

CHAMBER CHATTER



January 2021

January 20th – Virtual Annual Chamber Meeting @ 12 PM

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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.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2021 *Annual Meeting*

WEDNESDAY , JANUARY 20

Noon - 1 PM

VIA  zoom

Meeting info will be sent to all Chamber members via email

No RSVP necessary



We are seeking 1-3 new members for the General Board
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January 2021 Deli Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Soup of the Day: Monday: Homemade Chicken Wild Rice					<i>1</i> Burger Day, Swedish Meatballs, Chicken Stuffing Bake	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i> Tuesday: Homemade Broccoli Cheddar	<i>4</i> Turkey Supreme, Street Tacos, Baked Potato Bar, Meatloaf Dinner, Cheesy Potatoes	<i>5</i> Walking Tacos, Philly Sandwich, Turkey & Stuffing, Fish Sandwich	<i>6</i> Asian Entrees, Chili Dogs, Fajitas, Salisbury Steak	<i>7</i> Pasta Entrees, Roast Beef Dinner, Country Bowls, Grilled Ham & Cheese	<i>8</i> Burger Day, Tater Tot Hotdish, Assorted Hot Sandwiches	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i> Wednesday: Homemade Beef Stew	<i>11</i> Street Tacos, Beef Tips & Gravy, Sloppy Joes, Baked Potato Bar	<i>12</i> Walking Tacos, Philly Sandwiches, French Dip Sandwiches	<i>13</i> Asian Entrees, Country Fried Steak, BBQ Meatballs, Chicken Tender Melt	<i>14</i> Pasta Entrees, Roast Beef Dinner, Country Bowls, Grilled Ham & Cheese	<i>15</i> Burger Day, Swedish Meatballs, Chicken Stuffing Bake	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i> Thursday: Homemade Chicken Noodle	<i>18</i> Turkey Supreme, Street Tacos, Baked Potato Bar, Meatloaf Dinner, Cheesy Potatoes	<i>19</i> Walking Tacos, Philly Sandwich, Turkey & Stuffing, Fish Sandwich	<i>20</i> Asian Entrees, Chili Dogs, Fajitas, Salisbury Steak	<i>21</i> Pasta Entrees, Roast Beef Dinner, Country Bowls, Grilled Ham & Cheese	<i>22</i> Burger Day, Tater Tot Hotdish, Assorted Hot Sandwiches	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i> Friday: Homemade Chili	<i>25</i> Street Tacos, Beef Tips & Gravy, Sloppy Joes, Baked Potato Bar	<i>26</i> Walking Tacos, Philly Sandwiches, French Dip Sandwiches	<i>27</i> Asian Entrees, Country Fried Steak, BBQ Meatballs, Chicken Tender Melt	<i>28</i> Pasta Entrees, Roast Beef Dinner, Country Bowls, Grilled Ham & Cheese	<i>29</i> Burger Day, Swedish Meatballs, Chicken Stuffing Bake	<i>30</i>
<i>31</i>						

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Brown County Historical Society awarded grant to inventory part of its artifact collection

The Brown County Historical Society (BCHS) in New Ulm was awarded a Minnesota historical and cultural heritage grant for \$8,982 to inventory and catalog part of the society's textile and artifact collection housed in the Brown County Museum's artifact storage spaces. The objects include textiles, household furnishings, sculptures, and paintings. This project is the second 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 contract positions can see the job description below, or may contacting the BCHS Collections Curator Ryan Harren at 507-233-2624 for more information.

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.

BCHS now hiring two contract positions to complete inventory

The Brown County Historical Society seeks two part-time, temporary contract collections assistants to inventory a portion of the artifacts in the care of the Brown County Historical Society as part of a phased inventory of its entire 3D artifact collection. The project will include textiles, small sculptures, paintings, and miscellaneous household or business artifacts. 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 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 5, 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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For Additional Information, Contact:

Lori Pickell-Stangel - 507-354-6512
director@unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org

UNITED WAY OF THE BROWN COUNTY AREA AND BRIDGING BROWN COUNTY FORM NEW PARTNERSHIP

The United Way of the Brown County Area and Bridging Brown County have formed a new partnership, signing a contract for services that started on December 3rd, 2020. The United Way staff will be taking on the administrative, management, and community outreach services for the Bridging Brown County organization and BBC board of directors.

The mission of the BBC program will remain the same, to strengthen the Brown County community by bridging relationships of understanding and communication. The change will come with day-to-day operations being run by United Way staff out of the United Way's new office located at the New Ulm Event Center, 301 South 20th Street, Suite #7 in New Ulm, MN.

"The United Way, with a mission of connecting people to resources, and a history of collaborating with county-wide businesses, nonprofits, local governments, and civic groups, really makes this partnership a perfect fit."-Lori Pickell-Stangel-Executive Director of the United Way and now Bridging Brown County organizations.

Due to the Pandemic, Bridging Brown County was unable to hold their annual cohort of leadership and county-wide networking programs. "Although it was unfortunate to miss a year of leadership and Brown County outreach, it was the perfect opportunity for both the United Way and Bridging Brown County boards to create this new partnership. Both organizations will remain separate organizations, with their own governing board of directors, finances, and fundraisers.

The United Way and Bridging Brown County are looking forward to our next cohort leadership class! Please contact us for information on how to sign up for this amazing opportunity for you or one of your staff members.

For more Information on Bridging Brown County:

Contact: Lori Pickell-Stangel

507-354-0514 or director@bridgingbrowncounty.org

or United Way of Brown County Area at <https://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org/>



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405 Van Dusen St W, Springfield - \$68,000

This single story brick home has a large 4-season sunroom with skylights and a door leading out to the backyard, a spacious eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors throughout the living room and 2 bedrooms, and a remodeled main level bath with a walk-in shower. New furnace in 2014 and central A/C unit in 2015. Updated hot water heater and kitchen appliances (included). The backyard has a patio area and two single detached garages (the 12' x 24' garage was built in 2019).



402 Marshall Ave N, Springfield - \$159,500

This incredibly clean and well-maintained property has a completely remodeled kitchen with center island, built-in seating area, tile backsplash, and stainless steel appliances, dining room with patio door leading out to the backyard, main level laundry, and remodeled full bath on the main floor. The upper level has a newly renovated (in 2020) half bath and three bedrooms. Updated windows, siding, and shingles. Beautiful landscaping and great backyard with large patio area. Detached triple garage (32' x 42') is insulated, heated, and cooled, and has a separate office area.



114 E Sanborn St, Springfield - \$89,500

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 around the parameter of the home, and new trees in backyard. Storage shed is included. Detached single garage.

Interest rates are LOW and there are many buyers on the hunt for a new home!
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FOOD SHELF UPDATE:

The Springfield Area Food Shelf would like to keep you updated on current procedures that are happening during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Food Shelf numbers have dropped this year since COVID began in March, 2020. We want to reassure all people that we are taking every precaution necessary to provide a safe delivery of food and products during this time. Second Harvest and the CDC are providing us with direction to make volunteers and clients safe.

The food shelf hours are Tuesday 5-7 pm and Thursdays 9:30-11:30. Clients are to call in during the day on Tuesday with your name, number, and number of people in your household. Call cell phone number Jan Schwanke(507-227-7387) with this information. For Thursdays you are to call in on Wednesday during the day. Volunteers then come to the food shelf and will call you to take your order and set it together while going thru the food shelf to tell you what is available and get your order completed. It is very important that you are in the parking lot when you do this so you are available to get the order loaded into your vehicle CURBSIDE PICK-UP.

If you prefer not to do your grocery order based on what is available then volunteers can put a box or bags together, of the basic food groups. If you only need certain things such as meat, produce and dairy that can be done also. You need to communicate your order to the person on the phone. Take just what you want and need. HOLIDAY BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

If transportation is difficult for you to come and get food then let us know that and we may be able to help you find someone. Call Jan Schwanke at above number.

Even though you may be getting extra funding at this time, we encourage you to still come to the food shelf and get what you need. We still have to place orders and we receive commodities such as milk, meat, ETC. If we do not get something that we have normally provided we will go to the local market and purchase products. Families of children going to school and who participate in the meal service twice a day, will qualify to come to the local food shelf and get what they need. Only information required is name, number in household, and phone number to reach you. We do not ask any financial information ever. No Forms are being signed by clients at this time due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Back-pack program is available and if you are unable to get your bag of food at your school, stop at the food shelf to pick up your food. Comfrey schools are participating at this time. Please contact Jan Schwanke with any further questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on delivery day which is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the morning. Jan Schwanke will usually send a text out to volunteers when delivery truck is getting close by Springfield. Call Jan Schwanke at above number.

Volunteers are also needed for service days. Shifts are approximately 2-2 ½ hours on Tuesday night or Thursday mornings. Call Jan Schwanke at above number.

The Springfield Area Food Shelf mailing address has changed to PO box 15, Springfield, MN 56087.

Web address: springfieldareafoodshelf.weebly.com

Feel free to contact Shari Koll 507-227-0386 or 507-723-6120 should you have any questions. You may also contact Jan Schwanke with questions at 507-227-7387.

Current Board of Directors: Shari Koll Chairman, Lewis Larson Vice Chairman, Becky Pautzke Secretary, Linda Carruthers Treasurer, Derek Tonn, Deb Rasett, Jane Evers, Lucy Potter, Pat Ryan, Cheryl Diede, Dawn Buddensiek, Jan Schwanke.

Jan Schwanke is the Food Shelf Manager/Volunteer Coordinator

Tax Break Available for Beginning Farmers

Minnesota Department of Agriculture sent this bulletin at 12/31/2020 02:00 PM CST



For Immediate Release

Contact: Larry Schumacher,
MDA Communications
651-201-6629
larry.schumacher@state.mn.us

December 31, 2020
[Previous Announcements](#)

Tax Break Available for Beginning Farmers

Tax credit available for land, equipment expenses to start farming

St. Paul, MN: The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority is now accepting applications for a tax credit for the sale or lease of land, equipment, machinery, and livestock in Minnesota by beginning farmers.

To qualify, the applicant must be a Minnesota resident with the desire to start farming or who began farming in Minnesota within the past ten years, provide positive projected earnings statements, have a net worth less than \$851,000, and enroll in, or have completed an approved financial management program.

The farmer cannot be directly related by blood or marriage to the person from whom he or she is buying or renting assets. The farmer must provide the majority of the labor and management of the farm.

The tax credit for the sale or lease of assets can then be applied to the Minnesota income taxes of the owner of the agricultural land or other assets.

Three levels of credits are available:

- 5% of the lesser of the sale price or fair market value of the agricultural asset up to a maximum of \$32,000

- 10% of the gross rental income of each of the first, second and third years of a rental agreement, up to a maximum of \$7,000 per year
- 15% of the cash equivalent of the gross rental income in each of the first, second or third year of a share rent agreement, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year

The [Beginning Farmer Tax Credit](#) is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be received by October 1, 2021.

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Contact City Hall at 507-723-3500 with any snow removal questions.

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.

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.

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