

# CHAMBER CHATTER



## January 2024

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Chamber Meeting @ 12:10 PM at Tommy's

**RSVP by Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**February 1st** – Spirit of Springfield/Business of the Year Nomination Due

**February 1st** – 2024 Annual Membership Payment Due

\*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.

# 2024 Springfield Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024  
TOMMY'S CENTRAL STREET STEAKHOUSE  
@ 12:10 PM

FREE TO ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS



LUNCH PROVIDED

RSVP BY:  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH  
TO THE CHAMBER OFFICE  
507-723-3508  
[SPFDCHAMBER@NEWULMTEL.NET](mailto:SPFDCHAMBER@NEWULMTEL.NET)



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

6 East	Jeff's Body Shop	Red Rock Bank	State Farm Insurance
Absolute Style Salon	Jensen Buick GMC	Reiner Real Estate	Kelsey Fossing Agency
Allina Health Springfield Clinic	Joel Pigeon Trucking	Riverside Animal Clinic	State Street Theater Co.
Angie Gode Agency	K & S Co. Boutique	Riverview Homestead	Sterling Travel Vacations
American Family Insurance	KDOM Radio	Cooperative	Sturm Funeral Homes
Andy's Body Shop	Kerkhoff Auction & Real Estate	River View Sanitation	Subway
Baier Construction Inc.	KNUI-AM-860 + SAM 107.3	Rotary Club - Springfield	Superior Transportation
Beers Family Dental	Lang's Automotive	Runnings	Services & Superior Mobility
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	Larson Crop Insurance Agency	St. John's Circle of Care	Teske Manufacturing, Inc.
Brown County Free Fair	Leave A Legacy SW MN	St. Johns Lutheran Church	The Loft Nutrition
Brown Co. Historical Society	LJ's on Main	St. Paul Lutheran Church	Thrifty White Pharmacy
Brown Transfer Inc	Lund Power Washing	St. Raphael Catholic Church	Thrivent - Redwood Area Group
Brown Tree Service LLC	Marie's Catering	Salon Concepts	Tommy's Steakhouse
Christensen Farms	Marshall Radio	Salonek Concrete & Construction Inc.	United Prairie Insurance Agcy.
Citizen Publishing Co., Inc.	Massage & Bodywork by Deb Wahl	Schwartz Farms, Inc.	United Way of Brown Co. Area
City of Springfield	Mathiowetz Construction Co.	Seifert Transport Inc.	Weelborg Chevrolet
Clay's Drive-In Liquor	Mediacom Communications	SouthPoint Financial	Zion Lutheran Church
Clements Lumber Inc.	Meine Tree Farm	Credit Union	<b>Friends of the Chamber</b>
Comfrey Bar & Grill	Microtel Inn & Suites	Springfield Advance-Press	Clayton & Deb Beyer
Cottonwood Ridge Apartments	Miesen's Color Center	Springfield Alternator Shop	Chrissy Boerboom
CR Consulting & Design	MN She Shed Boutique	Springfield American Legion	Jeff & Lynette Carlson
Crissy's Engraving	M.R. Paving & Excavating, Inc.	Springfield Area Food Shelf	Dotty deLambert
Deluxe Print	Muske, Muske, & Suhrhoff, Ltd.	Springfield Coop Creamery	Jerry & Cheryl Diede
Drs. Akre & Clark, LTD	MVTV Wireless Internet	Springfield Education Assn	Ken & Shari Koll
Ed's Repair of Springfield	NAPA Glen's Auto Parts	Springfield Estates and River Bluffs	Ben & Ver Jean Luense
Elite Haircare by Allissa	North Central International	Springfield Floral	Paul & Sharon Pieschel
Expressway Convenience Store	Nuvera	Springfield Golf Club	Dennis & Lucy Potter
F&M Insurance Agency	Ochs Tax Service	Springfield Handi-Mart / Fuel Max	John & Patricia Ryan
Farmers & Merchants State Bank	O'Leary & Moritz Chartered	Springfield Lanes/ The Garage	Larry & Kathy Smith
Farmward Cooperative	Outlaws Bar & Grill	Springfield Market	Ron & Sharon Sturm
First Choice Pregnancy Services	Peichel's Lawn Irrigation	Springfield United Methodist Church	George & Michelle Tauer
Functional Fitness	Petersen Car Wash	Springfield Welding & Trailer Repair Inc.	Paul & Pam Tauer
Good Life Grooming	Pink Swan Beauty Parlour		
Good Neighbor Thrift	Prairie Plans Asset Management		
J & L Corner Carwash & Laundromat			
Jack Larson Seeds			

**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!**

**Our Mission:** 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.



**The winners of the 2023 Holiday Lighting Contest are:**

**1st Place - Sehr Family, North Cass Avenue, \$50 Chamber Bucks**

**2nd Place - Schumacher Family, North Jackson Avenue, \$30 Chamber Bucks**

**3rd Place - Daley Family, North Bagen Avenue, \$20 Chamber Bucks**

**Honorable mention - Schwarzrock Family's Nativity Scene, Range Road**

**Thank you to this year's judges, the residents at [St. John's Circle of Care](#), and Springfield for making spirits brighter this holiday season!**



**1st  
Place**



**Sehr Family  
North Cass Ave**



2nd  
Place



Schumacher Family  
North Jackson Ave



3rd  
Place



Daley Family  
North Bagen Ave

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2024 Spirit of Springfield and Business of the Year Awards.

Printable and fill-in PDF's of the nomination forms are available on the Chamber website.

<https://springfieldmnchamber.org/spirit-of-springfield.../>

The nomination deadline is Thursday, February 1, 2024. Completed forms should be returned to the Chamber

Office:

Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 134

Springfield, MN 56087

spfdchamber@newulmtel.net

## Past Recipients



2009- Gaylan Stark  
2010- Doris Weber  
2011- Brian & Colleen O'Leary  
2012- Ken Koll  
2013- Mike & Jodi Pieschel  
2014- Dr. F.J. Boyle  
2015- Ben Luense  
2016- Sharon (Mrs. Ron) Sturm  
2016- In Memory of Edward J. Pautzke, Jr.  
2017- Jeff Krueger  
2018- Cheryl Diede  
2019- Shari Koll  
2020- Dale Lindmeier  
2021- Paul & Sharon Pieschel  
2022 – Neil & Cheryl Neidt  
2023 – Dotty de Lambert

## Business *of the* Year

2017- F&M Bank  
2018- Miesen's Color Center  
2019- Springfield Advance Press  
2020- Deluxe Print  
2021- Springfield Golf Course  
2022 – Tommy's Central Street Steakhouse  
2023 – NAPA Glen's Auto Parts







The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce presents

## *Business of the Year Award*

Nomination Form  
2024

This award recognizes a business that has shown profitability, growth, and sustainability along with a commitment to community service and is a strong supporter of the Springfield Community.

An individual or Businesses may choose to nominate another business they believe is deserving of the award. In general, nominees should be those whose primary business positively impacts the community of Springfield through the jobs provided or the service or products created with exemplary business practices and professional conduct. Please respond in the space provided to describe how the business has impacted this community. Feel free to include additional letters of support, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, photographs, etc. Additional pages may be used. Please type or print all information.

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Nominators are NOT obligated to present award

\*Please provide your name and phone number in case additional information is needed

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check to remain anonymous to the public

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The Spirit of Springfield/ Business of the Year Banquet is to be determined at a later date.



The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce presents  
*The Spirit of Springfield Award*

Nomination Form

2024

This award recognizes a person(s) who is a friend of Springfield by being a person(s) who give assistance; patronizes Springfield and/or is a supporter of the Springfield Community.

Please respond in the space provided to describe how your nominee is a friend of Springfield. Feel free to include additional letters of support, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, photographs, etc. Additional pages may be used. Please type or print all information.

Nominee

Company

Phone Number

Address

Email

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**Thank you to our local chamber businesses for  
their support and participation in the 2023  
Jingle Bell ticket promotion.**

**Congratulations to the 2023 Jingle Bell ticket  
winners.**

**Thank you for shopping local!**

<b>2023 Jingle Bell Drawing</b>			
	<i><b>Color</b></i>	<i><b>Number</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>
\$200.00	Red	225909	Ann Sturm-Leshovsky
\$100.00	Purple	554464	Sue Juenemann
\$100.00	Purple	554257	
\$100.00	Blue	988478	Connie Vogel
\$100.00	Orange	512801	Jim Evers
\$100.00	Red	425133	Cheryl Abelson
\$50.00	Green	640980	Diane Klotz
\$50.00	Red	431953	Roseanne Kaseforth
\$50.00	Gray	204912	David Christensen
\$50.00	Red	426998	
\$50.00	Red	625418	Paula Thomas
\$50.00	Gray	598445	
\$50.00	Red	626554	
\$50.00	Purple	555724	Dan Flor
\$50.00	Orange	512728	Arlene Helget
\$50.00	Blue	988594	Kim Roberts
<b>\$1,200.00</b>			
	<b>Claimed</b>		



# Materials Needed:

Let's all let the new residents know about what our local businesses have to offer.  
Take advantage of this FREE advertisement.

Welcome Packet materials will be needed at your earliest convenience. Please drop  
off materials at the Springfield Chamber Office located at the east end of  
Springfield Area  
Community Center or via Mail

*Springfield Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 134  
33 S. Cass Avenue  
Springfield, MN 56087*

happy



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**Tuesday & Thursday**

**7 am - 5 pm**



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# January 2024

December '23							February '24						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	<b>1</b> BEEF & NOODLE HOTDISH CHICKEN STUFFING HOTDISH CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP BEEF CHILI	<b>2</b> WALKING TACOS LOADED NACHOS SALISBURY STEAK VEG & BEEF BARLEY SOUP VEG TOMATO BISQUE	<b>3</b> ASIAN ENTREES HOMEMADE RUEBENS CHICKEN WILD RICE SOUP BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP	<b>4</b> ROAST BEEF HOMEMADE SANDWICHES CHICKEN DUMPLING SOUP BEER CHEESE SOUP	<b>5</b> BEEF COMMERCIALS SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS ASSORTED BURGERS CLAM CHOWDER VEG TOMATO BISQUE	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> BBQ CHICKEN SANDWICH HOMEMADE MEATLOAF CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP BEEF CHILI	<b>9</b> WALKING TACOS LOADED NACHOS HOMEMADE GOULASH VEG & BEEF BARLEY SOUP VEG TOMATO BISQUE	<b>10</b> ASIAN ENTREES TATER TOT HOTDISH CHICKEN WILD RICE SOUP BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP	<b>11</b> ROAST PORK LASAGNA CHICKEN DUMPLING SOUP BEER CHEESE SOUP	<b>12</b> BBQ PULLED PORK ASSORTED BURGERS SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS CLAM CHOWDER VEG TOMATO BISQUE	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> BEEF & NOODLE HOTDISH CHICKEN STUFFING HOTDISH CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP BEEF CHILI	<b>16</b> WALKING TACOS LOADED NACHOS SALISBURY STEAK VEG & BEEF BARLEY SOUP VEG TOMATO BISQUE	<b>17</b> ASIAN ENTREES HOMEMADE RUEBENS CHICKEN WILD RICE SOUP BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP	<b>18</b> ROAST BEEF HOMEMADE SANDWICHES CHICKEN DUMPLING SOUP BEER CHEESE SOUP	<b>19</b> BEEF COMMERCIALS SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS ASSORTED BURGERS CLAM CHOWDER VEG TOMATO BISQUE	<b>20</b>
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**Farm Toys, Games & Puzzles, Collectible.** – Ending January 3rd @ 5pm

**Collectible & Furniture Auction** – Sun, January 21 @ 5:00 p.m.

**Game, Puzzles and Movie Auction** – Wed, January 24th @ 5:00 p.m.

**Coin Auction** – Sun, January 28th @ 5:00 p.m.

**Sportsman Auction (Consignments Wanted)** – Sun, February 4th @ 5:00 p.m.



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