

CHAMBER CHATTER



December 2019

December 10th - Holiday Lighting Contest @ 6:30pm

December 19th - Jingle Bell Ticket Drawing @ 7pm

January 15th - Annual Chamber Meeting Luncheon @ 12:10pm

*Please share the Chamber Chatter Newsletter with your employees. The newsletter is also now available on the Chamber website at <https://springfieldmnchamber.org/chamber-chatter/>. It will also be posted on Facebook when the current newsletter is available on the Chamber Website.

If there are additional email addresses you would like me to add to make sure our newsletter is getting to all who are interested, please let me know by emailing me at spfdchamber@newulmtel.net and I would be happy to add them to the email list.



Holiday Lighting Contest

"Best Decked Out Home"

Do you think your house has the best Holiday light display?

The Chamber has nominated the residents at
St. John Lutheran Home to be the judge of that!

Judging will take place on Tuesday December 10th at 6:30 pm.



1st place prize:

\$50 Chamber Bucks



2nd place prize:

\$30 Chamber Bucks



3rd place prize:

\$20 Chamber Bucks

Eligible homes must be within city limits.

Please make sure your lights are turned on the evening of December 10th



Selfie with Elfie



Step 1

Visit the participating Chamber businesses listed below each week and take a Selfie with the Elfie (*must be 18 or older to participate*)

Step 2

Post your selfie to the **Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldAreaChamberOfCommerceCvb/> with the hashtag **#2019elfie56087** to be entered for a chance to win the weekly drawing for \$50 in Chamber Bucks

Limit one selfie/entry per eligible person per participating business.

Increase your chances to win by taking a Selfie with Elfie at all 5 participating businesses each week

The weekly drawing to be held on Mondays at noon starting Monday, Nov. 25.

The winners will be posted on the Chamber Facebook page and website www.springfieldmnchamber.org

Winning individuals are encouraged to contact the Chamber Office to pick up their prize.

spfdchamber@newulmtel.net

507-723-3508

Contest Dates and Participating Chamber Businesses:

Week 1 - November 15th-21st

1. Halvorson's Office Express
2. F & M Insurance
3. Farmward Cooperative
4. Good Neighbor Thrift
5. Miesen's Color Center

Week 2 - November 22nd-28th

1. Springfield Market
2. Nuvera
3. SouthPoint Financial Credit Union-Springfield
4. Pink Swan Boutique & Beauty Parlour
5. Springfield Handi-Mart/Fuel Max

Week 3 - November 29th-December 5th

1. Thrifty White Pharmacy
2. Lang's Automotive
3. St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMC
4. Ed's Repair of Springfield
5. Riverside Animal Clinic

Week 4 - December 6th-12th

1. Comfrey Bar & Grill
2. Runnings
3. Springfield Advance-Press
4. Farmers & Merchants State Bank
5. St. John's Circle of Care

Week 5- December 13th-19th

1. Springfield Public Library
2. Outlaws Bar & Grill
3. Sterling Travel
4. Absolute Style
5. Drs. Akre & Clark, LTD – Springfield



Ring in the Holiday Season in Springfield



Collect a Jingle Bell Ticket with every purchase and one ticket for every \$25 spent, up to \$400 from November 13th - December 18th for a chance to win up to \$2000 in Chamber Bucks.

Double tickets will be given Thanksgiving weekend November 29th - December 1st at participating businesses.

Prize Drawing for Chamber Bucks of
1 - \$500, 1 - \$250, 5 - \$100 & 15 - \$50
on December 19th at Gatzby's @ 7p.m.
(need not be present to win)

Collect Jingle Bell Tickets at these participating Chamber businesses:

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| *A Na You Massage | *Miesen's Color Center |
| *Absolute Style | *Novera |
| *American Family Insurance -
Angie Gode Agency | *Pink Swan Boutique & Beauty Parlour |
| *Clay's Drive-In Liquor | *Riverside Animal Clinic |
| *Clements Lumber | *Riverview Homestead Cooperative |
| *Confrey Bar & Grill | *Runnings |
| *Cottonwood Ridge Apartments | *Salon Concepts |
| *Deluxe Print | *SouthPoint Financial Credit Union -
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| *Ed's Repair | *Springfield Advance Press |
| *F&M Insurance Agency | *Springfield Creamery |
| *Glen's Auto Parts / NAPA | *Springfield Floral / Decor by Char |
| *Good Neighbor Thrift | *Springfield Golf Club |
| *Halvorson Office Express | *Springfield Handi-Mart / Fuel Max |
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Floor Covering | *Springfield Lanes / The Garage |
| *Lane's Automotive | *Springfield Market |
| | *Sterling Travel Vacations |
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Jingle Bells

Earn Jingle Bell Tickets on purchases at participating Chamber businesses until Wednesday, Dec. 18th

Double Tickets Thanksgiving weekend - Nov. 29th - Dec. 1st

Drawing for Chamber Bucks will be held at Gatzby's on Thursday, Dec. 19th at 7 pm

1 - \$500, 1 - \$250, 5 - \$100, 15 - \$50

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Spend **CHAMBER BUCKS** at Chamber Member Businesses.

Jingle Bell Ticket

Participating Businesses

Please drop off your tickets and materials at the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Office, located on the East side of the Community Center, on **Thursday, December 19th** during the hours of **9am-1pm.**

YOU'RE INVITED

**2020
SPRINGFIELD AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

12:10 PM

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The SAFE (Springfield Area Food Emergency) program is a non-profit, emergency assistance program. It is funded through personal donations, local Foundations, other community non-profit entities and the (EFSP) Emergency Food and Shelter Program allocations.

The vouchers are distributed by pastors from each of the churches in Springfield as well as New Hope Lutheran and St. Paul's Catholic churches in Comfrey.

Vouchers can be used at Springfield Market or Mike's Discount Foods in Comfrey. *Certain restrictions do apply.* Individuals may receive up to four vouchers in a calendar year but no more than one voucher per month.

The SAFE program serves those from Springfield, Comfrey, Clements, Cobden, and Sanborn. It is open to all people regardless of age, gender, family status, race, denomination or religious background. The amount given per voucher depends on the number of people in the household. The program is confidential.

Those in need of assistance, can contact one of the following churches in Springfield or Comfrey.

St. Raphael Catholic Church: 723-4137 - Fr. Philip Schotzko
112 W VanDusen, Springfield

St. Johns Lutheran Church: 723-5397 - Pastor Julie Smith
224 Mary Avenue, Springfield

St. Paul Lutheran Church: 723-5880 – Pastor Tricia Mattson
303 North Cass Avenue, Springfield

United Methodist Church: 723-6698 - Pastor Rick Frederickson
205 North Marshall Avenue, Springfield

New Hope Lutheran, Comfrey: 877-6220 - Pastor Jerome Klotz
204 Court Str., Comfrey


St. Paul's Catholic Church, Comfrey: 877-2361
209 N. Field Street, Comfrey



Homemade jams and jellies are for sale at **St. Johns Lutheran Church**, 224 Mary Avenue. All proceeds will be going to the SAFE -food voucher program. Donation envelopes are available on the display table and can be left in the church office mailbox after making your selection. Please make checks payable to SAFE. If you would like to reserve jams or jellies - please call the church office (723-5397) and speak with Kayla. Thank you for your support!



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18 Jefferson Ave N, Springfield – \$59,500

Located on a double lot with a large backyard, this cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath home has updated vinyl windows, newer flooring and light fixtures throughout, large combined living/dining room, main level laundry, and updated bathtub and vanity. The 28' x 30' garage with cement driveway was built in 2013 and has ample storage space.



32 Sanborn St W, Springfield - \$269,000

This spacious, move-in ready, well-maintained 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home offers all amenities on the main level! Features include the large eat-in kitchen with new flooring, counter tops, back splash, & stainless steel appliances, the open living/dining room, two main level bathrooms that have been completely remodeled, and double closets in the bedrooms. The finished basement has a family room with fireplace, 4th bedroom, and a space formerly used as a beauty salon with a separate entrance from the garage (great potential for in-home business space). The attached over-sized double garage leads out to the patio & deck.



209 Central St W, Springfield - \$135,000

Located on a large corner lot close to downtown & the schools, this spacious home offers a remodeled eat-in kitchen w/all appliances included, three bedrooms w/ample storage all on the main level, an open living/dining area, an office and/or entry w/built-in storage, & newer windows throughout. Exterior has been updated w/new shingles in 2014, new steel siding in 2006, & new gutters & landscaping in 2016. Attached single garage.

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Mayo Clinic Health System in Springfield, Lamberton to close March 1, 2020**Dec. 3, 2019**

By James R. Hebl, M.D., regional vice president, Mayo Clinic Health System; Terry L. Brandt, regional chair of administration, Mayo Clinic Health System; Laura K. Evenson, R.N., regional chief nursing officer, Mayo Clinic Health System; Stephanie Kivi, M.D., medical director, Mayo Clinic Health System in Springfield; Scott Thoreson, administrator, Mayo Clinic Health System in Springfield

Dear Community Members:

Mayo Clinic Health System has made the difficult decision to close our hospital and Emergency Department in Springfield, as well as the Springfield and Lamberton clinics, effective March 1, 2020. The decision follows a careful review of patient volumes, ongoing staffing challenges and regulatory concerns. This is not the outcome that we wanted for our patients, our staff or the community; however, it was a necessary decision to make. It has been an honor to serve the patients and the community for the past 22 years.

The closures will affect approximately 60 employees. Decisions that affect staffing are always difficult and never decided upon lightly. We are committed to supporting employees during this time of change, including helping them identify and apply for new positions within the organization if available.

While a hospital and Emergency Department will no longer be operating in Springfield, another Minnesota health care organization has expressed serious interest in working with the Springfield community and city officials to establish outpatient clinic services for the area. More information will be shared as those discussions take place. Mayo Clinic Health System will help ensure a seamless transition should this new organization enter the community.

Challenges

For the past several years, Mayo Clinic Health System in Springfield has experienced severe provider shortages, an inability to recruit and retain physicians, declining hospital admissions and extremely low utilization of the Emergency Department. Last year, we openly shared our challenges with staff and the community and developed a new care model in October 2018. More than a year later, many of those same challenges remain, and we also now face new concerns regarding future accreditation.

As a reminder, the Springfield care model pilot implemented in October 2018 included:

- Managing the Emergency Department with advanced practice providers (physician assistants and nurse practitioners) with support from Mankato and Rochester physicians through secure video conferencing technology.
- Reducing the number of hospital beds to a number we thought would improve the utilization of our staff.
- Leveraging the capabilities of our digitally connected physician assistants and nurse practitioners in the Emergency Department to cover hospitalized patients.

- Having an outpatient clinic staffed by advanced practice providers.

Unfortunately, the care model has not generated the results we had hoped for. For example, only nine inpatients — and 28 overnight observation patients — have been admitted to the hospital in 2019. The Emergency Department has seen only three to four patients per day. Without diminishing the sense of urgency and distress our patients feel when they come to the Emergency Department, we identified that most of the problems seen in the Springfield ED could have been safely cared for in either Urgent Care or our regular clinic. The rest could have been transferred safely to a nearby facility. Additionally, caring for so few patients makes it difficult for providers and staff to maintain high levels of competency across a variety of disciplines (e.g., both Emergency Department and hospital inpatient care) to deliver safe, high-quality care, and it is not sustainable.

Achieving necessary patient volumes and staffing to sustain the hospital is challenging given the large number of competing facilities within a sparsely populated and narrow geography. For example, Mayo Clinic Health System in Springfield is currently one of eight hospitals within a 38-mile radius (New Ulm, Redwood Falls, Sleepy Eye, Springfield, St. James, Tracy, Westbrook and Windom). Most patients who need specialty and hospital care travel to New Ulm, Redwood Falls and Sleepy Eye already.

Moving forward

We understand many patients will want to seek care close to home. However, we are committed to serving community members who wish to remain Mayo Clinic Health System patients at other Mayo Clinic Health System sites or through virtual care options, such as Patient Online Services, Express Care Online and Nurse Line. Mayo Clinic Health System also is exploring new ways to bring convenient, expert care to patients where they live through digital tools, reducing the need for travel and traditional office visits.

Our Mayo Clinic Health System leadership team will continue meeting with staff, community leaders and legislative officials to answer questions and discuss the transition plan.

Once again, thank you for your input and partnership over the past 22 years as we have strived to maintain high-quality, viable care at Mayo Clinic Health System in Springfield and Lamberton. We will keep you informed through local media and mayoclinichealthsystem.org/springfieldinfo as details emerge.

Sincerely,

James R. Hebl, M.D., regional vice president, Mayo Clinic Health System




Laura K. Evenson, R.N., regional chief nursing officer, Mayo Clinic Health System

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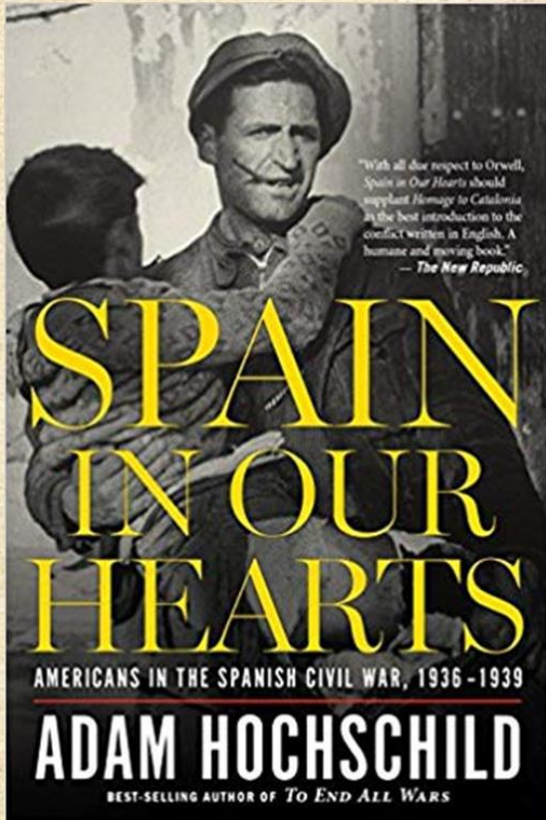


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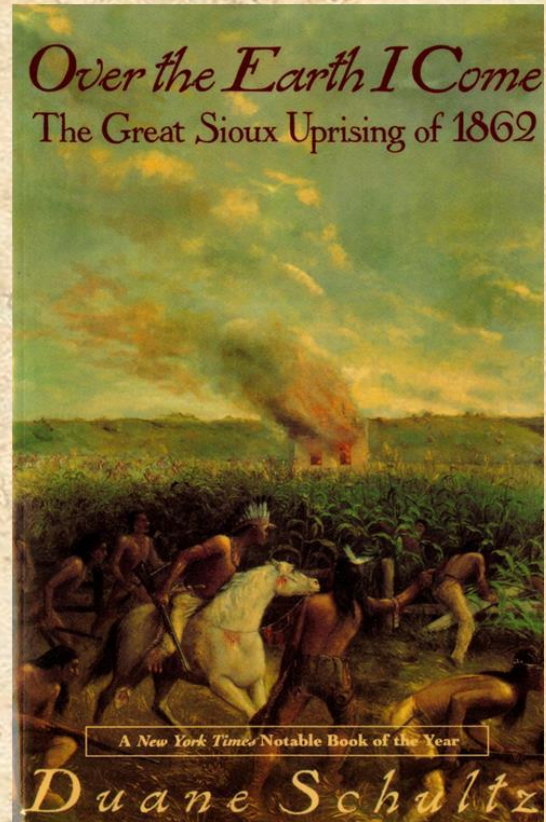
Brown County Historical Society

invites you to join the

BCHS Book Group



Spain in Our Hearts by Adam Hochschild
Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00pm
In the Museum Annex
2 North Broadway, New Ulm



Over the Earth I Come: The Great Sioux Uprising of 1862 by Duane Schultz
Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00pm
In the Museum Annex
2 North Broadway, New Ulm

Future Meetings

February 5: *Snow-Storm in August: Washington City, Francis Scott Key, and the Forgotten Race Riot of 1853* by Jefferson Morley

March 4: *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America* by Erik Larson

April 1: *The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West* by David McCullough



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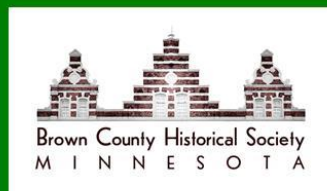
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****Classes and times are subject to change. Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date details!****

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Dear Residents,

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Chamber Chatter is a publication of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. It is published monthly to keep members and friends informed of events, activities and programs in and around the community.



Mission Statement - The mission of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and CVB is to strengthen the business community and take a leadership role in promoting economic growth in a spirit of cooperation and team work.

Vision Statement - Promote economic growth through the recruitment and retention of quality businesses and industries that will contribute to the overall economic health of the community.

Provide the membership networking opportunities, referrals, internet promotion and other membership services to promote and enhance their business.

Develop and nurture relationships with local government and other community sectors to help facilitate the needs and interests of the business community and enhance the overall quality of life within the community.

Chamber of Commerce General Board of Directors 2019

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Vice President - Rachelle Halvorson - Halvorson Office Express

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