

SPRINGVILLE NEWS

From the City Clerk's Office

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A little dancing, a lot of costumes and plenty of Halloween fun! Studio Dee dancers joined the festivities at Pumpkin Palooza 2025, helping make the evening full of smiles, treats and great memories. We look forward to seeing everyone back for our 3rd Annual Pumpkin Palooza!

American Legion Auxiliary

October 1 - 6:00PM
Springville Legion

American Legion Dinner/Mtg

October 8 - 6:30PM
Springville Legion

School Board

October 21 - 7:00PM
Springville High School

Council Meeting

October 5 - 6:00PM
October 19 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

Library Board

October 14 - 6:30PM
Springville Memorial Library

Historical Society

October 13 - 6:30PM
Historical Society (next to City Hall)

P & Z Meeting

October 14 - 6:45PM
City Hall

Parks

October 8 - 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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11:00am-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:30pm
Mon-Friday
10:00am-11am Saturday

Dee's Desk

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

"Traditions are the stories we keep making together, creating memories that connect one generation to the next."



October always seems to be a month full of traditions. Some have been part of our community for generations, while others are just beginning. Either way, traditions have one thing in common, they only continue because people are willing to give their time and energy to make them happen.

This month, I want to personally thank Karen Taylor for doing exactly that. For almost 20 years, Karen has researched and written historical articles for the *Springville News*. Twenty years is an incredible commitment. Think of all the hours spent researching names, dates, photographs and stories, and then turning that information into something the rest of us could sit down and enjoy.

Karen has helped preserve pieces of Springville's history that might otherwise have been forgotten, while giving all of us a chance to learn a little more about the community we call home. Thank you, Karen, for nearly two decades of sharing Springville's stories with us!

We are going to do our best to continue having history pages in the newsletter for as long as we can. They may look a little different from time to time, but I think there is something pretty special about remembering where we came from while we continue making new memories.

And really, that is what history is. It isn't only the big events or the things that happened 100 years ago. We are making Springville history right now. The football games under the Friday night lights, kids trick-or-treating through town, neighbors helping neighbors, community events and even the everyday things we probably don't think twice about today may someday be the stories someone enjoys reading about years from now.

That is one of the things I love about fall in a small town. The weather cools down, the leaves change, porches get decorated and suddenly there seem to be a few more reasons to get out and see one another. Sometimes the best community traditions start with something pretty simple. Someone has an idea, a few people decide to help, and before long everyone starts looking forward to it each year.

Which brings me to one of our newer traditions, our 3rd Annual Springville Pumpkin Palooza on October 17!

We are still looking for people, groups, businesses and even neighbors who want to team up and host a booth together. You don't have to do anything elaborate. If you love Halloween, enjoy seeing all the kids in their costumes or simply like handing out candy, we would love to have you join us. Decorate a tent and go all out, put together a quick game, or just bring a table, a chair and some candy!

That is how community traditions grow, not because one person does everything, but because lots of people each do a little something.

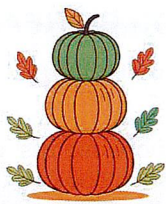
So come join us for Pumpkin Palooza. Host a booth, walk the trail, admire the costumes, hand out some candy or simply come out and enjoy the evening. Maybe someday we'll be looking back at pictures and stories from the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Palooza and remembering how it all got started.

Until next month...

Be kind to one another and enjoy our little corner of Iowa.

-Dee, your City Clerk





OCTOBER 2026

Springville Community Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	 Recycle Week A Council Meeting 6PM @ City Hall		Library Board Meeting 6:30PM @ Library	Auxiliary Meeting 6PM @ Legion Legion Dinner Meeting 6:30PM Parks Meeting 6PM @ City Hall		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	 Recycle Week B		P & Z Meeting 6:45PM @ City Hall	 Water Bill Due	 Pumpkin Palooza Parade - 5:00 PM Trail Walk - Cox Lake Park	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	 Recycle Week A Council Meeting 6PM @ City Hall		City Hall Closed For Training School Board Meeting 7PM	City Hall Closed For Training	City Hall Closed For Training	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	 Recycle Week B					 Happy Halloween! Trick or Treating dusk till

UPCOMING Community EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Join the Fun!

Help make Springville's Pumpkin Palooza a spooktacular success by hosting a booth along the Trick or Treat Trail! Kids will walk the trail and trick or treat at each stop.

WEAR COSTUMES!
 DECORATE A CANOPY OR TABLE!
 HAVE CANDY (OR A QUICK GAME!)
 BE PART OF THE FUN!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
Cox Lake Park
Trick or Treat Trail

SET UP ANY TIME BEFORE 5:00 PM

Questions or want to sign up?
Contact the City Clerk's Office
319-854-6438

TOGETHER WE MAKE SPRINGVILLE SPOOKTACULAR!

Fall Back

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

HARRY POTTER

TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 21
7:00 PM

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

🔥 FIRE WON'T WAIT. WILL YOU BE READY?

October is a good time to think about something we hope never happens—a fire in our home.

We all know the basics: have working smoke alarms, keep matches away from children and don't leave cooking unattended. But when was the last time you actually thought about what you would do if your smoke alarm went off tonight?

Could You Get Out in Two Minutes?

A small fire can become dangerous very quickly. Everyone in your household should know how to get outside—and where to meet once they are there.

Take a few minutes to walk through your home and ask:

- Do we have working smoke alarms?
- Can everyone hear them when sleeping?
- Does every bedroom have a clear way out?
- Do we know two ways out of the house, when possible?
- Can doors and windows be opened easily?
- Do the kids know they should get out and stay out?
- Where is our family meeting place?

Pick something easy to remember—a tree, mailbox, light pole or neighbor's driveway. Once you're outside, stay outside and call 911.

■ CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE

Here's one simple thing you can do every night: sleep with your bedroom door closed. A closed door can help slow the spread of smoke, heat and flames, giving you valuable time to escape.

🔍 And Don't Forget the Kitchen

Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires. Stay nearby when you're cooking, keep anything that can burn away from the stovetop, and turn pot and pan handles inward where they can't easily be bumped.

Never pour water on a grease fire. If it is safe to do so, cover a small pan fire with a lid and turn off the burner. If the fire is spreading or you aren't sure you can safely control it, get out and call 911.

📱 Give Your Smoke Alarms Some Attention

Test every smoke alarm in your home. Replace alarms that are 10 years old or older, and don't ignore the chirp of a low battery. Smoke alarms don't do much good if they don't work when you need them.

🚒 MAKE IT A FAMILY CHALLENGE

One evening this week, see how quickly everyone in your household can:

Hear the alarm → Get outside → Meet at your designated spot

Don't wait until an emergency to figure out the plan. A few minutes of preparation today could make all the difference when every second counts.

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH 2026

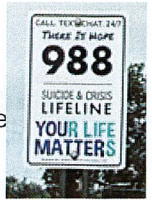
Let's Stay Safe and Vigilant!



Signs of Hope Come to Springville

Sometimes, a simple sign can make a life-changing difference.

The City of Springville is proud to participate in the 988 Signs of Hope Project, an initiative of Wyatt's Warriors Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to spreading positivity, raising awareness about suicide prevention and mental health, and supporting causes that make a difference in the lives of others.



Wyatt's Warriors was founded in memory of Wyatt Willey, who lost his life to suicide in October 2022. The Foundation carries forward Wyatt's legacy of kindness, compassion and helping others through its message, "Forever in Your Corner."

At a Council meeting in September, Foundation President Andrea Willey introduced the 988 Signs of Hope Project, which provides 12" x 18" metal signs featuring the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. The project began in Delaware County and is now expanding into surrounding communities. The Council gladly accepted eight signs, which have been installed throughout Springville.

If you or someone you know is struggling, call or text 988. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides free, confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is also available to family and friends concerned about someone they love.

The City thanks Andrea Willey and Wyatt's Warriors Foundation for spreading hope and helping make this important resource more visible. We are honored to help carry Wyatt's legacy forward and remind others that no one has to face life's challenges alone.

You are never alone. Help is always available. Someone is always in your corner.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Is Alive and Well in Springville

Free books each month for eligible children from birth through age five in ZIP code 52336

Our Local Imagination Library

We want to remind families that the Imagination Library continues to serve children from birth through age five in ZIP code 52336. Each enrolled child receives a free book every month, while our local program covers the cost of the books.

Bringing this program to our community required raising \$5,000, completing extensive paperwork with the U.S. Postal Service, and securing tax-exempt sponsorship from the Springville Community School Foundation. With those steps complete, we began accepting applications in October 2023.

How You Can Help

Please help us keep books in the hands of our youngest readers. Choose the option that works for you:

- **Donate:** Give online or mail a check to the Springville Community School Foundation, PO Box 12, Springville, Iowa 52336.
- **Enroll a child:** Pick up a registration form at City Hall or the library or register online at www.imaginationlibrary.com.
- **Learn more:** Contact Treva Davis at davis.tadavis.treva@gmail.com.

Together, we can put books in children's hands and support the reading experiences that are so important to their development.

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HISTORY OF SPRINGVILLE

Charlatan came up with bizarre diagnosis in 1867

Martha Weaver Parker was in her 40s. She had been ailing several years when she and her husband Kendall moved to Anamosa from Nanticoke, Broome County, N. Y. in the mid-1860s. They were childless.

Physicians in New York had diagnosed Martha's illness as "consumption" (tuberculosis), and Anamosa doctors concurred. At that time, there was no cure; the disease was terminal.

But Martha Parker wouldn't give up. She consulted "a German from Lisbon, calling himself Doctor." His bizarre diagnosis, and treatment that promised a cure, added to Martha's misery while reducing the couple's money.

He "pronounced the disease a snake, tape worm or lizard" living in Mrs. Parker's stomach. She was ordered to eat only salt herring with vinegar, and crackers soaked in vinegar. A poultice of garlic, fish oil and lard had to be placed on her stomach.

That was supposed to "drive the creature out of the stomach, so that, putting hot milk before (Martha's) mouth ... the 'doctor' could induce the vile 'sarpent' to approach near enough her mouth that he could get hold of it ... and pull it out. She must not drink anything but whey and sour wine, and a tea of elder blows (blossoms) and chamomile ... "

After three weeks without success, Mrs. Parker was forbidden to eat at all, and had to take a dose of castor oil and turpentine twice a day for more than a week. Then



In 1867, a so-called doctor from Lisbon told an Anamosa woman that a "snake, tapeworm, or lizard" was living in her stomach and causing illness.

food was allowed, but the turpentine had irritated her stomach, so she could eat very little.

Amazingly, she felt well enough to take a short walk to her brother's house. Returning home, she fell on her front steps, lost consciousness, and died the next day, May 19, 1867. She was 49.

Four physicians - one of them Dr. Sylvester Matson - performed an autopsy at the request of Martha's husband. Of course no creature was found; the diagnosis had been a hoax. Reptiles can't live without oxygen. The charlatan disappeared in the mists of time.

FAMILY TIES: Martha Parker's younger brother, Devolson Weaver, was the maternal grandfather of artist Grant Wood. Grant, born in 1890, never knew Martha, his great-aunt.

By Karen Taylor, with thanks to Bill Herren. Based on stories published in the Anamosa Eureka, 1867.

MEDICINE IN MARTHA PARKER'S TIME

When Martha Parker became ill, medicine looked very different than it does today.

Tuberculosis—often called "**consumption**" in the 1800s—was one of the most feared diseases of the era. The name reflected the way the illness seemed to slowly "consume" a person, causing symptoms that could include persistent coughing, weakness, fever and weight loss.

In 1867, when Martha died, doctors did not yet know that tuberculosis was caused by bacteria. German physician Robert Koch would not identify the bacterium that causes tuberculosis until 1882.

With no effective cure available, desperate patients sometimes sought help outside established medicine. Traveling healers, patent-medicine sellers and self-proclaimed doctors offered treatments that could range from ineffective to dangerous.

For someone facing an illness considered incurable, however, even an extraordinary promise of recovery could offer hope.

By Dee Wagaman

AND OTHER NEARBY TOWNS

Dr. S. G. Matson practiced in Anamosa and near Viola

Dr. Sylvester Grinnell Matson came to Iowa from New York 175 years ago. He lived here over half a century, most of the time in Jones County but also northeast of Viola in Linn County.

Dr. Matson was a delegate to Iowa's second Constitutional Convention in May 1846, and a member of Iowa's First General Assembly, convened in November 1846. During a heated argument at the General Assembly, he intervened to save a life.

The editor of the Capitol Reporter had thrown a legislator to the floor and was aiming a pistol at him. Seizing the gun, Dr. Matson wrested it from the angry man. Names are unknown.

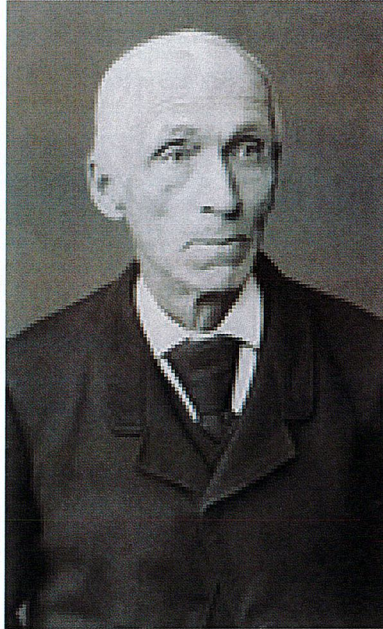
Born March 5, 1808, in Middletown, Vt., Sylvester Matson taught school before entering Vermont's state medical college in Burlington. In 1832 he received his M. D. degree with high honors and married Mary Ann Hotchkiss. He practiced medicine in New York 13 years. Two sons and a daughter were born in New York, another son in Iowa.

The Matson family came to Linn County in September 1845. They soon moved to Jones County first Fairview, then Cass Township, and finally Anamosa. In Cass Township, Dr. Matson started a town, Fremont. Today only the Fremont Bridge preserves its memory. For a while, he owned a gristmill, a sawmill, and the Mount Hope Quarry. Two little Matson sons died in 1846 and 1849. Their mother, Mary Ann, died on her 40th birthday, November 1, 1849.

In 1850, Dr. Matson married Elizabeth Smith Hubbell, a widow from Sabula. They had two daughters but lost one of them in childhood. The couple divorced in 1862, and the doctor wed Caroline Lowry Hart of Anamosa the next year.

Dr. Matson practiced medicine in Anamosa for about 30 years. Between 1880 and 1885, he and Caroline moved to Section 1 of Brown Township, Linn County. He was still an active physician at 85. During his final year, he lived in Fayette with his daughter and son-in-law. Almost 90, he died February 5, 1898, and was buried with his first wife at Anamosa.

The 1900 census found the doctor's widow, Caroline Matson, living in Springville on Liberty Street with her son, Augustus Hart. Caroline died in 1907; her grave is in Wilcox Cemetery.



Dr. Sylvester Matson and his wife Caroline lived near Viola.

THE HALF BROTHER of Dr. Sylvester Matson, Christopher Matson (1827-1894), lived in Anamosa. Christopher was a lumber dealer.

By Karen Taylor, with thanks to Bill Herren

IOWA IN 1846

Dr. Sylvester Matson arrived in Iowa at an important moment in the state's history.

When the Matson family came to Linn County in September 1845, Iowa was still a territory. Just months later, delegates gathered in Iowa City to write a constitution that would help pave the way for Iowa to become a state.

The Second Constitutional Convention began May 4, 1846. Sylvester G. Matson represented Jones County as one of the convention delegates.

The proposed constitution was approved by Iowa voters on August 3, 1846—but by a surprisingly narrow margin. There were 9,492 votes in favor and 9,036 against, a difference of only 456 votes. (Only men could vote.)

The First General Assembly convened later that year, and on December 28, 1846, Iowa officially became the 29th state in the Union.

In little more than a year after arriving in Iowa, Dr. Matson had gone from being one of the territory's newest residents to taking part in the creation of the new state's government.

By Dee Wagaman



LIBRARY HOURS

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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Stop by the Library tent
at the

Pumpkin Palooza

By Cox Lake

October 17 at 5:00pm

We'd love to see you there!



NEW ON OUR SHELVES



Adult Non-Fiction

Plot Twist by Harlan Coben

Why You Should Read Children's Books by
Katherine Rundell

Adult Fiction

The Amateur by Chris Bohjalian

Brain Damage by Freida McFadden

Frost and Venom by Christine Feehan

Fury in Death by J. D. Robb

Getting Away with Murder by Shari Lapena

The Most Dangerous Games by James Patterson

The One Who Walked Away by Karen Rose

The Pirate Queen by Ariel Lawhon

Witches of Cambridge by Alice Hoffman

You'll be Sorry by Lisa Gardner

AUTUMN AMUSEMENT

*Musical Fun
by*

The Absence of Sadness

*Please join
Mark Armstrong*

and

Gary Buresh

In

"They Pay Us Not to Play"
*An afternoon of song, poetry and
jokes*

October 10

1:00 p.m.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS



KNITTERS—Oct 6, 13, 20, and 27th at 1:00 pm.
Work on your project and chat.

STORY TIME—Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th at 10:30
am. *Hear a story, sing songs and do a craft.*

EARLY OUTS - Oct 7 and 21st from 2:30-3:30 pm -
Fall activities

SENIOR MEAL



On **Oct 21**, 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 **Oct 14**.

Making your reservation is important. We need an accurate headcount in order to provide the right number of meals.



Call the Library at **319-854-6444** or
SANSI at **319-854-6100** to reserve your place to eat.

♥ Know Your Numbers!

Did you know?

The Springville Memorial Library has a blood pressure monitor available for patron use.

Stop in and take a moment to check your numbers!

Equipment provided by a division of the American Heart Association.



ORIOLE NEWS



HOMECOMING DRESS UP DAYS

OCTOBER 5-9

GO ORIOLES!

MONDAY Hawaiian Day BRING THE TROPICS TO SCHOOL!	TUESDAY Grill Dad vs. Soccer Mom SPORTS. SNACKS. STYLE.	WEDNESDAY USA DAY RED, WHITE AND BLUE ALL DAY THROUGH!
THURSDAY Rhyme w/o Reason THINK OF A RHYME... THEN BRING IT TO LIFE!	FRIDAY Spirit Day WEAR YOUR ORIOLE GEAR AND SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!	

JOIN SERVICE UNIT 812 GIRL SCOUTS TODAY

Fun. Friends. Adventure. Building skills. And Memories that last a lifetime.

Looking for a FUN Afterschool activity that makes a difference?
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Grow Yourself.
 Lead Others.
 Change the World

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- **Growth.** Learn to Lead. Build Confidence. Build Courage. Earn Awards. Learn impactful life skills.
- **Friendship.** Join the most supportive, girl-led environment to share ideas, laugh and make new friends.
- **Adventure and Travel.** Experience Camping. Horseback Riding. Outdoor explorations, local events, crafts, travel with your troop and more!
- **Give Back.** Make a difference in your community.
- **It's for MS and HS Girls too!** (Colleges love to see it)
- **Parents.** You can join too! We need more volunteers!

JOIN TODAY!!
 WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU.



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Questions? Shoot us an email!

GSSU812@gmail.com

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

For the safety of spectators...



SCOOTERS



BICYCLES



MOTOR BIKES

are not permitted on school grounds areas beyond parking lots and roadways. This means they should not be ridden on fields, the track, playgrounds, and grass areas near/around the activity. Individuals riding in unauthorized locations will be asked to place the vehicle in an appropriate location or asked to leave the event.



GOLF CARTS/UTVs

that intend to park near the fence at football games must enter near the north parking lot and should avoid driving on the track to approach the fence area. Spectators driving these should drive directly to the location they plan to park and then directly back out of the area and not around school grounds.

Thank you FOR HELPING KEEP OUR EVENTS SAFE AND ENJOYABLE!

Half Days

October 7th & 21

Conference Days 13th & 15th

No School

October 16th



Oriole Volleyball raised \$2,725.00 for the Linn County Veteran Services with their gift basket auction. A big thank you to all those that showed up and donated!

Council Meeting

September 8, 2026

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Cindy Kilburg, Drew Mollenhauer, Jeff Baych, Treva Davis, and Karla Blakely. City staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Linn County Public Health (Maddie The Springfield City Council met in regular session on September 8, 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, and Drew Mollenhauer. Jeff Baych was absent. City staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Marilyn Andersen, Kelly DeVore, Andrea Willey with Wyatt's Warriors Foundation, and Mike Bergman, a democratic candidate for District 83, were also in attendance.

Blakely made a motion to approve the agenda, but to take topic 13 off, seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kilburg made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items; August 17, 2026, meeting minutes, claims, Springfield Food Gas & Liquor's Class E Alcohol license, and the amendment to Casey's alcohol permit, seconded by Davis. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, Library Report, Public Works Report, Treasure's Report, and Clerk Report. Kelly DeVore talked about the library's VITA tax preparation services. They are looking to make the volunteer system easier to navigate. The library will hopefully be able to get this program offered to residents this year. Mayor Pearson wanted to let everyone know that he would like to start budget season now. He would like the departments to start thinking of their next year's needs/wants. He also mentioned that he would like to see council do something for Pumpkin' Palooza. Council person Davis wanted to get some things that were discussed in past meetings back in front of them so decisions can be made.

Mayor Pearson invited citizens with input to speak. Mike Bergman, a democratic candidate for House District 83, is running against Cindy Golding. He is a 26-year veteran of the Air Force and lives in Mt. Vernon. His number one focus is on the current private school voucher system. He believes that this is hurting our public schools. He would also like to see local controls come back to the cities. Marilyn Andersen commented on the cemetery mowing. She would like to see it done more often if possible. There being no more public comments, Mayor Pearson moved to business.

Andrea Willey, the president of Wyatt's Warriors Foundation introduced her Foundation to the council. Her foundation is based in Manchester, Iowa and is dedicated to suicide prevention and mental health awareness, with a strong focus on community-based projects that provide visibility, education and hope. One of their current initiatives is the 988 Signs of Hope Project. The foundation is distributing 12" x 18" metal street signs that highlight the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. This service is a free and anonymous call or text service that is available 24/7 for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis, or for loved ones who want to know how to help. Every town in Delaware County has signs as well as several schools. They are now starting to branch out to other cities and schools in other counties. The council agreed to take the eight signs that she had with her. She would love to see them at parks, ball diamonds, schools, fire department and library. She has requested to have pictures sent to her after the signs are installed.

Wagaman discussed with the council the ACH Risk Management and Security Policy. This was requested by The Exchange State bank since we have taken back the role of initiating utility payments from our residents. Blakely made a motion to approve Resolution 91-2026 to adopt an ACH Risk Management and Security policy for the City of Springfield, seconded by Kilburg. RCV: AYES: Mollenhauer, Blakely, Davis, Kilburg. ABSENT/NAYS: Baych. **RESOLUTION 91-2026 adopted.**

The council discussed the quotes received from two vendors to install a new commercial shop door and to install a new door and exterior landing with stairs at City Hall. There was a \$5,750 difference between the two companies. Davis made a motion to hire Holub Trucking to install a commercial shop door for \$3,500 and install a new door and exterior

landing with stairs in City Hall for \$8,500, seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wagaman talked to the council about establishing a banking relationship with F & M Bank to utilize their credit card services for the city credit cards. Our current cards will not get names changed and update information. F & M Bank will update information with city council minutes. They will also allow for more contact points like the city's current checking/savings accounts. The council like the way F & M handled their credit cards but would like Wagaman to reach out to Citizen's State Bank and Corda Credit Union since we already have accounts established with those institutions. Wagaman will bring back the information.

Since the council is looking for a new credit card vendor they felt like they needed an updated credit card policy. Council reviewed the draft credit card policy and felt that it was a really good start. Davis made a motion to approve Resolution 94-2026 adopting an updated credit card policy for the City of Springfield, seconded by Mollenhauer. RCV: AYES: Kilburg, Blakely, Mollenhauer, Davis. ABSENT/NAYS: Baych. **RESOLUTION 94-2026 adopted.**

The council continued to discuss credit cards and the limits they would like each person/department to have. Davis made a motion to approve Resolution 95-2026 which establishes credit card holders and credit limits, seconded by Blakely. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Kilburg, Mollenhauer, Davis. ABSENT/NAYS: Baych. **RESOLUTION 95-2026 adopted.**

Mayor Pearson discussed with council the importance of recording and posting or livestreaming the council meetings. He has talked with other communities, and they felt that it helped when council needed to go back and review a conversation or to clarify discussions for future discussion or meeting minutes purposes. The discussion included whether council would prefer to livestream or to record and post. Most of council were interested in posting after the meeting. Facebook was not a favorite option for a platform, and they discussed continuing to make the meetings available via zoom. The discussion was left so that the council would start by recording the meetings and reviewing the quality.

The council had a brief discussion on the Hwy 151/Springville Rd intersection. Mayor Pearson reached out to the Iowa DOT after the most recent accident. The project is still on track and bid letting is scheduled for July 2027 and construction is anticipated to begin in late August or September 2027. Mayor Pearson wanted to know if there was anything more that the Iowa DOT could do to help the intersection out until construction to make it safer. There is nothing that can be done with the schedule of the project at this time. There is not an opportunity to receive/install speed feedback signs. There is currently a backlog of those signs that already need to be installed and there is an issue keeping those signs working. Another suggestion was to reach out to law enforcement and see if they can do extra patrol. Another option the Iowa DOT would be open to is to close the median crossover now and turn the intersection into a right-in/right-out which would eliminate the through movement and left turns. The council discussed those options and felt like the only viable option at this time would be to reach out to law enforcement to patrol more. Closing the median crossover will cause immediate issues for Springfield Fire and Rescue to get across the highway for rescues. Mayor Pearson will reach out to law enforcement.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Davis moved to adjourn at 8:09 p.m., seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council Meeting

September 21, 2026

The Springfield City Council met in regular session on September 21, 2026.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Council members present: Drew Mollenhauer, Treva Davis, Karla Blakely, Cindy Kilburg, and Jeff Baych. City staff present: Public Works Director Todd Wyman

and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Matthew Moore & Areille Muench with MSA were also in attendance.

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

Baych made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items; September 8, 2026, meeting minutes and claims, seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Kilburg made a motion to approve Resolution 92-2026 to close the streets for the annual Homecoming parade on Friday, October 9th from 4:00pm-4:30pm, seconded by Blakely. RCV: AYES: Blakely, Kilburg, Mollenhauer, Davis, Baych. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 92-2026 adopted.**

The council briefly discussed the maintaining of city alleys. This was requested by a resident, and they were unable to be present. Todd will get a list of alleys that the city plows and Wagaman will get this to planning & zoning to help research and come up with a possible policy/ordinance for alleys.

Mayor Pearson presented the council with a quote from VC3 for the renewal of the SonicWall. There is a 3-year option or a 1-year option. He is not completely satisfied with the communication with VC3. He feels that they continue to bring things to his attention little by little instead of all at once so we can evaluate the big picture. The council would like to research some other companies. Baych made a motion to approve a 1-year term for the SonicWall service, support and warranty, seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Pearson will get the service agreement taken care of.

The council had a lengthy discussion on the insurance claim from 506 High Ave. EMC, the city's insurance company, has offered them \$5,000 due to there being no property damage and further, none caused by the city. EMC said that they could offer them \$10,000. Baych made a motion to allow EMC to offer 506 High Ave \$10,000 to settle the claim, seconded by Davis. All ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed the options to repair the retaining wall on 2nd Street provided by Matthew at MSA. The council agreed that regrading the area would not work because the hill would be too steep to mow it. The council would like to see MSA engineer the project and get documents ready to go to bid. Baych made a motion to have MSA provide a scope to council to do the surveying, project engineering and get bid documents, seconded Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, Library Report, Public Works Report, and Clerk Report.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Baych moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.,



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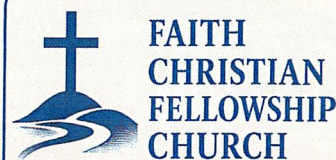
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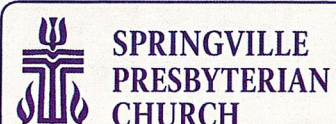
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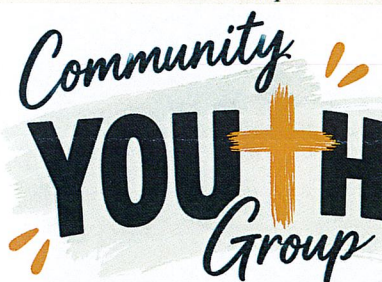
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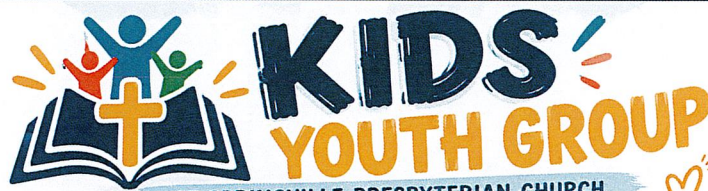


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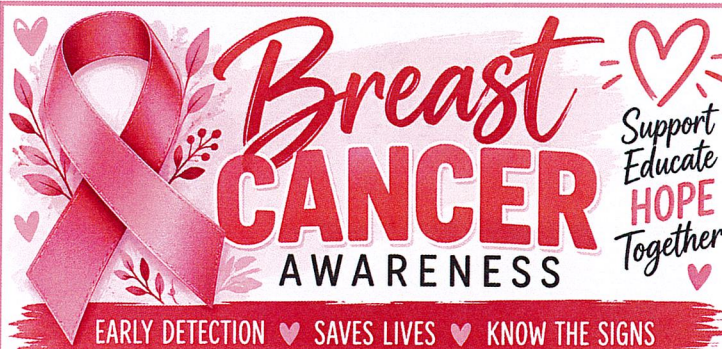
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