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The Bravest

Well the warm up has started! We can start to see our lawns again and that is a welcome sight after the long and drawn out winter that we have just dealt with. Now comes that time of year when the flowers will start to pop up and the trees will start to bloom. We will once again hear the sound of lawn mowers firing up. **Spring has sprung!!**

Springville Fire and Rescue wants to take this time to thank you all for your support of this year's fish fry's. We had a wonderful turnout to our first one on March 7th and as I am writing this as we are preparing for our second one. We look forward to these each year as the money raised goes to help us support our continued effort to serve you better.

Springville Fire and Rescue would like to welcome one of our newest members. **Mary Jane Helm** was brought on as a probationary firefighter during our March business meeting and will begin here training with us. We look forward to her being a part of Springville Fire and Rescue and hope that you take the time to thank her for serving if you see her.



LIBRARY NEWS & CALENDAR

Every Thursday: Story time 10:30- Knitters 1:30

Book Group 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30

April 9th - Library Board Meeting 6:30

April 19th - The Bunny is coming! 11:00-12:30

Cancelled! April 26th - Red Cedar Chamber Concert rescheduled for May 31st.

Make Your Library a habit

- Have you checked out the library website (www.springville.lib.ia.us), Facebook? These sites have up to date activities and programs that you won't want to miss.
- Our computers have been updated for patron use with printing in color and black & white in addition to scanning.
- Our programming is free with interests for children and adults alike.
- Our check-outs are for 3 weeks (books, movies & magazines) Our fines for overdue materials are .10 a day and you can renew items over the phone or by e-mailing us.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Red Cedar Chamber is back

We are excited to announce Red Cedar coming again this year to entertain and wow us. Come to the concert **April 26th at 1:00.** This is a "Music in the libraries, Rural Outreach" concert series and promises to be a wonderful afternoon of entertainment.



Graphic Novel format is popular

This past year we have expanded our collection in the graphic collection. It includes more than just fiction. Non-fiction graphics are an excellent way for the children to learn history and some classic literature. We have Sherlock Holmes stories and some Shakespeare. We have several American History events in graphic format also.

Juvenile non-fiction has been updated

This section has been weeded and updated with new copies featuring history, biographies, geography, food, science, rocks & minerals and of course dinosaurs. Our new books on states and continents are full of information for our patrons to learn and enjoy. These are great for reports or just because you wanted to know.

DID YOU KNOW THAT---- LIBRARIES ARE THE HEART OF EVERY COMMUNITY?

Guess What--- the Bunny is coming!

We have been told that on **April 19th** (after the egg hunt)@ **11:30** the Easter Bunny will be sitting by the fireplace in the library ready to greet everyone. There will be crafts in the Buresh Room and snacks. This is always a fun time and a great time to visit your library and make it a fun day.



Keurig Beverage Machine is a great addition

Our Keurig machine has been a real asset to the library along with the lovely table in the lobby with five chairs. This area gives our patrons a very nice space to visit with a friend, open their laptop, or read the paper. Groups have met at the table with their sack lunches and had a great time. Thank you to Monday Club for purchasing the chairs and Susan Cooper for donating the table. The Keurig Beverage Machine offers coffee, tea, hot chocolate and apple cider \$1.25 per cup. This is a great fundraiser for the library and offers a fun opportunity to take a break if you are out on a walk.

April is Poetry Month

Here is my challenge to our poets in Springville. Get out your pen & paper and jot down a poem, Limerick, Haiku, a short story or a thought. In May we will have a reading night, we will share the poems and writings in front of the fireplace. Readers will be on hand if you want someone to read your work.

We look forward to a great READING night in May.

The Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd

The author of The Secret Life of Bees has written another great novel. This is the fictionalization of Sarah Grimke's life, one of America's first female abolition agents and feminist. At the age of eleven Sarah was given a slave for her birthday, Hetty who is one year younger than Sarah is to be her day maid. Sarah doesn't want a slave, doesn't think it is right and tries to make things right. She is forced to keep Hetty (Handful) as that is what is done in Charleston and especially if you are a family of means. Sarah teaches Handful to read, which they both are punished for, and treats Handful as an equal.

The book is written with alternating chapters between Sarah and Handful, giving the reader an insight into both worlds. Handful's mother is the plantation's seamstress and she teaches Handful her skill. Charlotte (Handful's mother) and Handful are always fighting the system and getting into trouble, which leads to severe punishment.

The story takes place in the 1800, when women are not supposed to be educated or to express their opinions on matters. Sarah wants with all her heart to be a lawyer like her father and brother, but that only leads to ridicule. In her adult life Sarah goes north and speaks out against slavery and is eventually banned from returning to her hometown of Charleston.

The author has taken the facts of Sarah and her sister, Angelina's life and created a novel that gives an insight into the world of slavery in America. Well worth the read, check it out the next time you are at the library.

REMINDERS

➤Water meter readings & payments are due on the **15th of the month.** If the 15th of the month is not a business day, you have until the end of regular hours on the first business day after the 15th. Payments can be put in the drop box in the city door. Readings can be emailed to cityofsp@netins.net, or left on the answering machine at 854-6428.

➤Deadline for items in the next newsletter /community calendar is April 15th.

➤Rudd Trash Tags are available for **\$3** each at the City Clerk's office, Woody's One Stop and Casey's General Store. **One tag is to be placed on each**

“collection bag or container”. Collection bags are plastic, water-tight bags securely tied or sealed. Each bag or container shall not exceed forty pounds or 33 gallons when full. Please make sure each bag you set curbside has a sticker on it. Bags or containers without a tag will be left curbside. Recycle tubs are available at the Clerk’s office for \$14 each. A special reminder from Marsha at Rudd: Pickup time begins at 5 am. Rudd does not recycle glass. Glass containers should be placed in your regular trash container or may be taken free of charge to the Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency.

➤ Plan ahead for City Wide clean up days in May. May 5th will be Appliances, 6th is Furniture, 7th Metals.

Historical Feature

Nathan Brown arrived 175 years ago

Nathan Brown is one of only two Revolutionary War veterans buried in Linn County; his grave is in the Springville Cemetery. On May 17, it will be 175 years since he arrived. Brown; his second wife, Tamar; and three young adult children (Harriet, Amanda, and Horace) settled in Section 32 of the township that would be named in Brown’s honor during his lifetime, in 1841. They lived about a mile southwest of present-day Springville. When the Browns arrived in 1839, there was no Springville, and only two other families (the John Crows and the Samuel Kelleys) and five single men lived on claims in the township. In 1843, two of those bachelors, Solomon C. Peckham and Charles B. Pinckney, married Harriet and Amanda Brown, respectively. The weddings took place in Linn County. (Both couples later moved to Grant County, WI.) The Brown family came to Iowa Territory after living in Onondaga County and Buffalo, NY; Erie County, PA; and Illinois. They spent the 1838-39 year in Geneva, Kane County, Ill., home of Nathan and Tamar’s two older daughters: Betsy, who was married to John Lyon, and Maria, wife of Gilbert Travis.

Nathan Brown’s life

Nathan Brown was born July 22, 1761, in Salem, Westchester County, NY, a village that is now part of New York City. The first child of Josiah and Lois Chapman Brown, Nathan had six brothers and two sisters. His next-oldest brother, Josiah Jr., was also in the Revolutionary War. One account claims all seven Brown brothers were soldiers, but this is surely erroneous. The eldest of the younger five was just 14 when the war ended, and the others were 11, 9, 7 and 2. Nathan was 14 when he began military drills. At 15, he fought for the first time, in the Battle of Harlem Heights (Manhattan, NY), Sept. 17, 1776. It was General George Washington’s first battlefield victory of the war. Nathan served under various captains, including his uncle, Benjamin Chapman. On several occasions he was wounded, but never seriously. The war ended in the fall of 1781. On Jan. 10, 1786, Nathan married Esther Waterbury at South Salem Church in Westchester County, N.Y. (Some accounts name Sarah Bailey as his first wife, but she married a different Nathan Brown, who died in 1814 in New York.) Nathan and Esther later moved to Onondaga County, NY. Their son, John C. Brown was born in 1790. The date of Esther’s death is unknown. On May 3, 1807, Nathan married Tamar Lyons Lane Sammons in Onondaga County. He was 45, she 28. A native of Dutchess County, NY, she had been married twice before, and already had four children ages 11 to 1½: Hiram and Catherine Lane, and Thomas and Ira Sammons. (At least two of them, Hiram and Ira, lived in Linn County, Iowa, as adults.) By the time the Browns arrived in Iowa, Nathan was almost 78 and his youngest child, Horace, was 18. Reportedly, father and son farmed together. Nathan died just three and a half years later, on Nov. 25, 1842, at age 81. He was buried in Paralta Cemetery, about two miles south of Springville. At a later, unknown date, his grave was moved to the Springville Cemetery. Tamar lived until 1868 (age 89); Horace, 1893 (72); and Horace’s second wife, Julia Chapman Brown, 1904 (80). All are buried in Springville Cemetery.

The Brown Family Monument

An ornate zinc monument some 16 feet tall marks the four Brown graves in the Springville Cemetery. Horace may have ordered it during his lifetime, or it may have been erected by Julia Brown after her husband’s death. No record of its age has been found. Near the tall monument is a row of four smaller matching zinc monuments. The names of Horace and Julia Brown are on two of them; the others are designated just “Father” and “Mother.”

There have been two significant events, one favorable and the other not, in the existence of the tall Brown monument. In May 1931, Ashley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), dedicated a commemorative plaque at the monument. This occasion was “written up” in both the weekly Springville New Era and the daily Cedar Rapids Gazette-Republican. The second, unfortunate event occurred in 1977 when a freak high wind, dubbed a “mini-tornado,” toppled the tall monument and broke it into four or five pieces. Three local men, Don Waddell, Jim Barnes, and Jake Hiner Jr., volunteered to repair the damage. They also poured a new concrete platform, and the monument was restored to its place. However, the 37 intervening years have witnessed significant damage, with several large cracks developing in the metal. Cable has been wrapped around the base to hold it together. At present, the Springville Cemetery Committee is looking at options for repair and restoration. This significant symbol, not only of Springville history but also United States history, is at risk. It is hoped that effective action can be taken to halt further deterioration.



Horace N. Brown (1821-1893) was the youngest child of Nathan and Tamar Brown. This picture is from the 1878 History of Linn Co.	This picture, obtained from ancestry.com, is identified as Tamar Brown (1778-1868), wife of Revolutionary War veteran Nathan Brown.
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Historical Society

Historical Society will meet April 8

The next meeting of the Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) is scheduled Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the SAHS building, adjacent to City Hall. Membership is not required to attend meetings; anyone interested in Springville area history is welcome. Sixteen persons, including a guest, Bob McArthur, were at the March 11 SAHS meeting. President Bev Franks reported her findings on Schwab Hall, the red brick school building constructed in 1915-1916. It is used only for storage now, and would require some work to make it suitable for any other purpose. Bev also noted that the brick residence at 152 High Avenue, which was built in 1865 as a school, will be sold. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crane have lived there for many years. Dixie Brady, a member of the Springville Cemetery Committee and SAHS, has been researching options for repair and restoration of the Nathan Brown family monument. She has contacted Thomas Podnar, principal conservator and metals specialist with McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation Laboratory in Oberlin, Ohio. He is an expert on zinc monuments. Digital photos of the Brown monument have been sent to him, and he said he is willing to consult by phone to obtain further information needed to make an estimate. SAHS members Kimball Behning and Wes Bender were present and volunteered to serve on the monument restoration study committee. Jake Hiner, who helped to repair the monument in 1977 when it was hit by a storm, and Jim Koppenhaver, a member of the

Cemetery Committee, will also be invited to participate.

In other business, SAHS member Joan White presented a collection of information she had researched about country schools of Iowa and their historic preservation. Member Steve Shaffer reported on progress toward repairing the freight cart that was used at Fenton Hann's elevator. The cart was a gift to SAHS from Ruthie Hann Pearson of Marion.

Historian Karen Taylor circulated a list of persons from Springville and four nearby villages who were awarded patents for their inventions between 1869 and 2009. Duane Schlatter, an SAHS member who was present, is on the list. He received a patent in 1999 for developing a method of liquid crystal display lamination with silicone gel adhesive.

Other members attending the March meeting were James Crow, vice president; Jean Schmidt, secretary-treasurer; Doug Beard; Dave and Eleanor Kelley; Pat Rose; and Brad Wilson.

SEDC

The Springville Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) is working on new marketing to promote Springville. We are working with OnMedia to produce one and possibly two commercials with them of "Welcome to Springville." This commercial will be about telling the story of Springville and why families move here to live. There will be a heavy focus on the Springville Community Schools for this, but will also focus on other aspects of our community in regards to the businesses, churches and parks. We are currently in our membership drive and your membership will help support the expense of this project. Individual memberships are \$25 year and business memberships are \$100. You may find out more information at www.springville-sedc.org or feel free to call me at 854-7050 for more information. SEDC President Joel Rochleau



PARKS MAINTENANCE POSITION



The City of Springville is taking applications for a part-time, seasonal parks maintenance worker. Applicants must be able to work approximately twenty hours each week, Monday through Friday, during regular office hours. The start date will be

approximately May 1st until the end of the mowing season. The weather will play a key role in determining the work schedule.

Duties will include mowing, weed trimming and other parks maintenance projects as needed. Applicants should have the ability to operate park maintenance equipment, have a valid driver's license, be able to work without direct supervision, and take pride in their work. The City will supply any necessary equipment. By law, applicant must be 18 years old to operate equipment. The hourly rate will depend on qualifications.

You may pick up an application & job description at the clerk's office at 304 Broadway. All applications must be returned to the clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th, 2014.

The City of Springville is an equal opportunity employer.

Utility Rate Increase

During the budget process council reviewed utility spreadsheets showing expenses and revenue for water and sewer utilities. They also reviewed a spreadsheet showing various rate increases for both water and sewer utilities, the effect each rate increase would have on individual bills and increased yearly revenue for each increase step. Beginning in FY 2014-15 the minimum rate of \$16.50 per 2,000 gallons for sewer usage will be raised \$1.00 to \$17.50. This increase is needed to pay off the \$403,000 bond issued for the sewer rehab project. A Community Development Block Grant for \$500,000 was awarded to the City to help offset the cost of the project. The \$403,000 was remaining expense not covered by the grant. A SRF loan from the State of Iowa was utilized for repayment of the \$403,000.

Current water usage rates of \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons will increase to \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons of usage. This increase is needed to save for tower cleaning and painting inside and out. This project is done about every 10 years. The last tower cleaning and painting project completed in 2008 cost \$105,854. Each year \$10,000 is set aside in a separate fund to offset the cost of tower maintenance.

Guatemala Mission Trip

In late February I was privileged to join a short term mission team on a trip to Guatemala. Our trip was to come alongside the missionaries at Lake Atitlan. The Impacto Ministry is working with the Mayan people in that region. <http://impactoministry.com/>

Guatemala is located in Central America and is bordered by the countries of Belize and Mexico. It is also bordered by the Pacific Ocean on the West and the Caribbean Sea on the East.



Lake Atitlan is a former volcano and the lake is surrounded by other smaller volcanoes, some of which are still active. The terrain of this area is mountainous and is heavily vegetated with plants and trees. The primary crops in this area are corn and coffee. The corn is a large part of their daily diet and the coffee is a source of income for the people as they harvest the beans and then sell them to the coffee processing plants.

Life there is very hard as the economic income is very low and daily life becomes a way to exist from day to day. The homes of the Mayan people are very simple with metal or brick walls (sometimes just sticks lashed together) and typically a tin roof, and a dirt floor. Plumbing is poor or nonexistent, especially when you travel outside the small towns. Cooking of daily meals is done on a stove typically made of cinderblock with a small area for the fire. The heat source is a wood fire and each day the family needs to gather wood. It was common to see people walking along the roads carrying a large bundle of wood on their back or even on their heads.

Their diets are quite simple compared to ours. They eat rice, corn (ground for tortillas etc) some chicken, and eggs, beans, and many fruits and vegetables. There are Plantains, Avocados, Limes, Papayas, Mangos, Melons, Strawberries, Coconuts and Guava all growing in this area. Tomatoes, Onions and Squash are the most common vegetables.

The team for this mission consisted of 27 members. It was my privilege to be a part of the "sewing ministry" for the first part of the week. We had 16 women who had not used a sewing machine previously. We taught them how to use the machine, and we practiced on scrap cloth, and then they each made a fully lined "shopping bag". The women took their first bag home with them and made a subsequent bag to be sold at the mission. Once the bag is sold the woman will receive 1/2 the sale price and the mission will keep the balance for helping fund the mission.

Some members of our team were assigned to building projects which meant mixing concrete by hand and constructing walls of cinder block and cement for an addition to the mission house.

Other ministries we participated in were the Abuelitos, (this is the senior population) and they were fed a meal and then worked with crafts, and each individual was fitted with a new pair of shoes. Another ministry was Happy Tummies. For this ministry the primary aged children came to the program after attending school in the morning. They were fed a nutritious meal and then participated in a vacation bible school story and completed their school homework for the day. At the end of the week we met with the mothers of the children who attend happy tummies and each family was given a new pair of shoes for every

member of the family, along with soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, towels, and a few toys.

We also participated in a land clearing project to prepare another site for the mission to carry on their Happy Tummies and Abuelitos ministries.



The trip was a great experience, not only in seeing a new and beautiful region of the world but also in meeting and ministering to a beautiful people. I encourage each of you to consider supporting and/or joining one of these mission trips. It broadens your horizons and puts a reality check on what is really important in life.

Karen Anderson

City Council Minutes - March 3, 2014

Mayor Shebetka called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 pm in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Miller, Brady, Hoyt and Sindelar. Ralston was absent. Also present: Steve Shaffer, Deb Yeisley, Kaitlynn Baker, Laura Riley, Jean Menster, Brad Merritt, Dave Raue, Treva Davis, Todd Wyman, Patrick Hoyt and Officer Grote.

Consent Agenda: M/by Hoyt, 2nd/by Brady to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens with concerns not on the agenda: none.

Sheriff: Deputy Grote provided the February 17, 2014 through March 3, 2014 service report. There were 3 calls for service. January hours of service: 99.8.

Maintenance report: The guys are still working on frozen water lines, hauled snow piles out, mixed more salt and sand, moved snow back along some of the streets, continued to plow snow and sand streets after the latest snow storm, replaced the front tire on the backhoe and Todd continued work on FY 2014-15 budget. There is a check valve problem at Well #2. Water was found running back into the well one morning. There are 3 separate check valves in the well to keep this from happening, so the guys are not sure why it happened. It is stopped for now and Northway Well and Pump have been contacted to come and check wells for electric issues and see about the check valve issues on Well #2. The isolation valve to Well #2 has also quit working. This will not let the well be shut off in order to look at the check valve at the top of the well head. A short section of main will be required to be turned off to fix both problems and they prefer to wait for warm weather to accomplish this task. The well is still able to be used if needed, but is not run on a weekly basis. At least 2 new water lines need to be replaced from the main to the stop box due to galvanized pipe lines freezing. There are water lines to be thawed yet, one under concrete parking, so that will make repair more expensive. Todd will continue to work on the Broadway project with engineer Tobin, get warranty work completed on the Ford F450 and continue to move snow as needed.

Mayor's Report: Roger attended the auditor's meeting. He reported a disturbing trend of raising taxes on "crappy" farm ground and lowering taxes on "good" farm ground.

Clerk: provided the Library Board meeting minutes of January 8, 2014 and January library finance report.

Fire Department: Patrick Hoyt said that #246 is in Alexis to move lights, mount a deck gun, add steps, and add switches. Training on radios has begun and radios will be switched over on March 16th. ISO changes will be effective in July.

Old Business: Brady provided the Benefits Manager at Heartland Express with a copy of the Zane Benefits/Zane Health brochures for his review and comment. Mike also contacted Monticello Aviation, Freese Motors and Naylor Seed Company as users of the Zane Plan for their opinion on the company. The Heartland Benefits Manager found nothing unfavorable to report and advised that given the needs of

Springville city employees it appeared that the plan would be of help to the City and to the employees with administrative and taxation services. Mike continued on reporting on conversations with said Monticello employers who all provided favorable comment on Zane Benefits, Inc. Concern was expressed about changes in the plan in the future due to Obama Care/ACA and federal changes due in November 2014. M/by Miller, 2nd by Hoyt directing the clerk to move forward with Paul Davis of Zane Benefits in preparing the paperwork for the Clerk to implement the changes needed to join the plan. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business: Remote Read Meter System: M/by Miller, 2nd/by Hoyt for the clerk to proceed with the bid process to implement a remote meter read system. All ayes, motion carried.

Broadway Project – Sidewalk: Roger explained a new concept for getting the sidewalk up through the park that would eliminate the "steps and handrail system" previously presented to the council. Maintenance will talk with Bob Tobin about the sidewalk grade.

Utility Rate Increases: The Clerk will prepare the ordinances necessary to implement rate increases for water and sewer utilities for the next council meeting.

Alliant, Lease Agreement: M/b Brady, 2nd/b Hoyt to approve the "staging area lease" for storage of materials at the sewer plant for \$250 per month. All ayes, motion carried.

M/b Brady, 2nd/b Sindelar to set the **Public Hearing for Adoption of Proposed FY 2014-15 Budget** on March 24th. All ayes, motion carried.

EMC Insurance City Crime Limit: Tyson of EMC Insurance notified the Clerk of the new underwriting requirements/policy concerning the City's insurable crime limit. EMC will only insure up to \$1,000,000 due to the fact the City does not have an annual audit. Cities not required to have an annual audit present a greater risk to insure and that \$1,000,000 is the highest limit they will provide in case of crime (embezzlement). Bixler was directed to speak with Tyson to see what the City should do at this point.

D&D Tree Service Bid: tabled, Todd to solicit other bids.

Resolution #2-2014: A Corporate Authorization Resolution – mayor tabled to March 24th meeting.

M/by Hoyt, 2nd/by Brady to adopt **Resolution #3-2014: A Resolution to Allocate an Address**. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Notification from Ruan Securities of a name change to DA Davidson, review of Davenport nuisance ordinance compared to the Springville nuisance ordinance and possible changes. Discussion by council regarding the problem of recording of meetings. Todd, Brandon, and Susan were instructed by Sean Williams in the operation of the taping system. Council suggested that there be a clearly written set of instructions so ALL the council would be aware of how the system operates. Council-man Brady suggested that Council person Sindelar take on the task of being taught how to operate the system. Library board president indicated they would like to change their policy to specifically ban E-cigarettes from use within the Library structure.

Next Meeting: March 24th, 6:00 pm. M/b Hoyt, 2nd by Miller to adjourn at 7:10 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

City Council Minutes – March 24, 2014

Mayor Shebetka called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 pm in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Miller, Brady, Hoyt, Sindelar and Ralston. Also present: Deb Yeisley, Kaitlynn Baker, Laura Riley, Jean Menster, Brad Merritt, Dave Raue, Treva Davis, Todd Wyman, Patrick Hoyt, Anthony and Stacy Mason, Mary Jane Helm, Rick Close, Nathan Greene, Scott & Barb Mysak, Theresa Merritt, Marla Carnahan, Sarah Holub, Kim Markley, Jean Schmidt, LeRoy Boland, Shelly Pearson, Jane Kibler, Karen Anderson, Susan Cooper and Atty. Anne Loomis.

Public Hearing: Adoption of Proposed FY 2014-15 Budget. Mayor Shebetka called for oral or written comment, there being none he closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Consent Agenda: M/by Brady, 2nd by Miller to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens with concerns not on the agenda: Karen Anderson inquired if there was a plan to replace the trees that were taken down in the park. Roger replied that the City will be acquiring 2 large trees and a smaller tree such as a flowering crab through Trees Forever to replace the trees that were taken down. Susan Cooper asked if the City would accept donation of a tree. It was noted the City will accept donation of trees however, Park Board President John Keizer should be notified for input on the type of tree that would be appropriate for the park.

Treva Davis stood to commend Brandon and Todd for doing an excellent job in keeping the City streets clean this winter.

Scott Mysak presented a petition from citizens who wished to express their deep dissatisfaction with the performance of council persons Mike Brady and Tom Miller. This group stated they have no confidence in their ability to work cooperatively and effectively with the rest of the City Council and Mayor in order to move forward on the matters of importance to Springville.

Reports: Sheriff: Deputy Grote provided the March 03, 2014 through March 17, 2014 service report. There were 15 calls for service. February hours of service: 100.7.

Maintenance report: The guys have repaired tubing on the Well #3 chlorine pump, continue to deal with frozen water lines, completed the 2013 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), the annual water usage report and continue to work on the mandated drought plan for submittal to the IDNR. In Upper Butler Park they helped take down the Christmas lights and tree, removed the 3 dying/dangerous trees and talked with the engineers about the sidewalk plans for the Broadway Project. Todd talked with LL Pelling about this year's seal coat program, put root out in sewer lines, patched potholes, fixed a light pole at the phone company, called for prices and delivered a culvert, ordered parts to repair Community Center door, marked property pins on 5th Street, warranty work completed on Ford F450 and have started to clean up the snow equipment by getting the salt residue off the equipment. Well #2 measured 2 amps of electricity a sign of the electrolysis problem that is being found in the Midwest. The O-ring for Well #2 is on order. The isolation valve will be taken apart to see why it will not close. Once the well is isolated the check valve will be removed to determine why the valve failed. Todd thinks it will have something to do with the electrolysis due to poor grounding issues. Gates Electric has been contacted to check for this and to help develop a solution to the problem in both wells. Once the grounding issues are resolved council might want to have the motor in Well #2 removed for inspection to avoid the problems incurred with Well #3. If the pipe is damaged as it was in Well #3 it would be advisable to deal with the issues immediately to avoid the damaged pipe and motor falling into the well as it did with Well #3. The department will continue to patch potholes, get the CCR reported formatted for inclusion in the May newsletter, continue work on well #2 and begin seasonal work as permits.

Clerk: provided the Library Board meeting minutes of February 12, 2014 and February library finance report, February overtime report and a report detailing the impact of SF295 on City tax revenues.

Old Business: 2014 Committees & Appointments: Mayor Shebetka designated the following appointments and committees: Mayor pro-tem; Mareta Ralston, City Clerk/Treasurer, Flood Plain Administrator and Zoning Administrator, Economic Development; Karen Bixler, PWD; Todd Wyman, City Atty; Anne Loomis, Sheriff's Department; Linn County, Fire Chief; PJ Hoyt, Newspaper; CR Gazette, City Engineer; Shoemaker & Haaland & MSA Professional Services, Budget & Finance; Hoyt, Ralston, Shebetka & Bixler, BOA; Miller, EMA; Hoyt, Library; Ralston, School liaison; Sindelar, Personnel; Miller, Shebetka, Brady, Parks; Sindelar, Policy; Bixler, Brady, Shebetka & Hoyt, Fire Dept.; Brady, 911 Board; Hoyt, Cemetery; Bixler, Koppenhaver, Brady, Zoning Representative; Miller.

New Business: Approve Teresa Pilipovic to a 2 Year Term as the Rural Representative on the Park Board: M/by Brady, 2nd by Hoyt to appoint

Pilipovic to serve a 2 year term on the Park Board. All ayes, motion carried. Ralston reminded the council that approval of a rural member on the Park Board would set a precedent for other board memberships in the City.

Complaint of Dogs Running at Large: Discussion was held on the complaint received concerning dogs running at large and charging people walking their dogs. Mayor Shebetka's suggested that he be allowed to walk his dog for several days at the same time and on the same route that the complainant follows each morning so that he might identify the residential addresses of the dogs that are not leashed or confined and able to charge/pursue citizens walking. This did not work out as a solution to the problem. Councilman Hoyt thoroughly reviewed Springville Code and pointed out Section 55.05(4) of the Animal Control Ordinance which states that "Reports shall be both justified and verifiable (photographs, sworn statements, etc...). The complainant requests that the City adhere to its' own Code and Councilman Hoyt stated (and Council agreed) that before the complaint is taken any further these requirements of the Code need to be followed. Bixler was directed to send Section 55.05(4) to the resident filing the complaint.

Sidewalk Complaint: Nathan Greene was present to complain about a missing section of sidewalk on Fawn Avenue. His daughter takes this route to school and must walk through snow or mud depending on the weather. Iris Trampe is the neighbor whose property abuts Greene and is missing the partial (20') sidewalk. Iris was also present at the meeting and explained the history of the missing section of sidewalk. The area was cemented at one time as it was a hammerhead turn around, but the cement was torn out when Spring Meadows I subdivision was completed and Spring Meadows II Subdivision was being built. Discussion continued on solving the problem. Bixler will call Backen (developer) for a discussion on the problem.

EMC Insurance City Crime Limit: The Clerk spoke with Tyson Jacobi about the new underwriting requirements for errors and omissions insurance. EMC Insurance has reduced the claim limit from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000. The City has always had a \$1,000,000 limit of liability so no further insurance will need to be Underwritten to supplement the current City policy.

M/by Brady, 2nd by Hoyt to adopt **Resolution #2-2014: A Corporate Authorization Resolution.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried. This resolution allows for Roger Shebetka and Mareta Ralston as new signatories at Exchange State Bank.

M/by Hoyt, 2nd by Ralston to adopt **Resolution #5-2014: A Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried. This resolution allows construction of an electric substation within the "fringe area" (2 miles) of Springville.

M/by Brady, 2nd by Ralston to adopt **Resolution #6-2014: A Resolution Approving City of Springville's Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

M/by Miller, 2nd by Sindelar to approve the 1st reading of **Ordinance #-2014: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2-2011 by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fees for Sanitary Sewer Rates.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried. This amendment raises the sewer minimum \$1 to \$17.50 for 2,000 gallons.

M/by Brady, 2nd by Sindelar to approve the 1st reading of **Ordinance #2-2014: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #1-2011 by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fees for Water Rates and Charges.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried. This amendment raises the price per 1,000 gallons of water 25¢ from \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Correspondence: Notification from Springville Co-operative Telephone Association that council meeting file takes approximately 3 to 4 hours to reach them once the file is sent from google earth. An FYI to the council concerning a resident who slipped and fell on the ice and sustained minor injury.

Next Meeting: April 7th at 6:00 pm. M/by Brady, 2nd by Miller to adjourn at 7:20 pm. All ayes, motion carried

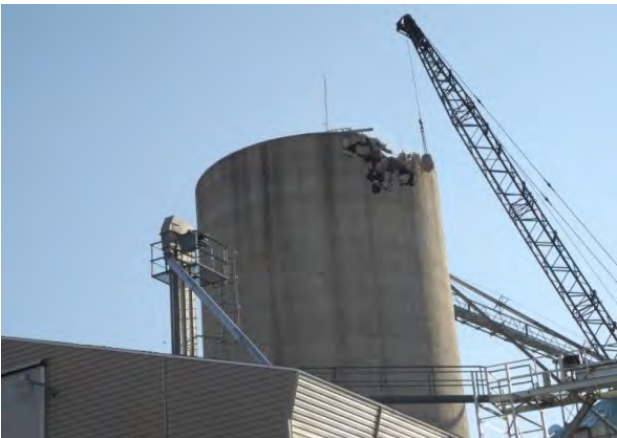
The Fire Department held 2 annual Fish Fry's on March 7th and 21st. This is an important fundraiser for our Fire Department. In case you missed out, here are several photos for your enjoyment. These were taken by our staff photographer, Karen Anderson.



A few of the many people involved with helping with the Fish Fry.



During that evening the Historical Society was also having a Bake Sale in the City Hall council chambers. If you didn't make it, you missed out on some wonderful home baked goods.



There It Goes!!

Who Stole John Foreman's Calves?

A historical story in Jones County, from the book "Tell a Tale of IOWA", by Don Brown

One of the longest and most complicated cases in American legal history started one day in 1874, when S.D. Potter asked his friend Bob Johnson of Jones County to buy him some calves. In the next two decades everybody concerned lived to regret Potter's request. Johnson being a neighborly fellow, set out to oblige his friend and in looking around the town of Olin met a stranger who introduced himself as John Smith. Smith claimed he had some good calves for sale and took Johnson to a farm to look at them. Smith showed Johnson three dark-colored calves and said a fourth one was in the pasture. Johnson liked the animals and bought them, paying cash. Later he drove them to a spot where he was to meet Potter who, according to later testimony, had four light-colored calves in his possession at the time. The calves, light and dark, were all put in a single herd and Potter drove them to the Greene County farm. Everybody went home happy. Then farmer John Foreman discovered that four of his light-colored calves were missing and set out to find them. He had heard that Potter was in town buying calves and rode into Green County to look at this heard. Sure enough, there were his four valves. Potter explained to Foreman he purchased the stolen animals from Johnson, so they set out to see him. They found Bob in Mechanicsville and told him of the missing calves. Johnson related how he had purchased them from John Smith and suggested they should walk over to the new lawyer's office and tell him their problem. Young attorney Charles Wheeler listened to the farmers and, after mulling the matter over awhile, advised Johnson so pay Foreman for the calves and then swear out a warrant against John Smith for his money. Bob agreed to this, gave Foreman his note for \$24 and then took everybody to the tavern for a friendly drink. Afterward Johnson went back to Olin to find John Smith and discovered nobody had ever heard of the stranger or remembered seeing him in town. Though Johnson was to continue his search for 20 years the mysterious Mr. Smith was never to be found. Not long after giving Foreman his note, Bob Johnson heard from a friend that the missing calves were light-colored, whereas the calves he had purchased and delivered to Potter were dark. Bob thought he had been cheated and suspected Potter of stealing Foreman's calves. Accordingly, he refused to pay his note on the grounds that he had received nothing in return and had been deceived. A bank now owned the note and sued Johnson for payment. The first in a long series of courtroom hassles began that resulted in a verdict for the bank and cost the defendant over \$1,000 instead of the original \$24. Just to add fuel to the fire, a new organization was started in Jones County called the Anti-Horse Thief Association. Foreman and Potter were charter members of this little social group and through it brought pressure that resulted in the indictment of Bob Johnson by a grand jury for larceny of Foreman's calves. Meanwhile, Johnson's house caught on fire-through spontaneous combustion, officials said. A hangman's noose was found on his doorstep, and his barn burned to the ground one night-also due to spontaneous combustion! Soon the whole neighborhood was alarmed, causing some farmers to carry firearms as they went about their chores. Friends urged Johnson to take his family and leave Iowa but he refused. Instead he stayed on and fought his legal battle through several trials until a jury finally acquitted him of the larceny charge. Then he went after revenge. He file suit for malicious prosecution against 7 men, including Potter and Foreman, for \$10,000, in order to "get my character back." For the next 20 years the case was to kick around the courts in 5 different counties, be argued by more than a score of lawyers and involve over 100 jurors. Four times the Supreme Court of Iowa reviewed the decision reached by a lower court and reversed it. Before the last loose end of the suit was tied up in 1894, the court costs alone mounted to a staggering \$75,000. But, 6 trials and many years later, Bob Johnson won his lawsuit and received a judgment for \$1,000 against 6 of the 7 defendants. Johnson was exonerated completely in the case of the stolen calves. Bob's faithful attorney, Charles Wheeler, who had stood by him for the entire rugged 20 years, breathed a sigh of relief and would accept for his fee only a broken-down horse and \$100 in cash. His name now cleared, the old farmer went to Anamosa to live out his years and was so respected by the town's citizens they twice elected him mayor. When he died, his fortune recouped and his honor untarnished, the Jones County calf case was only a memory. So all's well that ends well-except for one thing. No one knows yet who stole John Forman's calves.

The Coop is taking down an old cement silo that is deteriorating

Wild Game Feed

Springville American Legion Post 331

April 26th doors open @ 5pm

\$10 at the door

Raffle: 1st Prize: \$1,000

2nd Prize: \$500

3rd Prize: \$500

4th Prize: \$500

Food & Beer



Sump Pumps

As of April 15th all sump pumps are to be removed from the City sanitary sewer line. If you have not done so please remove your sump pump from the sanitary sewer line and direct the hose on to the ground.



Easter Egg Hunt !!

April 19th @ 10 a.m.

At Springville Football Field

For 3rd graders & Under



SPRINGVILLE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #331 BREAKFAST

When: Saturday April 12th. 2014

Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: Springville American Legion

*Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits &
Gravy and Pancakes Milk,
Juice & Coffee*

Cost: \$7 Adult

\$3 Children Ages 10 & Under

Ages 3 And Under Free

Proceeds will help send Kendra Braswell to Girl's State



Whittier Rummage Sale !!

April 17th

8am - 6pm

Bake Sale, lunch/supper items

And lots of
treasures



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

10-NOON

@ 256 BROADWAY



Springville Yearbook Vendor Fair

Saturday April 12, 2014

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Springville High School

400 Academy Street - Springville IA

Free Admission!

Vendor/Craft Fair Booths:

It Works! 31 Bags Scentsy Watkins
Mystic Tutu Norwex Lia Sophia
Tastefully Simple Wild Tree Origami Owl
Creations by Mom EZ Gluten Free Recipes
Pampered Chef Images by Sarah

Lunch will be available for purchase:

Loose Meat Sandwich, chips, desserts, drinks

If you sell something this is not on this list please contact us to get information. Contacts: Sarah Hand @ 319-210-9199 & Teresa Pilipovic @ 319-651-1843



Come one-come all!

To the Springville United Methodist Church

Community Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, March 30, 2014

10:15 to 12:15

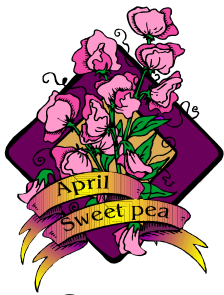
There will be a wonderful variety of breakfast items.

Everyone is invited.

Cost: a free will offering



Happy Easter



April 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Book group 6:30 @ Library	2 	3 Story time 10:30 @ Lib Knitters 1:30pm @ Library	4  GOLD!! Discovered in the Yukon	5 SCTA Supper @ HS
6 CC rental 2:30-4:30 pm	7 Monday Club 6:30 @ B/Room Council Mtg. @ 6 pm G/Scout Mtg. 5:30-7 pm	8 Black Hawk War, 1832 	9 Library Bd. Mtg. 6:30 pm 	10 SEDC 7am @ SSB Park Board 7pm @ CH	11	12 Auxiliary Breakfast 8-11 Meet your Senator @ CC 8:30-9:30
13  4-H mtg. Noon-3pm @ CC	14 Garden Club 6:30 @ CC G/Scout Mtg. 6-7:30 PM @ CC	15 Water Bills & Readings Due Book group 6:30 @ Library	16 	17 Whittier Rummage Sale 8-6 	18  Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM @ football field	19 Book Sale 10-noon @ 256 Broadway Easter Bunny @ Library 11-12:30
20 	21 Council Mtg. @ 6 pm Girl Scout Mtg. 5:30-7 pm #5855/5857	 Earth Day SANSI Board Mtg. 7pm @ CC	23 	24	25 Arbor Day 	26 Wild game feed @ Legion 5 PM 
27 CC rental 10:30-4	28 G/Scout Mtg. 6-7:30 PM @ CC (tr #5854)	29 Civil War 1863, Battle of Chancellorsville	30 			

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