# SPRINGVILLE NEWS

From the City Clerk's Office

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**Picture of rainbow over bean field just north of town. Photo taken by Dee Wagaman**

**American Legion Auxiliary**
November 5 - 6:00PM
Springville Legion

**American Legion Dinner/Mtg**
November 12 - 6:30PM
Springville Legion

**School Board**
November 18 - 7:00PM
Springville High School

**Council Meeting**
November 2 - 6:00PM
November 16 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

**Library Board**
November 11 - 6:30PM
Springville Memorial Library

**Historical Society**
November 10 - 6:30PM
TBD

**P & Z Meeting**
November 4 - 6:45PM
City Hall

**Parks**
November 12 - 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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Mon-Friday
10:00am-11am Saturday

# Dee's Desk

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




*"The more grateful we are, the more beauty we see."*

As we turn the calendar to November and I sit down to think about what I want to share with you this month, I find myself coming back to one simple thought: gratitude. Gratitude for the people who make our community special, for those who have served our country, and for the many blessings we sometimes overlook in the chaos of everyday life., I find myself reflecting on what makes our little community so special. And once again, I am reminded that it really comes down to the people.

First, Shelby and I want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our 3rd Annual Pumpkin Palooza another wonderful success! We had over 200 kids come out to show off their costumes, enjoy the treat trail, and spend an evening making memories with family and friends. Seeing all those smiling faces, creative costumes, and families enjoying themselves is exactly why we do these events.

We know that none of it would be possible without the many volunteers, businesses, organizations, and individuals who generously gave their time, donated treats, set up booths, and helped behind the scenes. These events take a lot of work, and I am continually amazed by the people who step up to make them happen.

November also brings Veterans Day, a time to recognize and honor the men and women who have served our country. We are fortunate to have so many veterans right here in our community, and I want each and every one of them to know how deeply their service is appreciated.

The freedoms we enjoy every day did not come without sacrifice. Behind every veteran is a story of service, commitment, and often sacrifices that most of us will never fully understand. Some left their families and homes, some faced unimaginable circumstances, and all answered a call to serve something greater than themselves. To our veterans, past and present, thank you. Your courage, dedication, and willingness to serve our country should never be taken for granted.

And finally, as Thanksgiving approaches, I would like to offer everyone a little challenge.

This Thanksgiving, make a conscious effort to focus on what is right in your life instead of everything that is wrong.

Let's face it, that isn't always easy. We live in a world where bad news, disagreements, frustrations, and negativity seem to find us at every turn. It can become so easy to focus on the things that aren't going our way that we overlook all the good things happening right in front of us.

But there is so much to be thankful for.

I also want to encourage everyone to be mindful of the people around you this holiday season. While the holidays are filled with joy and togetherness for many, they can also be a difficult and lonely time for others. Not everyone has a big family, a house full of company, or a circle of people to lean on.

Take a moment to check on a friend, reach out to a neighbor, invite someone to join you, or simply let someone know you're thinking of them. You never know how much that small gesture might mean to someone who needs it.

So, this Thanksgiving, I hope you find a little time to slow down, count your blessings, and appreciate the people and moments that make life meaningful. And maybe, just maybe, we can carry a little more of that gratitude and kindness with us long after the holiday has passed.

From my desk to your home, I wish each and every one of you a very **Happy Thanksgiving!**

***Until next month...*** *Be kind to one another.*

*-Dee, your City Clerk*

# NOVEMBER 2026

## Springville Community Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2<br>Recycle Week A<br>Council Meeting 6PM @ City Hall | 3<br> | 4<br>P&Z Meeting 6:45 PM @ City Hall | 5<br>Auxilary Meeting 6PM @ Legion | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9<br>Recycle Week B | 10 | 11<br>Veterans Day<br>City Hall Closed<br>Library Board Meeting 6:30PM @ Library | 12<br>Legion Dinner Meeting 6:30PM | 13 | 14 |
| 15<br><br>Water Bill Due | 16<br>Recycle Week A<br>Council Meeting 6PM @ City Hall | 17 | 18<br>School Board Meeting 7PM | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23<br>Recycle Week B | 24 | 25 | 26<br><br>City Hall Closed | 27<br><br>Black Friday<br>City Hall Closed | 28<br>CHRISTMAS Parade |
| 29 | 30<br>Recycle Week A |  | | | | |

# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Thanksgiving BINGO

**November 15th**
**2:00 p.m.**
at the Springville American Legion




A family friendly event where the winnings are ingredients for some of our favorite Thanksgiving dishes!

1 Card **$2.00**

3 Cards **$5.00**

TURKEY BLACKOUT **$5.00** per card

Springville Parks

## TOYS FOR TOTS

We're collecting new toys, books and monetary donations on behalf of SANSI, in partnership with Toys for Tots now through

*December 4th.*

Visit our Springville branch to drop off a donaton today!

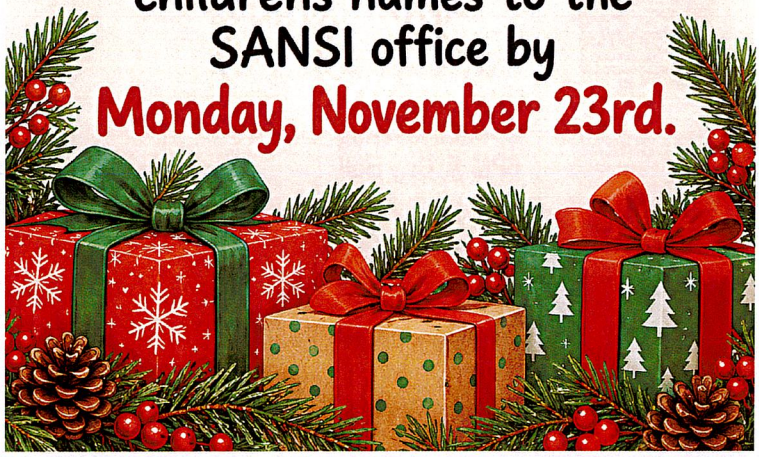
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## SANSI CHRISTMAS

**For parents who need help with Christmas gifts this year...**

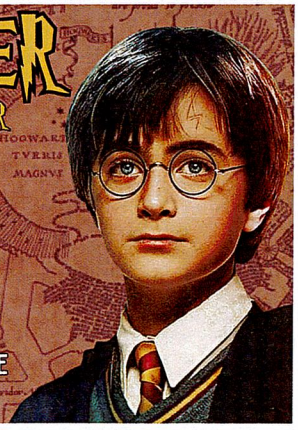
Please turn in your childrens names to the SANSI office by **Monday, November 23rd.**



## HARRY POTTER TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21 7:00 PM**

AMERICAN LEGION HALL - SPRINGVILLE
$25/PERSON (8 MAX/TEAM)



# SANTA LETTERS

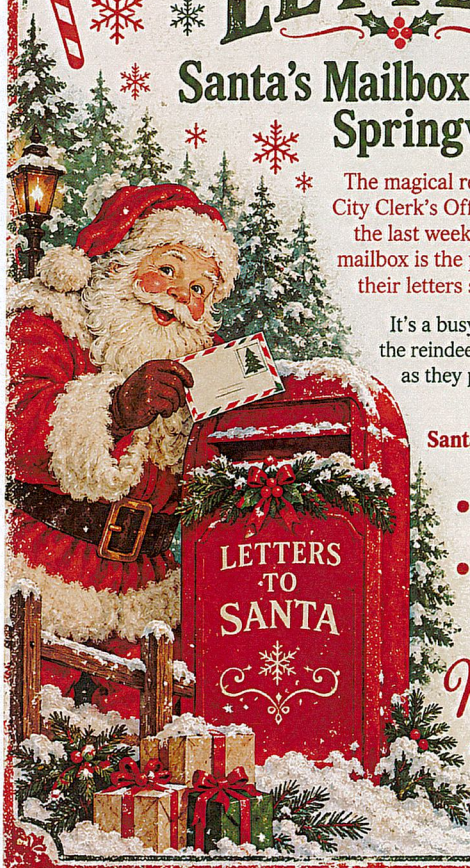
## Santa's Mailbox is Coming to Springville!

The magical red mailbox will arrive at the City Clerk's Office, 304 Broadway St., during the last week of November. This special mailbox is the perfect place for kids to send their letters straight to the North Pole!

It's a busy season for Mr. & Mrs. Claus, the reindeer, and all the hardworking elves as they prepare to make the holidays merry and bright.

**Santa will try to reply to as many letters as he can!**

- Drop letters in the mailbox by **December 11th.**
- Include each child's name and address so Santa knows where to send his reply.




*Merry Christmas*

from the City of Springville!

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

# SPRINGVILLE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #331

# BREAKFAST

**WHEN:** Saturday, Nov. 14

**TIME:** 7:30 AM – 11 AM

**WHERE:** Springville Legion Hall



**FOOD:**



Sausage, Egg, Cheese & Hashbrown Burrito or Pancake & Sausage, Fruit, Juice and Coffee.



**COST:**

| ADULT: | CHILDREN (AGES 10 – 4) | AGES 3 AND UNDER |
|---|---|---|
| $9.00 | $4.00 | FREE |

ALL PROCEEDS WILL FUND PRE-SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

# HELP WANTED

## Temporary Part-Time Snow Removal

**The City of Springville is seeking a temporary, part-time, on-call employee to assist with snow removal during the winter season.**

Duties may include snow removal from city streets, sidewalks, and recreational trails as needed.



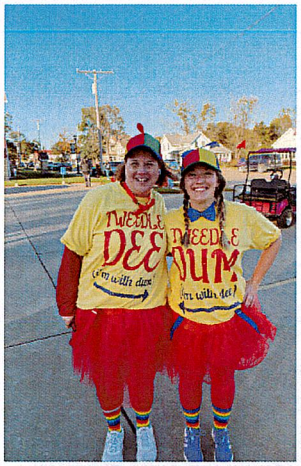
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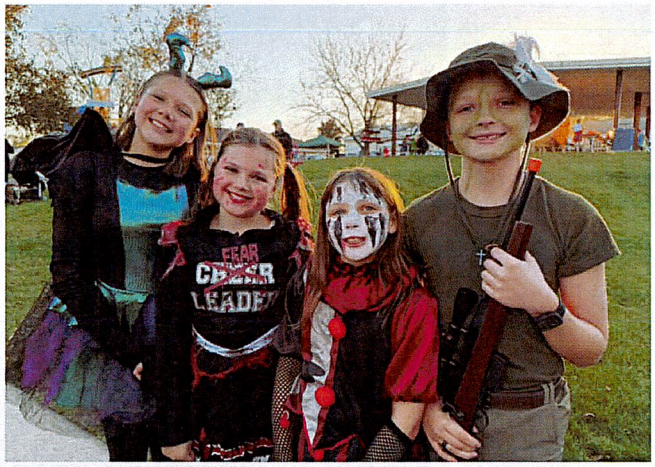
This position is weather-dependent, with hours varying based on snowfall and the City's needs.

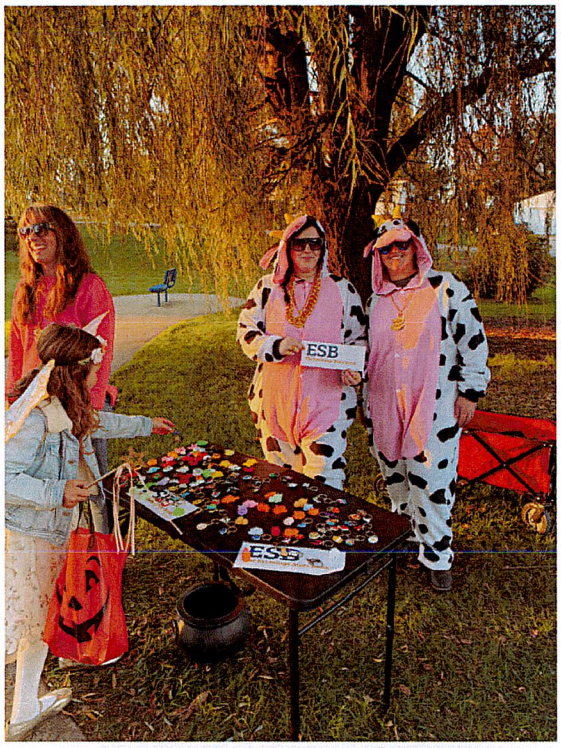
**Interested in applying?**

Contact Springville City Hall for an application.

**Phone:** 319-854-6428
**Email:** cityofsp@netins.net





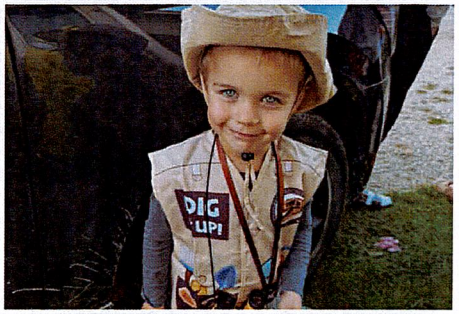

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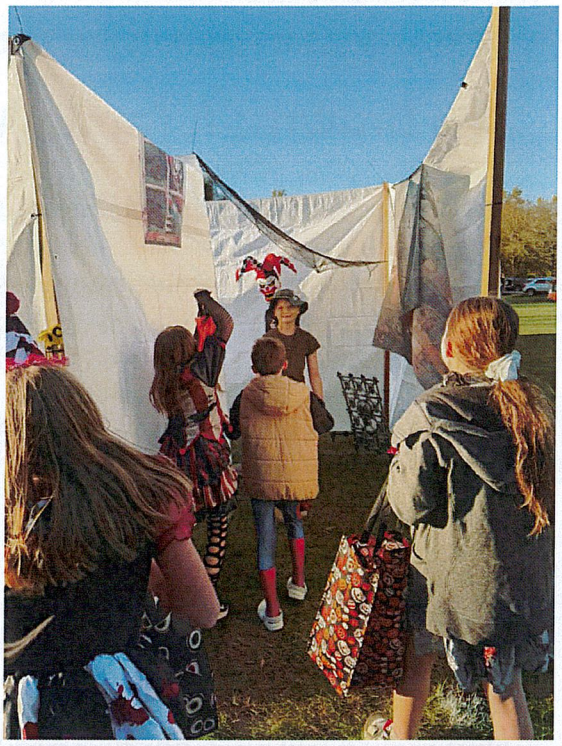

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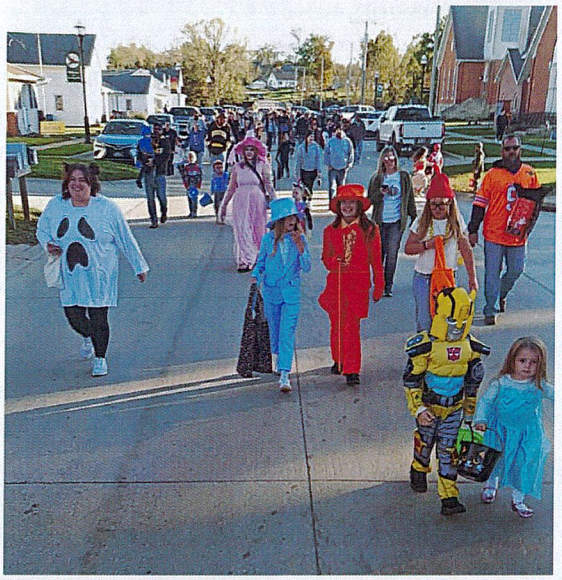

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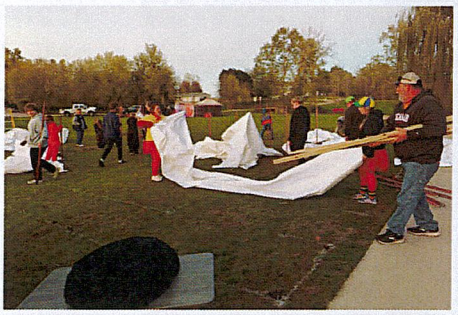


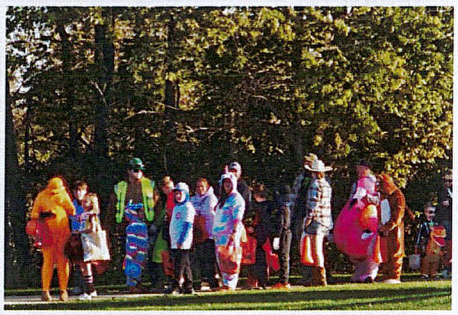


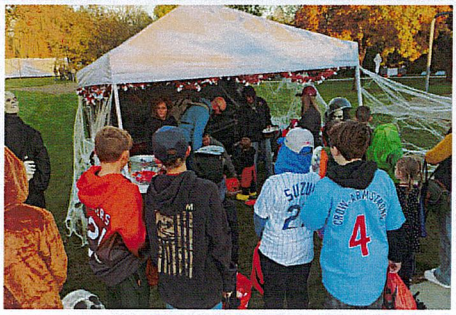
# 3RD ANNUAL PUMPOKIN PALOOZA













# The Browns: A Family Woven Into Springville's Beginnings

*A Revolutionary veteran and his descendants helped shape Springville's earliest years.*

## Nathan Brown: A Revolutionary Hero

Long before Springville became an incorporated town, Nathan Brown had already lived through the struggle for American independence. Born July 23, 1761, at White Plains, New York, Brown was only 14 when he began drilling in preparation for service in the American army. At 16, he joined the forces in the field. The times demanded much of young men, and Brown's military service became a defining part of his story.

His first battle was Harlem Flats. His second took place at the site of what is now Greenwood Cemetery. Though wounded, he was not seriously injured. Seven of his family members served in the army, and Brown himself enlisted under an uncle who held a captain's commission.

After the war, Brown settled in South Hollow, Onondaga County, New York. His first wife died there. Their son, John C. Brown, later spent his life in South Hollow and left an estate valued at $200,000, according to the centennial history. Nathan married again, to Tamer Lyon, and the family moved first to Buffalo, then Pennsylvania, and later Geneva, Illinois.

In May 1839, the Browns arrived in Linn County, Iowa. Nathan and Tamer settled on the farm that would become part of the family's local legacy. Nathan died in 1842, only a few years after the move. He and Tamer, along with their son Horace and Horace's wife Julia, were buried in Springville Cemetery, where an impressive family monument would later mark their resting place.



*Nathan Brown. Lithograph from the 1870 Linn County History; image credited in the 1981 book to Karen Taylor.*




*West face of the Brown monument, featuring Horace Brown. Photo by B. Koppenhaver.*

## Horace Brown: Farmer and Civic Leader

Horace Brown, born April 6, 1821, was the youngest of Nathan and Tamer's five children and their only son. He came to Iowa with his parents in 1839 and, except for a two-year stay in California from 1850 to 1852, made Linn County his home. He built his holdings to nearly 700 acres and became known as an energetic and successful agriculturalist and stock dealer in eastern Linn County.

At 21, Horace became a justice of the peace. In 1845, he was appointed the third treasurer of Linn County. Years later, he recalled the unusual tax collections of the early days: with cash scarce, a common young wolf brought a $2 bounty and a gray wolf $2.85. He could issue certificates for wolf scalps and accept them for taxes. The work also required extensive travel to collect assessments personally and encourage prompt payment.

Horace also believed in education. He attended school in the first log cabin, which he had helped build and where his sister taught. He later served as the first school board president when the Springville Independent District was formed, holding the position from 1879 to 1886—the longest tenure on record when the history book was published.

# A Home, a Monument, and a Community Memory

*A remarkable home, a family monument, and stories preserved for generations.*

## Horace and Julia in Springville

Horace married Julia Chapman in 1853 after meeting her during a visit to her brother Nathaniel, an early Linn County settler. They made their home on the farm southwest of Springville, first in a hewn-log house and later in a brick house built in 1868. Their operation grew to include large barns and other outbuildings. For a period, the farm raised 100 head of fat cattle and 500 hogs each year. Horace remained active in business until his death in the spring of 1893, at age 72.

He was a believer in Prohibition and often gave temperance speeches. Both Horace and Julia belonged to the Methodist Church in Springville. Horace was also a Knight Templar Mason and a prominent member of the order. At the Linn County Old Settlers Association's first annual meeting in 1891, he spoke about the early days. A newspaper account remembered him as a man eager to share stories of pioneer life, and described the affection of those who gathered to hear him.

Julia was born in Ohio in 1824, one of 13 children of Lemuel and Ruth Chapman. She and Horace had four children, two of whom died in infancy. Julia also welcomed three other children into their home; she was remembered locally as the "Orphans' Home." Following Horace's death, she managed the farm and business with the help of foreman John McAtee. She supported the building of Springville's Methodist Church and parsonage, and was described as quiet, unassuming, and generous to worthy causes. She died in 1904.

## A House Built to Last



*The Horace Brown house, pictured in the centennial history. Photo credited to Karen Taylor.*

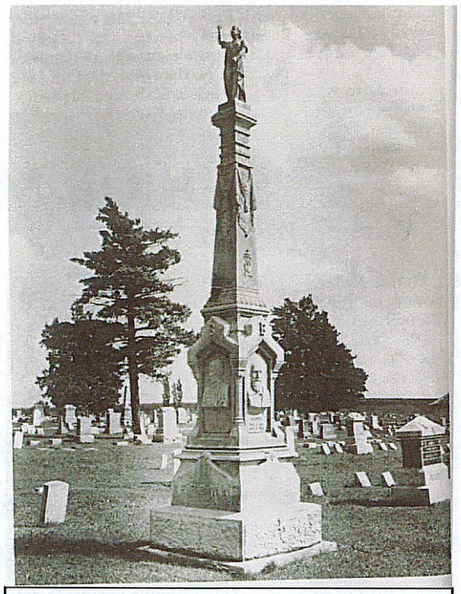
The Horace Brown house, constructed about 1868, took two years to build. Its three upstairs rooms and seven downstairs rooms reflected the scale of the family's home. The basement once held a furnace large enough to take a cord of wood at a time, and the walls—including interior walls—were made of brick from a nearby kiln on the creek.

Later owners Dr. and Mrs. George O'Brien restored and occupied the house and added the south porch in the 1970s. As layers of wallpaper came down, workers uncovered simulated wood paneling, hand-painted decoration, and a small portrait of a woman with the signature "W. H. Webster" and the date March 3, 1873. The center of the ceiling featured a godroon painting, and the house even had its own gas plant, with pipes in the ceilings for gas lights.

## The Monument That Neighbors Saved

The Brown family monument in Springville Cemetery honors Nathan and Tamer Brown, Horace, and Julia. Its south face is dedicated to Nathan and his wife, while the east face summarizes Nathan's part in the War for Independence. Relief busts of Horace and Julia appear on the north and west sides.

In 1977, a freak mini-tornado upset the portable SANSI silo located at St. Isidore's. It skidded into the cemetery and toppled the Brown monument, breaking it into four or five pieces. Don Waddell, Jim Barnes, and Jake Hiner Jr. took on the repair. They bolted the metal together because it could not be welded, poured a solid concrete base to prevent a similar mishap, and returned the monument to its place—a fitting example of neighbors preserving local history.



*Brown family monument in Springville Cemetery. Photo credited to Karen Taylor.*

SOURCE: Adapted from Story of a Town: Springville, Iowa 1881–1981, pp. 19–21, published for Springville's centennial. Springville History Book Committee: Bertha N. Koppenhaver (editor and writer), Margaret Johnson and Elwood Cline (writers and consultants), Karen Taylor (writer and photographer), Stan Capron (writer and layout), and Treva Davis (typist).

**LIBRARY HOURS**

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|---|---|
| Mon. | 11:00 am – 6:00 pm |
| Tue. | 11:00 am – 6:00 pm |
| Wed. | 11:00 am – 6:00 pm |
| Thu. | 10:00 am – 8:00 pm |
| Fri. | 11:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| Sat. | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm |

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Director of Library Services: Linda Eldred


## REGULAR NOV PROGRAMS

***Knitters*** **Nov 3, 10, 17, and 24th** at 1:00. *Work on your project and chat.*

***Early Outs*** ***Nov 4 and 18th*** from 2:30-3:30—fall nature acitivity(4th) & NEW Legos Day (18th)

***Creative Space Nov 3, 10 and 17th*** *at 6:00. Work on a project and chat.*

***Story Time*** **Nov 5, 12, and 19th** at 10:30. *Hear a story, sing songs and do a craft.*

## SENIOR MEAL

On **Nov 18** SANSI and the Springville Memorial Library will host the monthly Senior Meal and Activity. The meal is served right at 11:00 a.m., and you must reserve your place by **Nov 13.** Making your reservation is important. We need an accurate headcount in order to provide the correct number of meals. Call the Library at 319-854-6444 or SANSI 319-854-6100 to reserve your place to eat.

## UPCOMING DEC

*The library will hold its traditional tree walk in December. You or your organization are encouraged to take part by decorating a tree or wreath for our community's enjoyment. Decorating takes place the first week of December.*



### Santa Comes to the Library

**When:** December 19 at 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** In front of the library fireplace.

## NEW MATERIALS

Adult Non-Fiction

Twice the Family by Julie Ryan McGue

Twice a Daughter by Julie Ryan McGue

Crocheted scarves: 35 projects by Nicki Trench

Adult Fiction

All in (6:20 man #4) by David Baldacci

Bad Company by Sara Paretsky

Celebration (Large print) by Danielle Steel

Chain Reaction by Lee Child

Destiny Rising by Heather Graham

The Dying Light by Ann Cleeves

The Family Cross by James Patterson

The French Illusion by John Grisham

The Gift by Freida McFadden

Have Courage Craig Johnson

The Hollow by Michael Connelly

Hollow Bones by Jodi Picoult

Mercy's Child by Richard Paul Evans

Miss Wolcott's Ghost by Louise Penny

The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles

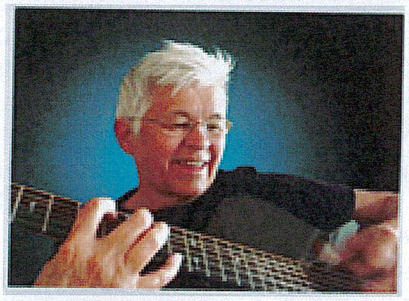
Queen of Lombard Street by Lisa Kleypas

Split Second: 32 Switcheroo by Janet Evanovich

Stuart Woods' Hostile Intent by Brett Battles

## NOVEMBER INFO

### SAM WEIS



### "12 String Guitar"

Please join us for some beautiful 12 string guitar music and vocals from local musician/artist/writer Sam Weis. Her program will start at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 14th. She'll perform in front of the fireplace, so it will be a cozy concert. Looking forward to seeing you then!!

### WorldPenScan AI Reader

The Springville Memorial Library has a scanner pen available for patron use on the library premises. Scanner pens are designed for assistive reading technology. Their text-to-speech innovation can provide various ways to enhance reading, comprehension and language skills.

# ORIOLE NEWS

**Half Days**
**November 4th & 18th**
**No School**
**November 25th - 27th**

## Little Pumpkins, Big Adventures!



The Springville 3-Year-Old Preschoolers enjoyed a little fall magic as they hopped aboard a hayrack for a ride to their very own pumpkin patch in the park! With plenty of smiles, excitement, and pumpkins to pick, these little adventurers made some sweet autumn memories. Sometimes the simplest traditions bring the biggest smiles!





## Springville Students Shine at Honor Band

Six talented Springville students represented their school at the Tri-Rivers Conference Junior High Honor Band on October 22, 2026. Hosted by Starmont, the event brought together young musicians from across the conference for a day of music, learning, and collaboration.

After spending the day rehearsing together, the students showcased their hard work and musical talents in an evening concert.

Congratulations to these young musicians for representing Springville and sharing their love of music!

## NHS Members Give Back to Their Community

Springville's National Honor Society (NHS) members are putting leadership and service into action! Recently, students spent a Saturday morning picking up litter along the Grant Wood Trail, helping keep our community clean and beautiful.

Community service is an important part of the National Honor Society, and these students continue to demonstrate what it means to give back. Whether lending a helping hand, caring for our public spaces, or supporting one another, their efforts make a positive difference in Springville.

**Thank you to these young leaders for taking pride in their community and showing that even small acts of service can make a big**






Community YOUTH Group
7TH-12TH GRADES
AT SPRINGVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
169 BROADWAY ST.
SPRINGVILLE, IA
Join us!
EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:30 PM
FUN. FAITH. FRIENDS. You belong here!

# ORIOLE NEWS







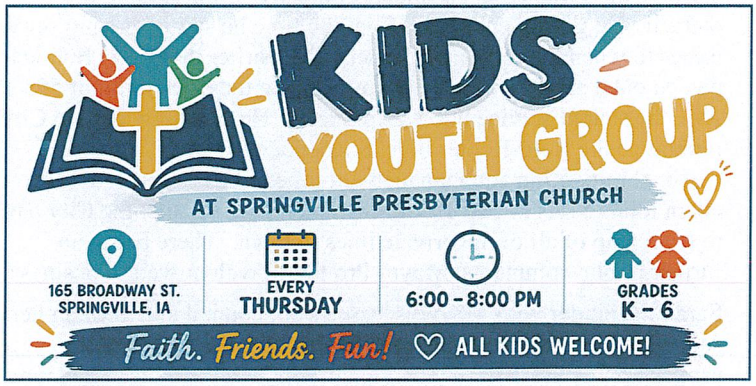
**Springville Dancers Shine!** ❤️🖤

Congratulations to the seven Springville dancers who each earned a **Division I rating** for their solo performances at the State Qualifying Meet!

A special congratulations to **Hayden Robertson**, who placed in the **Top 10** and will advance to the State Competition!

What an outstanding accomplishment for these talented dancers!











**Council Meeting** **October 5, 2026**

The Springville City Council met in regular session on October 5, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Pro tem Baych called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Treva Davis, Karla Blakely, Cindy Kilburg, and Drew Mollenhauer. City staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Mark and Belinda Bloom (502 High Ave), Sarah Fosbinder and Matthew Moore with MSA were also in attendance.

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

Davis made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items; September 21, 2026, meeting minutes and claims, seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Linn County Sheriff's report was reviewed.

Mayor Pro tem Baych invited citizens with input to speak. Mark Bloom of 502 High Ave approached council and wanted to present his case to the council regarding his sewer line being plugged. He believes the EMC (City insurance company) is misleading the council. He gave the timeline from the time he started having sewer issues to when the reason was discovered earlier this year. Belinda passed out a summary of the claim. During the demolition of 503 1st Ave, the shared service line was plugged. He is asking that the City reimburse the Roto-Rooter bills, Shebetka excavating and his personal mitigation and management time to be reimbursed. This claim totals $18,118.50. He would also like to see that the City pay to get a map of all of the private lines in town. There being no further public comments, Mayor Pro tem Baych moved to business.

Sarah Fosbinder with MSA discussed with council and Wyman her scope to help investigate the infiltration of storm water into the sanitary sewer system. Wyman had reached out and discussed with Fosbinder what steps the city has already taken to try to find the culprit. Her scope will include televising unrehabilitated portions of the sanitary sewer system. This would also include sampling the previously lined lines. The city is eligible to apply for a planning and design loan which would be a 3-year term, interest free loan. It could be rolled into an SRF loan if a larger project/repair needs to be done. Blakely made a motion to adopt Resolution 96-2026 to hire MSA to help investigate the sanitary sewer system and to apply for the planning and design loan for the amount of $34,800, seconded by Davis. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Kilburg, Mollenhauer, Davis, Baych. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 96-2026 adopted**.

Matthew Moore with MSA reviewed the scope of services to design, engineer, survey and prepare bid documents to repair the 2nd St. retaining wall. Davis made a motion to approve Resolution 97-2026 to hire MSA to prepare plans and bid documents for the 2nd St. retaining wall project for $19,700, seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Davis, Baych, Mollenhauer, Blakely. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 97-2026 adopted**.

The council reviewed and discussed the presented draft Ordinance of Chapter 76 pertaining to Bicycle and Personal Mobility Device Regulations. Mayor Pro tem discussed the handouts he included in the packet. One was a chart of the different E-Bikes, scooters, mopeds, motorcycles and off-road motorcycles. It explained which ones are legal to be on streets and where you can ride each one. He also included two state codes for council's review. One is Iowa Code Chapter 321.1 and the other is 321.235B. After reviewing the State Codes and the draft Ordinance council felt it might be best to have the attorneys look at this draft Ordinance since the State of Iowa has also made changes to the State Code. Davis made a motion to send the draft Ordinance to the City attorneys for review, seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro tem Baych discussed a proposal from Shive-Hattery for an Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint Survey to be completed at City Hall. Baych feels that this is important so that the City can start mitigating the removal of any asbestos before the building is ever demolished. There are also grants out there they could be available to help with the mitigation/removal of any asbestos. Shive-Hattery has proposed doing this survey for a cost of $3,500. Blakely made a motion to adopt Resolution 98-2026 to hire Shive-Hattery to do an asbestos and lead paint survey, seconded by Mollenhauer. RCV: AYES: Mollenhauer, Davis, Blakely, Kilburg, Baych. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 98-2026 adopted**.

There was a very lengthy discussion on a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the cemetery mowing contract for 2027. Wagaman will take the draft RFP back to the office and make some of the suggested changes and bring it back to the next meeting.

Wyman talked with the council about possibly hiring a part-time/on call snowplow driver. The reason behind this would be that by having three people clearing streets, city sidewalks and trails it could potentially cut back on overtime hours during snow incidents. This would also get the streets cleared sooner. The council was willing to see what type of applicants that they could get. Davis made a motion to advertise for a part-time/on call snowplow driver, seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Mollenhauer left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. for a fire call.

The council discussed the summer part-time mowing position. The current employee has indicated that he will not be returning this next summer. The council discussed whether they would like to add additional work to this job description like Emmons Park ball diamonds, if they would like to reduce the allotted hours, or if they would like to leave the position as is. This position has been a 20 hour/week position for at least ten years. This position runs from April to November. Davis made a motion to keep the current part-time summer mowing position as is, seconded by Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried. This will be advertised at a later date.

The following reports were presented: Library Report, Public Works Report, and Clerk Report. Mayor Pro tem Baych would like to reach out to Jim Koppenhaver to help research columbaria for the cemetery. He would also like to research parking limits for public parking. The school has recently had some issues with unauthorized parking. Council had nothing to report.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Davis moved to adjourn at 8:11 p.m., seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Council Meeting** **October 19, 2026**

The Springville City Council met in regular session on October 19, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Treva Davis, Karla Blakely, Cindy Kilburg, Jeff Baych and Drew Mollenhauer. City staff present: City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Kelly Devore, President of the Springville Memorial Library Board was also in attendance.

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

Mollenhauer made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items; October 5, 2026, meeting minutes and claims, seconded by Davis. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

The council discussed a request/concern from a citizen regarding parking in front of his driveway. His driveway faces Mill Avenue, and he continually has kids from the school block his driveway. This also happens at pick-up time and school events. He is sympathetic to the parking situation, but they are getting frustrated about not being able to back out of their driveway when they need/want to go somewhere. They have called the Linn County Sheriff's Dept, and they said that there isn't much they can do since it is different people all the time. The council discussed options like signage, painting lines, or making that block no parking, but felt that making that block no parking would create more hardship for the parking situation. They agreed to allow signs and also suggested that they contact the school directly when they see a kid parking there. They will have it removed. Wagaman will reach back out to the resident.

Kilburg made a motion to adopt Resolution 98-2026 to approve Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of $9,166.50 for the 5th Avenue Bride Replacement Project, seconded by Davis. RCV: AYES: Baych, Kilburg, Davis, Mollenhauer, Blakely. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 98-2026 adopted**.

The council reviewed and discussed the presented City Attorney's marked up draft of Ordinance of Chapter 76 pertaining to Bicycle and Personal Mobility Device Regulations. The council had no further corrections or comments to the additional mark-up. Wagaman directed to provide a clean copy and make available to residents. This will be on the next meeting to consider the first reading of Ordinance 3-2026 pertaining to Bicycle and Personal Mobility Device Regulations.

The council reviewed the presented RFP for the cemetery mowing contract. It was a lengthy discussion with several updates proposed. Wagaman will get a clean version put together for council's review.

There was a very lengthy discussion on a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the cemetery mowing contract for 2027. Wagaman will take the draft RFP back to the office and make some of the suggested changes and bring it back to the next meeting.

The council discussed the need and possibilities of using security cameras around town and city-owned infrastructures. These cameras would need to have internet to get them to work. The council will have Wyman talk with the phone company to see what that would take. The council made a list of possible locations, knowing that the cost will be too high for immediate installation. This topic is to allow staff to get some quotes for budgeting purposes.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, Library presented a written report from the Library Director and a verbal report from Kelly Devore the President of the Library Board, and Clerk Report. Mayor Pearson talked to council about getting their pin codes to him for the security system. He also talked about reaching out to the historical society about closing the doors for public access. He requests that Wagaman reach out to Rick Heeren. He also would like to see the MOUs back on the agenda at the next meeting for the four residents on Circle Drive. Wagaman will reach out to them. Councilperson Baych mentioned how many positive comments he received regarding Pumpkin Palooza. Council had nothing more to report.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, November 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Baych moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.



















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