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EARLY DEADLINE

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9:00 a.m.

Deadline for all ads to be included in the July 6 issue of the Advance-Press.

Riverside Rodeo a rousing success

By Wendy Krier

The stands and stadium was packed with rodeo fans as the Riverside Rodeo Committee brought the MN Xtreme Bull Riding Tour to Springfield on Friday, June 24 during the Riverside Days celebration.

Springfield was one of four stops in Minnesota for the MN Xtreme Bull Riding Tour, which featured skilled riders from numerous states.

Fans watched as riders competed in the Professional, Rookie and Mini Bull Riding Divisions for prize money.

During intermission, approximately 75 children rode sheep in the Mutton Busting event.

The community support and visitor turnout was excellent. The concession stand was hopping throughout the

evening.

Thanks to the Riverside Rodeo Committee for bringing in a new event that was enjoyed by all ages.

The Riverside Rodeo Committee members are Mason Fredin, Michael Halter, Dusty Lendt, Bracey Lerner, Andy Meine, Andy Plotz and Matt Vogel. They believe in giving back to our community.

The Riverside Rodeo Committee would like to thank all the local supporters and their generous sponsors for making the event possible.

Check out our back page for more on the Rodeo. Page two and our next edition for more on Springfield's Riverside Days.



The first bull and rider out of the chute during Riverside Rodeo's inaugural event last Friday.



Riverside Rodeo Committee from L: Andy Meine, Dusty Lendt, Michael Halter, Bracey Lerner, Mason Fredin, Matt Vogel and Andy Plotz



Local Bull Rider David Klabunde riding in the Rookie Division Friday night.

Wreaths Across America Exhibit this Friday Lunch Fundraiser planned

By Jeff Krueger

The City of Springfield will be hosting the Wreaths Across America (WWA) exhibit this

Friday, July 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Martha Anderson Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Springfield. The Wreaths Across America will bring its Mobile Education Exhibit with interactive displays, short films and shared stories that teach patriotism while remembering the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and take in the exhibit.

There will also be a special lunch fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Martha Anderson Park

along with the WWA exhibit. On the menu will be hot dogs, potato salad or chips, cookies, water as well as rootbeer floats. Special thanks to Thrivent, Marie Gervais, Clay's Drive-In Liquors and American Legion Post #257 for helping with the event. Proceeds from the lunch will go to the Martha Anderson Park Renovation Project.



Independence Day 2022

By Jeff Krueger

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence from British rule, and two days later delegates from the thirteen colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

From 1776 to the present day, July 4 has been celebrated as the birth of American independence with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings, barbecues, picnics and going to the lake. The Fourth

of July 2021 is this Monday, July 4.

Speaking of the 4th of July and the Declaration of Independence, here are some trivial facts about the holiday:

- John Hancock's signature on the Declaration of Independence dwarfed the other signatures of the signers. Legend says that Hancock wanted the King of England to see the rebellious signature without having to wear his spectacles.

- Congress ruled in favor of independence on July 2, 1776. Two days later, on July 4, Congress accepted Jefferson's declaration document.

- Only two men signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776—John Hancock, president of the Congress, and Charles Thompson, secretary of the

Congress.

- All others signed the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776.

- July 4th was declared a national holiday in 1870 and a paid federal holiday in 1941.

- The message "Original Declaration of Independence dated July 4, 1776" is written upside down on the back of the Declaration of Independence.

- Thomas Jefferson's original draft was lost and the one eventually signed is the "engrossed" document. It is kept at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. for all to see.

- In July 1776, George Washington was in New York with his troops. On July 9, he received a copy of the Declaration with a note from John Hancock

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Lindsay Ludewig

Springfield grad to lead Bridging Brown County

Bridging Brown County is excited to introduce their new executive director, Lindsay Ludewig. Lindsay has been a member of the Brown County community most of her life, including growing up in Springfield, having and raising a family in Comfrey, and having a career in Springfield for her entire adult life. Lindsay stated "How excited" she was for the "amazing opportunity to give back to the community that has done so much for me and my family"

"I am excited to serve with Bridging Brown County in a new capacity. I have gone through the leadership program, served on the board, and now get to be back involved with the program, and I am so excited to do more with the leadership program and its enrollees."

Lindsay was a 2004 graduate from Springfield High

School and after her college graduation returned home to marry Nicholas Ludewig. They moved to Comfrey to raise their family of three boys, Jackson, Gavin, and Oliver. "I feel community programs like this are important for families looking for areas to raise their families in, you want to live in a community that is proud to share what they have to offer and help build leaders within it."

Please reach out to Lindsay at BridgingBrownCountyDirector@gmail.com if you have any questions about the program or would like to be a part of this year's leadership course.

Crop Report

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Free family movie this Saturday evening

New Life Assembly of God Church in Springfield is hosting a free family movie night this coming Saturday, August 6 at the Springfield Area Community Center. The movie, *Luke Warm*, will be shown beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. Concessions will be available.

Luke Warm stars John Schneider, Bill Cobbs and Nicole Gale Anderson. The storyline—Luke Rogers'

youth was deep rooted in his family's faith but choices by his father, Bill, started him down a different path. As a young adult, Sam and Rose pull him farther from the Christian path as his relationship with his girlfriend, Jesse, becomes strained. Brother Thomas and Pastor John guide him to the choices that prepare him for life. The lesson: sometimes you need to get lost to find your way home.



Kaitlyn Dreher

Dreher joins Riverside Animal Clinic staff

By Jeff Krueger

Kaitlyn Dreher joined the veterinary staff at Riverside Animal Clinic in Springfield on June 15. Born and raised in Plainview, Minnesota, she attended Winona State University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. She re-

ceived her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree from Iowa State University this spring.

Kaitlyn and her husband, Jayson Wolf, reside on North Washington Avenue in Springfield. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and taking their two dogs, Spruce and Willow, for hikes.

Allina Health's New Ulm Medical Center receives High Performing Ranking

Allina Health's New Ulm Medical Center has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report with a high performing grade in hip fracture from the new U.S. News & World Report 2022-23 Best Hospitals rankings for the first time.

"It is a great honor to be recognized by U.S. News & World Report 2022-23 for our exceptional, high-quality hip fracture care," said Toby Freier, president of New Ulm Medical Center. "This first time recognition is a testament to our team's commitment to growth, innovation and whole person care for our patients."

In addition to New Ulm Medical Center's recognition, Allina Health's Abbott Northwestern, United and Mercy hospitals were ranked first, fourth (tie) and sixth, respectively, in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area in the new U.S. News &

World Report 2022-23 Best Hospitals rankings. Abbott Northwestern was ranked first in the Twin Cities and second in all of Minnesota for the tenth consecutive year.

More information is available at <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals>.

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Weather

By Russell Rogotzke

Weather Comments

For the week, we had a high temperature of 86 and a low of 52. Our mean temperature was 68 degrees. I received .10 inches of rain and accumulated 118 Growing Degree Units. Our high wind was 21 mph. Sunday morning, a rain shower went through that will be in next week's report that gave me .86 inches of rain.

Weather Observer Russell Rogotzke reported this week's weather at Springfield, Minnesota:

Date	Hi	LO	PRECIP
July 24	76	58	
July 25	74	52	0.09"
July 26	81	61	0.01"
July 27	81	58	
July 28	75	54	
July 29	83	54	
July 30	86	56	

—Russell Rogotzke
Weather Observer

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Information about District 1 Special Election ballot

By Kelly Hotovec, Brown County Auditor-Treasurer

The August 9 State Primary and Congressional District 1 Special Election is quickly approaching. A primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election. The front side of the ballot is the State Partisan Primary Ballot to fill terms that begin in January 2023. All state and federal offices are partisan offices. Partisan candidates will be listed in multiple columns on the primary ballot. Each column will list the candidates for one major party. You can only vote for candidates from one political party. If you vote for candidates from more than one political party,

your votes will not count.

Nonpartisan offices will be listed on the backside of the primary ballot, including the U.S. Representative District 1 Special Election race to fill the vacancy in the term expiring January 3, 2023.

If you would like to vote before Election Day, in-person absentee voting is available through August 8th. We suggest returning all absentee and mail ballots by mail before Thursday, August 4 to ensure that your ballot is received by Election Day. Voters can also hand delivered their ballot to the Auditor-Treasurer office by 3:00 p.m. on Election Day for absentee ballots and 8:00 p.m. for mail ballots. You cannot return a ballot to a polling place. Please remember if

someone is returning your absentee or mail ballot (up to 3 per agent), they must present a State driver's license or ID.

Direct ballot absentee voting, where you can place your ballot directly into the tabulator, is available August 2 – August 8, 2022 at the Brown County Auditor-Treasurer office, located at 14 S Washington Street, New Ulm. The Auditor-Treasurer office will be open extended hours on Saturday, August 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and August 8 until 5:00 p.m. for absentee voting.

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Springfield Area Foundation begins 2021 fund drive *Renewing Our Roots*

The Springfield Area Foundation has begun a fund drive to compile donations that when totaled, will qualify for a matching grant up to \$2500 from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation from gifts given to the local foundation by the end of the year. The local group has already received some generous gifts that will assist in achieving the goal of raising \$5000 locally. While any gift is most appreciated, there are various giving levels of gifts that the group will recognize which include \$25-budding leaf, \$50-full leaf, \$100-branch, \$250-trunk, and \$500-foundation grant.

All money raised by the foundation is placed into an endowment, a community savings account, with only the interest available to be used annually in financing grants made to local groups who make application to receive funding. This past spring, over \$8,000 was presented to local community groups. In the past, groups such as the local schools, St. Johns Nursing Home and The Maples, Springfield Community Theatre, Riverside Days parade, Springfield's Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors' Bureau, Softball Association, food shelf, Pro-Kinship for Kids, along with dozens of other non-

profit organizations have utilized funding to make Springfield a better place to live, work, and play.

The local foundation has strong roots. Established in 2002 by a group of civic-minded individuals, the Springfield Area Foundation (SAF) supports funding for activities that promote cultural, educational, civic, wellness, spiritual, and environmental programs in our area. Throughout the years, Springfield citizens representing a variety of backgrounds from the community have volunteered to serve on the local foundation board to address grant requests and manage the fund. Current board members include: Jennifer Asmus-President, Jill Vogel-Secretary, Paula Roiger-Treasurer, Cheryl Neidt-Marketing, Jodi Dalsgaard, Adam Beers, Matt Muske, Jeff Kuehn, John Moritz, Jeff Graff, Lewis Larson, Julie Lipetzky, Holli Hoffman, and Ramsey Beyer.

Contributions to the Springfield Area Foundation are tax deductible under the IRS code, Section 501 (c)3, and gifts should be received by December 20, 2021. Checks can be mailed to the foundation at the following address: Springfield Area Foundation, PO Box 35, Springfield, MN 56087.

Museum to close Friday to prepare for holidays

By Doris Weber, SAHS Director

The Springfield Museum will close after the summer season at 4:00 Friday. Those who wish to view the Ballrooms of Brown County exhibit and/or other exhibits, have opportunities to do so today, Sept. 1, and Friday, Sept. 3, from 2:00 to 4:00. The traveling exhibit will then be returned to the Brown County Historical Society.

Since Memorial Day, the local museum has been open weekly Wednesday and Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 and Saturday mornings.

Museum volunteers will soon begin to prepare for the holiday season. The Springfield Area Historical Society directors announce that they will again

host the annual Christmas Tree exhibit featuring 25-30 lighted and decorated trees, and other holiday exhibits. Those organizations, clubs, businesses, churches, schools and individuals who have participated in the past are invited to return, and new entries are invited. Trees are provided, there is no entry fee, and participants are encouraged to join in the Celebration of Christmas at the Museum by decorating as tree with their chosen theme, decorations, and lights.

The SAHS is planning other activities and announces that the museum will open the doors to visitors several times a week during the holidays. Watch this newspaper for announcements.



Comfrey's Marianne Schotzko is pictured with her arrangements at the Gladiolus Show. She received a Blue Ribbon and a Red Ribbon for her arrangements.

Flowers and fun at Brown County Fair

By Wendy Krier

One of the most colorful and anticipated exhibits at the Brown County Fair was the Minnesota State Gladiolus Show. Tables were lined with the colorful flowers. This year's theme was held

over from last year, due to the pandemic. The theme was Beer, Baseball and Firefighters. Along with the Gladiolus Show the horticulture show, had many locals winning awards. Pictured are a few of the award winning entries.



Arlene Helget of Comfrey received a Champion Ribbon for Goose Town Station arrangement at the Gladiolus Show.



Springfield's Cindy Moe is pictured with her wonderful Fun at Flandrau Park arrangement shown at the Gladiolus Show.



Springfield's Mike Tomschin received a Reserve Champion ribbon for his arrangement in the Horticulture show.



Stan Schotzko of Comfrey received a Red ribbon for his arrangement in the horticulture show.



Cheri Tomshin was awarded a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons for her succulent Fairy Gardens.

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St. Ray's Steeple Chase winners announced

St. Raphael Catholic School recently announced the winners for their 9th annual Steeple Chase fun run/walk. The morning event was held on Saturday, Sept. 11 and had around 100 participants running and walking past steeples in the community.

Pictured clockwise and from the left are the winners of the fun run/walk.

The winners in the men's category were: 1st place Lucas Milbrath and Thomas Beers, 2nd place: Keith Olson, 3rd place: Grady Meendering.

Women's category: From left- Casey Rice, 3rd place, Crystal Dauer 1st place and Katie Beers 2nd place.

Girls 12 and under: 3rd place Farrah Dauer, 2nd place Sylvia Holvand and Lydia Dauer, 1st place Oliva Milbrath.

Boys 12 and under: Kolton Vogel, 3rd place, Kalen Riederer- 2nd place and Kameron Bigelow 1st place.



Moriarty joins Reiner Real Estate team

By Jeff Krueger

Amanda Frank of Reiner Real Estate is happy to announce the addition of Jill Moriarty to her sales team.

Jill is a teacher at Springfield Elementary School. She grew up in Bloomington, Minnesota and is in her sixteenth year as an educator. She resides in Springfield and has two sons, Aiden, 13 and Max 9.

"While I have always wanted to be a teacher and love it, I have also really been interested in getting into real estate. I love houses! I love looking at houses, researching, decorating and have always loved the idea of helping people find the perfect home, Moriarty said. "I am so excited to be able to continue my first love, teaching, while



Jill Moriarty

also pursuing something that I have always wanted to do," she added.

Reiner Real Estate is part of the multiple listing service (MLS), which allows their agents to show properties listed with any real estate company. "Jill is available for showings and ready to take on new listings, so please get in touch with her if she can serve you," Frank said.

Weather By Russell Rogotzke

Last week our average high was 79, average low was 49 and we had a mean temperature of 64 degrees. I received 0.50 inches of rain last week which brings our total for the month to 2.24 inches. Normal rainfall for September is 3.09 inches so we are getting close to normal with more rain in the forecast. I had wind gusts up to 38 mph last week. In my records, we got up to 94 degrees in 2018 and down to 29 de-

grees in 2011. My records go back through 1965.

—Russell Rogotzke
Weather Observer

Weather Observer Russell Rogotzke reported this week's weather at Springfield, Minnesota:

Date	Hi	LO	PREC
Sept 12	71	49	
Sept 13	77	46	0.50"
Sept 14	75	50	
Sept 15	80	45	
Sept 16	92	65	
Sept 17	73	45	
Sept 18	84	42	

United Way to hold Day Of Caring on October 23

The United Way of the Brown County Area is gearing up to hold its annual Day of Caring on Saturday, October 23rd. This event provides "helping hands" for our older residents who want to stay in their homes but need a little extra help to make that happen.

The United Way cannot do this alone, and we need your help! We are currently looking for businesses, churches, clubs,

and organizations to form teams that can volunteer one day, October 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. - noon, to make a big difference in their communities. Jobs include outside projects such as yard work, cleaning outside windows, minor painting jobs (weather permitting) and much more. The gratitude that our friends and neighbors have for these services makes the morning of work so worthwhile. We

especially are looking for teams in Springfield and Sleepy Eye. To sign up a team or as an individual to be placed on a team, go to: <https://www.unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org/day-caring> or call the United Way office at 354-6512.

If you or someone you know needs help with a small outside project, please go to our Day of Caring website Page: [\[browncountyarea.org/day-caring\]\(https://www.browncountyarea.org/day-caring\) to see what projects are eligible and to fill out and return the project registration form no later than October 11th. United Way will not be able to guarantee a team will be available to complete a project if we receive the forms after that date. Registration forms can be mailed out by request, just call the United Way office at 507-354-6512.](https://www.unitedway-</p>
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Telephone and internet assistance is available to help low-income customers stay connected

Access to local emergency services and community resources is important to Minnesotans. During "Lifeline Awareness Week," September 20-24, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will promote the Lifeline Program and the complementary Emergency Broadband Benefit, which offers discounts to help residents have access to telephone service and broadband internet.

"Staying connected through telephone service or the internet is important for Minnesotans - whether someone may need emergency services, are working remotely, or have students who are distance learning," said Commissioner Matthew Schuerger. "If you or someone you know are having trouble affording telephone service or broadband, reach out to your Lifeline provider or the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office for help."

Under the federal Lifeline program, telephone customers who qualify for

certain assistance programs are able to receive a basic telephone service discount. The discount is a bill credit of up to \$9.25 per month. There is an additional discount of \$25.00 available to Minnesota residents who reside on federally recognized Tribal lands.

This discount is available with landline service providers, broadband providers, and many wireless providers who offer free cellphones. Minnesota's Telephone Assistance Plan also offers citizens who qualify for Lifeline a \$10.00 discount on landline phone service, which can be combined with the federal Lifeline credit for a greater discount.

Additionally, Congress created a program to complement Lifeline called the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB). EBB provides eligible households up to a \$50.00/month discount for broadband services - more for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Current Lifeline participants are automatically

eligible, and, in most cases, they don't need to apply separately for the EBB, but they do need to select a provider and eligible EBB plan to receive the benefit. Single taxpayer households with incomes at or below \$99,000 or joint taxpayer households with incomes at or below \$198,000 are eligible for EBB as are households that qualify for the free and reduced-price

school lunch or breakfast programs. To apply for benefits, contact your local landline or wireless Lifeline provider or the Commission. The agency can be reached at (651) 296-0406, (800) 657-3782, consumer.puc@state.mn.us, or visit the website at www.mn.gov/puc.

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