

# *CHAMBER CHATTER*



## *January 2022*

**January 19<sup>th</sup> – 2022 Annual Meeting**

**January 26<sup>th</sup> – Business to Business Luncheon**

\*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](mailto:spfdchamber@newulmtel.net) and I would be happy to add them to the email list.



# 2022 SPRINGFIELD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING

**YOU ARE INVITED**

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Springfield Area Community Center @ 12:10 pm

*Soup & Sandwich  
Lunch Catered By  
Comfrey Bar & Grill*

**FREE**  
*to all  
Chamber  
Members*

Zoom option  
will be available  
(No RSVP necessary)

*Please RSVP by Monday, January 10, 2022*

By Phone: 507-723-3508  
or [spfdchamber@newulmtel.net](mailto:spfdchamber@newulmtel.net)

**Postcard invitations have been sent out to all current  
Chamber Businesses and Friends of the Chamber  
via US Mail.**

**Zoom link will be sent out via email prior to January 19<sup>th</sup> .**

**Please RSVP to the Chamber Office by January 10<sup>th</sup> if you  
are planning to come in person.**

JOIN US

## ***Business to Business Lunch and Learn***

**When:** Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am-12:45pm

**Where:** Springfield Area Community Center

**Host:** Springfield Chamber of Commerce

**Luncheon Sponsor:**



**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:**

- Dr. Ajay Shalwala, MD
- Dr. Patrick Korman, OD
- Dr. David Haisman, OD

**Catered By:**



Please RSVP by accepting this request by **January 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please email Denise Gicker at [spfdchamber@newulmtel.net](mailto:spfdchamber@newulmtel.net) or call 507-723-3508 with names of those attending the luncheon from your business.

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

**The Board of Directors asks you to invite a non- Chamber member to this luncheon so they can experience the value of membership first hand.**

We look forward to seeing you!





Thank you to our dedicated  
and new members for supporting the  
***Springfield Area  
Chamber of Commerce***  
and our local community.

723 Consignment	Freedom Financial	Pink Swan Boutique & Beauty Parlour	Rotary Club - Springfield
A Nu You Massage	GSM Plumbing, Heating, & Cooling	Prairie Plans Asset Management	Springfield United Methodist Church
Absolute Style Salon	Gatzby's, Inc.	Red Rock Bank	Springfield Welding & Trailer Repair Inc
Allina Health Springfield Clinic	Good Life Grooming	Reiner Real Estate	State Farm Insurance
Amazon	Good Neighbor Thrift	Riverside Animal Clinic	Kelsey Fossing Agency
American Family Insurance - Angie Gode Agency	Grain States, LLC	Riverview Homestead Co-Op	Sterling Travel Vacations
American Legion Post #257	Halvorson Office Express	River View Sanitation	Sturm Funeral Home
Andy's Body Shop	J & L Car Wash & Laundromat	Runnings	Subway
Anytime Fitness of Springfield & Sleepy Eye	Jack Larson Seeds	Ryan Tree & Aerial Service Inc	Superior Transportation Services/ Superior Mobility
Avera Optometry	Jeff's Body Shop	St. John's Circle of Care	Tech Unlimited LLC
Baier Construction Inc.	Jensen Buick GMC Cadillac	St. Johns Lutheran Church, LCMC	Teske Manufacturing, Inc.
Beers Family Dental	Joel Pigeon Trucking	St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMC	The Loft Nutrition
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	Kerkhoff Auction & Real Estate	St. Raphael Catholic Church	Thrifty White Pharmacy
Bridging Brown County	K&S Co.	Salon Concepts	Tommy's Steakhouse
Brown County Agricultural Society	KDOM Radio	Salonek Concrete & Construction Inc.	United Prairie Insurance Agency
Brown County Historical Society	KNUJ-AM-860 + SAM 107.3	Scenic City Realty	United Way of Brown Co. Area
Brown Transfer Inc	Lang's Automotive	Schwartz Farms, Inc.	Weelborg Chevrolet
Christensen Farms	Leave A Legacy SW MN	Seifert Transport Inc.	Wild Ridge Housing Addition
Citizen Publishing Co., Inc.	LJ's on Main	Simply Clean Janitorial & Windows	Zinnel Electric
City of Springfield	M&R Paving & Excavating, Inc	Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch	<b>Friends of the Chamber</b>
CJ Farms	Mapformation, LLC	SouthPoint Financial Credit Union	Clayton & Deb Beyer
Clay's Drive-In Liquor	Marie's Catering	Springfield Advance-Press	Arden Brand
Clements Lumber Inc	Marshall Radio	Springfield Alternator Shop	Jeff & Lynette Carlson
Comfrey Bar & Grill	Massage & Bodywork by Deb Wahl	Springfield Area Food Shelf	Jerry & Cheryl Diede
Cottonwood Ridge Apartments	Mathiowetz Construction Co.	Springfield Coop Creamery	Ken & Shari Koll
Deluxe Print	Meine Tree Farm	Springfield Education Association	Lewis & Jan Larson
Drs. Akre & Clark, LTD	Microtel Inn & Suites	Springfield Floral	Ben & Ver Jean Luense
Downtown Apartments & River Bluffs	Miesen's Color Center	Springfield Girl Scouts of MN & WI River Valley	Paul & Sharon Pieschel
Ed's Repair of Springfield	MN She Shed Boutique	Springfield Golf Club	Dennis & Lucy Potter
Expressway Convenience Store	Muske, Suhrhoff, & Pidde Ltd.	Springfield Handi-Mart / Fuel Max	Keith & Jill Riederer
F&M Insurance Agency	MVTV Wireless Internet	Springfield Lanes/The Garage	Duane & Jan Roiger
Farmers & Merchants State Bank	NAPA Glen's Auto Parts	Springfield Market	John & Patricia Ryan
Farmward Cooperative	Nuvera		Larry & Kathy Smith
First Choice Pregnancy Services	Ochs Tax Service		Ron & Sharon Sturm
	O'Leary & Moritz Chartered		George & Michelle Tauer
	Outlaws Bar & Grill		Paul & Pam Tauer
	Petersen Car Wash		

***Your membership enables us to support the growth of Springfield Businesses.***

Membership in The **Chamber** makes a statement that you care about and **support** your community!

2021  
Best Decked Out Holiday Lighting Contest



The Groebner Family  
\$50 Chamber Bucks



2021  
Best Decked Out Holiday Lighting Contest



The Russell Family  
\$30 Chamber Bucks





# 2021 Best Decked Out Holiday Lighting Contest



The Hornick Family  
\$20 Chamber Bucks



ANYTIME FITNESS

Join for  
**\$1**

**Start strong.**

Refer a friend  
and get way more  
than a workout buddy.

Terms, conditions and restrictions apply. See AF Anytime Fitness website for details.

507-723-8199

[afspringfieldmn@gmail.com](mailto:afspringfieldmn@gmail.com)



# *The Golden Ages*

## 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**

[www.springfieldap.com](http://www.springfieldap.com)

13 S. Marshall Ave | 507-723-4225 | [creative@springfieldap.com](mailto:creative@springfieldap.com)

# Happy New Year



**We are here to keep your vehicle running  
in 2022!**

**Call us for all your vehicle needs.**







MIESEN'S COLOR CENTER

# CHRISTMAS SALE!

25% to 50% off

HOLIDAY DECOR  
\*EXCLUDING FONTANINI







We are excited to announce Windom Area Hospital is moving to Windom Area Health.



**LOWEST 2022 RATES YOU'LL EVER SEE!**

It's time for our annual

**FULL PAGE**

**Ad-Mania**

**Call Thurs., January 6**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**OVER**

**60% OFF**

Full Page Ads

**FOR**

**6**

**HOURS ONLY**

**2022 Full Page OVER 60% OFF**

**the Shopper**  
\$524  
Premium Position  
\$940

**CITIZEN**  
\$500

**OBSERVER / ADVOCATE**  
\$420

**Peach**  
\$420  
Premium Position  
\$620

**COLOR COST:**  
Add full color for an additional \$235 per ad, based on availability.

**IT WORKS LIKE THIS . . .**

Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday, January 6 Citizen Publishing account representatives will accept calls to receive full page ad reservations for one or more issues in January and February. The sale will last only 6 hours and ends at 4:01 p.m.

**RESERVE YOUR ADS . . .**

Please carefully consider the date(s) you wish to run your ad(s) and be prepared to reserve them when you call. The possible 2022 issue dates are during the weeks of—

- January 15
- January 22
- January 29
- February 5
- February 12
- February 19
- February 26

**Call Trevor, Sue, Rahn or Jen at—**

**507-831-3455 or 800-658-2510**

PO Box 309 • 260 10th Street • Windom, MN 56101



# Great Service. Great Banking



**F&M**  
BANK

Building Relationships.  
Making a Difference.

Springfield | Morgan  
[fmb-ebank.com](http://fmb-ebank.com)

 Equal Housing Lender

Member FDIC

*We Wish you a Safe and  
Happy New Year!*



## January New Hours!

**Monday 10:30-3:00**

**Tues.-Fri. 9-5**

**723-5778**

**Celebrate w/ us Our Anniversary  
the Week of January 10th-14th!**

**Follow us on FB: Good Neighbor Thrift**



**Grain States LLC**  
Quality Millwright, Piping And Erection Services

**Michael Wendt**  
President

Cell 507-220-3436  
Office/Fax 507-723-8185  
E-mail [grainstatesllc1@gmail.com](mailto:grainstatesllc1@gmail.com)  
38790 E Cottonwood St  
Springfield, Mn 56087





HAPPY  
*New Year*  
2022

\$75 *0* ff

Frame and Lenses  
**With Exam** in the  
month of January

Cannot be combined with any other  
offers or insurance plans. Valid January  
2022. See an Optician for details.

1715 S. Broadway  
New Ulm, MN 56073  
**507-354-8531**

623 W. Rock St  
Springfield, MN 56087  
**507-723-2020**



**DRS. AKRE & CLARK**  
FAMILY EYE CARE

# MVTV wireless

internet provider

*'Serving customers beyond connectivity'*



We are the preferred Fixed Wireless Internet Service Provider in southwestern and central Minnesota, northern Iowa and eastern South Dakota.

- ✓ Robust, fully-supported network
- ✓ Local technical & customer support
- ✓ Community service built on integrity
- ✓ Referral Program
- ✓ New! Worry Free Connectivity with MVTV's Managed Wifi Service



320-564-4807  
[www.mvtvwireless.com](http://www.mvtvwireless.com)

**Full-Service Broadband Internet Provider**



# Entrepreneurs

*Come & Go  
Coffee*

*For more information  
Contact:*

**Joe Stremcha**  
**507-723-3500**

**Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month**

**7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Springfield Area  
Community Center**

Kickstart Springfield Come and Go Coffee Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Business owners and entrepreneurs are invited to join. Please come and enjoy a cup of coffee and meet with fellow entrepreneurs and business owners.

This will be an excellent opportunity to network, meet with advisors and have 1-on-1 consultations with peers and members of the Kickstart Springfield Board.

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



**Kickstart  
Springfield**

**ENTREPRENEUR  
HUB**



# REINER

## REAL ESTATE

Springfield, MN | [www.reinerre.com](http://www.reinerre.com) | Office: 507.723.5233 | Amanda Frank, Broker

### Check out a few of our newest listings!

Visit [www.reinerre.com](http://www.reinerre.com) 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.



#### **St. John First Addition Lots**

**\$22,500 - \$27,000**

Located along County Road 5 on the southeast side of Springfield, the spacious St. John First Addition lots offer connections to city water, city sewer, and electricity.

Come build your dream home in this developed neighborhood! Sizes range from 0.56 acres to 0.71 acres. Give us a call for details!



#### **401 S Co Rd 5 Apt #112, Springfield - \$29,900**

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 Steel 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

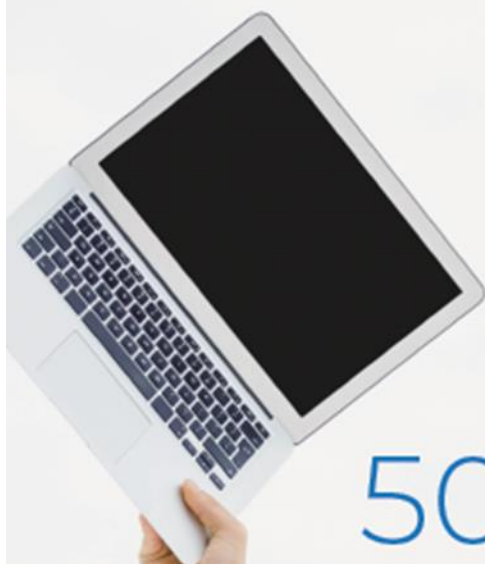
Everyone invited.





Clements Lumber is a Valspar Dealer.  
For all your paint needs!





ARG!  
GET TECH HELP AT  
507-276-5059

**TECH|UNLIMITED**

YOUR ONE STOP FOR TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

[techunlimitedllc.com](http://techunlimitedllc.com)





# Show your Support for the Springfield Tigers Fall Sports Teams



Order online  
or contact me directly





## SIGN UP FOR NUVERA INTERNET NOW AND GET YOUR FIRST MONTH FREE!\*

Save \$150 on professional installation  
with a 2-year agreement.\*\*



Visit us in person:  
**22 S Marshall Ave, Springfield**

\*Value of 1 month tier customer subscribes to, offer ends 3/31/22 and requires a 2-year agreement. Service availability based on location. Some restrictions may apply. \*\*One-time service charge of \$45 and monthly equipment fee of \$6.95 will apply. Pricing and promotions are residential. Speeds are up to actual speed tier listed.

**844.354.4111**

 **getnuvera.com**





**KDOM**radio  
1580 AM 103.1 FM



*Coming in March!*

Our biggest promotion of the entire year.

Our Annual Farm, Forty Free event.

One farmer in our area will win everything  
they need to farm 40 acres.

Your business can sponsor this incredible  
prize giveaway.



Your business will receive 3 months of radio advertising plus  
promos online and on-air and lots more.



Find out how easy and affordable it is by contacting  
KDOM today! (507) 831-3908



110 W. Central Street  
Springfield, MN  
507-227-8767

# **Apartments Available**



**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**







**Appliances • Plumbing & Drain  
Heating & AC • Flat Roofing**

# 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 Keyword below to **888777** and you'll be informed and instructed when necessary.

- **56087** (Springfield Community & Emergency Alerts)
- **CENTRAL2020** (Weekly Central Street Project Updates)
- **SNOWFALL** (Snow Removal Updates)

**TEXT THE KEYWORD TO 888777  
TO SIGN UP FOR ALERTS**



powered





**Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce**

33 South Cass Avenue \* P.O. Box 134

Springfield, MN 56087

507-723-3508

spfdchamber@newulmtel.net

www.springfieldmnchamber.org

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.

**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.

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**

President- Mike Granda- Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Vice President- Wendy Krier- Springfield Advance-Press

Dan Anderson- Springfield Market

Chrissy Boerboom- St. John's Circle of Care

Rachelle Halvorson- Halvorson Office Express

Jill Riederer- City of Springfield Representative

Deb Miesen- Miesen's Color Center

Kayla Tibboel- SouthPoint Financial Credit Union

Christina Wagner- Riverside Animal Clinic