

CHAMBER CHATTER



June 2020

TBD - Lunch Wagon @ Springfield Market

TBD- Spirit of Springfield/Business of the Year Banquet

*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.

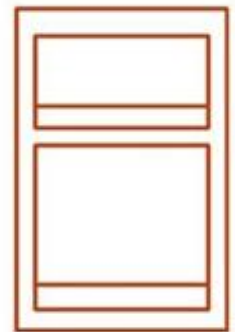
If there are additional email addresses you would like me to add to make sure our newsletter is getting to all who are interested, please let me know by emailing me at spfdchamber@newulmtel.net and I would be happy to add them to the email list.

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

**The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
office will be OPEN
Monday - Friday, 9 am - 1 pm**

*Please use the East side door of the
Springfield Area Community Center
for entry*

*The office window will be utilized
for transactions*



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SPRINGFIELD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Local Chamber Member Dining Options

AMERICAN LEGION - SPRINGFIELD (507) 723-9944 Temporarily closed	OUTLAWS BAR & GRILL - SPRINGFIELD (507) 723-4669 Carry out only including take and bake pizzas Monday - Saturday 11 am - 1:30 pm and 4 pm - 8:30 pm
COMFREY BAR & GRILL (507) 877-3300 Take out only Monday - Saturday - full menu 11 am - 8 pm - Sunday - breakfast 10 am - 1 pm, full menu - 11 am - 8 pm	SPRINGFIELD AREA FOOD SHELF If anyone is in need of food, call (507) 227-7387
EXPRESSWAY - SPRINGFIELD (507) 723-5721 Open daily Temporary store hours 6 am - 8 pm daily Deli hours 6 am - 7 pm	SPRINGFIELD GOLF COURSE (507) 723-5888 Follow us on Facebook for the update to date information
GARAGE - SPRINGFIELD (507) 723-6000 Carry out only and curbside service Sunday - Thursday 11 am - 1:30 pm and 4 pm - 7 pm Friday - Saturday 11 am - 1:30 pm and 4 pm - 8 pm	SPRINGFIELD MARKET (507) 723-4175 Regular deli hours - daily entrees to grab and go and heat and eat entries available No seating inside Store Hours - Monday - Saturday 7 am - 7 pm Sunday 9 am - 5 pm
GATZBY'S - SPRINGFIELD (507) 723-5677 Temporarily closed	TOMMY'S - SPRINGFIELD (507) 723-9191 Carry out only (no soup and salad bar)
LJ's ON MAIN - LAMBERTON (507) 752-7252 Take outs only Kitchen hours: Monday - Thursday 11 am - 2 pm and 5 pm - 8 pm Friday - Saturday 11 am - 2 pm and 5 pm - 9 pm	Tuesday - Friday 11 am - 1:30 pm and 5 pm - 7:30 pm Saturday 5 pm - 7:30 pm

HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PLEASE CONTACT OR VISIT THE FACEBOOK PAGE/WEBSITE OF THE BUSINESSES LISTED ABOVE
FOR MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING MENUS AND SPECIALS

SPRINGFIELD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Local Chamber Member Churches

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - SPRINGFIELD

723-5397

All services and activities canceled until further notice
Worship via YouTube - Sundays at 9 am
Sunday School Lessons available on the church website
Bible Study via Zoom - Tuesdays at 10 am
Children's Message via Zoom - Tuesdays at 4 pm
Youth Bible Study via Zoom - Tuesdays at 7 pm
Confirmation via Zoom - Wednesdays at 4 pm
For links to the Zoom meeting rooms, contact Pastor Julie
<http://www.sjlcspringfieldmn.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsLutheranChurchSpringfield/>

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - SPRINGFIELD

723-5880

All services canceled until further notice
Sunday morning worship services will be broadcast live on Facebook at 9 am
- Rebroadcast on Ch. 8 at 10:30 am on Sundays and 7 pm on Tuesdays
Sunday drive-up service at 11 am, tune to 89.5 FM
Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom at 6 pm
Wednesday Confirmation via Zoom at 6:30 pm

<http://www.splcspringfield.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Paul-Lutheran-Church>

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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THE CHURCHES LISTED ABOVE FOR UPDATES**

ST. RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - SPRINGFIELD

723-4141

All masses are suspended through Monday, May 18, 2020
Sunday mass at 8:30 am will be available on the church YouTube channel or visit <https://www.vineandbranchesafc.org/> for the link.
The Sunday mass will be rebroadcast on Channel 8 on Tuesdays at 5 pm and Fridays at 6 pm.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - SPRINGFIELD

723-6698

All on-site worship and activities are cancelled through May 10, 2020
Sunday worship service at 10:30 am will be broadcast live on Facebook and will be rebroadcast on Channel 8 on Mondays at 2 pm and 6 pm. The worship service will be uploaded to the church YouTube channel later in the day.
Contact Pastor Frederickson or the church office with any questions, concerns or prayer requests. Pastor: 507-822-3359.
Church: 723-6698.
Email: pastor.rickfred@gmail.com or sumc@newulm.net
<https://umcspringfieldmn.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/spfldmnumc/>

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - SPRINGFIELD

723-5609

All services are suspended until further notice

Sunday worship service at 9:30 am - livestream can be found on the Bethany Lutheran Church (Wabasso) Facebook page.
www.zionspringfieldmn.org
www.facebook.com/Bethany-Lutheran-Church



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Bridging Brown County
Brown County Agricultural Society
Brown County Habitat for Humanity
Brown County Historical Society
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Clay's Drive-In Liquor
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Comfrey Bar & Grill
Cottonwood Ridge Apartments
Deluxe Print
Drs. Akre & Clark, LTD
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Expressway Convenience Store
Extreme Fitness
F&M Insurance Agency
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Farmward Cooperative
First Choice Pregnancy Services
Freedom Financial
Gatzby's, Inc.
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Grain States, LLC
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LJ's on Main
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Meine Tree Farm
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Miesen's Color Center
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MVTV Wireless Internet
NAPA/Glen's Auto Parts
Nuvera
Ochs Tax Service
O'Leary & Moritz Chartered
Outlaws Bar & Grill
Petersen Car Wash
Pink Swan Boutique & Beauty Parlour
Prairie Plans Asset Management
Red Rock Bank
Reiner Real Estate
Riverside Animal Clinic
Riverview Homestead Co-op
River View Sanitation
Rotary Club - Springfield
Runnings
Ryan Tree & Aerial Service Inc
St. John's Circle of Care
St. John's Lutheran Church, LCMC
St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMC

St. Raphael Catholic Church
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Schwartz Farms, Inc.
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Springfield Advance-Press
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Springfield American Legion Post #257
Springfield Area Food Shelf
Springfield Clinic – Allina Health
Springfield Coop Creamery
Springfield Education Association
Springfield Floral/Décor by Char
Springfield Girl Scouts
Springfield Golf Club
Springfield Handi-Mart/Fuel Max
Springfield Lanes/The Garage
Springfield Market
Springfield United Methodist Church
Springfield Welding & Trailer Repair Inc.
State Farm- Kelsey Fossing Agency
Sterling Travel Vacations
Sturm Funeral Home
Superior Transportation Services/Superior Mobility
Tech Unlimited LLC
Teske Manufacturing
The Good Life Cleaning Co.
Thrifty White Pharmacy
Tommy's Steakhouse
Top Crop Ag Consulting
United Prairie Insurance Agency
United Way of Brown Co. Area
Weelborg Chevrolet
Wild Ridge Housing Addition
Zion Lutheran Church
Zinniel Electric Co



Bridal Registry

Elizabeth Roiger & Isaac Henkel

"Shower from a Distance" through Wedding Date

Shower gifts & contributions made towards their registry will be
delivered to the couple prior to their wedding

Wedding June 6, 2020

Andrea Davis & Joe Shekleton

Wedding June 20, 2020

Ashley Schumacher & Todd Anderson

Wedding June 20, 2020

Joeli Arnoldi & Christopher Kretsch

Shower June 27, 2020

Wedding July 18, 2020

Therese Roiger & Martin Jahr

"Shower from a Distance" through Wedding Date

Shower gifts & contributions made towards their registry will be
delivered to the couple prior to their wedding

Wedding July 25, 2020

*To view our registries, visit our store, website or Facebook page
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32 Sanborn St W, Springfield - \$249,500

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.



40600 180th St, Springfield - \$228,000

Ideally located less than a mile from Springfield, this very well-maintained 2.74 acre farm site features a 1,500 square foot home with numerous updates and an attached double garage, a 54' x 72' machine shed, and a barn. The home has a large eat-in kitchen with updated cabinets and countertops, a main level laundry room right off of the attached (insulated) garage, a family room, great storage space throughout, and 4 bedrooms and a remodeled bathroom all on the second level. Updated shingles, windows, and steel siding. Enjoy country living with proximity to town!



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.

Summer is here and the market is heating up too! We need new listings – if you're thinking of selling, now is an ideal time! We offer virtual tours for buyers too! Give us a call - 507-723-5233 - so we can visit about the next step!

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Community First Program

Offering a multitude of assistance to those faced with a financial hardship.

Disaster Relief Loan

- ✦ Low fixed-rate* loans with minimal credit qualifications
- ✦ Amounts available from \$500-5,000

Commercial/Business Relief

- ✦ Low interest loans up to \$2 million through SBA at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>
- ✦ Minnesota DEED program resources up to \$35,000 at <https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/deed-programs/peacetime/>

Mortgage Relief

- ✦ Specialized options available depending on individual needs
- ✦ To begin, ask us for a Mortgage Assistance Application or visit <https://bit.ly/3duZ4ii>

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- ✦ Option to skip a consumer loan payment
- ✦ Potential \$30 fee waiver

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- ✦ Offers a one-time penalty free withdrawal from a CD

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- ✦ Administrative Forbearance Program available to those with a LendKey loan experiencing a hardship
- ✦ Contact LendKey for program requirements

LSS Financial Counseling

- ✦ As a SPFCU member, you can receive up to six free financial counseling sessions. Call them at 800-528-2926 or visit <https://lssmn.org/financialcounseling/southpoint>

Visit bit.ly/SPFCUcommunityfirst for more information

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Disclosures:

*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. The monthly payment per \$1,000 borrowed for 36 months at 4.00% APR is \$29.52. Certain restrictions may apply and the Community First Program is subject to change. Contact a SPFCU Employee for complete details.

By participating in SPFCU's Skip-A-Payment program, you request that SPFCU defer your loan payments as indicated. You agree and understand that: 1) FINANCE CHARGES will continue to accrue at the rate provided in your original loan agreement, during and after this time; 2) deferring your payment will result in your having to pay higher total FINANCE CHARGES than if you made your payment as originally scheduled; 3) the payment deferral will extend the terms of your loan(s) and you will have to make extra payment(s) after your loan(s) would otherwise be paid off; and 4) you will be required to resume your payments the following month; Loan payment deferral excludes all real estate, credit cards, ready reserve, and commercial loans. I/We also understand that any Credit Life & Disability Insurance, GAP, or Warranty Coverage associated with this loan will not be extended, and will expire based on the original term. All other terms and conditions of the loan will continue to apply. All deferrals are subject to SPFCU Credit Union approval. Your loan(s) must be current (have no amount past due) to accept this offer.

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For immediate release

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Five high school seniors receive Foundation scholarships

(Sleepy Eye, MN – May 12, 2020) Five area high school seniors have been awarded scholarships from the SouthPoint Foundation during their inaugural year of giving.

Receiving a \$1,000 scholarship each to help further their education are:

- Emily Appel, New Ulm Public High School
- Rachel Hohensee, New Ulm Public High School
- Kyle Goblirsch, New Ulm Cathedral High School
- Noah Koller, Le Sueur Henderson High School
- Nolan Hovland, Springfield Public High School

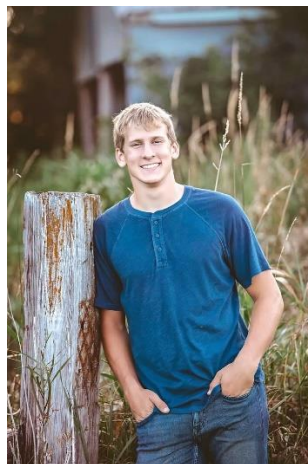
SouthPoint Foundation received 60 scholarship applications in which the applicants answered an essay prompt using one of the seven principles of cooperatives known to credit unions. The essays were anonymously reviewed and scored by an internal committee.

“The SouthPoint Foundation would like to thank all members that applied for our inaugural scholarship,” said Troy Diedrich, President of the Foundation. “Based on the submissions, we see the value of cooperatives being expressed in our area students as they study to become our workforce of the future.”

SouthPoint Foundation will offer another scholarship opportunity to high school seniors in 2021.

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SouthPoint Financial Credit Union Foundation is a registered 501c3 not-for-profit corporation established in 2017 to promote community giving and scholarship opportunities in the areas served by SouthPoint Financial Credit Union.



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Intergenerational Care

Located in St. John Lutheran Home, we are 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 shows

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, younger and needed.**



A typical day

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

Our 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.



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R.T. Rodenberg Memorial Scholarship

Morgan Wilson - Alta-Aurelia

Kyle Goblirsch - New Ulm Cathedral

Megan Siewert - Glencoe Silver Lake

Maia Thermos - Goodhue

Sofie Fennell - Hutchinson

Alyssa Ross - Litchfield

Madeleine Pearson - MVL

Jordan Petersen - New Ulm

Ethan O'Connor - New Ulm

Jay Follingstad - Prior Lake

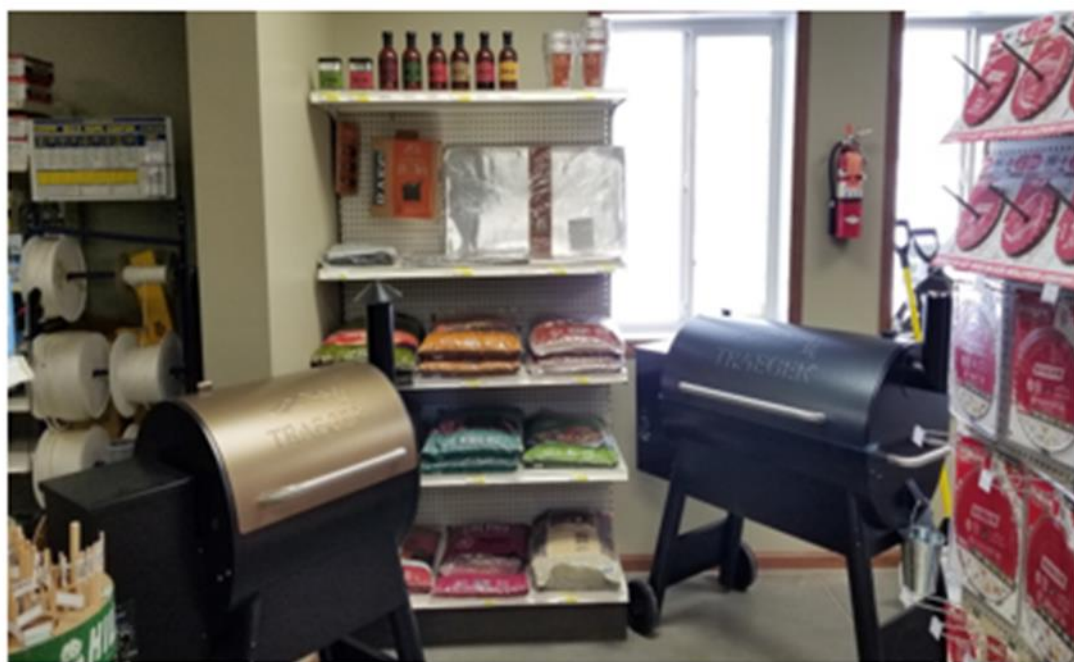
Aubrey Bidinger - Redwood Area

Brynja Mielke - Sleepy Eye

Dylan Rubey - Springfield

Nuvera presents the R.T. Rodenberg Memorial Scholarship annually to graduating seniors in the communities it serves, in recognition of academic excellence and community involvement. The scholarship is in memory of the late R.T. Rodenberg, a previous Nuvera board member, who had a strong belief that furthering one's education was the key to success.

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UNITED WAY COVID-19 EMERGENCY NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE GRANT DOLLARS STILL AVAILABLE

These grants support non-profit organizations that provide services to families and individuals in Brown County who are struggling due to the COVID-19 crisis

Grants should focus on the areas of basic needs (food, clothing, housing), health (physical, mental, and those with disabilities) and other vulnerable populations who suffer hardship as a direct result of COVID-19. Grant awards are limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per grant and a minimum of \$250. It is the United Way's goal to have grant cycles on a two-week rolling basis until funds are exhausted. Grants will be judged on need and impact in relation to the COVID-19 Emergency and made to 501(c)3 charitable organizations. Grants from the United Way cannot be made directly to individuals or families. Click on the link below to fill out our online application:

<https://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org/covid-19-emergency-non-profit-assistance-grant-application>

If you are not able to complete the COVID-19 Emergency Non-Profit Assistance Grant online, there is a pdf printable version that can be filled out and mailed or emailed to the United Way office:

UnitedWay@newulmtel.net Or United Way of the Brown County Area- PO Box 476 -New Ulm, MN 56073

The United Way will continue to ask the public for donations for their COVID-19 Fund and staff has started the grant process from several businesses and other non-profit organizations to hopefully add to the fund. If you would like to donate to our COVID 19 Emergency Fund, please go to:

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For Immediate Release

For Additional Information, Contact:
Lori Pickell-Stangel - 507-354-6512
director@unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org

UNITED WAY AWARDS 2ND ROUND OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

The United Way of the Brown County Area has made their second round of COVID-19 Emergency Non-Profit Assistance Grant awards. These grants support non-profit organizations that provide services to families and individuals in Brown County who are struggling due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Kristine Rueckert (krueckert@farmersagent.com) of Farmers Insurance worked with the United Way Executive Director to secure a grant of \$1,500 for the United Way's COVID-19 Fund. "Kristine at Farmers Insurance contacted me about a grant program that Farmers Insurance was running to help with the COVID 19 Crisis. She explained that we needed to move fast to secure funds for our area non-profits, as the money would go fast. We were able to work together to complete the application in a day and got it in."-Lori Pickell-Stangel United Way Executive Director The grant funds will all go to the COVID 19 Emergency Fund to assist local Brown County Nonprofits. "I love how everyone has really pulled together to help during this crisis. We have such great communities here in Brown County!"-Lori Pickell-Stangel United Way Executive Director. Round 2 grant awardees:

Southern MN Crisis Nursery-\$1,000 United Way COVID-19 Grant Award to supplement an increase in child shelter staffing cost.

Springfield Food Shelf-\$500 United Way COVID-19 Grant Award to give out produce and vegetable vouchers to food shelf users to purchase them at local grocery stores. Due to COVID-19 the food shelf has seen a huge increase in demand for these items and cannot keep them in stock at the food shelf.

Star Legacy Foundation-\$500 United Way COVID-19 Grant Award to provide virtual, instead of live support groups, facilitated by professional mental health staff to individuals and families who are dealing with a stillborn or infant death during the COVID-19 crisis.

These grants focus on the areas of basic needs (food, clothing, housing), health (physical, mental, and those with disabilities) and other vulnerable populations who suffer hardship as a direct result of COVID-19. Grant awards are limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per grant and a minimum of \$250. It is the United Way's goal to have grant cycles on a two-week rolling basis until funds are exhausted. Grants will be judged on need and impact in relation to the COVID-19 Emergency and made to 501(c)3 charitable organizations. Grants from the United Way cannot be made directly to individuals or families. Click on the link below to fill out our online application:

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United Way COVID-19 Fund Business Donations:

Randy Horejsi, (randy@teamhg.com), of Horejsi Graphics donated \$1,400 to the United Way's COVID 19 Fund. "Randy contacted me about an idea to create yard signs for the areas Graduating Seniors, and he wanted to donate a portion of each sign sold to our COVID-19 Emergency Fund!" He explained that he wanted to provide signs to let folks show their support for their graduating seniors, who were missing out on so much, and also help community members who might really be struggling right now."-Lori Pickell-Stangel United Way Executive Director

Round 3 grant awardees:

Salvation Army-\$1,000 Award from the United Way COVID-19 Emergency Nonprofit Assistance Fund to purchase gas vouchers for individuals and families who need transportation assistance to return to work after the stay at home mandate or to pursue new employment options.

Pro Kinship for Kids-\$500 award from the United Way COVID-19 Emergency Nonprofit Assistance Fund to purchase care packages for Brown County children who due to the stay at home order have not been able to participate in Pro Kinship for Kids regular programing and mentoring.

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The Springfield Area Food Shelf has had to go thru some recent changes of operation because of the recent pandemic /COVID 19. We must follow rules through Second Harvest/Minnesota Department of Health/Governor orders.

Clients are able to get groceries thru the food shelf, but at this time we put the order together and clients pick it up at street side at the end of the side walk. Clients must call in to place orders. If you come on Tuesday nights you can start to call in at 9am Tuesday throughout the day. If you come Thursday morning than you must call in starting at 9am Wednesday throughout the day. The volunteer who takes the order will go through the food shelf while you are on the phone so you get what you request. We make every attempt to have the same products that we had before the COVID 19 started. The number to call to place your order is 507-227-7387. If number is busy leave a message and someone will call you back to get order. No clients are allowed in the food shelf and must stay outside the building at this time.

We have also had a decrease number in volunteers working at the food shelf due to the COVID 19. We have several volunteers that have some pre-existing health concerns so we do not want anyone to get sick so these individuals have chosen to not work at this time.

The Food shelf mission statement is to provide food to the needy. We also provide emergency food services to anyone who may need it. I want to encourage individuals and families who currently have been laid off or lost their jobs to know that you are very welcome to come to the food shelf for groceries during this difficult time. People who get sick and can't work or afford groceries should also consider coming. Privacy is respected and confidential!

Service Days are Tuesdays-5pm-7pm and Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am. Food Shelf is located at 804 East Rock Street (Schwanke Building) Springfield.

Call Shari Koll at 507-227-0386 /507-723-6120 or Jan Schwanke at 507-227-7387 should you have any questions.

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.

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

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Mission Statement – The mission of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce/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.

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