

Springfield Public Schools



Community Education

Fall 2026

www.springfield.mntm.org ~ 507-723-4284

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The Community Education Advisory Council works with the Community Education Director and Coordinator to offer a variety of classes of interest to the people of all ages throughout the district.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Unless stated otherwise, all classes require a minimum of six prepaid participants at least one week prior to the date of the first class session.



Registration Procedure

Pre-registration is a necessity!

Registration is not complete unless accompanied by payment.

For each class that you are registering for, write a check payable to Springfield Community Education. Complete the registration form (on the back page) and mail along with your check(s) to:



Springfield Community Education
12 South Burns Avenue
Springfield, MN 56087

- FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE after the first class, except in an emergency.
- To cancel, call the Community Education office at 723-4284 OR email: commmed@springfield.mntm.org at least 24 hours prior to the start of class.

Cancellation Policy

Classes may be cancelled because of lack of enrollment. In this case, you will be notified and your check returned to you. If class is cancelled because of inclement weather you will be notified prior to the class starting time and the class will be rescheduled at a later date.

Instructors Needed!

Springfield Community Education is continually looking for individuals who are willing to share their skills, hobbies, and talents with others. If you, or know someone who might be interested in instructing a class, please contact the Community Education Coordinator at 507-723-4284.



Join **Springfield Community Education** on Facebook!
[@springfieldcommmed](https://www.facebook.com/springfieldcommmed)

United Way of Brown County



Many initiatives are offered through Brown County Area United Way. One of the long standing programs has been the Youth Activities Scholarship Program. Young people ages 4-18 whose family income is insufficient to meet the activity and equipment fees, are eligible. Call 507-354-6512

OR visit: www.uwbrowncounty.org

"55 Alive" Defensive Driving

Defensive Driving



These courses are for people age 55 and older who can receive a discount on their auto insurance by completing the course. NEW: First time students and those renewing their discount can both take a four hour course to qualify for the discount! Please be sure to include your driver's license number and date of birth on your registration.

Details for all classes

Where: Springfield Community Center

Instructor: Kathy Pederson

Cost: \$32.00/participant

Fall 2026 Classes

When: Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Time: 5-9 pm

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026

When: Thursday, November 5, 2026

Time: 12 -4pm

Registration Deadline: Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026

Spring 2027 Classes

When: Tuesday, March 16, 2027

Time: 12-4 pm

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 9, 2027

When: Tuesday, April 13, 2027

Time: 5-9 pm

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 6, 2027

Avoiding the Estate Planning Traps: Wills, Trusts, Probate and Long-Term Care



Estate planning is not just about preparing documents; it is about making sure the right people have authority to act, assets pass as intended, and loved ones are not left with unnecessary confusion, court involvement, or expense. This workshop will explain common estate planning tools, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and health care directives, and will address frequent planning mistakes involving probate, beneficiary designations, incapacity, long-term care, and family decision-making. Attendees will learn practical considerations for reviewing an existing plan or thinking through a new one.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026 at 6:30pm, SPS, Ag Room. Instructor: Estate Planning & Elder Law Attorney, Cassandra Lustfield. Cost: FREE. Register by Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026.

Water Fitness



Springfield Community Education and Microtel Inn and Suites are teaming together to offer these classes. A weekday morning class on **Tuesdays at 9 am** –led by Diane Arnsdorf OR **Mondays &/or Wednesdays at 1:30pm** –led by Donna Krueger. Class size is limited, you must pre-register. Cost: \$6/session. Call the Comm. Ed. Office before attending your first class @ 723-4284.

MN Careers Website

Looking to advance your career or get training to start a new career? Visit the SW Minnesota Private Industry Council's website to get you started at:
<https://www.swmnpic.org/career-pathways/training/>

Fresh Start Fall! Adult Exercise



Group exercise sessions include thoughtfully programed exercise for various capabilities and conditioning levels—focusing on stability, strength and cardiovascular health. Class is for adults of all ages, moderate-heavy exercise intensity. Class meets every **Monday and Thursday morning, 5:00-6:00 am** Led by Sheena Dauer DPT with Springfield Physical Therapy. Call Sheena if interested and for more information @ 507-920-6688.

Hall Walking

Need a place to get your steps in when the weather is less than ideal? The Springfield Community Center is available for hall walking! Please call Heidi at the Community Center to register and for more details at 507-723-3517.

Classic Homemade Pierogi & Sweet Berry Pierogi!



Have some fun participating in this cook-along experience as you learn how to make your own homemade **Classic Pierogi**, and wonderful **Sweet Berry Pierogi** with 2 types of homemade dough and filling that will make your taste buds dance for joy! We will also be learning how to cook, and freeze these little dumplings that you can make ahead and store for a rainy day. No fancy equipment needed. This class has been so popular; it has even been featured in the *American Polish Journal*! **Online class will be Friday, November 20, 2026 from 5:30-7:30 pm.** Instructor: Chef Tess, *Dish it up Good*. Cost: \$40.00. Register by Friday, Nov. 13, 2026.

Phone Photo Rescue for Beginners



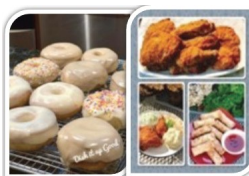
Are you overwhelmed or running out of storage with all of the photos just sitting on your phone? In our live online workshop, you will delete the clutter, and learn how to create printed photo books, and protect your precious memories forever. In just one hour, you'll transform your chaotic photo collection into an organized library you can actually navigate, plus learn maintenance habits that take only minutes each week, without the tech jargon. **Online class will be Tuesday, October 27, 2026 from 12:00-1:00 pm.** Instructor: Nickie, *Social Club Simple*. Cost: \$25.00. Register by Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026.

ChatGPT—Advanced Tips



Unlock the full potential of *ChatGPT*. You'll discover advanced prompting techniques like system instructions, multi-shot examples, and chain-of-thought reasoning to get dramatically better results. Learn insider strategies for customizing outputs, managing context, and leveraging *ChatGPT* for complex tasks including analysis, creative projects, and professional workflows. Walk away with expert-level techniques to transform *ChatGPT* into a true powerhouse for your specific needs. **Online class will be Tuesday, November 17, 2026 from 12:00-1:00 pm.** Instructor: Nickie, *Social Club Simple*. Cost: \$25.00. Register by Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026.

Air Fryer Hype!



Are you curious about the air fryer craze or ready to go beyond fries and frozen foods? Join Chef Tess for an elevated, fun, and interactive cook-along experience featuring crave-worthy favorites including her mouthwatering Copycat KFC® chicken, and from-scratch yeasted air fryer glazed doughnuts, plus additional scratch-made pizza, burgers and egg rolls. Participants will be invited to cook-along and create the Copycat KFC® Chicken and fresh homemade yeasted glazed doughnuts, then sit back and enjoy demonstrations of the remaining recipes. All recipes will be shared in advance along with tips for air fryer success, ingredient insights and tips for freezing. **Online class will be Friday, November 6, 2026 from 5:30-8:00 pm.** Instructor: Chef Tess, *Dish it up Good*. Cost: \$40.00. Register by Friday, Oct. 30, 2026.

Your Kid's Phone: A Parent's Guide



Keep your kid safe on their phone with this empowering, yet practical training for busy parents and caregivers. This class breaks down the essential insights everyone needs to understand in order to confidently protect their child online. You'll leave the training understanding recommended privacy settings, risky apps to avoid, screen time boundaries, and the warning signs that matter most. Walk away with the knowledge and tools to create a safer digital environment for your family. **Online class will be Thursday, November 5, 2026 from 12:00-1:00 pm.** Instructor: Nickie, *Social Club Simple*. Cost: \$25.00. Register by Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026.

Hands in Motion – Introduction to Sign Language



This beginner-friendly course provides an introduction to sign language in a relaxed and supportive setting. Participants will learn the basics of **Signed Exact English (SEE)**, a system of manual communication designed to closely match spoken English word-for-word. No previous sign language experience is needed. **Thursdays, October 22, 29, Nov. 5 and Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026 from 6 –7pm. SPS, Media Center.** Instructor: Shirley Smith. Cost: \$35.00. Register by Thurs., Oct. 15, 2026.

Overcome Carbohydrate Cravings



Do you crave starches, snack foods and sweets? Is your snacking out of control? In this class we will discuss a two-week plan to STOP your cravings (no kidding!), help you lose weight and keep your insulin levels balanced. Overcoming carb cravings is not a matter of willpower but a matter of biology. Stop the vicious cycle of food craving and weight gain. No hype—just the facts. **Online class will be Tuesday, October 20, 2026 from 6:00-7:30 pm.** Instructor: Janice Novak. Cost: \$25.00. Register by Tuesday, Friday Oct. 13, 2026.

After-School Classes for Students

A variety of after-school activities for area children in grades K-6 are planned for this fall. The youth fall newsletter with class details was sent home with all Springfield elementary students in September. To view the fall youth newsletter on-line, visit: <https://www.springfield.mntm.org>, then click on the



Instant Guitar for Busy People



In just a few hours you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment, and you won't have to take private lessons to do it. This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing along with your favorite songs right away. Fee includes the online book, online recorded follow up lessons, a recording of the class and also an optional live periodic question and answer session. Class is held online using zoom and is partly hands on instruction and partly lecture/demonstration. For ages 13+. **Online class will be Tuesday, October 13, 2026 from 6:30-9:00 pm.** Instructor: Craig Coffman, Cost: \$60.00. Register by Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026.

Instant Piano for Busy People



In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade to give you years of musical enjoyment. Learn to play piano the way professionals do—using chords. The chord method is LOTS of fun and dramatically easier to learn than reading notes. Fee includes the online book, online recorded follow up lessons, a recording of the class and also an optional live periodic question and answer session. Class is held online using *Zoom* and is partly hands on instruction and partly lecture demonstration. Ages 13+. **Online class will be Monday, October 12, 2026 from 6:30-9:30 pm.** Instructor: Craig Coffman, Cost: \$60.00. Register by Monday, Oct. 5, 2026.

Springfield Community Education REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to: Springfield Community Education
Mail to: Springfield Community Education
12 South Burns Avenue, Springfield, MN 56087
Please write a separate check for each registered class.

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Class Name/Date: _____ Fee: _____

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Class Name/Date: _____ Fee: _____

Date of Birth _____ Driver's License # _____
(Needed Defensive Driving Classes only.)

