



December 2021

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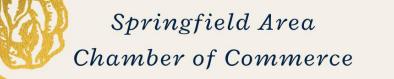
December 17th – Jingle Bell Ticket & "A Few of Our Favorite Things Chamber Bucks Drawing

December 20th – Spirit of Springfield/Business of the Year Banque

January 19th – 2022 Annual Meeting SAVE THE DATE

*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.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2021 AT THE SPRINGFIELD GOLF COURSE *5 PM SOCIAL HOUR *6 PM DINNER *7 PM PROGRAM

Catered by Tommy's Central Street Steakhouse

Spirit of Springfield & Business of the Year Awards Banquet

TO HONOR SHARON & PAUL PIESCHEL

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SPRINGFIELD GOLF COURSE

ADVANCE TICKET SALES

\$25 Per Person

Through December 10th purchase tickets at:

Chamber Office

F&M Bank

RedRock Bank

SouthPoint Financial Credit Union **Springfield Advance-Press**

Springfield Market

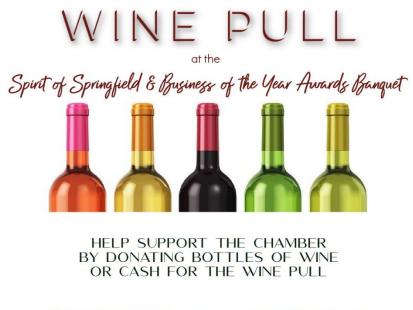
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Contact the Chamber Office at (507) 723-3508 by Friday, December 10, 2021 to arrange pick up





Holiday Lighting Contest

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 Monday, December 6th



Starting at 6:30 pm

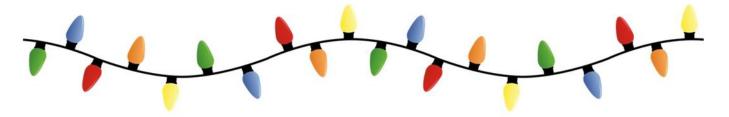
1st place prize: \$50 Chamber Bucks

2nd place prize: \$30 Chamber Bucks

3rd place prize:

Eligible homes must be within city limits.

Please make sure your lights are turned on the evening of December 6th



What an amazing kick off to the Holiday Season! Thank you for supporting our local businesses!

A special thank you to Allina Health Springfield for serving free hot chocolate and popcorn, the PUC and Street Department for decorating downtown and Santa for making a special visit to Springfield!





Collect a Jingle Bell Ticket with every purchase & 1 ticket for every \$50 spent, up to \$400, for a chance to win \$1,500 in Chamber Bucks.



DOUBLE TICKETS DURING HOLIDAY DURING HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

WEEKEND

(1 - \$250, 5 - \$100, 15 - \$50)

Drawing to be held December 16th at the Springfield Community Center & Live on Facebook @ 7 pm. (need not to be present to win)

Visit the Springfield Chamber Facebook page or springfieldmnchamber.org for promotion rules & details.

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COLLECT JINGLE BELL TICKETS AT THESE PARTICIPATING CHAMBER BUSINESSS

723 Consignment A Nu You Massage Therapy **Absolute Style Salon American Family Insurance-**Angie Gode Agency **Clay's Drive-In Liquor Clements Lumber Comfrey Bar & Grill Cottonwood Ridge Apartments Deluxe Print Ed's Repair of Springfield** F&M Bank F&M Insurance Agency **Good Life Grooming Good Neighbor Thrift** K&S Co. Lang's Automotive Massage & Body Work By Deb Wahl

Miesen's Color Center **MN She Shed Boutique NAPA Glen's Auto Parts** Nuvera Pink Swan **Riverside Animal Clinic Riverview Homestead Cooperative** Runnings SouthPoint Financial Credit Union **Springfield Advance-Press Springfield Floral** Springfield Golf Course Springfield Hand-Mart/ Fuel Max Springfield Lanes/The Garage **Springfield Market Sterling Travel Vacations** The Loft Nutrition **Thrifty White Pharmacy**

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Jingle Bell Tickets Rules November 10th thru December 15th, 2021

- The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Retail Board will be giving away \$1,500 in Chamber Bucks in the following amounts: 1-\$250, 5-\$100, 15-\$50.
- Jingle Bell ticket distribution will run from November 10th, 2021 (Holiday Open House) to December 15, 2021

 @ 10 pm.
- 3. Holiday Open House (Wednesday) and Thanksgiving weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday), participating businesses will be able to give away **double** tickets for purchases.
- 4. <u>One ticket per purchase and one ticket for every *\$50 up to \$400 spent. * Note Change from previous years</u> See Ticket Chart for # of tickets to give away for purchases!
- 5. Additional tickets for distribution may be obtained at Springfield Chamber Office.
- 6. All tickets collected by participating businesses <u>MUST</u> be turned into the <u>Chamber Office by 1:00 pm on</u> Thursday, December 16, 2021 at the Springfield Area Community Center.
- 7. The drawing will be held at the **Springfield Area Community Center** on **Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7 pm**. The drawing will be broadcast Live on the Springfield Chamber Facebook Page.
- 8. Participants must be 18 years of age or older in order to receive a ticket. Need not be present to win.
- 9. Ticket numbers drawn for Chamber Bucks will be posted in all participating businesses and published in the:

Springfield Advance Press, Springfield Chamber Website <u>www.springfieldmnchamber.org</u> and Springfield Chamber Facebook page - Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce CVB

Winning numbers **CANNOT** be given out over the telephone.

- 10. Winning ticket holders not present at the drawing will have <u>until Thursday, December 30, 2021</u> <u>by 1 pm</u> to present their winning ticket in person or by certified mail to the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, 33 South Cass, PO Box 134, Springfield, MN 56087. They will be null and void after that date. Chamber hours are Monday – Friday, 9 am to 1 pm.
- 11. To obtain a single ticket **without** an accompanying purchase, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 134, Springfield MN 56087.
- 12. Sponsors will provide on request of a State Agency a record of the names and addresses of all winners of prizes valued at \$100 or more, if request is made within one year of contest termination.
- 13. All decisions of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce shall be final.
- For additional information contact: Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 134, Springfield MN 56087. Phone: 507-723-3508. E-Mail: <u>spfdchamber@newulmtel.net</u>.

Please post this so that all employees read the rules. Thank you for being part of Jingle Bells promotion.



November 9th - December 10th

"A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS" Springfield Chamber of Commerce Promotion

To be entered in the drawing for \$1,000 in Chamber Bucks, comment on the daily "A Few of Our Favorite Things" post on the Chamber Facebook page

> The more daily posts you comment on, the more chances you have to win

Drawing to be held on December 16, 2021



- The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Retail Board will be giving away \$1,000 in Chamber Bucks in the following amounts: 1-\$250, 3-\$100, 9-\$50.
- The promotion will run from <u>Tuesday, November 9, 2021 to Friday, December 10, 2021</u>. Starting November 9, 2021, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce will post on the Chamber Facebook page "A Few of Our Favorite Things" spotlighting one Chamber member each day.
- 3. To be entered into the drawing for Chamber Bucks:
 - a. Comment on the daily "A Few of Our Favorite Things" Chamber Facebook post. Limit one comment per person per post = 1 drawing entry. Only one comment per person, per daily post will be entered into the drawing.
 - b. All comments on the daily Chamber Facebook posts must be made by midnight on Friday, December 10, 2021.
 - c. Complete an entry form and submit to the Chamber Office or the Springfield Advance-Press. Entry forms will be published in the Springfield Advance-Press the week of November 3rd edition. One completed entry form = 2 drawing entries. Completed entry forms <u>MUST</u> be dropped off at the Chamber Office, located at the East end of the Springfield Area Community Center or the Springfield Advance-Press by <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 15th by 1 pm</u>.

* Must be 18 years of age or older to participate in this promotion.

- 4. A virtual drawing for Chamber Bucks will be held at **Thursday**, **December 16**, **2021** following the Jingle Bell Ticket Drawing starting at 7 pm and will be broadcast Live on the Springfield Chamber Facebook page. Need not be present to win.
- 5. The names of the Chamber Bucks winners will be posted in all participating Chamber businesses and published in the:
 - Springfield Advance Press, Springfield Chamber Website <u>www.springfieldmnchamber.org</u> and Springfield Chamber Facebook page - Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce CVB
- 6. The Chamber Bucks winners must contact the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, 33 South Cass, PO Box 134, Springfield, MN 56087 <u>by 1 pm on Thursday, December 30, 2021</u> to claim their Chamber Bucks prize. *All Unclaimed Chamber Buck prizes will be null and void after that date*. Chamber hours are Monday – Friday, 9 am to 1 pm.
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Springfield Chamber Bucks make the perfect gift!



They can be used at any of our Chamber businesses

and keep dollars in our local economy.

Denominations start at \$5.00.

Chamber Bucks can be purchased exclusively at the Springfield Chamber Office

Call 507-723-3508 or email <u>spfdchamber@newulmtel.net</u>



Kickstart Springfield Sponsored Business Luncheon and Webinar Streaming

Lessons Learned from Emmy-Nominated Series, Small Business Revolution

Springfield Area Community Center Wednesday, December 15th from 11:30am-1pm Pizza Lunch Provided - Please RSVP by calling City Hall at 507-723-3500 before Dec. 14th

Join this webinar to learn how small businesses can harness the power of their brand to attract and retain more customers. Amanda Brinkman, Chief Brand Officer at Deluxe and creator and co-host of the acclaimed series, Small Business Revolution, will share insider tips and inspiration from real-life examples featured in Season 6 of the show.

Whether you're in start-up mode or been in business for generations, you'll learn how to:

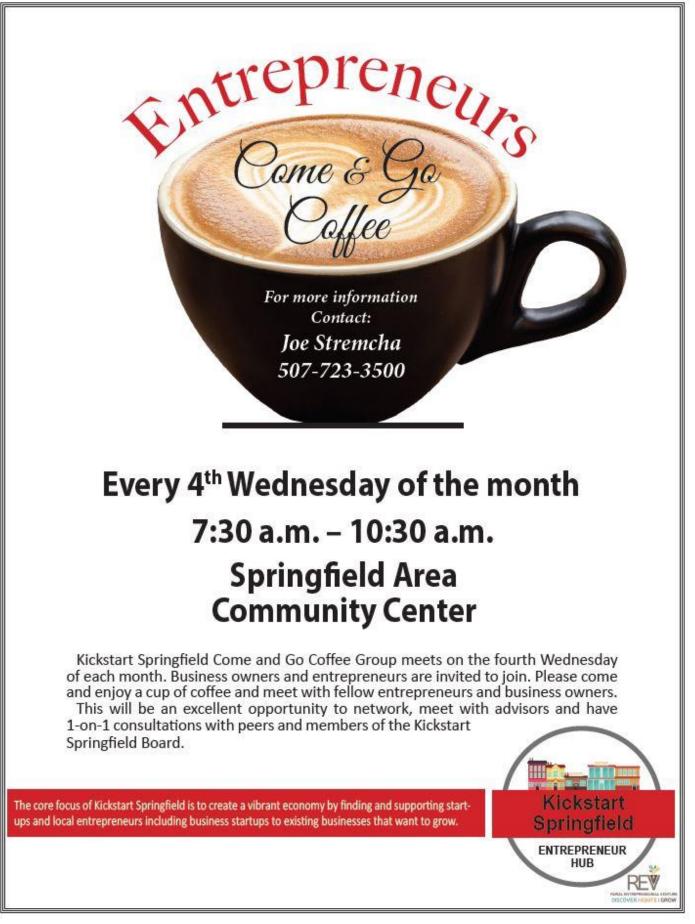
- > Build a website to highlight what makes you unique and generate more sales
- > Apply quick fixes to your Google listing to capture more online traffic
- > Elevate your Google search rankings for your niche business
- > Refresh your brand identity to attract new online audiences
- > How to enhance customer experience on your eCommerce site

Amanda Brinkman is the Chief Brand Officer at Deluxe and creator, producer, and host of the Emmynominated, hit series Small Business Revolution. Alongside celebrity entrepreneur Robert Herjavec, renovation icon Ty Pennington and NBA all-star turned entrepreneur Baron Davis, Brinkman showcases her love for small businesses by spearheading efforts to revitalize entire communities and providing makeovers to small businesses across America.

Amanda is a nationally renowned brand expert, public speaker, and Forbes contributor. Her acclaimed career spans groundbreaking campaigns for brands like BMW, Reebok, and Sony, in addition to her role as an inspiring female executive at Fortune 500 and Fortune 1000 companies.

The core focus of Kickstart Springfield is to create a vibrant economy by finding and supporting startups and local entrepreneurs including business startups to existing businesses that want to grow.





Good things come to those who wait. Central Street is here just in time for a visit from Santa! Congratulations to all of Springfield on the completion of the Central Street project. We have a lot to share.



Go play golf. Go to the golf course. Hit the ball. Find the ball. Repeat until the ball is in the hole. Have fun. The end. Warmest congratulations to the Springfield Golf course on their recent improvements. Visit <u>https://springfieldgolfcourse.net/</u> to learn more about this fabulous asset to the Springfield Community.





YEARBOOK MAGAZINE 2021

The Yearbook will be a full color glossy magazine style book about Springfield's events, places, and people of the past.

These are stories

that go beyond the history books!



Each story comes from the popular monthly series *The Golden Ages* published in the Springfield Advance-Press.

Written by Jeff Krueger, the stories are expanded versions of their previously printed versions and include more photos.

Plus a bonus story exclusive to this publication!



Give the Advance-Press a call or email for more information.

\$10.00 each

Great Gift Idea!

Springfield Advance-Press

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from your SouthPoint Springfield Branch!

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SIT. STAY. POSE.

December 4th 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Bring your pet to pose with Santa Paws.

Professional Photos by:

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Riverside Animal Clinic Holiday Hours We will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31, Jan. 1 24 hour emergency service available



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Check out a few of our newest listings! Visit <u>www.reinerre.com</u> for a complete listing of our properties







304 S Park Ave, Springfield - \$142,000 This four bedroom home is ideally located on a corner lot across the street from a park and only one block from the public school. It features a newly added bedroom in 2010 on main floor, a newly remodeled kitchen with custom made Hickory custom cabinets in 2017, a large bedroom upper level with walk in closet, newer windows throughout, and a new furnace and central AC unit in 2020. The landscaping by greenhouse done in 2021.

319 Jackson Ave N, Springfield - \$62,500

This clean, well-maintained home features a large, updated eat-in kitchen with all appliances included, a remodeled main floor full bathroom with shower and bath tub, a main level bedroom and laundry room, an enclosed front porch, and an office area leading up to the second level, which could be utilized as a second bedroom/loft/play room. Updates include new central A/C in 2019, new carpet and paint, and gutters/leaf guards added. The large deck overlooks the spacious backyard, which has room for an additional garage, storage shed, or garden area. Attached single garage.

401 S Co Rd 5 Apt #112, Springfield - \$34,900

Riverview Homestead Cooperative is a senior living cooperative located south of St. John Lutheran Home. This unit has 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 716 sq. ft. and has updated flooring and BRAND NEW stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, and garbage disposal. There is also a paint upgrade immediately available for the new buyer to pick paint choices of their liking! Many amenities are offered that promote seniors staying independent longer, including: 100% accessible living, attached garage, indoor access to exercise program & walking, beautiful common areas for larger gatherings, and easier bill-paying w/everything in one consolidated monthly fee.

Inventory is LIMITED, interest rates are LOW, and there are many buyers on the hunt for a new home! If you're thinking of selling, now is an ideal time! Give us a call -723-5233 - so we can visit about the next step!

Update-Springfield Area Food Shelf

The food shelf has been busy. We have started our holiday meals for November and shortly we will be doing Christmas. Clients have enjoyed the items they get from the food shelf. We recently received donated coat's, hats, mittens, gloves, blankets, and socks from St. Raphael's School. This is a needed item for clients coming to the food shelf. New Hope Lutheran church from Comfrey donated cleaning supplies (500#). We were able to put together 40 baskets with items and these were given to families/clients who come to the food shelf.

Programs we offer at this time are Food Rescue, Week-end Food

Back Packs for elementary kids, NAPS (Program for Seniors) We deliver the boxes for Seniors in Springfield one time per month.

We have been working with a foundation in the cities, called FFEN. (Foundation For Essential Needs). We recently received a Stainless Steal Double Door Cooler and a freezer unit from this foundation free. They have been helping us with changes in our local food shelf to make it more nutritional and appealing to our client base when they come in to get groceries. We have added a baking section, special diet section, and clients start grocery shopping with coolers and freezers first, fresh produce and then onto the rest of product which is the canned products, cleaning supplies. We are making every attempt to get fresh bread, buns and some fresh fruit from the Springfield market and Mike's Discount in Comfrey.

At the end of October, we had the opportunity to do a video on the food shelf with South Point Financial Credit Union. People could make donation via NET GIVE (entire amount comes to Springfield Area Food Shelf. If you have not seen the video check it out on our face book page or on the credit union site.

We have 5 new volunteers that have been orientated, and working on the schedule at this time. We can still use some strong men or women to help on delivery day. The food truck comes in on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Email is sent out as reminder early and then when truck is ½ hour away they call ahead to tell us they will be there. It takes approximately 1-2 hours and you come and do what you can and leave when you need to leave. Please contact Shari Koll 507-227-0386 or Becky Kuelbs/Pautzke 507-227-6147. You may also leave a message on the food shelf phone 723-3663 and we will return call.

Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2022-12 noon. Food Shelf location

Everyone invited.

All are welcome to attend the St. Johns Lutheran Church -Christmas Eve Candle Light service at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day worship service at 9 a.m. on the 25th. Holy Communion will be offered at both services and is open to all. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

~ Pastor Bennet and the St. Johns Congregation.

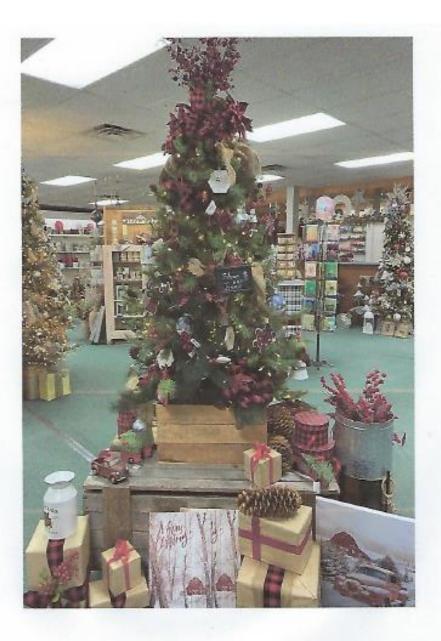


Springfield Medical Center IT Inventory Holiday Special

625 Jackson Ave. N. Springfield, MN 56087 Now through December 16th, 2021

Interested? Contact The City of Springfield 507-723-3500

Purchase "AS IS" and While Supplies Last		
ltem	Models	Price (ea.)
Computer Workstation	EliteDesk 800 G1 USDT	\$50.00
	800 Elite G2 Mini	\$50.00
	EliteDesk 800 G3 DM	\$100.00
	22"/24" Monitor	\$25.00
	Mouse	Free
	Keyboard	Free
Laser Printers	HP P2055DN	\$50.00
	HP4015	\$100.00
Document Scanners	Cannon DR240	\$100.00
	Cannon C130	\$75.00
	Fujitsu S1500	\$75.00
Large Zebra Label Printers	ZM400	\$75.00
Small Zebra Label Printers	Z420	\$25.00
TV	RCA 32"	\$25.00
Signature Pad	Esig	\$10.00
Speech Mics	N/A	Free
Wired Hand Scanners	N/A	\$5.00
IP Phones	Avaya 9611G	\$25.00



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MIESEN'S COLOR CENTER

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Denise Gicker Executive Director Office Hours: Monday-Friday 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.

Chamber of Commerce General Board of Directors 2021

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