting in Viola for the loved one they would never see again were Susan Rhoten Kenney, 27, and her children Gilford C., 6 ½; Louisa, 5; and Ella May, 3 ½. (Ella was born after Joseph left for Montana.) Susan lost both her husband, 38, and her brother, 35.

After seven years, Susan married Charles O. Plumly in September 1875. His first wife, Susan's sister Malinda, had died at 26. Susan and Charles had Lena Belle, James L., George M., and a son who died at 2. In 1891, Charles helped to found the Linn County Old Settlers Association.

*By Karen Taylor, with thanks to Matt Kenney*



*Joseph I. Kenney and Susan Rhoten were married March 17, 1861. A little over three years later, Joseph left for the Montana Territory, where he was killed.*

*Photo courtesy of Matt Kenney*

### ***Historic Montana letters treasured***

Thirty original letters written by Joseph Kenney in 1864 through 1868, and about 15 letters of his brother-in-law, Thomas Rhoten, have survived.

Kenney's great-great-grandson, Matt Kenney of Cedar Rapids, now owns this historic collection.

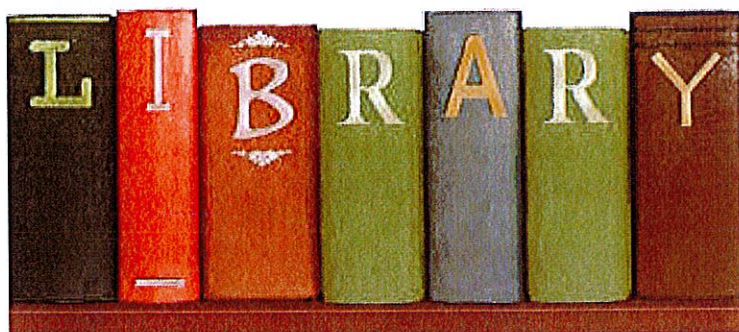
Captivated by his ancestor's tragic story, Matt is now learning as much as he can about him. In Montana, he found the site of the Kenney brothers' "Iowa Ranch." It took some sleuthing, as no written records exist.

Kenney, a seventh-generation Linn County resident, is senior marketing consultant and events manager at WMT iHeart Radio. His responsibilities include the June Tractorcade. He and his wife April have six children between them, including identical twin Kenney sons.



**Matt Kenney**





## NEW BOOKS

### Notice to Patrons of the Springville Memorial Library

It is the decision of the Springville Memorial Library Board of Trustees that the Library shall remain closed to the general public at this time. Governor Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Public Health have given libraries the 'green light' to re-open at 50% capacity, with social distancing and disinfecting processes in place, and we appreciate that the state is working to return Iowa to productivity.

Unfortunately, the Governor's directive fails to take into consideration the logistics of, and/or the demographic of our 'customer base' - particularly in small town/rural Iowa. Simply put, the two groups composing our most dedicated patrons, are children & older/elderly adults. In that sense, her directives to keep children's play groups, play areas of all types, and areas with communal seating closed, and her instruction for the elderly, especially those over 65, to remain at home, is a direct contradiction to opening the Library.

As Trustees, it is our responsibility, obligation & duty to make decisions regarding the day to day operations and finances of the library, both short and long term, with a top level view that takes ALL things into consideration. Uppermost in the priority flow, is the health and safety of our employee and our patrons. After significant reflection, research and discussion, the Trustees have set a target date of June 15th for phased in to full re-opening, with specific details to be shared as they become ready to implement.

In the interim, we want the community and patrons to rest assured we are doing all we can to be accountable. We have already had the floors, carpets & furniture professionally cleaned. We will be completely sanitizing the entire library, and implementing some new procedures and safety measures, in order to create as safe and comfortable an environment as possible.

The curbside book pickup process we have already established will continue, and we may expand the hours. Additionally, we plan to begin scheduling computer time appointments limited to no more than 4 people at a time, for ADULTS only, on specific select days. Information about this will be made public as soon as it is ready.

Information about appointments, new procedures, and our re-opening will be provided as expediently as possible. Watch for them on Facebook and the website. We will try to keep information flowing in as many ways as we can. If you have questions or concerns, please direct them to the Board President, and I will do my best to get you answers.

We appreciate your patience & understanding as we work to put things in place that allow us to "Open Our Doors" without anxiety. Our Library is a valuable asset - our patrons are an irreplaceable treasure - we will do our best to protect both.

Deb Vaughn - President, Springville Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

### Adult Fiction

In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez  
Walk the Wire by David Baldacci  
The Red Lotus by Chris Bohjalian  
The Boy from the Woods by Harlan Coben  
Fair Warning by Michael Connelly  
A Week at the Shore by Barbara Delinsky  
A Good Neighborhood by Therese Anne Fowler  
The Queen's Secret by Karen Harper  
Where the Dead Sit Talking by Brandon Hobson  
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman  
The Persuasion by Iris Johansen  
The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd  
Unknown Valor by Martha Maccallum  
The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott  
On Ocean Boulevard by Mary Alice Monroe  
Oona Out of Order by Margarita Montimore  
Dead Land by Sara Paretsky  
The 20<sup>th</sup> Victim by James Patterson  
Hush by James Patterson  
Revenge by James Patterson  
The Summer House by James Patterson  
Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid  
Hideaway by Nora Roberts  
The Numbers Game by Danielle Steel  
Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walters  
Sharks in the Time of Saviors by Kawai Strong Washburn  
The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate

### Adult Non Fiction

Pearls of Wisdom by Barbara Bush  
The Women With Silver Wings by Katherine Sharp Landde

### YA Fiction

Children of Exile by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Children of Refuge by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
The Deceivers by Margaret Peterson Haddix

### Children's Fiction

At Last, Jedi by Jarrett J Krosoczka

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We may be closed but we are still keeping up on all the new books for you. Don't forget we are offering curbside pick-up for materials, just call 854-6444 details.



This is a reminder to respond to the 2020 Census. If you have already completed your Census, we thank you. If you have not yet completed your questionnaire, we need your help to count everyone in the community by providing basic information about all adults, children, and babies living or staying at your resident on April 1, 2020.

Simply go to [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) and follow the prompts. This will take approximately five (5) minutes of your time. If you prefer you can call toll-free **1-844-330-2020**.

The Census is so important that the law requires your response, and your answers are kept completely confidential. If you do not respond, they will need to send a Census Bureau interviewer to your home to collect your answers in person.

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Census  
2020

FAQ INSTRUCTIONS  ENGLISH ▾

## Welcome to the 2020 Census

- It's quick and easy. The 2020 Census questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete.
- It's safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected.
- Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.

### Getting started:

- You must complete your questionnaire once you begin. If you leave the questionnaire and return later, you will have to start over.
- Do not use the web browser buttons (back, forward, or close browser). Use the buttons within the questionnaire to navigate.
- For best results, use the latest version of Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, or Safari. Enable cookies.

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Start Questionnaire

Click on Start Questionnaire Button

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## Please Log In

Use the materials we mailed to you or left at your door.  
All the information that you provide will remain confidential.

### [Where can I find my 12-digit Census ID?](#)

Please enter the 12-digit Census ID found in the materials we mailed to you or left at your door.

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Login

[If you do not have a Census ID, click here.](#)

If you have your Census ID, enter in boxes and click on Login.

If you do NOT have your Census ID, click here.

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FAQ INSTRUCTIONS  ENGLISH ▾

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In order to collect your address, we first need to know where you were living on April 1, 2020. ([Help](#))

Please select where you were living on April 1, 2020.

- ☐ A U.S. state or the District of Columbia
- ☐ Puerto Rico
- ☐ Somewhere else

Start the questionnaire. Answer each question then click on Next.

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The Springville City Council met in regular session May 4, 2020. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting of the Springville City Council was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. The agenda had this message posted more than 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting: *Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Springville will be holding this City Council meeting electronically via a conference call. If you would like to participate in the meeting, please call (425)-436-6369 and enter this access code: 331423. Only City staff are allowed in City hall.*

Mayor Shebetka called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Council members present: Brad Merritt, Bart Barner, Lyle Andersen, Jeff Grimley, and Karla Blakely. City staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman and City Clerk/Treasurer Dee Wagaman. Guests present: Ryan Hosch and Jim Holz of MSA, Ashley Luzinski and Ashley Detterman.

Andersen made a motion to approve the agenda, second from Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

Andersen made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of April 20, 2020 minutes, approval of bills, and approval of Casey's tobacco permit, second from Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Shebetka opened the public hearing to amend the current budget at 6:04 p.m. No comment for or against the proposed amendment. Merritt made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m., second from Andersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Andersen presented Resolution 163-2020, a resolution to approve FY20 Budget Amendment, second from Blakely. RCV: AYES: Barner, Merritt, Andersen, Blakely, and Grimley. **RESOLUTION 163-2020 adopted.**

Holz of MSA presented Resolution 164-2020, a resolution to approve \$5,000 in matching funds to Iowa Economic Development Authority's Rural Housing Assessment Grant. Blakely made a motion to approve Resolution 164-2020, second from Merritt. RCV: AYES: Barner, Merritt, Andersen, Blakely, and Grimley. **RESOLUTION 164-2020 adopted.**

Ashley Detterman and Ashley Luzinski presented to council the desire to have chickens in City limits. Clerk presented information from Walker and Central City, both allow chickens. Council would like to see community input and more information. This topic will be on a future agenda.

Andersen presented third reading of Ordinance 5-2020, an Ordinance to set the water/sewer rates for FY21, second from Barner. RCV: AYES: Barner, Merritt, Andersen, Blakely, and Grimley. NAYS: None.

Merritt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 5-2020, an Ordinance to set the water/sewer rates for FY21, second from Andersen. RCV: AYES: Barner, Merritt, Andersen, Blakely, and Grimley. NAYS: None. **ORDINANCE 5-2020 adopted.**

Discussion held on Code 41.12 pertaining to fireworks. Merritt and Andersen would like to see no consumer fireworks allowed in the

City limits at any time. Andersen presented Resolution 166-2020, a resolution to set a public hearing (May 18, 2020 6:00 PM) to amend Chapter 41.12 of the Springville Code of Ordinances, second from Blakely. RCV: AYES: Barner, Merritt, Andersen, and Blakely. NAYS: Grimley. **RESOLUTION 166-2020 adopted.**

Discussion held on variance request at 159 5<sup>th</sup> St. N. City owns property within 200 feet of this property. Council sees no issues in allowing the homeowner to install an 8' fence. Council discussed the requirements of the Board of Adjustment before the board makes decisions on allowing certain variances. Clerk will research and bring back to council.

Andersen presented Resolution 165-2020, a resolution providing minimum staffing and pay during a pandemic, second from Barner. RCV: AYES: Barner, Merritt, Andersen, Blakely, and Grimley. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 165-2020 adopted.** Council will make a decision on bringing staff back on May 18, 2020 after governor's decision with the state.

Council discussed the junk nuisances. They have decided to pull back until the state opens more. The Solid Waste Agency is not open to residents at this time. Courts are also closed until August 4, 2020.

Wyman discussed the situation with the box culvert on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. He will need to get this fixed. Both residents adjacent to this have concerns. The repair could cost \$5,000-\$10,000. Wyman will get information to council.

Linn County Sheriff's report presented via email. There were 12 calls for service between 4/20/2020-5/4/2020.

Wyman presented report.

Wagaman presented treasurer and clerk report.

Mayor is concerned with the speeding traffic around town lately.

The next regular council meeting will be May 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Blakely moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., second from Andersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

### City Council Regular Meeting May 18, 2020

The Springville City Council met in regular session May 18, 2020. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting of the Springville City Council was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. The agenda had this message posted more than 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting: *Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Springville will be holding this City Council meeting electronically via a conference call. If you would like to participate in the meeting, please call (425)-436-6369 and enter this access code: 331423. Only City staff are allowed in City hall.*

Mayor Shebetka called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Council members present: Brad Merritt, Lyle Andersen, Jeff Grimley, and Karla Blakely. City staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman and City Clerk/Treasurer Dee Wagaman. Guests present: Matthew Obiedzinski and Jake Bourgeois (Journal-Eureka).

Andersen made a motion to approve the agenda, second from Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

Andersen made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of May 4, 2020 minutes and approval of bills,



second from Merritt. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Bart Barner entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Matthew Obiedzinski of 303 5<sup>th</sup> St. South requested a variance for a 6' fence be installed around his entire property instead of the 4' limit in the front. Andersen made a motion to allow a 6' fence around the entire property, second from Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Obiedzinski requested that the fence be allowed to be placed 2" off the property line. The City's property adjoins his property. Barner made a motion to allow the fence to be placed 2" off the property line, second from Grimley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lengthy discussion held with Obiedzinski and council about the requirement of installing a sidewalk and curb & gutter. The Springville code requires sidewalk and curb & gutter to be installed for any new build. His property would be the only one in that location with a sidewalk or curb & gutter. The council had decided to get an agreement written up that the property owner will be required to install both sidewalk and the curb & gutter at the time of further development in that area. Clerk is to find agreement from past residents and get in front of council for approval. Andersen made a motion to allow Obiedzinski, to postpone the sidewalk installation until the City sees the need for all property owners to install a sidewalk, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Barner. All ayes. Motion carried. Blakely made a motion to allow the property owner to postpone the installation of curb & gutter until both sides of the adjacent street are improved, second from Andersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council discussed the City staff and offices closure due to Covid-19. It was decided to bring all workers back to their normal shifts. Masks will be provided for those situations where workers are required to work in close proximity. They also discussed when/how to open to the public. For now, they will continue to follow guidelines from Linn County. Offices will remain closed to the general public. Clerk's office will see patrons in person by appointment only and masks will be required from the outside public. Wyman will get with his supplier to see if they can get masks and gloves.

Mayor appointed members of the SEDC and councilman Barner to the Housing Committee for the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Rural Housing Assessment Grant Program. Andersen made a motion to accept this appointment, second from Grimley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Andersen made a motion to approve Resolution 167-2020, a resolution to add a streetlight to 6<sup>th</sup> St. & 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, second from Blakely. RCV: AYES: Barner, Merritt, Grimley, Andersen, and Blakely. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 167-2020 adopted.**

Discussion held on Memorial Day Service. Andersen requested to hold the ceremony in front of the American Legion (252 Broadway St.). The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25. There will be a very short speech, Honor Guard Volley, and Taps. This will allow people to remain in their cars or to spread out downtown. Flags will be placed in the cemetery as normal. Merritt made a motion to approve the ceremony to be held downtown, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Grimley. All ayes, Andersen abstained. Motion carried.

Andersen made a motion to cancel the City Wide Garage Sales for 2020, second from Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Andersen made a motion to tentatively reschedule amnesty days for September, second from Barner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wyman presented an estimate from Taube Excavation to clean up and repair a box culvert on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave for \$7,900. Clerk directed to look at FY21 budget and bring back to next meeting.

Wyman presented the FY21 seal chip street list. Andersen made a

motion to approve the bid from LL Pelling for \$63,762.25, second from Merritt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Barner has located a county resident who is willing to take the City yard waste. Wyman to get in contact and work out details.

Linn County Sheriff's report presented via email. There were 12 calls for service between 5/4/2020-5/18/2020.

Wyman presented report.

Wagaman presented clerk report.

Mayor shared his appreciation to the Linn County Sheriff's department for having extra patrol around town. Mayor reached out to Major Colston after last council meeting to discuss the driving patterns and his concern.

Merritt and Andersen expressed concerns with the ATVs on the roads. They appear to be driving reckless. Will try to help Sheriff's Department by getting codes similar to surrounding communities.

The next regular council meeting will be June 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Andersen moved to adjourn at 7:33 p.m., second from Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Springville Presbyterian Church-NO activities until further notice, including Vacation Bible School

Springville United Methodist Church-Services starting June 7 and Wednesday night June 10. NO Vacation Bible School

Springville Area Historical Society WILL NOT meet.

Fishing Derby is CANCELLED.

Springville High School Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 28th at 3:00 PM.

NO City Garage Sales

Amnesty Day POSTPONED until September.

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**There WILL BE HS baseball & softball, NO Jr High teams**

First game June 15th, check school website for schedule  
There will be NO concession stands.

Bring your own chairs if you wish to sit during games.

Stay home if you are sick or have been sick.

Please read and follow the guidelines that will be posted at all the games.

Social distancing is expected.

Wearing a mask is recommended.

Safety precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of our athletes, coaches and umpires.



## SAVE THE DATE: Friday, June 19: Dumpster Daze!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, June 19 from 8AM to Noon** for a FREE dumpster event sponsored by Springville resident and Skogman Realty sales agent, Lena Gilbert, REALTOR®.

This is a one-time, first-come, first-served opportunity to get rid of your unwanted items. The Dumpster Daze event will be located in the parking lot behind City Hall. Please enter the parking lot at the South side of City Hall and exit to the North side of the City Hall.

**Allowable items include:** general rubbish, clothing, furniture, mattresses, books/print material, toys, clean metal, lumber, household items.

**Items NOT allowed:** TV's, computers, major appliances, tires, paint, gas/gas cans, asbestos, hazardous materials, yard debris, grass clippings, tree trimmings, tree trunks, concrete, engines, batteries. If in doubt, call City Hall or Lena Gilbert for clarification.

On the day of the event, you are encouraged to call City Hall or Lena Gilbert in advance to confirm space is still available for your items. As the dumpsters reach capacity, the event will conclude and additional items may not be discarded in the parking lot or left unattended.

City Hall may be reached at 319-854-6428 or Lena Gilbert at 319-241-9249. All Springville residents are invited. Please practice social distancing and please wear a mask!

Thank you to Lena Gilbert, REALTOR® for sponsoring the June 19 Dumpster Daze!

### CITY NEWS BRIEFS

- Fill out the US 2020 Census.
- See something, Say something. Call 319-398-3911 (non emergency sheriff number)
- Sign up to have your Springville water utility bill automatically withdrawn from your checking account. Don't pay another late fee. It is easy to sign up and free.
- Call Iowa One Call at 811 before you dig.
- Reminder of City Hall Hours; 7:30AM-12PM, 12:30PM-4PM, Monday-Friday.