CHAMBER CHATTER



September 2020

September 11th – Lunch Wagon at Springfield Market

October 9th – Lunch Wagon at 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 <u>https://springfieldmnchamber.org/chamber-chatter/</u>. 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 <u>spfdchamber@newulmtel.net</u> and I would be happy to add them to the email list.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

LUNCH STAND

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 11AM-1PM

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HOT TURKEY SUPREME SANDWICH MEAL \$6



MEAL INCLUDES CHIPS COOKIE & BEVERAGE

Get your piece of the pie

We're offering you a piece of the stimulus pie to help promote your business.

During the month of September Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce members can utilize a \$150 local advertising package for just \$50.

Here's how we sliced it...The Springfield Advance -Press will match your \$50 and the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce will contribute the remaining \$50 for each business who chooses to participate.

It's as easy as pie....just contact the Advance-Press to set up your stimulus ad package. Participating businesses will receive \$150 in new newspaper advertising. Funds must be utilized in September, October or November. Offer is for Springfield Area Chamber members only. One package per business. Funds will be allocated on a first come, first served basis until fully utilized.

Think of it this way...You get the whole pie for the price of just one piece.

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Member Spotlight

The Loft Nutrition

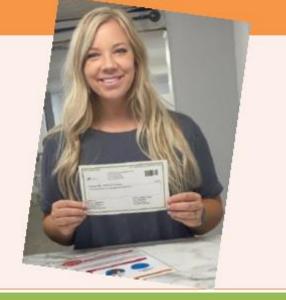


About Business

The Loft Nutrition opened August 1st, 2020. We offer delicious Energizing Teas, Meal Replacement Protein Shakes, Protein Iced Coffee, and much more! Additionally, we offer 1 on 1 Coaching and Accountability, Group Weight Loss Challenges, and will be offering Workout Classes! I am so happy and blessed to be serving the Community, and helping make the world happier and healthier! Courtney Christensen Owner

Member

Spotlight



Contact Me



Address: 6 E Central St, Springfield, MN 56087







City of Springfield Outdoor Dining Expansion/Enhancement Grant 2020 Program Application

The City of Springfield is awarding two grants in the amount of \$5,000 each to support expansion and/or enhancement of permanent outdoor dining spaces in Springfield. The program will create a lasting improvement that will provide immediate accommodations for social distancing as well as extend beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. Bars and restaurants impacted by the state's emergency orders for closure are welcome to apply. Home-based businesses are not eligible. Selection will be based on a lottery system from the pool of qualified applicants.

Applications are due to City Hall by 3:00pm on Friday, September 18th, 2020.

Date Applic	ation Submitted:		
Business Co	ontact Name/Title:		
Business Na	ume:		
Address:			
	City: Springfield	State: MN	Zip: 56087
Business Ph	one:		
Email:			

Business Legal Structure:
Limited Liability Entity
Corporation
Partnership
Sole Proprietorship

Description of type of business and products or services provided: My business is a place of Public Accommodation according to Executive Order 20-04 and clarified in EO 20-08.

- □ Restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other places of public accommodation offering food or beverage for on-premises consumption, excluding institutional or in-house food cafeterias that serve residents, employees, and clients of businesses, childcare facilities, hospitals, and long-term care facilities. (20-04)
- Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, clubs, and other places of public accommodation offering alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. (2004)
- □ Country or golf clubs, boating or yacht clubs, sports or athletic clubs, and dining clubs. (20-04)

COVID 19 Impact: Describe the impact of Executive Orders 20-04 and 20-08 to the business. Include staffing, vendor, or inventory challenges.

Outdoor Dining Improvement Concepts: Describe the investments that would be made to improve the permanent outdoor seating capacity and environment. Please attach any relevant pictures, concept art, etc.

What is the total cost of the project? Please outline a detailed budget breakdown of anticipated costs.

Employment Impact (Include all W-2 Employees):

On March 1, 2020

#Part Time employees: ______ # Full Time employees: ______

Current:

#Part Time employees: ______ # Full Time employees: ______

Estimated revenue lost due to disaster: _____

Insurance claims finalized: \Box Yes \Box No \Box No Applicable Insurance

Applicant Certification: I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided herein is true and complete. I agree to provide documentation requested by The City for verification purposes. I further agree to have the proposed project completed and funds utilized completely by May 28th, 2021 or be subject to return the funds to the City of Springfield.

Business Owner/operator (Print or Type):

Business Owner/Operator Signature:

Date: _____



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206 W Central St, Springfield - \$87,000

Located close to downtown, this beautiful 2-story home has so much character to offer with refinished hardwood floors, an open front staircase and rear staircase, a built-in hutch in the dining room, pocket doors, and a large enclosed front porch. The main level has an open living and dining room, a

main level office/playroom that could also serve as an additional bedroom, a remodeled 3/4 bathroom, and a walkin pantry off the kitchen. The upstairs has three spacious bedrooms with new carpet, a remodeled full bathroom, and access to the third floor attic. New interior paint throughout, new exterior paint in 2018, new hot water heater in 2016, and new pump on furnace in 2018. Single detached garage.



527 W Van Dusen St, Springfield - \$146,000 This uniquely laid out, one owner home is spacious and has been very well maintained. It is located close to the public school on a large lot. The main level has large windows with lots of natural light, an eat-in kitchen with a door leading out to the patio and an adjoining dining room overlooking the backyard. It has a large living room and separate lower level family room with an adjacent half bath and door that leads to a second patio. The big backyard has great shade cover and space for flower beds and gardens.



114 E Sanborn St, Springfield - \$94,500 This well-cared for home has an eat-in kitchen, living room with French doors, separate dining room with patio door leading out to the deck, family room in the basement with egress windows and a room that could easily be converted into a 4th bedroom, updated full bathroom, and a large front entry with an open staircase. Other features include a beautiful front porch, new landscaping throughout, and new trees in backyard. Storage shed is included. Detached single garage.

Fall is right around the corner and buyers are looking to get settled in before winter! If you're thinking of selling, now is an ideal time! We offer virtual tours for buyers! Give us a call -723-5233 - so we can visit about the next step!

St. Raphael Fall Festival

Saturday, September 12, 2020 5:00pm-7:30pm ~Mass at 5:30pm~ Come Join the Fun!

Drive Through "To Go" Beef Commercial supper served 5:00pm-7:30pm Please use the drive-through lane on the North side of the school and pick up your meal to go from Door 8. Deliveries available to Springfield residents from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Please call 507-723-4139.

> Adults Children age 10–5 4& Under

\$8.00 \$4.00 Free

Country Store & Craft Ladies located in the Church Gathering Space Raffle Drawing

Check us out on Facebook: St. Raphael Catholic Church, Springfield MN

Brown County FREE Food Distribution

Open to all households that are in need! (COVID Food Assistance Program)

Tuesday, Sept. 22 4:00pm - 6:00pm **Sleepy Eye Baseball Park**

Directions: Take Hwy. 4 to Southdale Street (Bic/Chuck Spaeth Ford); West to 7th Ave. SW; Right to Sleepy Eye Baseball Park. FOLLOW THE SIGNS!

Each household will receive:

- 1 box of produce
- 1 box of mixed dairy
- 1 box of meat (chicken & pork)

Farmers

sell food previously destined for

restaurants and bulk purchasers to distributors, preventing waste



Distributors

partner with USDA to package family-sized boxes

with fresh produce, dairy and meat products, then transport them to non-profits across America

Families

pick up food boxes from local schools,

food banks, faith-based organizations and other non-profits

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We now have some new seating outside!!

♥This bench is in memory of Jason's Grandpa Leo.♥

Leo came up to the shop every day to sit, relax, watch cars go by, keep an eye on everyone at the shop too. He had his typical **1**, **2**, maybe even **3**cups of **coffee** while supervising the crew **3**. You could even catch him taking a little cat nap.

He will forever have a spot here at the shop!





September Deli Menu



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Street Tacos Walking Tacos Philly Sandwich Beef Commercials French Dip Sandwich	2 Asian Entrees Country Fried Steak BBQ Meatballs Chicken Tender Melt	3 Pasta Day Roast Beef Dinner Country Bowls Grilled Ham/Cheese	4 Burger Day Tater Tot Hotdish Grilled Paninis	5
6	7 Baked Potato Bar Beef Tips & Gravy Sloppy Joes Street Tacos	8 Street Tacos Walking Tacos Philly Sandwich Turkey & Stuffing Fish Sandwich	9 Asian Entrees Chili Dogs Fajitas Salisbury Steak	10 Pasta Day Roast Beef Dinner Rueben Sandwich Rachel Sandwich	11 Burger Day Swedish Meatballs Chicken Stuffing Bake	12
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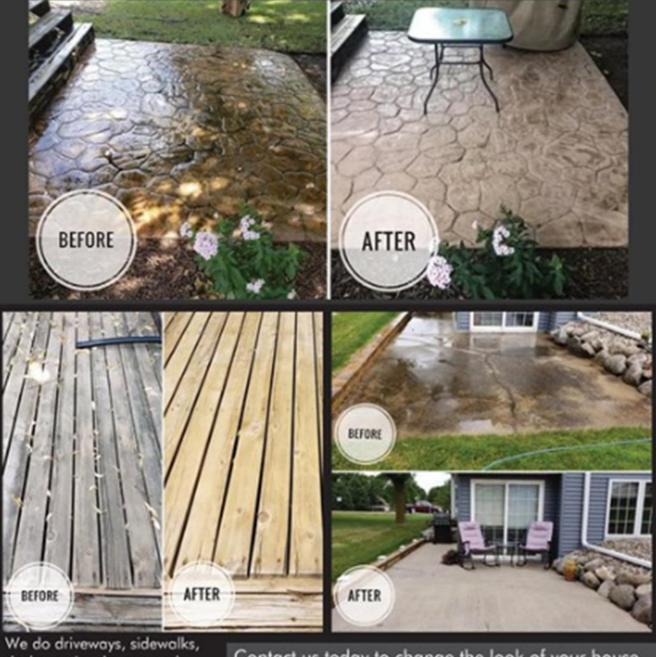
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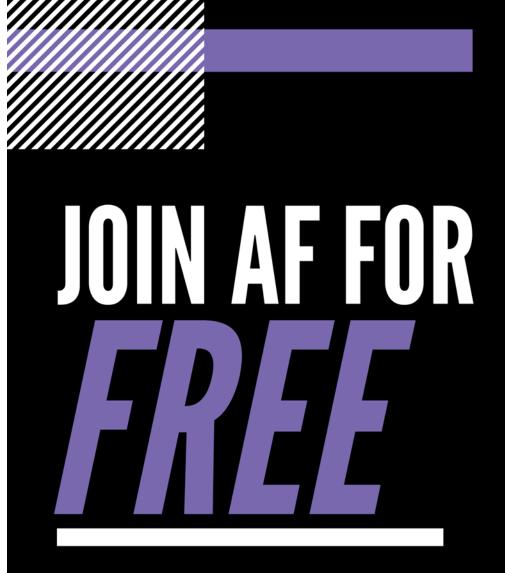


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Additional Information, Contact: Lori Pickell-Stangel - 507-354-6512 director@unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org

UNITED WAY AND BANK MIDWEST-BACK TO SCHOOL SAFE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE A SUCCESS:

The United Way of the Brown County Area has been collecting school supplies for low income families for the past 18 years. The United Way knows the importance of this program in our communities to ensure every child in Brown County has the tools they need to go back to school ready to learn.

Over the past two years, Bank Midwest has signed on to be our Stuff the Backpacks Program Partner to help fully fund this program and help us to advertise the program in Brown County. As a program Partner, they have taken ownership of the program, which includes helping to cover the cost of all the extra supplies needed, volunteering to pack and drop off backpacks to Brown County schools, as well as be an advocate for this important community initiative.

Both United Way and Bank Midwest knew this year would be tough, due to the COVID Crisis that has changed everyone's lives. "Bank Midwest really wanted to focus on helping to combat the COVID-19 issues facing our communities, and the Back to School Safe COVID Kits for students did just that."-Shannon Hillesheim-Market President, Bank Midwest

So, to help parents, schools, and students with this new challenge, the United Way decided to offer each child a Back to School Safe COVID kit. These kits included: disinfecting wipes, disposable masks, a USB memory stick and clear water bottle from BIC Graphics in Sleepy Eye, and hand sanitizing wipes. These kits, along with over 300 backpacks filled with school supplies were put together by volunteers working in small, 10 volunteers or fewer, shifts at the New Ulm Event Center. In years past the United Way has allowed parents and students to pick out their own backpack and school supplies, with COVID, that had to change. Backpacks were distributed via a drive through pickup area in the parking lot, with all volunteers and families required to wear masks. "One of the benefits of this program is allowing the kids to take ownership and pick out their own backpack and school supplies but that was just not feasible or safe for this year. We were so lucky to be able to use the New Ulm Event Center space so we could have volunteers do the packing and allow families to drive up to get their school supplies and COVID Kits." -Lori Pickell-Stangel, United Way Executive Director

The United Way would like to thank everyone who donated to this year's Stuff the Backpacks school supply drive, the New Ulm Event Center for use of the space, all our dedicated volunteers, and most importantly Bank Midwest for being our Program Partner, we couldn't have done it without you!

To learn more about the Stuff the Backpack Programs or other services provided by the United Way, please follow the link below:

https://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org/backpack-project Or call / email the United Way: <u>UnitedWay@newulmtel.net</u> or 507-354-6512

If you are in need, please go to our Partner Organization page for help: https://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org/partner-organizations

You can also learn more about the United Way of Brown County Area at https://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org/











(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/

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.

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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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 logether. 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 ageappropriate 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.





BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release Date: August 18, 2020 Contact: Kathleen Backer: director@browncountyhistorymn.org – 507-233-2618 Brown County Historical Society, 2 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073

U. S. Dakota War Commemoration Program Tours on BCHS Website

For the safety of the Brown County Historical Society staff, volunteers and visitors and to support the effort to contain COVID-19, the Brown County Museum and Kiesling House continue to be closed. During this time, the BCHS is exploring creative ways to provide program opportunities and is offering two programs on its website.

Two popular tours will be offered on the BCHS website as part of the U. S. Dakota War Commemoration Programming. The guided tour of the Pioneer Section of the City Cemetery and the walking tour of downtown New Ulm Dakota War sites provide insight into events related to the Dakota War. The speaker series program is cancelled this year.

The public can view both of the tours on the BCHS website at browncountyhistorymn.org. The tours will be available on the site for viewing from Saturday, August 22 to Sunday September 20.

For more information, call 507-233-2620.

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Attached: Photo of Darla Gebhard, BCHS Research Librarian, next to the marker in the Pioneer Section of the New Ulm Cemetery.







CITY OF SPRINGFIELD EMERGENCY ALERTING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM





Dear Residents,

The *City of Springfield* wants you and your family to be safe and informed during emergencies in our area. These may include public safety threats, dangerous weather, and traffic advisories. Information is key, and we strongly encourage you to sign up to receive text message alerts directly from *The City of Springfield*.

Registering for alerts is easy — simply text the City Zip Code – 56087 to 888777 and you'll be informed and instructed when necessary.

TEXT 56087 TO 888777 TO SIGN UP FOR ALERTS





Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce

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Denise Gicker Executive Director Office Hours: Monday-Priday 9am-1pm



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/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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