## CHAMBER CHATTER



## February 2020

February 19th- Business to Business After Hours

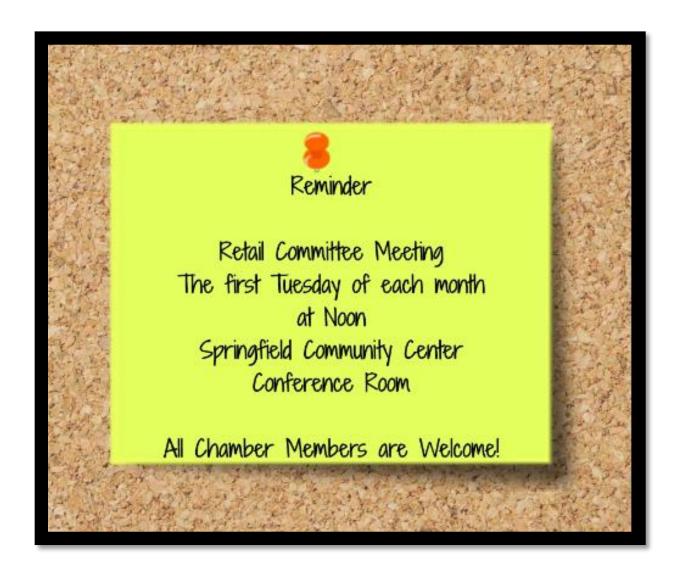
February 24<sup>th</sup>- Spirit of Springfield/Business of the Year nominations due

March 16th - 20th - Go For The Green Promotion

\*Please share the Chamber Chatter Newsletter with your employees. The newsletter is also now available on the Chamber website at <a href="https://springfieldmnchamber.org/chamber-chatter/">https://springfieldmnchamber.org/chamber-chatter/</a>. It will also be posted on Facebook when the current newletter 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 <a href="mailto:spfdchamber@newulmtel.net">spfdchamber@newulmtel.net</a> and I would be happy to add them to the email list.





## JOIN US

## **Business to Business After Hours**

When: Wednesday, February 19th, 5 pm - 7 pm

Where: Springfield Golf Course

Host: Springfield Chamber of Commerce & Springfield Golf Course





Hors D'oeuvres Sponsors: F&M Bank, F&M Insurance, Prairie Plans







**Why:** The following businesses will be presenting the nature of their business, their target market and what items or services they offer. Our intention is to help drive more business and possible referrals to our Chamber members through a greater understanding of what our businesses offer.

## Who:

- Jenn Schultz- Springfield Golf Course Clubhouse Manager
- Mason Fredin-Springfield Golf Course Board of Directors President
- Jeff Kretsch- Springfield Golf Course Superintendent
- Mike Granda/Paul Pieschel- F&M Bank

Catered By: Springfield Golf Course

Please RSVP by accepting this request by **February 12**<sup>th</sup>. Please email Denise Gicker at <a href="mailto:spfdchamber@newulmtel.net">spfdchamber@newulmtel.net</a> or call 507-723-3508 with names of those attending the event from your business.

If you are interested in presenting or sponsoring a future session, please contact the chamber. If you have any questions please contact Denise at 507-723-3508.

## "GO FOR THE GREEN"

Customers complete a bingo card by visiting participating Chamber Businesses for a chance to win \$25 in Chamber Bucks for a "Bingo" OR \$50 in Chamber Bucks for a "Black Out"!



## Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> -Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

\*Chamber businesses should contact the Chamber Office by Friday, February 21st if they would like to participate in this promotion





## The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce presents

## The Spirit of Springfield Award

## Nomination Form

This award recognizes a person(s) who is a friend of Springfield by being a person(s) who give assistance; patronizes Springfield and/or is a supporter of the Springfield Community.

Please respond in the space provided to describe how your nominee is a friend of Springfield. Feel free to include additional letters of support, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, photographs, etc. Additional pages may be used. Please type or print all information.

Nominee	Company (if applicable)
Phone Number	
Address	Email
Nominated by	Phone Number

The nomination deadline is Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Please mail or return to Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce,
P.O. Box 134, Springfield, MN 56087 or email to <a href="mailtospfdchamber@newulmtel.net">spfdchamber@newulmtel.net</a>.

The Spirit of Springfield/ Business of the Year Banquet is to be determined at a later date



## The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce presents

## Business of the Year Award

## Nomination Form

This award recognizes a business that has shown profitability, growth, and sustainability along with a commitment to community service and is a strong supporter of the Springfield Community.

Businesses may choose to nominate themselves or another business they believe is deserving of the award. In general, nominees should be those whose primary business positively impacts the community of Springfield through the jobs provided or the service or products created with exemplary business practices and professional conduct. Please respond in the space provided to describe how the business has impacted this community. Feel free to include additional letters of support, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, photographs, etc. Additional pages may be used. Please type or print all information.

Nominee	_	Company
Phone Number	_	
Address	_	Email
Nominated by	_	Phone Number

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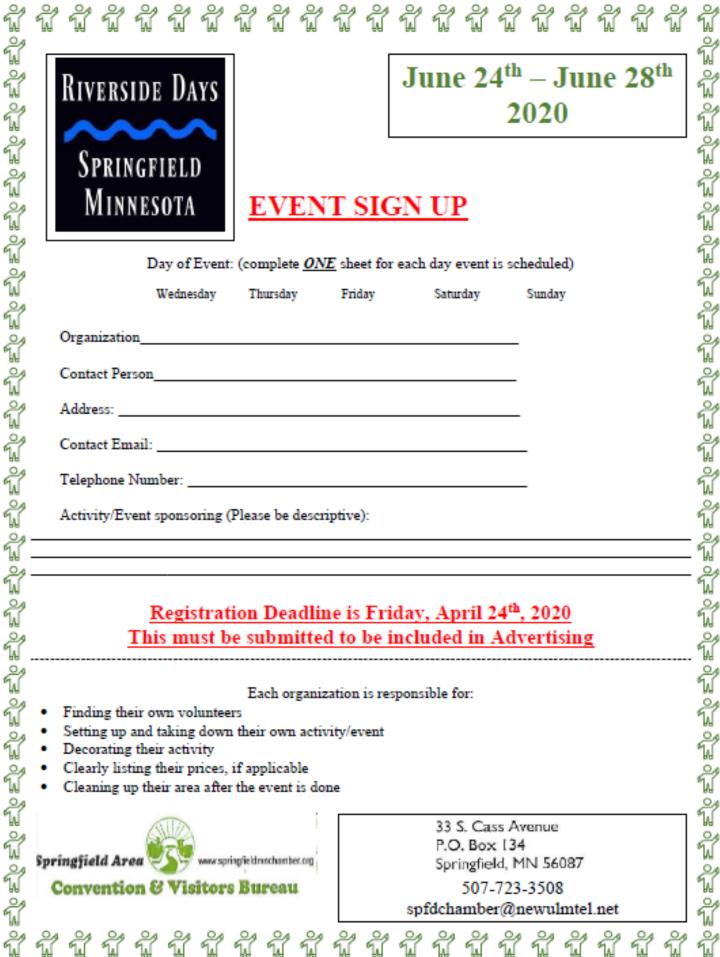
## Past Recipients



2009- Gaylan Stark
2010- Doris Weber
2011- Brian & Collen O'Leary
2012- Ken Koll
2013- Mike & Jodi Pieschel
2014- Dr. F.J. Boyle
2015- Ben Luense
2016- Sharon (Mrs. Ron) Sturm
2016- In Memory of Edward J. Pautzke, Jr
2017- Jeff Krueger
2018- Cheryl Diede
2019- Shari Koll

## Business of the Year

2017- F&M Bank 2018- Miesen's Color Center 2019- Springfield Advance Press





## June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

## EVENT SIGN UP

Day of Event: (complete <u>ONE</u> sheet for each day event is scheduled)

	wednesday	Inursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Organization_					
Contact Person	1				
Address:					
Contact Email	:				_
Telephone Nu	mber:				_
Activity/Event	sponsoring (P	lease be descri	ptive):		

## Registration Deadline is Friday, April 24th, 2020 This must be submitted to be included in Advertising

## Each organization is responsible for:

- Finding their own volunteers
- Setting up and taking down their own activity/event
- Decorating their activity
- Clearly listing their prices, if applicable
- Cleaning up their area after the event is done



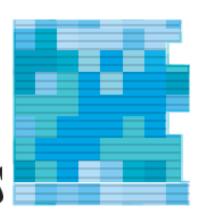
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## Springfield Advance-Press



The newspaper began in the spring of 1887. It was the result of two newspapers combining to what we now know as the Springfield Advance-Press. The A-P, for short, is in its 133rd year of publication, with a weekly circulation of 1,800.

The Springfield Advance-Press and the Springfield Shopper are published by AMC Publishing Co. and are printed at Page1 Printers in Slayton.

As a result of retail growth in the area The Springfield Shopper was born and has been in publication for over 30 years. It is a weekly free publication with a circulation of 4,400.

In keeping with changing news sources the A-P went online. In November of 2014 we began our website at Springfieldap.com.

Bringing you the local and area news is what we do and we would love to help you with your story, subscription, advertising and job printing needs.

Our staff is experienced in layout and design and can help you with business and personal printing.

Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 13 S. Marshal Ave. Springfield Mn 56087



Originally from California's Central Valley, Wendy Krier began at the Springfield Advance-Press last September as Managing Editor

She loves to meet new people and is having a lot of fun learning about her new community. In her spare time she enjoys reading, knitting and is also enjoying her first "real" winter. You can contact her directly at:

Aps@newulmtel.net or call 507-723-4225

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## Bridal Registry

## Andrea Davis & Joe Shekleton

Shower April 11, 2020 Wedding June 20, 2020

## Elizabeth Roiger & Isaac Henkel

Shower April 25, 2020 Wedding July 25, 2020

## Therese Roiger & Martin Jahr

Shower April 25, 2020 Wedding July 25, 2020

## Ashley Schumacher & Todd Anderson

Shower May 30, 2020 Wedding June 20, 2020

To view our registries, visit our store, website or Facebook page

We offer complimentary gift wrapping & delivery of your gift to the special event

Saying I Do?

Contact us about creating a bridal registry

## Miesen's Color Center

Downtown Springfield (507) 723-4424

www.miesenscolorcenter.com





Earn ticket for every tire purchased



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## **O**ntinental

w/ an Alignment February 1<sup>st</sup>-March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

## For a chance to win 55" Flat screen TV

\*\*Drawing March 31<sup>st</sup>\*\*

Lang's Automotive



Must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Do not need to be present to Win.



Age 62 and Over
HUD Subsidized Rent Based On Income
Beautiful Social Areas
Visit Any Wednesday For Coffee Time At 2:00 p.m.

712 E. Cottonwood St., Springfield, MN
On the St. John's Circle of Care Campus

Call Robin at 507-723-4500



## **FREE Tax Preparation**

By IRS Certified Preparers



## Call for an appointment at 507-276-3186

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Trained volunteer tax preparers will be in the lower level of the New Ulm Public library.

This service will be by appointment only by calling 507-276-3186.

Tuesdays Feb. 11, 18, 25 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 April 7, 14

Thursdays Feb. 13, 20, 27 Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2, 9

Property Tax ONLY Thursday April 16 & Tuesday April 21

This service provided by the New Ulm Public Library and the United Way of the Brown County Area.





United Way of the Brown County Area





## Chili Feed

Sunday, February 23, 2020



Kegel Klub

Family Friendly Event

Adults: \$8 Kid

Kids Ages 6-10: \$5

Kids Ages 5 and Under: Free

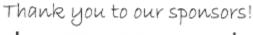
Advance ticket sales for \$1 less per ticket available from any Habitat for Humanity Board Member, Hy-Vee, Century 21 Red Shoe Realty, or American Family Insurance - Brian McCabe.

Silent Auction until 2:00 PM

Cash Back Bowl 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

On the lanes reserved for the Chili Feed event, Kegel Klub will donate \$3 to Brown County Habitat for Humanity for each game bowled.

All proceeds will go towards Brown County Habitat for Humanity to assist the next home build, home rehab, or Brush with Kindness project.











St. Raphael Little Panthers Preschool Program is Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 – 11:00 am. Your child must be 3 years old on or before August 1, 2020 to be eligible.

Our Kindergarten Readiness Preschool Program in Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:00 – 11:00 am. Your child must be 4 years old on or before August 1, 2020 to be eligible.

Registration will be opening soon. Call the school office at 723-4135 or email: straysschooloffice@newulmtel.net for more information.



# Springfield AREA Food Shelf Neighbors Helping Neighbors

(Serving the communities of Springfield, Comfrey, Sanborn, Clements, and Cobden)

Tuesdays 5pm – 7pm Thursdays 9:30am – 11:30am

Located at 804 East Rock Street, Springfield, MN (507) 723-4120

www.springfieldareafoodshelf.weebly.com

https://www.facebook.com/Springfield-Area-Food-Shelf-426599617457005/

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE S.A.F.E. PROGRAM

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

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## GrandKids

4 to K and V.I.K. Club



## GrandKids, 4 to K and V.I.K. Club

Located in St. John Lutheran Home,
GrandKids, 4 to K and V.I.K. Club is
the only state-licensed intergenerational
day care center in Brown County. The
program has been recognized nationally
as a leader in this specialized type of
care. Research has shown that children
enrolled in intergenerational programs
have advanced social skills compared to
children in traditional day care. They learn
to be comfortable around older adults and
people of varying abilities. Elders involved
in intergenerational activities report feeling
happy, loved, interested, younger and
needed. It's a win-win situation!



## What Does Intergenerational Care Look Like?

Each day children in our care interact with the residents of St. John's Circle of Care. Routine activities include reading stories, singing songs, creating crafts, and eating together. Special events like building bird houses, indoor beach parties, tea parties, Mexican Fiestas and the annual Christmas program bring extra joy to residents and children alike.





## Classrooms:

Children at GrandKids, 4 to K and V.I.K. Club receive age-appropriate care in one of five classrooms. The classrooms have recently been updated, enlarged, decorated and are full of fun and educational toys and games which enrich the children's lives.

- Infant Room: Ages 6 weeks to 16 months
- Toddler Room: Ages 16 months to 33 months
- Preschool Room: Ages 33 months to 4 years
- 4 to K: Kindergarten readiness (Age 4 by Sept. 1)
- V.I.K. Club: School age (before and after school, summer)

Open Monday throughFriday 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For current rates please contact: 507-723-3200





For more information about GrandKids, 4 to K and V.I.K. Club, please contact us at:

507-723-3200 grandkids@sjlhome.com 201 South County Road 5

Springfield, MN 56087

At GrandKids, 4 to K and V.I.K. Club we focus on the whole child. We want to help your child grow intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually into a well-rounded member of our community.

Children can attend GrandKids and move through the pre-kindergarten and schoolage program, in our newly decorated, spacious and fun classrooms, providing a continuum of care.

Children receive care from licensed teachers who participate in at least 30 hours of continuing education per year, ensuring that staff are up to date on the latest research in child development and education, as well in issues related to safety and health.

GrandKids, 4 to K and V.I.K. Club





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# CLEMENTS LUMBER IS NOW AN AUTHORIZED TRAEGER DEALER. COME CHECK OUT WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!







Bar Bingo - Every Saturday starting January 4th - starting at 2pm Comedian Kevin Craft - February 21st

Singles and Scotch Doubles pool tournament - March 27 and 28th







## BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073

## PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release Date: January 28, 2020

Brown County Historical Society, 2 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073 Contact: Kathleen director@browncountyhistorymn.org – 507-233-2618

## Brown County Historical Society awarded grant to inventory textiles collection

The Brown County Historical Society (BCHS) in New Ulm was awarded a Minnesota historical and cultural heritage grant for \$9,973 to inventory and catalog part of the society's textiles collection. The project will inventory, catalog, and photograph 1,330 objects housed in the Brown County Museum's textile storage room. The objects include clothing, clothing accessories, household furnishings, and fiber arts artifacts. This project is intended as the initial phase of a five-year comprehensive inventory of the 16,000 artifacts in BCHS' artifact collection.

The inventory will be completed by two part-time contractors. The contractors will enter information on each artifact into the society's electronic collections database before photographing and repacking the artifacts into their storage boxes. Anyone interested in applying for the contractor position can find more information on the society's website or by contacting the BCHS Collections Curator Ryan Harren at 507-233-2624.

This project was made possible in part by the people of Minnesota through a grant funded by an appropriation to the Minnesota Historical Society from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



## BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073

## PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release Date: February 3, 2020

Brown County Historical Society, 2 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073 Contact: Kathleen Backer director@browncountyhistorymn.org – 507-233-2620

## THE BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROVIDES PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

The Brown County Historical Society expanded programs to reach audiences in Brown County facilities that provide housing, assisted living and other services for seniors. This service is one of several programs offered by the BCHS to take presentations to audiences beyond the walls of the museum.

This service evolved out of an Education Trunk program for "kids" developed two years ago. It was revised to serve senior audiences.

Activities include hands-on, show and tell and dress up opportunities. Also, participants are encouraged to share their stories about the subject being discussed. At a program on Fur Trading, participants at the Adult Day in Sleepy Eye shared stories about their experiences trapping in Brown County including trapping muskrats and fox.

Presentations are scheduled for facilities in Springfield, Sleepy Eye and New Ulm. Programs offered include Fur Trade, Pioneers, Native American, Buffalo and Hats Tell Stories. To schedule a program or for more information about this program, contact Connie Weilage, BCHS Program Coordinator at 507-233-2620 or at <a href="education@browncountyhistorymn.org">education@browncountyhistorymn.org</a>.

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## Photo:

Presenting the Fur Trade Trunk Program: Kathleen Backer, BCHS Executive Director, with Sleepy Eye Adult Day participant, Carroll Trebesch.





The Brown County Historical Society seeks two part-time, temporary contract collections assistants to inventory a portion of the Brown County Historical Society's textile collection as part of a phased inventory of its entire 3D artifact collection. The work will include reviewing and updating current catalog records to include descriptions, measurements, history, condition, and photographs into the museum's PastPerfect database. Appropriate marking and photographing of objects is also needed before placing them back into storage. The collections assistants will work under the direction of the collections curator.

These are positions are grant-funded in part with funds provided by the State of Minnesota from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society.

Pay is \$15 per hour, with a minimum of 20 hours per week expected.

## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

Creates new catalog records if needed in the PastPerfect collections database.

Reviews and updates existing catalog records and inputs required information on each object.

Documents condition details of each object, and researches object histories.

Photographs, assigns numbers as needed, and rehouses each object.

## Desired Qualifications:

Degree in museum studies, history, or equivalent.

Experience working with historical collections.

Experience working with PastPerfect or other museum collections database. Required Qualifications:

Able to bend, stoop, climb ladders, or reach for and carry items up to 30 lbs.

Able to write neatly and legibly.

Be organized and meticulous. Skilled at using computers.

Willing to perform computer data entry into PastPerfect Museum Software.

Willing to follow established collections procedures and project work plan.

Able to work as part of a team.

Application deadline: February 7, 2020 or until position is filled

To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Brown County Historical Society, attn. Ryan Harren, Collections Curator, 2 North Broadway Street, New Ulm, MN, 56073 or collections@browncountyhistorymn.org. Job incumbents may be required to perform other duties not specifically addressed in this job description. The Brown County Historical Society is an equal opportunity employer.

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## 37265 160th Street, Springfield - \$94,500

This 4.3 acre farm site located approx. 7 miles NW of Springfield (and less than ½ mile off of the paved road) features a 2 or 3 bedroom, 1 ½ bath home with approx. 1,189 sq. ft and a detached double garage. Eat-in kitchen with nice storage space and all appliances included, both bathrooms (one with walk-in shower) and laundry located on the main level, large living room, spacious entry/mudroom w/closet, & updated vinyl replacement windows throughout. New septic system in 2006.



## 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.



## 402 Range Road S, Springfield - \$219,000

Situated on 0.64 acres on the edge of town, this property offers plenty of privacy with a deep backyard bordering farmland. The home was built in 1991 and has an open eat-in kitchen with a center island and new appliances, a master bedroom w/adjoining master bath, sun room addition in 1995 w/vaulted ceilings, a gas fireplace, and patio door leading out to the rear deck, and new flooring throughout the kitchen, living, and dining room. The full basement has a family room, bathroom, ample storage space, and potential for 2 or 3 additional bedrooms.

Even though it's cold outside, the market is HOT & we have buyers looking in all price ranges & neighborhoods. We need new listings too!

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## Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce

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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.



<u>Mission Statement</u> - 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.

<u>Vision Statement</u> - 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.

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