

# SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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**American Legion Auxiliary**

June 7 - 6:00 PM  
Springville Legion

**Legion Dinner/Mtg**

June 14 - 6:30 PM  
Springville Legion

**Library Board**

June 10 - 6:30 PM  
Springville Memorial Library

**P & Z Meeting**

June 10- 6:45 PM  
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

**Historical Society**

June 9 - 6:30 PM

**Parks**

June 11 - 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

"Communities grow stronger when we take the time to teach, serve, and work together — one project, one lesson, and one generation at a time."



Wow! We had the opportunity to work with some really great middle school and high school students during their last week of school. The school district hosts what they call "Oriole Pride Week" during the students' final week. During the morning hours, students participate in content-learning projects. These projects included things like building robots, adapting stories into different media, living off the grid, scandals in sports, CNC design, "The Future Me," cake and cookie decorating, and officiating education.

During the afternoons, students spent about three hours participating in service-learning projects. The kids were placed into five different groups: Forensic Face Reconstruction, Animal Welfare, "Hey . . . How Do I?" (how-to videos), Little Free Libraries, and City Development.

Our city staff had the privilege of working with about 40 students and four great teachers/leaders. Staff worked together to come up with projects that needed to get done but never quite seem to make it to the top of the list. Some of those projects included weeding at the cemetery, parks, City Hall, and the entrance sign into town. After everything was weeded, the students spread fresh mulch in several areas.

They also helped refresh the steel door on the cemetery shed and clean the St. Isidore's sign. The cemetery looked extra special for Memorial Day services. Some students helped clear additional rocks from the ball diamonds at Emmons Park and got a good start on painting the dugouts. Others repaired benches at Upper Butler Park and applied fresh stain to the benches and picnic tables. The park is looking great.

They did run into a little hiccup while replacing boards on the benches. Some elementary students who were outside playing saw the benches being taken apart and started a protest of sorts, chanting, "Save our benches!" A few even staged a sit-in on the second bench. Once they understood what was happening, they were eager to help the older students with the repairs. It was really neat to see how much our younger kids care about our parks and community amenities.

For me personally, it was really great to interact with the students again. It has been awhile since I have worked around school-aged kids, and it made me think about the lessons we teach our children. Do we take the extra time to let them help with tasks around the house? Do we show them how to spruce up and care for our homes, or do we shoo them away so we can get the job done faster?

I can honestly say I am probably guilty of shooing my own kids away instead of slowing down to teach them things like how to paint with a brush or roller, or why we cover surfaces before painting. Do we take the time to show them how to use simple hand tools to fix or hang something? I have watched my own kids move into homes of their own and have to figure some of these things out for themselves. Maybe I was always in too much of a hurry to get projects done, or maybe they were too busy to want to learn at the time.

Either way, watching these students and leaders work throughout the community while learning practical skills they can use someday in homes of their own was really neat to witness. I hope this is a tradition the school and community continue for many years to come. There are so many great things that can be accomplished when we work together for our community and residents.

Thank you for letting us be part of this year's Oriole Pride Week!

Your city clerk,

*Dee Wagaman*



# June 2026

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p>  <p>Recycling Week A</p> <p>City Council Mtg 6PM City Hall</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 PM @ Legion Auxiliary Mtg</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Fishing Derby 6pm</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Recycling Week B</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Library Board 6:30 PM @ Library</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 PM @ Legion Dinner Mtg Parks Mtg 6 PM City Hall</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Music in the Park in Butler Park 6-9pm</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>   <p>Recycling Week A</p> <p>Water Bill Due</p> <p>City Council Mtg 6PM City Hall</p>	<p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>City Hall Offices Closed for Training</p>			<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Fathers Day</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>Recycling Week B</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Farmers Market &amp; Food Truck</p>	<p>24</p> <p>School Board Mtg 7:00PM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>Recycling Week A</p>	<p>30</p>				

# UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



## Springville's 10th Annual Fishing Derby

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM  
Cox Pond

A FREE Family Event!  
 ① Registration Begins: 6:00 PM  
 ② Fishing Starts: 6:30 PM  
 🐟 Open to Kids Ages 2-16

♦ FREE Event – No Registration Fee  
 ♦ No Fishing License Required for This Weekend Only!  
 ♦ We can't wait to see our young anglers at Cox Pond!

Springville Parks

## Don't Miss the City Wide GARAGE SALES

JUNE 13, 2026  
8-4

Treasure Hunt in Our Town!

Great Deals! Great Finds!

One person's TREASURE is another person's FIND!

GREAT FINDS!

## Springville's HOMETOWN PRIDE Music in the Park

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FRIDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>  
6-9PM

FEATURING Sugar & Spice

AT BUTLER PARK

BRING YOUR CHAIRS! GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON!

STREET BITES FOOD TRUCK WILL BE THERE!

Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

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**Did you know . . .**  
 that recycling may be placed in clear bags inside your recycling tote? Using clear bags can help prevent lightweight recycling materials from blowing around when the tote is emptied into the truck. Please continue to make sure all recyclable items are clean and acceptable for curbside recycling. Thank you for helping keep our community clean!

**Did you know . . .**  
 that bulk waste curb side pick up is included in your garbage service? Customers can place one (1) bulk item out per month. This service is provided at no charge. To schedule bulk pickup, you need to contact the Customer Service at **563-332-0050**. *Note:* Some bulk items, like appliances, tires or mattresses may require a charge.

**Did you know . . .**  
 that the City now offers a Pool Fill Adjustment Program? Because pool water does not enter the sanitary sewer system, eligible residents may request a partial sewer credit for qualifying residential pool fills. Simply complete a form and submit it to City Hall for review. Please note that adjustments apply only to initial pool fills and not to topping off pools or other outdoor water use. Contact City Hall for more information or to obtain a form!

## AMERICAN LEGION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

**Cancelled**

FRIDAY  
JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>  
7 AM - 11 AM  
SPRINGVILLE AMERICAN LEGION

Breakfast during CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

MENU TBD

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY & VETERANS

## JOIN US FOR THE FARMER'S Market!

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TUESDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>  
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Food Truck  
5:00 - 7:30 PM

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The Springville Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) has proudly served our community since 2005. Since then the organization, its members and board of directors has promoted and created numerous programs and incentives that continue to have a positive impact on Springville residents, businesses and visitors. But the time has come for a new era of leadership and vibrancy.

SEDC has disbanded. We would like to thank the core founding directors Carol Frisch, Lena Gilbert and Trent Mamer, along with the former late Mayor Bill Cooper for supporting the vision, purpose and mission of SEDC. The organization would also like to thank the Springville community for rallying around the many projects created, sponsored and/or funded by SEDC during the past 21 years.

The SEDC executive committee unanimously voted to donate the balance of our treasury to the FRIENDS OF SPRINGVILLE PARKS, INC. We believe their mission and purpose most closely align with our core values and we wish them success for their future endeavors.

Lena Gilbert, Tyson Jacobi, Cortney Pearson and Dee Wagaman, SEDC current board of directors, will always and proudly be available to consult with existing and/or new and emerging groups to help shape a New Era of vibrancy for Springville.

Dee Wagaman, President  
Tyson Jacobi, Vice-President  
Cortney Pearson, Secretary  
Lena Gilbert, Treasurer



SUMMER DAYS

Cruise in  
FOR VETERANS.

★ THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH ★

4:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER



★ COME SHOW OFF YOUR RIDE. ★



AMERICAN LEGION POST 331  
★ SPRINGVILLE, IOWA ★

**SPRINGVILLE CHAMPIONS**

**CHAMPIONS CHAMP CAMP**

ADVENTURE, LEARNING, AND FUN ALL SUMMER LONG! ENJOY EXCITING FIELD TRIPS, COMMUNITY ADVENTURES, HANDS-ON SCIENCE, AND PLENTY OF OUTDOOR PLAY IN A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

Dates	Hours	1-2 Days	3-5 Days
JUNE 1 - AUGUST 21, 2026	6:30 AM - 6:00 PM	\$72 PER WEEK	\$155 PER WEEK

Activities:  
 ✓ Hands-On Learning  
 ✓ Science Experiments  
 ✓ Self Made Snacks  
 ✓ Community Adventures  
 ✓ Field Trips

Springville Elementary  
 602 Mill Ave  
 Springville, IA 52336

Registration Link  
<https://my.discoverchampions.com/enrollpath.com>

+319-693-9304 CH002946@discoverchampions.com

Save the date!

**KINGDOM QUEST**

AN EPIC JOURNEY TO DISCOVER GOD'S KINGDOM

**Springville VBS**  
July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

**KIDS YOUTH GROUP**

AT SPRINGVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 165 BROADWAY ST, SPRINGVILLE, IA  
 EVERY THURSDAY 6P-8P  
 GRADES K-6

**Community YOUTH Group**

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades  
 AT SPRINGVILLE METHODIST CHURCH | 169 BROADWAY ST SPRINGVILLE, IA

Join us  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 6:30PM

FREE Dinner from 6:30-7PM

- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Devotion
- ◆ Activities

7-8PM

# SUMMER 2026 READING



Here comes Springville Memorial Library's 2026 summer reading program!! Our summer reading program is open to patrons of every age. All you need to do is register by filling out a registration form. From there, pick out books you want to read and start **READING!** This year's theme is **Plant a Seed, Read!** What does that mean? It means reading a book is a great way to learn things and a great way to grow.

Part of this summer's reading fun includes Wednesday afternoon programs for kids of all ages. **Programs are held at 2:30 each Wednesday, starting June 3 and ending August 5.** These programs involve various kinds of activities—stories, art projects, hands-on gardening, scavenger hunts, snacks, games—culminating in a party on August 5.

Our reading program is always based on participation. It is not a competition. Certain activities may have small prizes awarded, but it is never about who reads the most hours or the most books or the hardest books. Our goal just is to promote the joy of reading.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### June 3 ~ Introduction

Tour the library, register for summer reading, hear a story and learn about the summer-long photo project.

### June 10 ~ Nature Collecting

Hear a story, make Nature collection bags, start collecting Nature items.

### June 17 ~ In the Garden with Jen

Hear a story, then help our master gardener in the library's two raised gardens. Make a painting using raw veggies!

### June 24 ~ Nature's Paintbrush

Hear a story, make a 3-D picture with items from your Nature collection bag.

## REGULAR PROGRAMS

**Knitters:** June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 1:00 p.m.

**Story Time:** June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:30 a.m.

## SENIOR MEAL

On **June 17** SANSI and the Springville Memorial Library will host the monthly Senior Meal and Activity. The meal is served at 11:00 a.m., and you need to reserve your place by June 12. Call the library at 319-854-6444 or SANSI 319-854-6100 to reserve a spot for food, fellowship and fun. Come and celebrate the beginning of summer with us!

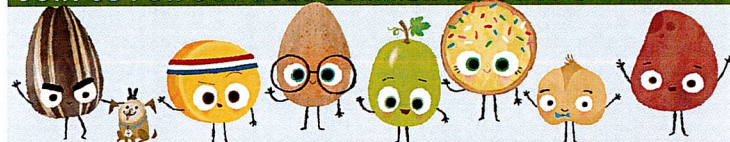
## LIBRARY GARDENS



The seeds we planted are growing!!

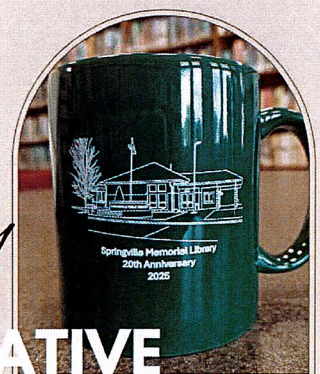


## JOIN US FOR OUR 2026 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



# SPRINGVILLE LIBRARY

20th Anniversary



# COMMEMORATIVE MUGS FOR SALE

\$7

# SPRINGVILLE *Fun Days*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

Come to Springville Fun Days for a weekend of food, fun, and entertainment for the entire family! Springville, Iowa is located just 8 miles NE of Marion on HWY 151. See event details at [cityofspringville.us](http://cityofspringville.us) or [www.springvilletractorpull.com/events](http://www.springvilletractorpull.com/events)

## WEDS., AUGUST 5 - Special Early Event!

### 6 – 9 pm: YOUTH GROUP PARKING LOT PARTY

Presbyterian Church on Broadway

FREE Admission. Food and games. For 7th – 12th graders.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

### 6:30 pm: ECIPA TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL

STPA Park\*, just N of the old Elementary, 162 Barnes PKWY

Admission: Adult: \$20, Age 6-12: \$5, 5 & under free.

Pit Passes: \$35 per person regardless of age. Main gate opens at 4 pm. Pit gate opens at 3 pm.

#### 9 Classes of Trucks and Tractors!

Exhibition Finale: Steam Engine Light Show

FREE Parking. Food and beverages available onsite. Bring your lawn chair or a blanket. NO COOLERS.

Contacts: Rick 319-350-4421, Jeff 319-721-4550, Mike 319-640-0241

#### STPA's Gold Sponsors

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Marion Tire and Mt. Vernon Road Tire

Wendling Quarry

#### STPA's facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/springvilletractorpullersassociation](http://www.facebook.com/springvilletractorpullersassociation)

STPA's website: [www.springvilletractorpull.com](http://www.springvilletractorpull.com)

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

### 8 am: 6K Run/Walk

Starts Downtown

Cost: \$25 per runner. All proceeds go to the Springville Community Football Fund which benefits football players in grades 1 – 12.

### 7 - 10 am: Pancake Breakfast

Presbyterian Church, 165 Broadway

Includes sausage & drink.

### 10 am: Parade

Line up starting at 9 am at Old Elem School, 602 Mill Ave

### 10:30 am-1: Craft & Vendor Fair/Farmers Market

Butler Park, 400 Academy ST

Shop handmade crafts as well as brand name vendors. We are still accepting vendors.

Contact: Sarah Walker 319-210-9199

### 10:30 am: STPA Bags Tournament

### 1 pm: Kid's Bags Tournament

STPA Park, 162 Barnes PKWY\*

8:30 am check-in/registration and practice. 6th annual STPA Bags Tournament with adult and kids divisions.

Double elimination. Best 2 out of 3. 2 person teams with a max of 60 teams. Cash payout to adult division guaranteed: 1st \$350, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$250,

4th \$100. Trophies for top 4 in kid's division. \$50 award to best theme. Rules, entry fees, & registration form on [SpringvilleTractorPull.com/events](http://SpringvilleTractorPull.com/events) or contact Sarah Holub: [sarahholub@aol.com](mailto:sarahholub@aol.com), 319-360-6573.

### 10:30 am - 1 pm: The Game Zone – Fun for Kids of All Ages!

Butler Park, 400 Academy ST

\$10 wristband/person for 2.5 hours of unlimited fun at the Game Zone which includes carnival games, face painting, water games & much more! Food & beverages available on-site. Hosted by the Springville Parks Board.

### 6:30 - 11 pm: FREE Outdoor Concert

STPA Presents Boot Jack Band

STPA Park, 162 Barnes PKWY\*

Bring your lawn chair or blanket. At dusk the concert will break for fireworks. Concessions & beer tent on-site. No coolers please.

### Fireworks at Dusk!

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

### 6 pm: Gospel Concert in the Gazebo

Butler Park, 400 Academy ST

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

\*STPA (Springville Tractor Pullers Association, Inc.) Park Location: North of old Elementary School, 162 Barnes Parkway, Springville, IA 52336.

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

To add your event to the schedule contact Brenda Taylor by texting 319-721-4555 or email [BrendaTaylorDesign@gmail.com](mailto:BrendaTaylorDesign@gmail.com)

Schedule as of May 27, 2026

# A STROLL THROUGH THE HIS

## Exchange State Bank is 147; oldest bank in Linn County

Springville's Exchange State Bank, the oldest bank in Linn County, is 147 years old. Joseph Samuel Butler, 57, founded it in November 1878. Born in Ohio, he had come to Springville in 1840 in the "blended family" of his father Isaac and stepmother Susan.

In August 1877, Joseph's left leg was crushed in a train accident at Cleveland, Ohio. Two weeks later, the leg was amputated below the knee, possibly by Dr. John Love. Joseph did not leave his home for several months, planning a business venture suited to his disability.

In 1878, Joseph and his wife Maria had been married 24 years and had a son, Charles "Fred," 21. Two sons had died: Lurman at 3 months and Alvah at 19. Alvah was born on Joseph's 35th birthday.

Butler's bank was originally in a former south-side store built 24 years earlier by Aaron P. Risley. A justice of the peace, Risley had married Joseph and Maria July 4, 1854. (Storage garages now stand on the bank site.)

In 1881, the Exchange Bank moved to the southwest corner of Broadway and Liberty. A two-story frame building housed the bank and the Butler home. (The phone company occupies the site now.)

Joseph Butler was president of the Exchange Bank 20 years. By 1880, his son Fred was a bank clerk. On Christmas Day 1882, Fred married Clara Belle Burger. Their only child, Margaret Josephine, was born Jan. 9, 1884.

The Springville New Era's special edition Sept. 1, 1897, stated: "J. S. Butler . . . is truly a self-made man. His chances for education were scanty, and yet it is a compliment to his sound judgment that he is usually considered the equal of any lawyer in drawing up agreements or legal documents of any nature."

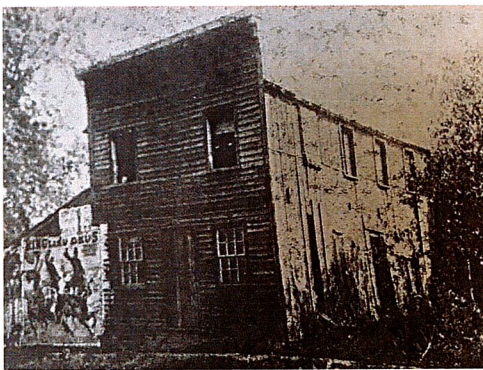
At 77, Joseph Butler died Dec. 31, 1898. Surviving besides his wife, son, and granddaughter were a brother, a sister, four half brothers, and two half sisters.



Joseph S. Butler

Maria Reneau Butler

IN 1896, ABOUT two years before Joseph Butler's death, his half sister, Amanda Griffith, died when struck by a streetcar near her home in Denver, Colo. She was 52.



LEFT – Exchange Bank, 1878-1881  
(Courtesy of Dee Wagaman)

RIGHT – Exchange Bank, 1881-1902. Early 1970s photo. Present bank at far right. (Courtesy of Vera Underwood)



### Heel noise irked Ordy Emmons at bank

Wava Terry of Dubuque, formerly of Springville, reminisced Sept. 1, 2018:

"After Dr. Wells passed away (Feb. 7, 1943), Mother needed to look for employment, and was hired as a teller by Ordy Emmons. (One day) Mr. Emmons said, 'Mary, your shoes are driving me nuts. The heels click when you walk.'

"So she had the shoe repair man put rubber heel pads on them. I remember where his shop was . . . (He) was the Sunday School superintendent for many, many years at the Methodist Church. (J. Willis Brown, grandfather of the late Joe Brown.)

**NOTES** – Wava Peck (later Terry) was in eighth grade when her stepfather, dentist Claude C. Wells, died. Wava's mother, Mary Hoskin Peck Wells, 42, was Dr. Wells' second wife. Orlin "Ordy" Emmons, 59, was married to Margaret Butler Emmons, president of the Exchange State Bank. Willis Brown was still repairing shoes at age 75. Formerly he had a harness shop in Springville.

# ISTORY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA

## Wood couple in Paralta area lost 8 of their 13 children

In April 1879 near Paralta, diphtheria killed five children in the Wood family: *Ida E.*, 23 months; *Mark*, 4 ½; *Lenora A.*, 6; *William Nelson*, about 9; and *Columbus*, 11 ½. Three of their siblings died at other times.

In Paralta Cemetery, six boys and two girls are memorialized on one stone. It gives no birth or death dates for *Thomas J.*, 6 months, 17 days; *David F.*, 8 months, 4 days; and *John W.*, 2 years, 9 months. Possibly they were born in the early 1850s, but this is conjecture.

The five surviving Wood sons were in their teens or early 20s in April 1879: *Axen Ira*, born in 1856; *Charles Commodore*, 1858; *Jasper Eldorada*, 1860; *George Albert*, 1862; and *Theodore Sherman*, 1865. Thankfully, Axen's tragic demise years later could not be foreseen.

The parents were William Washington Wood, born in 1822 in Washington County, Ind., and Mary "Polly" Whitlatch, 1832, a native of Athens County, Ohio. The Whitlatches settled near Paralta, south of Springville, in 1839. William came to Iowa before December 1846.

On April 8, 1849, William, 27, and Polly, going on 17, were married by Ezekiel Cox Jr., J. P. The wedding may have been at the home of the bride's parents, John W. and Annie Whitlatch.

The Woods had been married 30 years when they lost five children to diphtheria. Their golden wedding anniversary was April 8, 1899. They lived 1 ½ miles south of Mount Vernon then, but earlier had spent a year in Cherokee County, Iowa.

In December 1899, Polly lost her husband, 77. He was buried at Paralta. Less than a year later, she returned to Paralta for her son Axen's services. At 44, he died on his farm southeast of Martelle Sept. 1, 1900.

**THE ANAMOSA JOURNAL** reported that Axen followed his wife Anar from their house, pointing a pistol at her. Then he saw their son Emery, 18, going squirrel hunting, and ordered him to put down his shotgun. Emery told his father to put down his pistol. Axen cocked his gun, preparing to fire.

"With his mother in imminent peril," the Journal stated, "young

Wood closed his eyes and pulled both triggers on the shotgun." Axen died instantly; Anar was safe.

Emery was jailed at Anamosa. An inquest was held Sept. 2. Axen's funeral was Sept. 3 at Paralta Presbyterian Church, on the southwest corner of Springville and Paralta roads. On Sept. 5, following preliminary examination, the judge released Emery. No trial was held.

Polly Whitlatch Wood, 72, who suffered so much grief in her life, died July 6, 1904, at her home on South First Avenue, Mount Vernon. In Paralta Cemetery, she and William rest with nine of their 13 children.

*NOTE: The Anamosa Eureka, competitor of the Journal, gave a different account of events leading to Axen's death. But in both newspaper versions, Emery Wood, defending his mother, killed his father.*

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



William Wood



Anar Barto Wood Houseworth



Polly Wood

**RUTH WURSTER** of rural Springville is the granddaughter of Jasper Wood, William and Polly's son. William's mother, Elizabeth Turpin Wood (1802-1868), is interred at Mount Zion Cemetery, about 5 miles south of Springville. She was a "Real Daughter of the American Revolution," meaning her father fought in the war.

**GEORGE A. WOOD**, son of William and Polly, opened a grocery store on Springville's south side in June 1920. How long he operated it is unknown. He later moved to Orange County, Calif., and died Nov. 26, 1952, at age 90.

**AXEN WOOD'S WIFE** Anar was the daughter of Eliza Melissa Mann Barto. Annie Mann Whitlatch was the maternal grandmother of Axen; he and Anar might have been distantly related. After Axen's death, Anar remarried and at 46 gave birth to Margaret Ellen Houseworth in 1912.

### Hog feeders to kitchen ware

"The remaining stock of the former Christman hardware store, including hog waterers, hog feeders, oil burners, electric motors, lawn mowers, paint, shotguns, electric clocks, fishing equipment, garden tools, kitchen ware, lots of electrical appliances, bolts, nuts and screws, and hundreds of other small articles – all new."

These were some of the many items auctioned July 10, 1954, at the final sale of Christman's Hardware on Broadway in Springville. Auctioneers were W. F. Mitchell and Stanley "Bud" Smith. The sale was clerked by the Exchange State Bank.



# ORIOLE NEWS



What a talented group of Orioles this year! Between the boys and girls teams, Springville earned qualification in an impressive 11 events at the Iowa State Track Meet. In Class 1A, athletes must place first at their district qualifying meet or record one of the next 14 fastest times in the state to earn a coveted trip to the Blue Oval in Des Moines. These dedicated athletes punched their ticket and proudly represented Springville May 20–22, competing on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday against some of the best in Iowa. It was an exciting season and a great accomplishment for these student-athletes, led by Coach Husak and Coach Stamp. We are proud of all their hard work, determination, and the way they represented the Oriole community on the state stage!

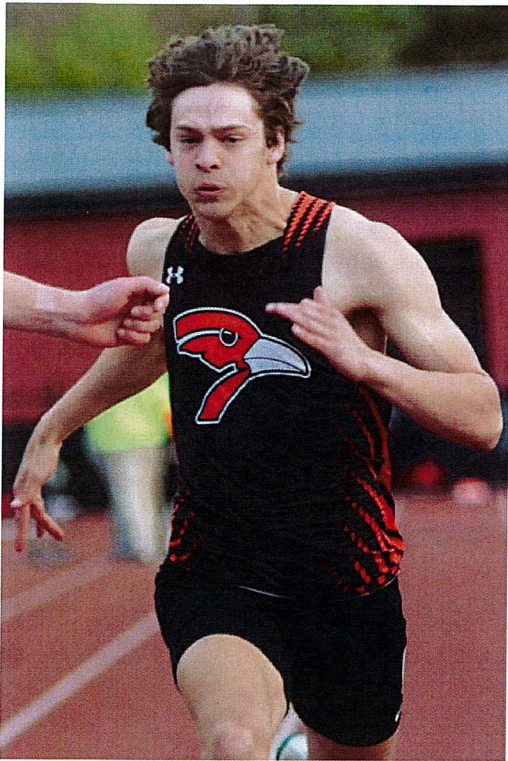
This talented group of Orioles ( Conlin Rouse, Jace March, Luke Lansing, & Mason Hoy) competed in three events at the Class 1A State Track Meet: the 4x400 Meter Relay, the 4x200 Meter Relay, and the Distance Medley Relay. The boys finished 19th in the 4x400 relay and 14th in the 4x200 relay. They also turned in an outstanding performance in the Distance Medley, earning an 8th place finish in Class 1A while running their fastest time of the season with an impressive 3:40.42 on the Blue Oval!



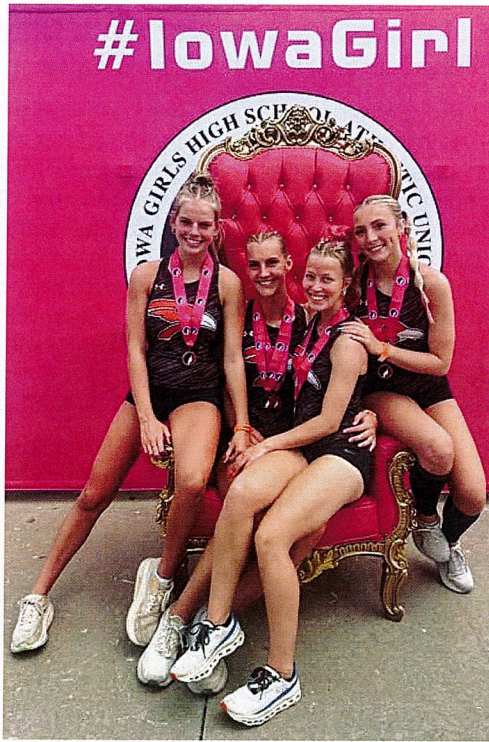
## STATE TRACK 2026



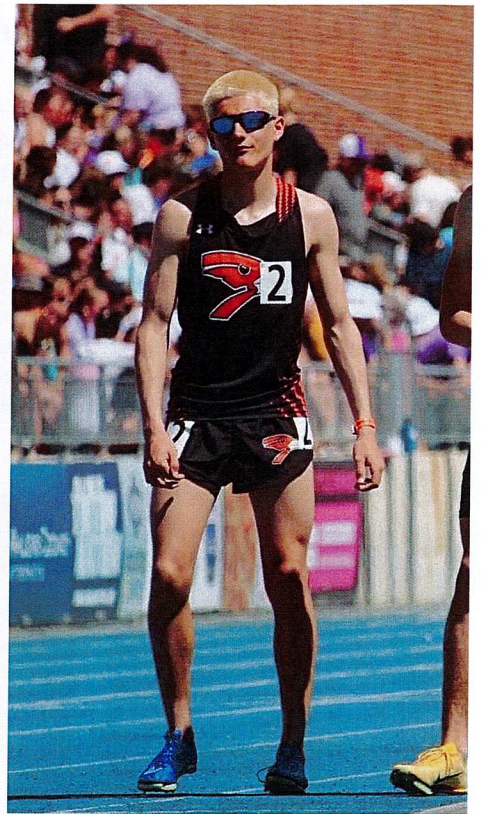
Rowan Jacobi had an outstanding showing at the Class 1A State Track Meet, competing in multiple events and finishing her Oriole athletic career on the podium. Rowan placed 9th in the 400M run with a personal best time of 59.15 and also earned a 4th place finish in the high jump. She capped off her state meet with an impressive 3rd place finish in the 100M hurdles, running a personal best time of 14.96. An incredible way to close out a remarkable Oriole career on the Blue Oval!



Mason Hoy represented the Orioles well in the Class 1A 200M dash, finishing 13th in the state while running a personal best time of 22.71. A strong performance on the Blue Oval and a great accomplishment for Mason!



The Girls Shuttle Hurdle Relay team (Addison Merritt, Rowan Jacobi, Morgan DeMean, & Hayden Robertson) had an outstanding performance at the State Track Meet, advancing to the finals and bringing home a 5th place medal in Class 1A. The team ran their fastest time of the season with a 1:07.54, while also breaking the school record. An incredible accomplishment for these athletes on the Blue Oval!



Tyler Taube represented the Orioles well in the Class 1A 800M, finishing 13th in the state and running a personal best time of 2:01.29. A great performance on Iowa's biggest stage and a well-earned accomplishment for Tyler!



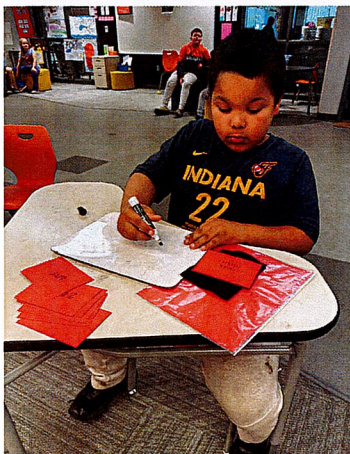
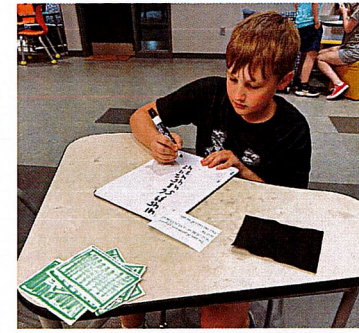
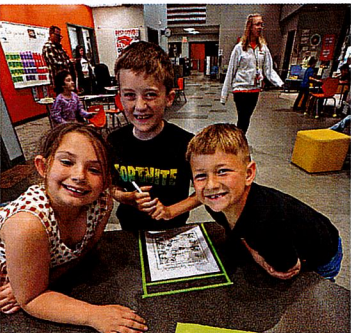
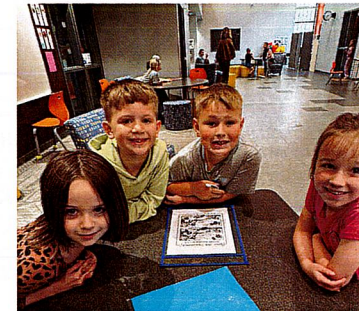
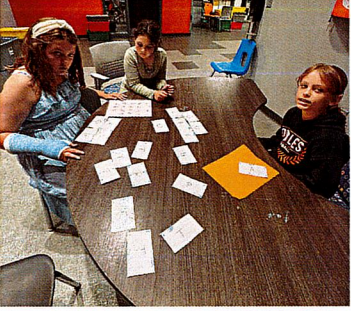
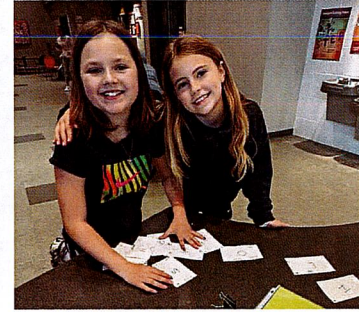
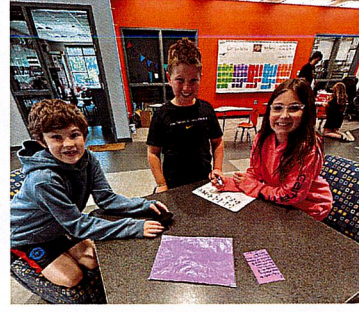
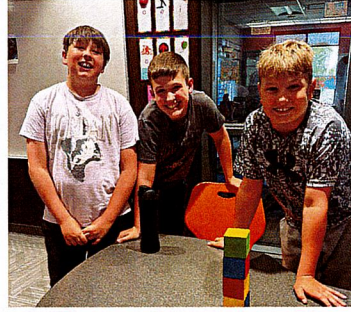
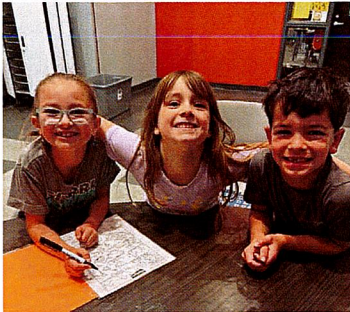
The Boys 4x800 relay team ( Conlin Rouse, Noah Derrick, Connor Sweet & Tyler Taube) turned in a strong performance at the Class 1A State Track Meet, finishing 10th in the state with a season best time of 8:21.24. Competing on the Blue Oval and ending the season with their fastest race of the year was a great accomplishment for this talented group of Orioles!



Jace March represented the Orioles in the Class 1A Boys 110M Hurdles, finishing 17th in the state. Competing on the Blue Oval is a tremendous accomplishment — way to go, Zach!

## The students all love Mrs. Hoogland's Survivor Math Challenge, so we had to ask her "What is Survivor Math Challenge?"

"Have you ever seen the show Survivor? I thought what a great way to get students to do some cooperative learning and get some informal assessment data all while having fun. It has surely morphed over the last 13 years. What started out just as 4th grade math, has turned into math and literacy for grades K-6! We do Survivor right before Winter Break and then again the last week of school. Students are separated into 4-6 equal groups academically. Students come up, one from each group to answer questions. If they get the question correct, they put the card into one of the 15 envelopes to be filled. If they miss the question, they can try again, take it back to their team for help, or switch for another question. When they switch, they are not guaranteed an easier question. Once all 15 questions have been answered, they complete a puzzle as a team. The puzzles range from survivor block challenge, Lego building challenges, actual puzzles, riddles, seek and finds etc. Everyone finds success in the game! What once fit into a small bag has become two boxes of materials. As they complete the puzzle, everyone gets a small piece of candy and reads Dr. Seuss Books while waiting for every team to finish. This year we had every class from every grade participate. It takes a lot of teamwork from students, staff and volunteers alike, but is worth every minute!"





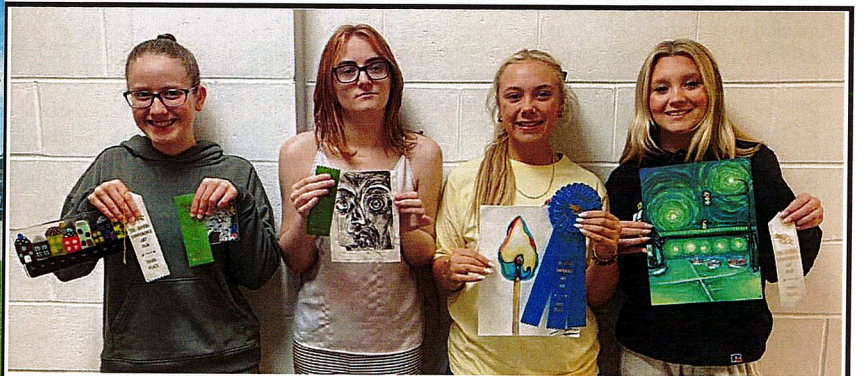
A large group of middle school & high school kids spent their last week of school helping city staff clean up around the community.



Ms. Zaruba was surprised by being awarded with the KCRG's A+ for Education Award! She was awarded with \$250! Congrats Ms. Zaruba!



The high school band performed "God Bless America" alongside the local American Legion chapter who played taps and performed a 21-gun salute.



There were 26 high school students who participated in the Tri Rivers Conference Art Festival. Pictured above are a few students who walked away with awards and honors.

- Esse Wallis: 3rd Place & Honorable mention in glassworks.
- Keira Herremans: Honorable mention in printmaking.
- Kalya Moorman: 1st place in colored pencil
- Ashlynn Kalmes: 3rd place in oil painting.



The Elementary school got to say THANK YOU to their volunteers who helped in the classrooms. Thank you to John & Joan Roberts, Marilyn Schwab, Jami Schlarmann, Traci Worcester, Ashley Faust, Margie Simmons, Seth Wedewer, Marcy Pate and Courney Pearson!

## City Council Regular Meeting

May 4, 2026

The Springville City Council met in regular session on May 4, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Jeff Baych, Treva Davis, Karla Blakely, Cindy Kilburg, and Drew Mollenhauer. City staff present: Public Works Supervisor Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Daniel Kumley, Jon Trumpold, Eric Cizmada, Matthew Moore, Andrew Inhelder, and Tred Schnoor 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; April 20, 2026, regular meeting minutes and claims, seconded by Davis. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, MSA monthly report, Public Works Report, and Clerk Report. Mayor had nothing. Council person Baych wanted to remind everyone to thank the volunteer fireman. He witnessed a volunteer sit down to enjoy his dinner and got a page, so left immediately. Baych just wants to continually remind everyone that they are just volunteers, but when a call comes in, they stop whatever they are doing and go and help.

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

Mayor Pearson opened the Public Hearing to consider the re-zoning request at 6:26 p.m. Tred Schnoor with Schnoor-Bonifazi Engineering & Surveying spoke in favor of this re-zoning application. The Citizen's State Bank is making design plans to relocate due to the Hwy 151 project. No one spoke against the proposed re-zoning request. Baych made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:28 p.m., seconded by Mollenhauer. RCV: AYES: Mollenhauer, Kilburg, Davis, Baych, Blakely. NAYS: None. **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.** Baych made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2-2026 to re-zone property locally known as 300 5<sup>th</sup> St. S to C-2 (Highway Commercial) from Ag (Agriculture), seconded by Blakely. RCV: AYES: Davis, Baych, Kilburg, Mollenhauer, Blakely. NAYS: None. **1<sup>st</sup> READING approved.** Blakely made a motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Ordinance 2-2026, seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Mollenhauer, Baych, Blakely, Davis. NAYS: None. **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> READINGS WAIVED.** Blakey made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2026, seconded by Mollenhauer. RCV: AYES: Baych, Davis, Kilburg, Blakely, Mollenhauer. NAYS: None. **ORDINANCE 2-2026 adopted.**

Davis made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 1-2026 pertaining to Urban Chickens, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Mollenhauer, Davis, Kilburg, Baych. NAYS: None. **2<sup>nd</sup> READING approved.** Baych made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 1-2026, seconded by Davis. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Mollenhauer, Blakely, Baych, Davis. NAYS: None. **3<sup>rd</sup> READING approved.** Davis made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1-2026, seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Davis, Baych, Mollenhauer, Blakely, Kilburg. NAYS: None. **ORDINANCE 1-2026 adopted.**

The council had a lengthy discussion with MSA on their scope of work for the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Bridge project. The City is receiving a grant of up to \$1.5 million for the construction costs associated with the bridge. The city had to pay for any engineering fees associated with the design, now that the contract has been awarded the city is responsible for any and all engineering fees for the oversight of the project. The Federal Grant requires the city to have oversight the entire time and hire a third party to do all the sampling and testing. If this were a project without grant money, the city could cut back on the amount of time that the engineers are here for oversight, but the grant requires these actions. Baych made a motion to adopt Resolution 70-2026 to approve the contract with MSA in the amount of \$295,562.00, seconded by Blakely. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Davis, Mollenhauer, Kilburg, Baych. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 70-2026 adopted.**

Wyman presented the FY27 Street List for seal chipping. He is proposing to cut \$10,000 out of the seal chip budget and use that money to fix the concrete joint on Broadway St. Davis made a motion to approve the proposed seal chip street list and add the concrete repair on Broadway St, seconded by Baych. All ayes. Motion carried.

Baych made a motion to adopt Resolution 77-2026 to close Broadway St. for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom run on May 30, 2026, seconded by Mollenhauer. RCV: AYES: Davis, Baych, Blakely, Mollenhauer, Kilburg. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 77-2026 adopted.**

The council had a lengthy discussion with Eric Cizmada and Jon Trumpold regarding the fees and usage of the Emmons Park Ball Fields. They think the fees that were set are too high. They are trying to keep the fees to play affordable for these kids to play on a club team. After a lot of suggestions, Baych felt that the city just wasn't ready to start renting the diamonds this year and we are scrambling to get

things prepared. He suggests that we allow any team to practice on the fields free of charge but charge them for games. The fee will remain the same for games at \$50/hour and ½. The council would like to revisit this topic about fees in August to get things prepared for the next season. Baych made a motion to waive all practice fees, and continue to charge \$50 per game, seconded by Mollenhauer. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Kilburg, Mollenhauer, Davis, Baych. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

The Capital Improvement Plan workshop will be Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Baych moved to adjourn at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Kilburg, Davis, Blakely, Mollenhauer (in unison). All ayes. Motion carried.

## City Council CIP Workshop

May 11, 2026

The Springville City Council met for a workshop session on May 11, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Jeff Baych, Karla Blakely, Drew Mollenhauer, Treva Davis, and Cindy Kilburg. City staff present: Public Works Supervisor Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Jake Huck (MSA), Karen Kurt & Ellen Habel (ECICOG) were also in attendance.

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

Karen Kurt started the workshop by going around and having everyone introduce themselves. It has been a while since the council have all got together to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Karen also announced that she is mostly retired and would like to transition our project to Ellen who is filling her position.

Kurt reminded council about the CIP process and that we are getting to the prioritization portion. The CIP is for buildings, land, equipment, infrastructure and larger projects. All projects included in the CIP cost in excess of \$3,000 and are typically a one-time cost versus an on-going maintenance type expense. The CIP will be for a 5-year time frame.

Some of the items that were originally included might be removed if it is past the 5-year time frame or no longer of interest to the council. Some items may just be there for council to monitor but won't require any immediate action. The next step is for the council to prioritize the projects overall and within each category. The purpose for the workshop tonight is to go through all the projects or purchases that are included and talk about so that there is clarity for the council before they prioritize.

Categories & Projects:

### Parks & Recreation

- Emmons Park – Build pavilion, restrooms, storage & concession stand
- Emmons Park – Purchase portable outfield fencing
- Emmons Park – Irrigation system
- Emmons Park – Add electrical and parking lot lights
- Emmons Park – Bike Connection from overpass to park
- Pickle Ball Courts (unsure of location)
- Build Trail Connections
- Graham Park – Rebuild trail
- Graham Park – Install fencing for dog park
- Install small play structures

### Streets

- Reconstruct 5<sup>th</sup> St. (Bridge to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave)
- Reconstruct 1<sup>st</sup> Ave (Cemetery to 8<sup>th</sup> St.)
- Reconstruct 6<sup>th</sup> St S (from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave to Hwy 151)
- Reconstruct 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave W Broadway to City limits)
- Reconstruct 5<sup>th</sup> Ave W (Broadway to 7<sup>th</sup> St. N)
- Reconstruct 5<sup>th</sup> St. S (1<sup>st</sup> Ave to 6<sup>th</sup> St. S)
- Reconstruct JR Barnes Parkway
- Add sidewalk & curb to designated areas
- Repair curb & gutter
- Add Storm drain to Heather Lane, Fawn Ave, & Kelly Ct.
- Resurface Broadway Bridge & sidewalk
- Install crosswalks & handicap ramps
- Replace 5<sup>th</sup> Ave curb wall
- Replace retaining wall on 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

### Utilities

- Install Booster to water tower or raise water tower
  - New water tower
  - Inflow & Infiltration (I & I) study
  - Replace storm sewer & pave 6<sup>th</sup> St. N
  - Install new storm sewer – business block
- City Facilities & Technology

Remodel existing city hall  
Purchase land for fire station or city hall  
Community Center  
New buildings (Fire station, Public works, City Hall)  
Add a columbarium to the cemetery  
Install fence on west side of cemetery  
Migrate to Sharepoint and decommission server  
Purchase security cameras for facilities  
Replace/install entrance signs  
Purchase desktops/laptops

#### Equipment

Purchase end loader & mini hoe or new backhoe  
Replace zero turn mower  
Replace city truck and equip with plow  
Replace UTV  
Replace Fire monitor/defibrillator  
Replace 2013 Pumper Tanker

These are the initial topics that were discussed. The next step is for council to prioritize these and get a 5-year plan and start to find funding.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Baych moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

### City Council Regular Meeting

May 18, 2026

The Springville City Council met in regular session on May 18, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Drew Mollenhauer, Jeff Baych, Treva Davis, Karla Blakely, and Cindy Kilburg. City staff present: Public Works Supervisor Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Daniel Kumley, Jon Trumpold, Eric Cizmada, Matthew Moore, Andrew Inhelder, and Tred Schnoor were also in attendance.

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

Kilburg made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items; May 4, 2026, regular meeting minutes, May 11, 2026, Workshop minutes, and claims, seconded by Davis. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, Public Works Report, Treasurer's Report, Clerk Report, and Library Report. Mayor had nothing. Council person Davis let the council know that they will be working on employee reviews if any of the council wanted to add anything before they sat down with each employee.

Mayor Pearson invited citizens with input to speak. Marilyn Andersen spoke up regarding the kids and the motorized bikes and electric scooters. She personally had a situation where there were a couple of boys riding them in front of Sally's restaurant while the Auxiliary women were selling their poppies. She spoke to one of the boys about not riding there because of the older population that come out of the restaurant, and it could be a bad situation if they hit an elderly person (or any person) coming out of the establishment. Instead of listening, all of the boys started riding in front of the door. She has asked the council to bring this back up and try to get something done so all parties can be safe. There being no further public comments, Mayor Pearson moved to business.

Brenton Blackford talked with the council about his sidewalk in front of his property on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. He said that when the city installed curb and gutter to the road, the water runs from 4<sup>th</sup> St. to his sidewalk and pools there. He would like the city to fix this situation. Due to the sidewalk being lower than the street and curb, it will be recommended to have an engineer look at this and give us some options.

The council compared the quotes provided by Tru-Green and Linn Coop for fertilizer and weed control. It appears that Tru-Green was cheaper overall and it makes more sense to have one company. Wyman believes that Linn Coop has already come out and done some fertilizing. Since we are already well into the season and the Coop has done an application Blakely made a motion to continue with Linn Coop for the parks and city ground that they have done in the past years, and to hire Tru-Green for Emmons Park, and to put an RFP in the fall so that we can move to one company, seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wyman presented the quote from Eastern Iowa to repair two joints (4 panels) of concrete on Broadway St. He pointed out that only one joint is necessary, but the next will need it in the next couple of years, so to save on mobilization, just do both joints. Baych asked if the mobilization might be cheaper if we had a company that was closer come and do the repair work. The council would like to see two more bids before they approve the repair. Wyman also brought their attention to a quote that Eastern Iowa gave for getting a 4" water main extension in Emmons Park. This would have been cheaper if it was done with the project, but we need to be able to have something to get

a hose hooked up to.

Mayor Pearson wanted to talk about the use of the south side of city hall. Currently the Historical Society uses this area. This relationship is older than anyone on council or staff. Mayor would like to have a better understanding of who is coming and going. Also, he does not feel that the entire building is in good condition to be holding public meetings. Rick Heeren and Wes Bender were in attendance to talk about it. They put in a new front door lock several years ago. They say there are three keys, the city has one, and each of them has one. They are in and out of that building a couple of times a week. They have their historical society meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. They have also started getting the Masonic Lodge meetings there since their membership is getting older and the stairs at the bank are getting to be too much. They gather, preserve and store historical data, documents and things. Concerns were brought up about insurance and the capacity of the building in its condition. More research will be done to see the relationship between entities.

The council revisited the topic of planting trees in the right of ways. They would like to get their code updated to include a list of prohibited trees. Mollenhauer will get Marion's list, and Mayor will get with Ely. This will probably go to planning & zoning for them to revise our current Ordinance.

The council added a few topics for future discussion.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, June 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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

### ST. ISIDORE *the* FARMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Weekend Mass:** Saturday 5:00 pm

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Sat 4:30 pm or by appt

**Reverend Andrew Awotwe-Mensah**

**Deacon Mark Sandersfeld**

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### FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

**Service Times**

Sunday 9:30

**Pastor Joseph Bielema**

**Phone 563-235-7519**

**Email: pastorjoe.fcf@gmail.com**

**Secretary: Judy Cummings**

**Email: judynross@yahoo.com**

### SPRINGVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

**Service Times**

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

Sunday School 10:00-11:00 am.

**Reverend Guillermo Bongolan**

**Phone: 319-854-7355**

**Email: springvillemethodist@gmail.com**

**Office Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:30 am—1 pm**

**Tues & Wed 8:30 am—11:00 am**

### SPRINGVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Service Times**

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

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

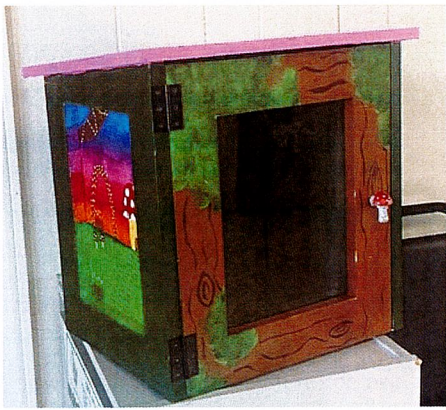
(3 years old—adult)

**Reverend David Snyder**

**Secretary: Chris Gutierrez**

**Phone: 319-854-6611**

**Email: sprpresch@netins.net**



Check out our new Little Free Libraries. The Oriole Pride Students made these for us during their last week of school. They will be installed soon so be sure to check them out. Take a book if you need, leave a book if you can.

### CITY NEWS BRIEFS

- City Hall will be closed June 16th-18th for training.
- Call Iowa One Call at 811 before you dig.
- City Hall Hours; 8:00AM -12PM, 12:30PM-4:30PM, Mon/Wed/Friday & 12:30PM-4:30PM Tues/Thurs.
- Post Office Hours 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM, 2:00 - 5:30 PM Monday-Friday, 10 AM-11AM Saturdays.

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