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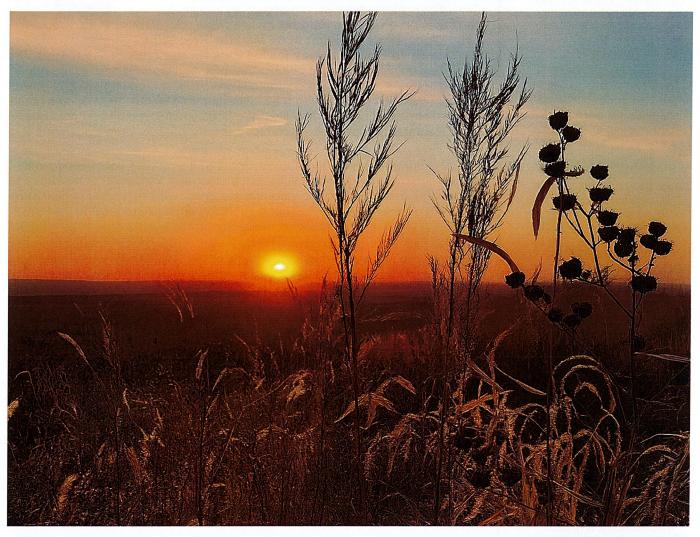


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American Legion Auxiliary

October 2 - 6:00 PM Springville Legion

Legion Dinner/Mtg

October 9 - 6:30 PM Springville Legion

Library Board

October 8 - 6:30 PM Springville Memorial Library

P & Z Meeting

October 14 - 6:00 PM City Hall School Board

October 15 - 7:00 PM Springville High School

Council Meeting

October 6 - 6:00 PM October 20 - 6:00 PM City Hall

Historical Society October 7 - 6:30 PM

Parks October 9 - 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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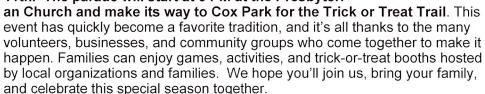
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Dee's Desk

As the days grow shorter and the cool autumn air settles in, it's hard not to notice how beautiful Springville looks this time of year. The changing leaves, cooler evenings, and busy harvest fields around us remind us that fall is a season of both reflection and celebration.

One of the celebrations we are especially looking forward to is our **Pumpkin Palooza** on **Saturday**, **October 11th**. The parade will start at 5 PM at the Presbyteri-



Fall also brings a sense of gratitude. Whether it's parents volunteering with school activities, neighbors helping each other with yardwork, or residents lending a hand at city or school events, we are continually reminded of how strong and caring our community is. These everyday acts of kindness may seem small, but together they are what make Springville such a special place to live.

As you enjoy the season—whether that's at Pumpkin Palooza, cheering on our school teams, or simply taking a walk to admire the fall colors—I hope you'll take pride in the role you play in shaping our community. Thank you for your time, your support, and your continued involvement.

Your city clerk, Dee Wagaman

City Elections - November 4, 2025

Polls will be open 7 a.m.—8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4. Voters must cast ballots at The Springville Memorial Library (264 Broadway St.). Absentee ballots will be mailed starting October 15, with a request and pre-registration deadline of 5 p.m. on October 20 (postmarks do not count). Early in-person voting runs October 15–November 3 at Linn County Election Services, Jean Oxley Public Service Center, 935 2nd St SW, Cedar Rapids.

Voting from home is easy and secure. Absentee ballot requests open 70 days before Election Day and must be received by 5 p.m. on the 15th day before. Each voter must mail or drop off their own signed request to Linn County Election Services, 935 2nd St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Completed ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Election Day. For your convenience, you can get a copy of an absentee ballot request at City Hall.

Election Quick Dates

- Oct 15 Absentee ballots mailed & early in-person voting begins
- Oct 20 (5 p.m.) Deadline to request absentee ballot & voter pre-registration (postmarks do not count)
- Nov 3 (4:30 p.m.) Early in-person voting ends
- Nov 4 (7 a.m.–8 p.m.) Election Day! Polls open; absentee ballots due by 8 p.m.

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Legion Auxiliary 6 PM @ Legion	3	4
5	6 City Council Mtg 6PM City Hall	Historical Society 6:30 PM SAHS	Fire Dept Pancake Dinner Library Board 6:30 PM @ Library	9 6:30 PM @ Legion Dinner Mtg. Parks Mtg 6 PM City Hall	10	2nd Annual Pumpkin Palooza
12	13	14	Water Bill Due School Board 7:00PM City Hall Closed PM	16 City Hall Closed for Training	17 City Hall Closed for Training	18
19	20 City Council Mtg 6PM City Hall	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	Methodist Church Senior Dinning 11:30-12:30 PM	30	31 Hapy Halloween	

2026 CITY CANDIDATE INFORMATION

MAYOR CANDIDATES:

Name: Lyle Andersen

Why do you want to be a part of city government? I enjoy the challenge of problem solving and have always been a person who wants to get involved.

Whether it is in business or an organization, being involved allows a person the opportunity to meet new people, become acquainted with new methods or doing business and (in this case) make our community a better place to live.

What is your background/experience that will help you be successful? After graduation from Kirkwood Community College, I joined the Navy. From there, I began working in customer service, then transitioned to sales. In the sales profession (both retail and wholesale), I have had the opportunity to work with many people from the Midwest to the coastal areas. The methodology of doing business changes from region to region so to be successful one must adapt.

What would you see as the biggest challenge facing Springville in the next 5 years? One word — GROWTH!! We have a very good school system in our community. And with that comes families that want to enroll their children in this system. Then comes the question—"Are there any houses for sale or is there an area for new home building?" The answer is yes we when one becomes available. But for new homes, it is a different situation. Development costs have spiraled upward in recent years. Developing an area for both residential and commercial development takes millions of dollars... just to get it started. It takes a lot of forward thinking, planning and effort, but it will come.

How do you plan to stay connected with residents and ensure their voices are heard? A very important aspect in business, whether public of private, is to communicate. Taking the time to listen to a person's comments, questions or issues will bring about a better resolution to whatever the subject may be. Being retired allows me more time to communicate with city staff, and residents of our community to keep everyone up to date on what is happening in Springville.

What do you appreciate most about living in Springville? I enjoy meeting people in our community, not only our neighbors but those on the north end of town as well as those in the Manor and new addition through the festivities and events held throughout the year.



Name: Daryl Pearson

Why do you want to be a part of city government?

- The heart of my campaign is the belief that decisions made at the city level must be rooted in community input. 'Our Town, Our Future' isn't just a slogan it's a promise that we will strengthen Springville together.
- If elected Mayor, I will focus on preserving Springville's small-town values while planning wisely for the future. That means, making sure our infrastructure keeps up, supporting local businesses, investing in community spaces, prioritizing public safety, and ensuring every tax dollar is used responsibly while

maintaining a balanced budget.

- I want city leadership to listen to the citizens, weigh their input, and vote on decisions based on citizen interest in mind. This allows residents to feel connected to the decisions being made.
- I recognize that I won't always have the answer and may make mistakes. However, I pledge to lead with clarity, prioritize clear communication, and foster open dialogue within our community.

What is your background/experience that will help you be successful?

- I am currently chair of Springville's Planning and Zoning Commission, a role I have served in for more than a decade. I work closely with city leadership, developers, and residents, gaining valuable insight into the town's needs and priorities. This allows me to come into a new role with previous understanding of zoning code, ordinances, and municipal government. This would also allow me to be an effective mayor from day one, without a steep learning curve.
- For over 20 years, I have been with Adel Wholesalers, where I now serve as the COO. I oversee day-to-day operations, keep departments aligned, and ensure things run smoothly very similar to keeping a town's services and projects organized and efficient. I also know how to support a team, balance a budget, and make sure goals are set and met on time. I

have experience listening to others — and translating that into clear action.

What would you see as the biggest challenge facing Springville in the next 5 years?

- Every challenge is a new opportunity, however, I believe one challenge facing Springville over the next five years will be balancing growth pressures with preserving our small-town identity. We need to be proactive while still protecting the close -knit values that make Springville special. If elected, I want to make sure that every decision we make keeps our community connected, sustainable, and prepared for the future without losing the qualities that make Springville home. An example of an upcoming challenge would be the overpass project over HWY 151. Challenges will consist of loss of businesses like Casey's and Citizens State Bank, future expansion inquiries, and economic shifts.
- #R.I.P.Casey'sPizza

How do you plan to stay connected with residents and ensure their voices are heard?

• Staying connected with the community is one of my top priorities. Through my years of attending countless city council meetings, I've seen firsthand how disconnected many residents are currently feeling – and that drives my commitment to change it. Too often, citizens are not fully informed about what is happening, nor do they feel like they have a true voice in shaping decisions. As mayor, I would ensure that minutes, agendas, and newsletters are made more easily accessible to the public. I also want to make the city website more clear and user-friendly so residents can quickly find the information they need. In addition, I plan to post short and consistent video updates (2-5 minutes) on social media to provide clear and timely information about what's happening in Springville. My goal is to create open, ongoing communication so that residents feel informed, included, and connected in every step of the decision-making process.

What do you appreciate most about living in Springville?

• What I appreciate most about living in a small town is the sense of community and connection. I came from a very large town and never imagined myself in a small town, but after living in Springville for over 20 years, I couldn't imagine being anywhere else. In Springville, people know their neighbors, they show up for one another, and there's a shared pride in our traditions and values. I live here with my wife, Shelly, and our daughter, Megan – both proud Springville alumni – and together we've experienced firsthand what makes this town so special. Living here means being part of something bigger than yourself – where relationships matter and every person's voice carries weight. That closeness is what I want to preserve and strengthen as mayor.

COUNCIL CANDIDATES (4 YEAR TERM):

Name: Cindy Kilburg

Why do you want to be a part of city government? I have been on the City Council for the last 4 years. I would like to continue to be apart of a positive group of community members who are focused and driven to keep Springville a place where people come to find their home, raise a family, and want to stay - just as I did. I think it's important to give back to your community. I can say that I have learned so much about our community while serving on the Council these last 4 years. I belive that I have the skills, the personality, the determination and commitment to serve Springville for another 4 years. If given the opportunity, I would love to continue serving my community in this manner.

What is your background/experience that will help you be successful? My family has lived in Springville since 1998 and my husband and I raised all 8 of our kids here in this community. Being active in many school related activities over the years, as well as being on the Council that last 4 years has allowed me to become familiar with community needs, wants, and concerns. On a professional level, I have worked in sales for 28 years. I feel that my profession requires me to work together with people of differing opinions, ideas, and sometimes goals to find common ground and complete tasks at hand

What would you see as the biggest challenge facing Springville in the next 5 years? Growth. With growth comes growing pains. Growth is necessary for the survival of small towns like ours, but it also means making sure we keep the character and close-knit feel of our community while welcoming new families and businesses. Planning carefully for housing, infrastructure, and services will be important so we can grow in a way that benefits everyone.

How do you plan to stay connected with residents and ensure their voices are heard? I don't work in the community, however, I gladly accept emails, calls, texts, messages, or stopping me to chat while I'm out and about! I encourage resi-

dents to reach out to your Council Members with any thoughts or concerns you may have. I want to be sure that community issues are being addressed and communication is the key to this happening.

What do you appreciate most about living in Springville? I appreciate the small town atmosphere! My husband and I moved here to raise a family and we would do it all over again! There is a sense of peace and pride for knowing nearly everyone in town. It's comforting to know that when our neighbors need help, there's a community ready to jump in at a moments notice with a helping hand. We consider Springville to be our extended family



Name: Drew Mollenhauer

Why do you want to be a part of city government? I want to be part of city government because I enjoy new challenges, I strive to help people, and I believe my perspective as a young professional can add value. Serving on the city council would allow me to contribute fresh ideas while working to meet the needs of our community

What is your background/experience that will help you be successful? I bring over 12 years of experience in city government, currently serving as a Parks and Recreation Manager for the City of Marion and previously working in Marion's Public Works Department. This professional background

has given me a strong understanding of city budgeting, operations, and customer service. For the past ten years, I have also been active in public safety, and I currently serve as a volunteer firefighter and AEMT with Springville Fire and Rescue. These roles have strengthened my knowledge of community needs, emergency response, and teamwork. My professional and volunteer experiences provide me with a balanced perspective on how city services operate and how they affect residents' daily lives. I am committed to bringing this experience, along with a simple approach, as a member of the city council.

What would you see as the biggest challenge facing Springville in the next 5 years? I think one of the biggest challenges for Springville in the next five years will be proper funding and how those funds are allocated. Whether our community grows or stays closer to its small-town roots, there will still be ongoing needs for infrastructure, public safety, recreation, and other city services. Making sure tax dollars are spent wisely will be key to keeping those services strong and reliable. By planning ahead and prioritizing carefully, we can protect what people already value about Springville while also being ready for future opportunities. The real challenge will be finding that balance and making sure resources are used in a way that benefits everyone.

How do you plan to stay connected with residents and ensure their voices are heard? I plan to stay connected with residents by being visible and approachable. Attending public meetings and events will allow me to hear directly from residents, while surveys and social media can help reach those who may not attend meetings but still want their voices heard. I believe community engagement is key, and I will work with the city clerk and city staff to get accurate answers when concerns are raised and share them back through public-facing means, such as the city newsletter. I want residents to feel well-informed and confident that information is being shared with transparency.

What do you appreciate most about living in Springville? What I appreciate most about living in Springville is the small-town feel, where you know the people you see walking by. I like being part of the fire department because it's a group that truly cares for the residents and works together as a team. I also enjoy the local traditions like the tractor pull and the parades that bring people out. I appreciate having a nice fishing pond at Cox Park and the sense of safety that comes with living here.



Name: Steven Pingel

Why do you want to be a part of city government? I've greatly enjoyed serving on the Parks Board, where I've helped raise funds and see new parks take shape for our community. That experience has inspired me to bring the same dedication to the broader work of city government. I want to do my part to ensure Springville continues to thrive by keeping our infrastructure safe and functional, supporting strong public safety, and planning for sustainable growth that allows families to live, work, and play here for generations to come. Most importantly, I want to preserve the small-town character and sense of community that make Springville such a special place to call home.

What is your background/experience that will help you be successful? By day, I work as a Software Engineering Consultant, helping organizations from billion-dollar manufacturers to small local businesses. In that role,

lead diverse teams, guide projects from idea to delivery, and find innovative solutions by looking at every side of an issue. I also help companies improve efficiency so they can do more with fewer resources—skills I believe translate directly to city government.

Locally, I serve on the Parks Board, where I've helped plan community events like Fun Days and supported projects such as Emmons Park. I also manage the Parks Board's Facebook page, which has boosted community engagement. Together, these experiences have given me both the leadership and the local perspective to serve Springville well.

What would you see as the biggest challenge facing Springville in the next 5 years? I see three priorities ahead for Springville: infrastructure, amenities, and growth—in that order. Without safe and functional infrastructure, we can't support the amenities families expect, and without amenities, it's hard to attract and retain the next generation who will keep our community thriving. That means making sure our critical systems are strong: safe roads and sidewalks, reliable stormwater and water quality, and public safety services like fire and sheriff's support. It also means ensuring children can walk to and from school safely with adequate sidewalks, marked crossings, and appropriate intersections. By focusing first on infrastructure, we'll be positioned to build the amenities that make people want to stay, guiding healthy and sustainable growth.

How do you plan to stay connected with residents and ensure their voices are heard? I believe the best way to understand how our city is doing is by listening directly to residents. I plan to stay engaged by attending community and city events, meeting with people one-on-one, and being available for conversations in everyday life—even if it's just while I'm out walking my dog. I also follow the lively discussions on Springville's community Facebook groups and value the perspectives shared there. Beyond that, I encourage residents to attend city council meetings, which are a great way to stay informed and see how decisions are made. My commitment is to always listen first and make sure the voices of Springville residents are reflected in the direction of our city.

What do you appreciate most about living in Springville? My wife and I moved to Springville in 2017 and have loved raising our two children in this welcoming community. We appreciate the strong connections with neighbors and the friendships we've built, as well as the energy and involvement of citizens throughout town. I am proud of our small yet vibrant school system and the way the community comes together—whether through sports, volunteer projects, or planting trees in our parks. What I value most is the small-town feel: the sense of connection, care, and shared responsibility that makes Springville unique. I want to help ensure our town remains healthy, vibrant, and a place my children—and future generations—will remember fondly as the heart of their childhood.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE (2 YEAR TERM):

Name: Treva Davis

Why do you want to be a part of city government? I have been attending council meetings for many years. I have been interested in being a part of city government for a long time, as I want to be a part of the improvement of our city. I appreciate that the council gave me a chance to be on the council by appointment, it has been an amazing experience. I want to be a part of the current council and work with them to make things better for Springville.

What is your background/experience that will help you be successful? Since moving to Springville in 1972, I have been actively involved in the community. My experience in various organizations has motivated

me to keep volunteering and helped me grow as a person. I have led a number of organizations in the past years. I was president of the library board of trustees when the current library was built, which entailed lots of challenges and leadership. I have volunteered at many community events and have worked hard to be an active member of the community.

What would you see as the biggest challenge facing Springville in the next 5 years? Growth and the challenges the city will face with that growth. City infrastructure will be impacted by growth, requiring updates to streets, sewers, and water systems, along with ongoing maintenance of these resources each year.

How do you plan to stay connected with residents and ensure their voices are heard? I am open to receiving input from citizens regarding ways to improve the community. If there is an issue, I would appreciate being informed. I am always open to conversations by email or in person.

What do you appreciate most about living in Springville? Wow, there are so many things---the people, the caring for one another, the safety, the way everyone steps up to do what is best







SPRINGVILLE FIRE & RESCUE

PANCAKE DINNER



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
4:30 - 7:00 PM
SPRINGVILLE FIRE STATION
\$10.00 PER PERSON

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH 9:00AM-3:00PM SPRINGVILLE

Join us for a tailgate party with snacks at our Springville Branch!





Food Faith Fellowship Fun

Join us every Monday starting Oct. 6th

OSpringville Methodist Church

(enter at back door/wooden staircase)

Supper served 6:15-6:45pm

Activities/Devotions/Service Projects from 6:45-7:30pm



A community effort sponsored by Faith Christian, Springville Presbyterian, St Isidore's and Springville Methodist. If you have questions contact: Krysta Mehrer 319-310-6302

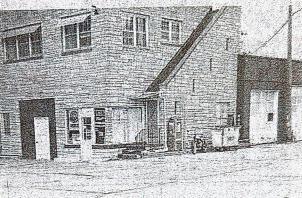


SAVE THE DATE November 29



Parade + Tree Lighting Cookies & Hot Cocoa Vendor Fair





Thank You

After 67 years of service, Jake Hiner of Hiner's Plumbing & Heating in Springville is retiring. Jake extends his deepest gratitude to the City of Springville, its citizens, local farmers, and the surrounding community for their loyal patronage, trust, and friendship through the decades. Serving generations of homes and businesses has been a privilege, and your support has allowed a small, family-run shop to thrive and build lasting relationships. A big "thank you" also goes out to all past employees, suppliers, and neighbors who helped along the way. From the Hiner family, thank you for all of these remarkable years.

A STROLL THROUGH THE HIS

Christman's store did business in Springville for 94 years

In 1860, brothers Peter Jr. and Augustus Christman came to Springville from Dubuque and opened a general store. A third brother, John, joined them in 1863. Later the first two returned to Dubuque, but John remained in Springville.

John's son, Leonard "Len," ran the store from the 1889 to 1941, changing it to hardware in 1914 or earlier. It was on the east side of Broadway, a bit north of today's Post Office.

Len was 7 when his parents came to Springville with him and two sisters, Maggie, 3, and Cecilia, 1. Two little boys had died in Dubuque. Four children were born in Springville: Frank, Fannie, Jacob, and Anna.

Besides being a merchant, John Christman was an early depot agent for the Dubuque and South Western Railroad. In 1870, he built a 25,000-bushel grain elevator and a large warehouse.

In 1878, the Linn County History reported Christman "has amassed a handsome fortune." He was a general dealer in merchandise, lumber, stock, and grain, and had "an elegant residence." Later, he owned several farms and town properties.

AT CHINON, FRANCE, John Christman was born Jan. 23, 1826, to Peter Sr. and Margaret Dietz Christman. Emigrating in 1831, Christmans lived one year in New Jersey and five in Pennsylvania

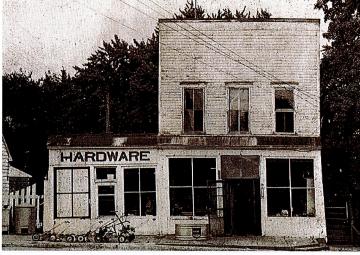


John Christman



Elizabeth Christman





Christman's Hardware Store was razed in 1954. This photo was taken near its end. It was built about 1862.

In 1837, they moved to Sherrill's Mount, near Dubuque.

John married 22-year-old Elizabeth Berg Aug. 8, 1852, in Dubuque. Born in Mainz, Germany, she came to Pennsylvania at age 5 and moved to Iowa at 20.

The couple's son Len began working at the store as a teen. In summer 1876, he stayed home while his parents went to Philadelphia for the Centennial Exposition (World's Fair). It celebrated 100 years of U.S. independence.

On June 9, 1880, Len married Anna Knowlton near New Sharon, Iowa. They had no children, but raised Len's niece, (Jennie) Marie Peck. Marie was 7 when she lost her mother.

JOHN CHRISTMAN was in Springville 26 years; he died Oct. 26, 1889, at 63. Elizabeth was 85 at her death Nov 3, 1915. They are buried in the Springville Cemetery.

Len's wife died in 1920; he survived her by nearly 21 years. After his death at 85, his sister, Anna Hann, ran Christman's Hardware four years. In 1945, Hillis Gill bought the business. Gill sold it in December 1953 to the Springville Co-Op Elevator Co. The inventory was auctioned July 10, 1954. Two days later, one of Springville's oldest buildings was razed.

(Thanks to Wes Bender for photography)

CHRISTMAN'S HARDWARE Store was a Springville institution. Paul Nielsen, 90, of rural Springville recalls Len Christman's Saturday night card games in the store. Paul's father, Pete Nielsen (1892-1971), was one of the regulars.

PETER CHRISTMAN, older brother of John, was a merchant in Springville from 1860 to 1870. He, Anson Jones, and Joseph S. Butler registered Jones and Company's addition to Springville June 13, 1866.

CHINON, FRANCE, birthplace of John Christman, is linked with Joan of Arc. In March 1429, the teenaged religious warrior met there with the future French king, Charles VII.

Len Christman's brothers and sisters

Leonard Berg Christman (1856-1941), second child of John and Elizabeth, ran the Christman store 52 years. His eight siblings

Augustus John, died 1856, age 3 Harry Augustus, died 1861, age 2 ½ Mary Margaret (1860-1892), Mrs. Charles N. Peck. E. Cecilia (1862-1957), Mrs. Charles W. Daniels. Frank Mangold (1865-1889), a bachelor. Fannie Louisa (1869-1963), Mrs. Alfred L. Flude. Jacob H., M. D. (1873-?), married Gertrude Latimore. Anna Belle (1877 - ?), Mrs. Fenton M. Hann.

TORY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA

Reunion drew 18 veterans of Company H, 24th Iowa Infantry

Eighteen aging members of Company H, 24th Iowa Infantry, gaze sternly from a reunion photo taken at least 113 years ago. The stories they could have told! The last one, **William Hugh Brown**, died in April 1936 at age 93.

The picture was in a trunk owned by Bert Gibson, son of one of the veterans, **Benjamin Gibson**. Bert gave the trunk to his former tenants, Erwin and Georgia Andersen, parents of Janice Crow. Her husband James is president of the Springville Area Historical Society.

The undated photo was taken in 1905 or earlier. Veteran **William M. Giffen**, 68, died April 3, 1906. Born in Danville, Pa.,

he came to Iowa in 1856 at age 18. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Champion Hill May 16, 1863.

The 24th Iowa Infantry was called the Iowa Temperance Regiment. Its members adhered to temperance principles (no alcohol). The regiment was mustered at Camp Strong near Muscatine Sept. 18, 1862, and served until July 1865. Seventy-five men were lost in action or as a result of battle wounds, and 209 members succumbed to disease.

There are no native Iowans in the photo. Nine of the veterans were born in Ohio, three each in Indiana and New York, two in Pennsylvania, and one, **George Bolton**, in the part of Virginia that broke away in 1861 to form West Virginia.

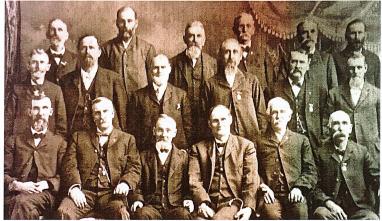
One man used two surnames. As **Anson R. Hodgkins**, he enlisted in 1862, and later received a pension. Yet the photo gives his name as **Hotchkiss**, as does his grave marker in Lakeview Cemetery, South Haven, Mich. No explanation is known.

James Pryor Oxley's wife Frances, about 22, died in Iowa April 8, 1863, while her husband was fighting in Mississippi. Their daughter Luella was 22 months old. James was seriously wounded in the Battle of Champion Hill, Miss. He remarried in 1868.

When veteran **William Glover** died at Marion in October 1915, four of his Company H comrades in the reunion photo were pallbearers: **Thomas C. Brown**, **William Goodlove**, **James P. Oxley**, and **William Pherrin**.

Glover's obituary stated that he served three years in Company H, "part of that time in Salisbury prison (N.C.), a vile and reeking enclosure which was a disgrace to the confederacy." (The paper did not use a capital "C.")

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



About four decades after the Civil War ended, Company H, 24th Iowa Infantry, held a reunion. Front row, from left: James P. Oxley, Charles Penn, Wallace Hakes, William H. Brown, William Glover, and George Post. Second row: Zarah Elsberry, George Bolton, Thomas C. Brown, Allen Wiley Noah, William Giffen, Hiram Winans. Third row: Benjamin Gibson, Levi Strite, William Goodlove, Anson Hotchkiss or Hodgkins, Oliver Heald, William Anderson. The reunion was held in 1905 or earlier. (See accompanying article.)

Courtesy of James Crow, copied by Wes Bender

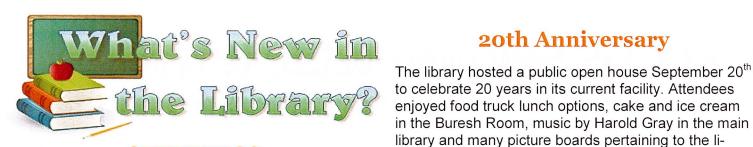


alisbury Confederate Prison, where William C. Glover (in upper photo) was held. Degned for 2,500 prisoners, it was crowded with 10,000 when Glover entered in fall 1864.

1881: Springville's first election

Springville's first election as an incorporated town was held Aug. 26, 1881. George L. Durno was named mayor and Hadwen Williams recorder – the equivalent of clerk. The six trustees (Council members) were John Christman, Hiram Winans, J. W. Freeman, Byron Hopper, C. D. Little, and Benjamin F. Willard.

The polls opened at 9 a.m. and closed at 4 p.m. John T. Hambleton and Edwin D. Jones were clerks of election; John Christman, George Durno, and J. W. Freeman were judges of election.



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Senior Meal & Activity Volunteer Opportunities. Stay Sharp Kits Craft Kits



On Oct 15 SANSI and the Springville Memorial Library will host the monthly Senior Meal and Activity. The meal starts at 11:00 a.m., and you need to sign up by Oct 10 to reserve your place. Call the library at 319-854-6664 or SANSI 319-854-6100 to reserve a spot.

Senior Meal and Activity

20th Anniversary

brary's history. Trustees and staff were on hand to answer questions and show visitors around. Thanks to all

who attended and made the party a success!

BROWSING

When looking for a new book to read, do you tend to go to the same old shelf, the same old author? We have wonderful books in many genres you will love. A new genre or a different author

can be fun.. Be brave, try something new!

REGULAR MONTHLY **PROGRAMS**

KNITTERS Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 1:00 pm **STORY TIME** Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 10:30 am

AFTER SCHOOL Oct 1 & 15 @ 2:30 pm



CONTACT INFORMATION:

264 BROADWAY, PO BOX 78, SPRINGVILLE, IA 52336 PHONE: 319-854-6444 EMAIL: sprlibry@netins.net

WEBPAGE: https://www.springville.lib.ia.us

ONLINE CATALOG: https:// springville.biblionix.com/catalog/

In the moonlight, pumpkins glow, Ghosts and goblins come and go.

Witches fly on broomsticks high, Casting spells across the sky.

Trick or treat, the children cheer, Halloween night is finally here!

Bats are flapping, shadows creep, Time for stories, time for sleep.

Costumes bright and candy sweet, Halloween fun is such a treat!

PUMPKIN PALOOZA

Stop by the library table for a treat Oct 11th at 5:30 PM at Cox Lake

Wear your costumes!!



234 Broadway Street

WHAT HAS HAPPENED AT THE LIBRARY IN THE LAST 20 YEARS?

Over the past few months, we have gone through the process of getting this fabulous library. Now let's look at what has been happening at the library once everything was moved in and the library was open.

- Story Time Thursdays at 10:30
- Early out activities on Wednesdays at 2:15
- Knitters meet on Tuesdays afternoons
- Book Club
- Summer Reading Program
- Adult Reading Program
- ChatGPT classes
- Hosted Ladies Teas until 2014 to raise money for the library
- Computers for community use.
- Hobbies kits for checkout
- STEAM kits for checkout
- Puzzles for checkout
- Developed a Youth section for the teens to hang out
- Music programs: Red Cedar, Harold Gray, Jeff Schmidt and Dave Pedersen
- Inter-library loan: if the library does not have the book, you can order it from a different library to be delivered here. Check website. https://www.springville.lib.ia.us/
- Monthly newsletter.
- Helped charities to collect items for the community: SANSI, care packages for the military, collect items for young adults leaving foster care, and more.
- Buresh Room rental for your meetings (projector, TV available), showers, graduation parties and so much

- more. Check it out if you need a place to hold any kind of gathering.
- Gearhart-Johnson room for small meetings during library hours.
- Two tables and a bench on the patio for community use and a great view of the park.
- Two solar charging stations: one in front of the library with a bench, and one in Butler Park in the pavilion.
- Benches placed under the canopy for patrons to wait for a ride or just to sit.
- Replaced lighting with LED lighting.
- Electric sign on the front of the building. (Thanks Tina Allsup and Alliant Energy)
- Monthly senior meal and activities, partnering with SANSI
- Partnered with Master Gardeners for raised garden for the children to plant and care for, one month out of the year weekly programs on gardening, excess produce donation site to bring your extra produce to share with others.
- eBooks and books on CDs
- Coming in 2026, partnering with United Way to bring VITA to the community. This is a volunteer income tax assistance program. More information in upcoming months.
- Christmas Tree Walk

As you can see the library offers everything, I am sure I have missed some things but check out what is available, and if you have any ideas, please share them with us. The Springville Memorial Library is a great asset to our community.

by Treva Davis







Happy 20/80 year Anniversary Springville Memorial Library









ORIOLE NEWS



HOMECOMING COURT



BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT); CHRISTIAN ANGUIANO, GLIVER LONGERBEAM, LUKE LANSING, TRISTAN PERRY & CONLIN ROUSE. FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): ELLA HOGE, ELLIE MALANAPHY, LEXIE DIETIKER,



Congratulations to Rowan Jocobi and Conlin Rouse on Homecoming King & Queen!

Early Outs:

Oct 1st, 15th & 21st & 23rd for conferences

No School: Oct 24th





Cross
Country
Varsity
boys team
earned 1st
place for
the second
year in a
row!



7U softball team's first season of fall ball!

Orange Team

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE!

October 1979

Springville Community Times & The Oriole's Tales clippings from Jake Hiner.





The Halloween coloring contest winners are as follows, Ages eight and older, Michelle Hicks, twenty dollar first prize; Robin Bragg, ten dollar second prize; Jeff Carnahan, five dollar third prizr, The contest was sponsored by Don's Jack and Jill and was judged by The Lyndon Monago Clark. and was judged by The Junior Womens Club.





Halloween Costume Contest Winners are, left to right, Jeff Menster Zachary Oksendahl, Timmothy Cunningham, Jeff Carnahan, Fred Hunte, Teresa Lemon, Brett McShane and Kim Kroxell,



Springville Partners with Republic Services for **Recycling & Waste Collection**

The City of Springville is excited to announce a new partnership with Republic Services for city-wide recycling and waste collection. This change will bring consistent schedules, new carts, and convenient options for handling household waste.

Start Date

Beginning Monday, November 3, 2025, Republic Services will begin weekly waste collection. Recycling collection will take place every other week on the same day as your trash pickup.

New Carts

Each household will receive:

- One 65-gallon trash cart
- One 65-gallon recycling cart



All materials must fit inside the carts provided. Items placed outside of carts will **not** be collected.

- Need more space? 95-gallon carts are available for a one-time fee of \$40.
- Additional carts may also be requested (for a small monthly fee) by contacting City Hall.

Bulk Waste Collection

Your new service includes one free bulk item pickup per household per month, year-round.

- Bulk items must be manageable by a single driver and weigh less than 40 lbs.
- Items not accepted as part of this service:
 - Items over 40 pounds
 - Construction debris
 - Electronics (e-waste)
 - Tires
 - Appliances

Delivery of Carts

Carts will be delivered to households in late October. Each cart will include:

- A comprehensive service guide
- A recycling collection calendar

Proper Container Placement is the Key to Automated Service



- Have the container at the curb by 6:00 a.m. of your collection day.
- Place the container at least five feet from any object, like a tree, pole, fire hydrant, mailbox, electrical box, cable box, etc., and at least five feet away from cars so the automated arm can reach your container.
- Please have a distance of 2 feet between waste and recycling containers.
- Don't lean anything against the container.
- Don't place your container under a tree.

- Place containers at the curb or edge of the street.
- · Remember to place the arrows on the lid of the container toward the street and the handle toward your house, with
- · Please don't allow children to play in or around the containers. Republic Services' trucks use mechanical arms to pick up the waste and recycling containers.



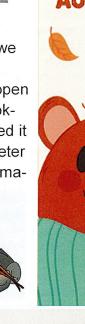
We'll handle it from here!

REMINDER

As the colder weather sets in and we see more recreational fires around town, we want to remind you that open burning is to be solely used for cooking or recreational activities provided it is no larger than three feet in diameter and burns charcoal or clean wood ma-

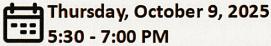
terial. You are NOT to burn any refuse or waste disposal.

Please be considerate of your neighbors.



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

5th Ave Bridge Replacement Project





The City of Springville will hold an open house-style public meeting to share information about the replacement of the 5th Ave bridge over Big Creek near Cox Park.

Exhibits will display the proposed design, and city staff/engineers will be available to answer questions.

Topics for discussion:

- ✓ Proposed bridge structure
 ✓ Temporary stream crossing
- ✓ Roadway improvements
 ✓ Construction timeline

All residents are invited to attend and provide input.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Dee Wagaman, City Clerk—dwagaman@cityofspringville.us 319.854.6428

James Watters, MSA Professional Services—jwatters@msa-ps.com 612.548.3152

Monday Niter's Club Annual Nut Sales

It's that time of year again! Nuts, nuts and more nuts! The Monday Niters are selling nuts again. Monday Niters is a nonprofit organization that helps many different organizations. With your help, they can continue helping those in need.

They have several varieties to choose from:

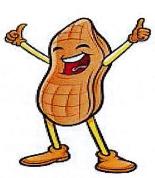
\$11 per 1 pound bags:

Whole cashews, deluxe mixed nuts, English walnuts, pistachios in shell, and choc raisins.

\$12 per 1 pound bags:

Large pecan halves, choc amaretto pecans, and milk choc almonds.

Orders are due by October 3rd and the nuts will be delivered mid-November. Call Jean Schmidt at 319-854-6354 to order or stop by City Hall.





City Council Regular Meeting

September 2, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Jeff Baych, Treva Davis, Karla Blakely, and Cindy Kilburg. Bart Barner was absent. City staff present: Public Works Supervisor Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Cheryl Bryant, Representative Cindy Golding, and Jim Koppenhaver were also in attendance. Baych 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; August 18, 2025, minutes and claims, seconded by Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, Engineer's Report, Library Report, Public Works Report, and Clerk Report. Mayor Andersen brought up the new chairs for the council chambers. Baych updated the council on the weed control measures at Emmons Park. From the road it appears that all the grass is dead too, but if you walk the area, the grass is there. He is going to be working on the fields, and Taube will be bringing in a couple of more loads of lime. T-Ball will be using diamonds to practice on. He would also like something to be put out on Facebook and in the newsletter about using the park as a driving range. They picked up close to 50 golf balls this past weekend. Davis requested that the 3-way stop at Mill Ave and 8th St. be put on the agenda since it has been brought up on two separate occasions. Mayor thought we would talk about it after the sidewalk was installed. No further comments from council.

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

Representative Cindy Golding talked with council about property taxes and the reforms that they are trying to make at the State level. They are trying to propose eliminating the rollbacks, but control taxes with assessments. This has definitely been a hot topic with the state. She was also asked about the state making rules for the local governments, when lowa is a Home Rule state to give the local governments, some say over their own communities. She is opposed to eliminating TIF, but making stricter guidelines if cities are abusing it. She says that she needs to hear from her communities so that she can help to make the changes we need for smaller communities.

Blakely made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 7-2025 pertaining to alcohol licensing, seconded by Davis. RCV: AYES: Davis, Blakely, Kilburg, Baych. ABSENT: Barner. First reading of **ORDINANCE 7**-2025 approved. Blakely made a motion to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 7-2025, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Davis, Baych, Blakely. ABSENT: Barner. Second and third readings **WAIVED**. Blakely made a motion to adopt Ordinance 7-2025, seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Baych, Davis, Blakely. ABSENT: Barner. **ORDINANCE 7-2025 adopted**.

The council reviewed the quotes that came in for the 8th St. sidewalk repair. They are not going to do the alternate curb along 1st Ave at this time. Kelly Concrete was the highest bid, Rockhead Concrete's quote did not say anything about the grading work in their bid. The council felt that would be an additional charge on their quote. Eastern lowa came in \$1,150 less than Cornbelt Concrete. Davis made a motion to hire Eastern lowa Concrete to complete the 8th St. sidewalk repair for a cost of \$22,8047.70, seconded by Baych. All ayes. Motion carried. Barner absent.

Wyman talked with council about the soft spot on North Ave. This is being caused by the sump pumps draining into the street. This is where the city asks the residents to put the water, but over time it has deteriorated the sidewalk, curb and street. Wyman talked with Taube Construction and they thought they could repair the curb and sidewalk panels for about \$5-

6,000. Wyman explained that the street could be cored out and rock added then cold patch to do a temporary fix for a couple of years. A permanent fix would be to bore a line to gather the water, put a couple of intakes in then run the water to the storm on Broadway. Wyman and Wagaman will get some numbers and options together for the next meeting. The council discussed Chapter 151 pertaining to trees. They felt that they needed more time to study our code and what Hiawatha's code looks like as an example. They will talk about it at the next meeting. The next regular council meeting will be Monday, September 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Blakely moved to adjourn at 7:51 p.m., seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried

City Council Regular Meeting

September 15, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Baych 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 2, 2025, minutes and claims, seconded by Baych. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, Public Works Report, and Clerk Report. Davis reminded everyone about the library celebration on Saturday. She asked about the location of the food truck. Wyman will put cones out Saturday morning when he does rounds. No further comments from council.

Mayor Andersen invited citizens with input to speak. Koppenhaver commented that the tree that was removed from the cemetery looks good. He also inquired when the stumps would be removed from the back of the cemetery. There being no public comments, Mayor Andersen moved to business.

Blakely made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 8-2025 pertaining to cigarette and tobacco permits, seconded by Barner. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Baych, Davis, Barner, Kilburg. NAYS: None. First reading of ORDINANCE 8-2025 approved. Kilburg made a motion to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 8-2025, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Davis, Blakely, Kilburg, Baych, Barner. NAYS: None. Second and third readings WAIVED. Blakely made a motion to adopt Ordinance 8-2025, seconded by Davis. RCV: AYES: Baych, Kilburg, Barner, Davis, Blakely. NAYS: None. **ORDINANCE 8-2025 adopted**.

The council discussed a request that came in from the Linn County Sheriff's Office. They are looking to partner with communities to get cameras installed throughout Linn County. This would be at a cost to the city of \$3,000 annually/per camera. These are not red light or speed cameras. These would be used to help locate people and possibly help to catch/deter crime. The council would like more information as to why it would cost us \$3,000/year. Mayor Andersen will follow up with Office Riniker. Baych made a motion to approve Resolution 39-2025 to close the streets on Friday, September 19th from 4pm-4:30pm for the homecoming parade, seconded by Blakely. RCV: AYES: Barner, Baych, Blakely, Davis, Kilburg. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 39-2025 adopted.**

Harmon Drexler of 4th St. S spoke with the council about the parking problems his household is having on 4th St. S. The street is very narrow and there are always cars parked behind their driveway, and it makes it very hard to maneuver their vehicles out of their driveway. They also park an enclosed trailer on the west side near the garage and there have been several times that they can't get the trailer moved because it is blocked by parked vehicles. Brenton Blackford (property owner on the west side) came, and he agrees that the road in question is very tight and the only way to fix the problem would be to make it no parking. They discussed making half the street no parking. The council is in favor of doing that as long as both property owners agree. Mayor Andersen would like the clerk to research making half of the west side of the street a no parking zone. The council discussed adding a 3-way stop at the intersection of Mill Ave and 8th St. Yield signs were also discussed in lieu of a complete stop. Wyman said that the location for putting signage would be very hard as the right of way is extremely narrow. Mayor Andersen and Wyman will see what they can come up with for sign locations.

The council continued their discussion about allowing trees to be planted in the city right of way. Marion and Hiawatha charge an urban forestry fee to help offset the cost of maintaining and removing the right of way trees. Several of the council members would like to see the code change to put in prohibited trees rather than recommended trees. Wagaman will reach out to the arborist that works for the city of Marion.

Wyman talked with council about the soft spot in North Ave. He did not get the bid/quote back from Besler Concrete. He originally thought that they would only need to repair about 43-45' of curb & sidewalk, but a closer look it appears that they would need to repair approximately 140'. The existing curb has no bottom to it. Another concern would be the retaining wall at 308 North Ave. Besler's Concrete would remove the wall but would not reinstall it so that could potentially be an additional cost. Wyman also explained that the hole has been there for four years. He stated that the rock/ patch could be done in the next couple of weeks for a band-aid repair. The next regular council meeting will be Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:00

There being no further discussion, Blakely moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Davis. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Keep Leaves in Your Yard - Not in the Street!

As we head into leaf-blowing season, here's a quick reminder: please keep leaves, grass clippings, and other yard debris in your yard (or bagged/composted) instead of blowing them into the street or onto sidewalks.

Why?

- Safety & Clean Water Leaves and clippings can clog storm drains. When that happens, rainwater backs up, flooding streets, yards, and sometimes basements.
- Smelly Mess Storm water isn't treated. If leaves and debris wash into drains, it can cause pollution and bad odors.
- Good Neighbor Practice Clean streets and sidewalks keep our town looking great and safe for everyone.

So while using a leaf blower is totally fine, blowing leaves into the street isn't. Let's work together to keep our neighborhoods clean, safe, and beautiful this fall.

Thanks for doing your part, Springville!

FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

(meeting at Springville Memorial Library)

Service Times

Sunday 9:30 Pastor Joseph Bielema

Phone 563-235-7519 Email: pastorjoe.fcf@gmail.com

Secretary: Judy Cummings Email: judynross@yahoo.com

ST. ISIDORE the FARMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 5:30 pm or by appoint-

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

HS 6:15 pm -7:30 pm

Reverend Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

Deacon Mark Sandersfeld

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Cindy Kellerman

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

Email: dbq190sec@dbqarch.org Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

SPRINGVILLE METHODIST CHURCH Service Times

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

Sunday School 10:00-11:00 am.

Reverend Guillermo Bongolan Phone: 319-854-7355

Email: springvillemethodist@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 8:30 am-1 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday 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



Methodist Senior Dinning

Wednesday, October 29th 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Donations Only!





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SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR

CITY NEWS BRIEFS

- City Hall will be closed October 15th-17th for IMFOA 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.
- See something, Say something. Call 319-398-3911 (non-emergency sheriff number)