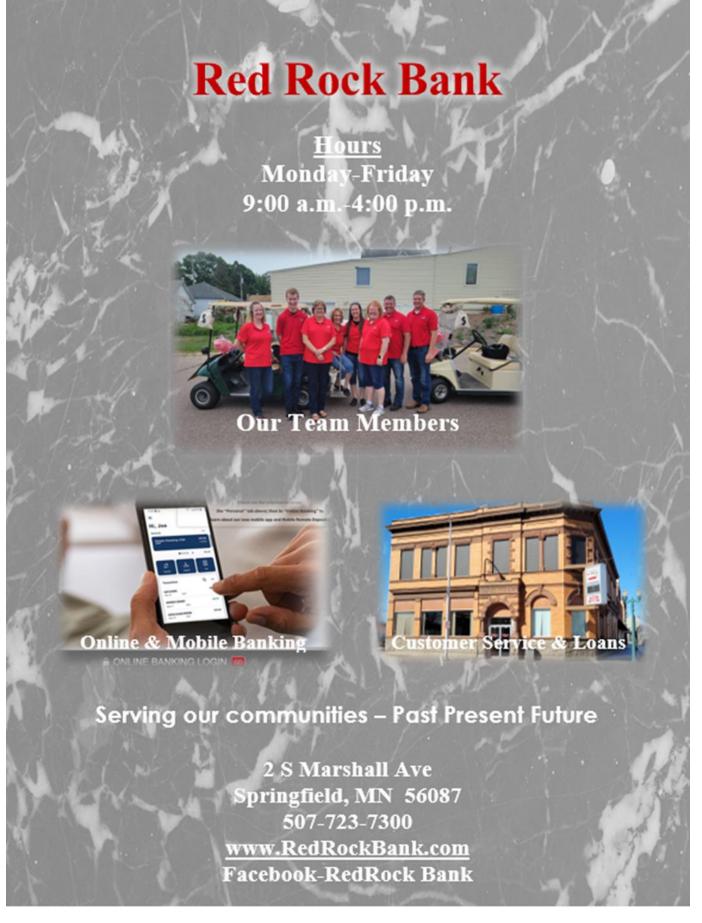


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The Springfield Area Food Shelf has had a very busy 2022. Total monthly households served thru October has been 587-individuals-1479

Some issues we have had to deal with in the past 6 months is the rising cost of grocery prices, increasing our volunteer base, starting with the healthy food first, we have also been starting earlier to accommodate the increase in numbers of clients coming in to receive groceries, making more space for inventory, looking at other ways for funding. We have been averaging a spending cost for food of approximately \$4000.00-\$5000.00. In June-64 families-157 individuals, July-71 families-201 individuals, August-62 families- 161 individuals, September-61 families- 177 individuals, October-59 families-150 individuals. Month of November is not completed but 66 families have used the service so far.

Commodities are down and not as available anymore. We are paying for more meat products than ever since food shelf was established. We are looking for ways to save money and watch for sale items. Clients come once a month and have been very appreciative of everything they get for food and stipends. Organizations are good about monetary donations as well as food collections. We are using our food bank, Second Harvest Heartland and can get food products at reduced prices We watch sale items in the local Market in Springfield. We do Food Rescue with our local Market in Springfield.

We will begin Food Rescue with Aldi's in New Ulm on Monday and Wednesday mornings. We are looking for volunteers to drive to New Ulm and pick up product and bring it back to the food shelf. This will be put out to the clients. It will include produce, meat, dairy products, bakery, as well as dry products. We will provide a gift voucher for your service to help with gas. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this service, please call Shari Koll 507-227-0386 or Dave Carruthers 507-276-6679 to discuss details.

We have also been working with the New Ulm Food Shelf and they have given us some food Rescue products which has really helped.

Food Shelf hours continue to be Tuesday evening, 5-7pm and Thursday morning 9:30am-11:30am. Depending on number of appointments we have, we have been starting earlier if needed. We are trying to establish a set time frame before we actually change the hours on our printed information. We encourage individuals to call ahead and set up appointment to come in. We will still add 3 or more to list by the end of the shift. Call the food shelf phone number and leave your name and number and we will call you back (723-3663).

Volunteers are always welcome to do a variety of jobs. If you would like to do something on a service day, fill bags for the school program, deliver bags to the schools every 2 weeks, truck delivery two times per month (2nd& 4th Tuesday each month) food rescue, Naps box delivery in Springfield monthly, cleaning approximately 2 hours a week on Thursday afternoon at the food shelf.

Please consider making a donation to your local food shelf in 2022. PO Box 15, Springfield, MN 56087

Thank you to all the volunteers who work so hard to make this project available in our communities of Springfield, Sanborn, Comfrey, Clements, and Cobden. We cannot do this without your support. I have always said "it takes a village to raise a child", it also takes a village to run/provide a food shelf in your community.

Shari Koll-11-28-2022





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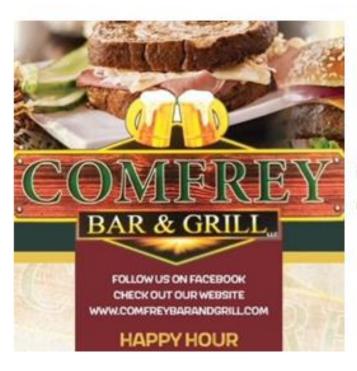
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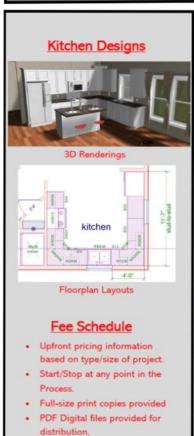


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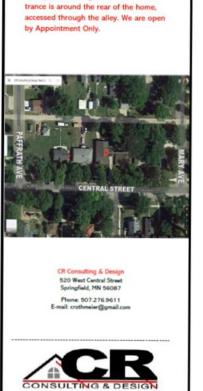
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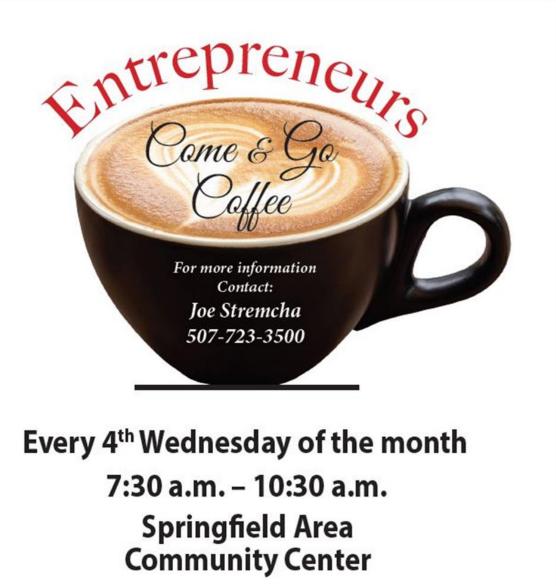
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<u>Mission Statement – The mission of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce/CVB is to</u> strengthen the business community and take a leadership role in promoting economic growth in a spirit of cooperation and team work.

<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.

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