





SPRINGVILLE NEWS¹

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The Bravest

This month I would like to talk about our upcoming Fish Fries! The dates for this year's Fish Fries have been set, and they will be taking place on Friday Feb 20th and Friday March 6th. We will be serving the same as we always have with all-you-can eat fish, baked bean, baked potatoes, and coleslaw. This year we are looking at putting the money raised by this event towards a new gear washer for the station. This is a very important piece of equipment to have, as a set of gear cost us close to \$2,000.00 a set. If this gear is not cleaned after each fire it can rapidly decrease the life expectancy of that set of gear, not to mention place the fire fighter in harm's way the next time he enters a fire with that soot and unburned material remaining on his gear. This can once again reignite inside of a fire. So you can see why this is important for us to get this piece of equipment. We look forward to seeing all of you this year at one of the two Fish Fries. We enjoy spending the time talking with you and serving you.



**ANNUAL FRIENDS OF
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
FISH FRIES**
**FEBRUARY 20TH
MARCH 6TH**
Doors open at 5 PM

Library News

New (to us) Large Print Fiction on Loan from Grinnell Library

Every 6 months we get 59 large print books to keep and check out for our patrons. The Grinnell Library does this as a service to any library in Iowa. This is a great program for us as large print books are costly and this method refreshes our collection every 6 months. Many times they will send authors that we do not have on our shelves so our patrons get to see something different. If it is enjoyed we can look into including this author in our library. Happy reading!

New Adult Fiction

Hope to Die by James Patterson (in book & CD)

The Complete Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

The Dream Trilogy by Nora Roberts

What Alice Forgot by Laine Moriarty

The Darkest part of the Forest by Holly Black

The Mourning Hours by Paula Treick DeBoard

The yada yada Prayer Group Gets Rolling by Neta Jackson

Everything Changes by Jonathan Tropper

Plan B by Jonathan Tropper

Adult non-fiction

Amazing Iowa: Fascinating Facts, Entertaining Tales, Bizarre Happenings, and Historical oddities about the Hawkeye State by Janice Beck Stock

501 Things You Should Have Learned about History Letters from Vietnam

New Piggy an Elephant Books HEY

The Library will have 3 new Piggy and Elephant books by Mo Willems this month – I Am A Frog, My New Friend is So Fun! & Waiting is Not Easy! If you haven't shared a Piggy and Elephant book the time has come.

The New edition of Wapsipinicon Almanac is here, this is a local publication edited and printed by Timothy Fay. I highly recommend it. The stories are all local and I always learn something. I read a story about the Anamosa State Penitentiary. Jane Purcell wrote her memories of staying with her Grandfather Ray Purcell



when he was the warden (1953-1964). Please come in and check an issue out it is timeless. Linda Eldred

WHEN SNOW FALLS PLEASE REMEMBER THIS!!

When conditions of 4" of snow or any ice is predicted, imminent, or exist on the traffic surface of the street, Please **do not park** your vehicles along any streets. This allows the snowplows and sanders to get through early in the morning.

- ◆ If you must park on the street, please move the vehicles as soon as possible.
- ◆ Do not blow or shovel snow into the street. Pile it in your yard. The snow you place in the street requires another pass from the snowplow and it will just end up in your own driveway when they go by.



A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started." Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster." Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he says with a deep sigh "Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."



From the Past - Historical Feature

The Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) will meet Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the SAHS building. Everyone interested in local history is invited. Guests are always welcome, whether or not they decide to join. Twelve members and two guests met Jan. 13. Various interesting items were donated. One was a birthday book signed by about 326 persons, most of them from the Whittier area. Many signatures date from the 1880s. The book, which belonged to Ida B. Emmons, was given by president Bev Franks. Dave and Eleanor Kelley donated an old mill scene printed on glass, advertising Christman's Hardware Store. This business was founded in 1863 as a general store by John Christman. After his death in 1889, his son Leonard became owner. He began selling only hardware in 1921. Leonard died in 1941; the store continued until 1954. (*Photo in Springville Centennial History, Page 64.*) Jean Schmidt, secretary-treasurer, gave SAHS several artifacts including an embroidered table runner, a Springville High School centennial plate (1986), and an undated campaign poster from former Springville resident Harriett McGrew's run for the Iowa House of Representatives. Kelly Schmidt showed several photographs he obtained online, including a stereopticon dual picture of a very substantial footbridge across Big Creek in Springville. The tower of the 1882 school is visible in the background. Historian Karen Taylor cited the 1878 and 1911 Linn County histories as evidence that Springville is the only name the town has had. She also read a Feb. 6, 1879, letter to John McShane of Springville from his nephew in Central City, Colo. The original letter is owned by Aubrey McShane, 98, great-grandnephew of John McShane. Also attending the Jan. 13 meeting were Doug Beard, Kimball Behning, Wes Bender, Rick Heeren, Pat Rose, Duane Schlatter, and guests Jason Deppe and his son Quenten, 18 months.

Springville Residents Survived Massacre

A mother and daughter who came to Springville in 1853 were survivors of the Fort Dearborn Massacre, also called the Battle of Fort Dearborn, 41 years earlier. Susannah, or Susan, Millhouse Simmons Redenbaugh lost her first husband in the massacre and her second in Ohio. Her only surviving child, also Susan, was a baby when the massacre took place. The younger Susan grew up in Ohio and married Moses Pryor



Winans. He and their nine children, ages 4 to 24, also came to Iowa in 1853. The elder Susan died Feb. 27, 1857; she is buried in the Springville Cemetery. The tombstone gives her age as 79 years, 9 months and 24 days. This suggests she was born May 3, 1777 – but some other sources say the year was 1787.

Tragedy in August 1812

Fort Dearborn was built in 1803 near Lake Michigan, where Chicago is today. On Aug, 15, 1812, about 93 soldiers, women and children evacuated the fort, bound for Fort Wayne, Ind. They had traveled less than two miles when some 500 Indians ambushed their caravan. Susan Simmons witnessed the slaying of her husband John, 22, and son David, 2 ½. More than 50 Americans were killed in the brief battle. The two Susans were taken prisoner. Over the next seven and a half months, Susan Simmons was forced to walk roughly 1,300 miles, carrying her baby. The route was



north to Green Bay, Wis., then back down the west side of Lake Michigan, around its south end, and north to Mackinac, Mich.; then to Detroit, and last to Fort Meigs, near Toledo, Ohio, arriving in late March 1813. There the captives were freed. They returned in mid-April to relatives near Dayton, Ohio, who had mourned them as dead. Safe after enduring unspeakable hardships, the mother wept continually for many weeks. Eventually her life became stable, and she remarried Jan. 20, 1820. Her second husband, John Redenbaugh, was a veteran of the War of 1812. He died in August 1847, and six years later, his widow moved to Iowa. Leaving Ohio after 40 years must have been difficult – but not as terrible as her ordeal of 1812 and '13.

Springville to Santa Ana, California

The daughter, Susan Winans, lived in Springville 35 years. Her husband was one of four men who had the town platted in March 1856. Moses and Susan saw eight of their nine children marry, and all five sons enlist for the Civil War – Hiram, William, and David in 1871. At age 76, in 1888, she moved to Santa Ana, Calif., to live with her youngest child, Lydia Katherine Glenn. Lydia and her husband had left Springville in 1887, but their son Earl stayed to finish high school here. He graduated in spring 1888, and he and his grandmother probably went to California together. Before Susan Winans died April 27, 1900, she was recognized as the last survivor of the Fort Dearborn Massacre. The Los Angeles Herald wrote, "She was a lady of vast reminiscence, and retained her faculties unimpaired until the time of her death."

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Co. H, 24th Iowa Infantry; John Simmons (named for his grandfather who perished at Fort Dearborn) in Co. K, 134th Ohio Infantry; and Lewis, Co. I, First Colorado Cavalry. All survived the war, but in 1864 their 27-year-old sister Esther (Mrs. William Goodlove) died at Springville. Susan Winans lost her husband in1871. At age 76, in 1888, she moved to Santa Ana, Calif., to live with her youngest child, Lydia Katherine Glenn. Lydia and her husband had left Springville in 1887, but their son Earl stayed to finish high school here. He graduated in spring 1888, and he and his grandmother probably went to California together. Before Susan Winans died April 27, 1900, she was recognized as the last survivor of the Fort Dearborn Massacre. The Los Angeles Herald wrote, "She was a lady of vast reminiscence, and retained her faculties unimpaired until the time of her death."
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Second Tragedy for Susan Simmons

A year after Susan Millhouse Simmons saw her husband and son killed at Fort Dearborn, Ill., she lost her sister and brother-in-law. On Aug. 18, 1813, Barbara and Henry Dillbone were slain by an Indian as they harvested flax on their farm near Piqua in Miami County, western Ohio. Three Dillbone children – John 7; Priscilla, 3, and William, 9 months – were at the edge of the flax field and saw the killings. Their sister Margaret, 5, had returned to the house for water. The attacker fled when he heard a nearby rifle shot, so the children survived. Neighbors rescued them and gave them homes. Priscilla died at 13; the other three lived to adulthood.

Community Center Events

WACKY WEDNESDAY

On February 11th, there will be music and bingo from 11am-12pm at the Springville Community Center. Lunch by Horizons: \$3.50 per person. Noon to 12:30 pm, serving lemonade or milk. Please specify your choice of beverage at the time of your RSVP which is the day before (Tuesday) by noon. Dessert is provided. On February 25th, there will be 'Fresh Conversations' from 11:30 to noon (a nutrition education program with food sampling). Lunch by Horizons: 12-12:30pm (and Lemonade) Dessert is provided by Witwer. \$3.50 per person. Witwer Board Game Bonanza is 12:45-2pm (Scrabble, Cribbage and Rummy Cube) Contact Janet by noon on February 23rd for lunch reservations. Sponsored by the Witwer Healthy Aging Program



Lindale Mall recently award \$20000 to 15 local high schools at the conclusion of the annual School Cents program. Between Oct. 12 and Dec 21 2014 shoppers awarded points to their favorite participating school by turning in their receipts. Springville High School came in first place and received \$7100, Alburnett was second and received \$4100, and Central City came in third and received \$2000. Congratulations!!



WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS BRAD MERRITT

OUR NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Shown being sworn into office by clerk Karen Bixler. Brad is a lifelong resident of the Springville area, he and his wife Teresa live and have raised two children in our school district.

City Council Minutes – January 12, 2015

Mayor Shebetka called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6 pm in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Brady, Hoyt, Ralston and Sindelar.

Oath of Office/Seat Councilmember Brad Merritt: Election winner Brad Merritt was given the Oath of Office and seated as a new council member.

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

Public Forum: none.

Reports- Sheriff: Council reviewed the Sheriff's Department service log for December 1, 2014 through January 1, 2015. There were 48 calls for service. December hours of service: 106.70.

Public Works Maintenance Report: Council reviewed Todd's written maintenance report. The lift station pump failed. Parts are on order from Gates Electric. The recent snow storm dumped 6.5" of snow on the ground. The guys were able to stay on top of it by getting out on the streets early.

Deputy Clerk: Kim Donaldson gave an update on the status of the FEMA claim. Category A (1st 30 days) is completed and the paperwork for Category B and F has been given to the FEMA rep. The city is considered a small claim as the total claim will be under \$127,000. Claim estimates are approved under this category and restoration projects are not required to be completed under the 180 completion requirement. The project should be wrapped up soon, as the federal government wants this portion of Iowa completed.

Mayor: Roger informed the Council that he had a conversation with MSA engineers on the sewer lining that remains to be completed within Springville. The engineers related that Springville might want to include up-sizing of the lift station in the project. On a different subject, Roger noted that it is state mandated that cities provide recycling to its residents and therefore must charge each customer for the service. That charge cannot be removed from the utility bill if a resident chooses not to utilize the service. Also, that Springville Zoning Code requires a permit to be obtained before construction begins. A home-owner that chooses to by-pass this requirement, even after repeated requests from City Hall to complete a building permit will be reported to the Linn County Assessor's Office.

Mike Brady reported he has received complaints about snowmobiles crossing private property. Mayor Shebetka and City Hall noted they have also received complaints. Please try to get make and color of the offending snowmobiles or color of their helmets in order to forward this information to the Sheriff's Department.

Old Business-

Move Fun Day Games: Discussion was held on moving the Fun Day games to a different storage location and also moving the Friends of the Library to a new location other than the 256 Broadway building. Council also discussed the financial aspects of sale of the property versus retaining ownership of the property. Mayor Shebetka charged the Council with making individual decisions on retaining or selling the property as this question will be an agenda item on the January 19th Council Meeting. Mareta Ralston noted that should the Council decide to list the property with a realtor that it should be put out to bid for the most favorable commission rate.

New Business:

28 E Shared Road Snow and Maintenance Agreement with Linn County: Todd spoke with the Council on the changes to this agreement. Changes being minimal, m/by Brady, 2nd/by Hoyt to accept the 28 E Agreement as received. All ayes, m/c.

Rate Quotes for Remote Read Meter System: Discussion was held on the number of specialty meters needed for businesses in town and what each of these meters would cost. Also, on the total amount of funding needed and if a loan could be paid off in 5 years. M/by Brady, 2ndby Sindelar to accept the low bid of 2.759 % interest rate for a 10 year tax exempt loan quoted by Exchange State Bank. All ayes, m/c. Bixler to estimate loan amount by the next meeting.

Linn County Sheriff's 28E Agreement for FY 2015-16: Council discussed the proposed \$1 per hour rate

increase to \$32 per hour, quality of service and number of hours contracted for. M/by Hoyt, 2ndby Sindelar to approve the agreement. All ayes, m/c.

Review Acquisition Plat for Kelley: Council review the corrected plat submitted by Brain Engineering, Inc.

Engineering Services for Big Creek Bank Stabilization: Bob Tobin was present for discussion with the Council on the bridge/bank stabilization project. The project is necessary due to the June 30, 2014 flood. The project will be paid in part from FEMA funding. M/by Brady, 2ndby Hoyt to approve the engineering agreement with Shoemaker and Haaland in the amount of \$6,905. All ayes, m/c.

Broadway Phase 4 Project: Discussion not limited to; timeline for the project, placement of the decorative lighting, using excess soil for the 6th Street sidewalk project, cost estimates, etc...

Set Budget Work Sessions: tabled until next meeting.

M/by Hoyt, 2ndby Brady to approve **Resolution #24-2014; A Resolution Approving the Purchase of Real Estate** (Carnahan property). Roll call vote; all ayes, m/c.

M/by Sindelar 2nd/by Ralston to approve **Resolution #25-2014; A Resolution Accepting Acquisition Plat A for Kelley.** Roll call vote; all ayes, m/c.

Correspondence: none.

Next meeting: January 19, 2015.

M/b Brady, 2nd/b Hoyt to adjourn at 7:27 pm. All ayes, m/c.

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City Council Minutes - January 19, 2015

Mayor Shebetka called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 pm in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Brady, Hoyt, Ralston, and Merritt. Sindelar was absent.

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

Public Forum: Deb Vaughn was present to provide the council with information concerning Iowa solid waste code and radio read meters.

Lena Gilbert reminded the council that today is Martin Luther King Day and gave the Council copies of King's speech "I Have a Dream".

Reports - Sheriff: The Deputy provided the service log for January 1, 2015 through January 19, 2015. There were 9 calls for service. December hours of service: 109.50.

Public Works Maintenance Report: Council reviewed Todd's written maintenance report. Todd also noted they will no longer burn brush in the city limits, but rather haul it away and/or have it chipped. Discussion was held on the 3 hydrants that need to be replaced.

Clerk: Bixler reported on preliminary estimates (\$115,000 to \$200,000) for the remote read meter project. Bixler has been in touch with the bonding company and got that process started. Reports: Library Board Meeting minutes of December 10, 2015 and gross wages for 2014.

Old Business - 256 Broadway: Mayor Shebetka tasked each council member with making a decision on either putting the 256 Broadway property up for sale or retaining the property. A Comparative Market Analysis was completed by Skogman realtors Beth Brinks and Lena Gilbert. Sale value of the 256 Broadway property (parking lot not included) was determined to be approximately \$86,000. Merritt, Ralston, Brady and Hoyt each indicated they felt the city should retain the property. Mayor Shebetka related that city hall needs to be moved at some point, Brady voiced concern about losing approximately \$90,000 on the property, Hoyt would still like to see a business on the ground floor and Ralston stated that with money stilled owed on the property that the profit margin would not net enough money to warrant the sale of the property. Therefore, no action will be taken on the sale of the property at this time.

New Business -MSA: Joe Elsinger presented the council with a conceptual plan for a multi-use trail. The plan is segmented into 4 trails connected together so a single section can be completed at a time. Total estimated cost for the entire project is \$1,902,000. This amount is without grant funding, donated

materials or labor or changes to the plan. Discussion was held with the council on the plan. It was noted the project could not proceed without grant funding.

Mat spoke with the council on the sewer system. He highlighted what was accomplished in the first phase of the project and explained the repairs that still need to be accomplished. The first phase of the renovation was financed by a CDBG grant and money borrowed from the State Revolving fund. The second CDBG grant application was denied stating that the repairs listed on the grant application were maintenance items that should be funded from the sewer operating fund. Discussion continued on expanding the project in order to meet the scope of criteria required to apply for a grant, grant deadline dates, and the need for another Low to Moderate Income (LMI) survey.

Solid Waste Ordinance: Council discussed the burn ban amendment to the solid waste ordinance and how it affected the city’s right to burn the disaster waste material from the summer storm. Obtaining a burn permit from Linn County would be ineffectual as it would be violating the city’s own burn ordinance. This item will remain on “Old Business” section of the agenda for further discussion

Approve Application for Tax Abatement: Motion was made by Ralston, second by Hoyt approving the tax abatement request for 710 Wild Pine Court in Spring Meadows III. All ayes, motion carried.

Appointments & Committees: M/b Brady, 2nd/b Hoyt to approve appointments and committees for 2015. All ayes, m/c.

Review YTD Financial Status: Council reviewed the December 31, 2014 fiscal year to date fund balances. **Budget**

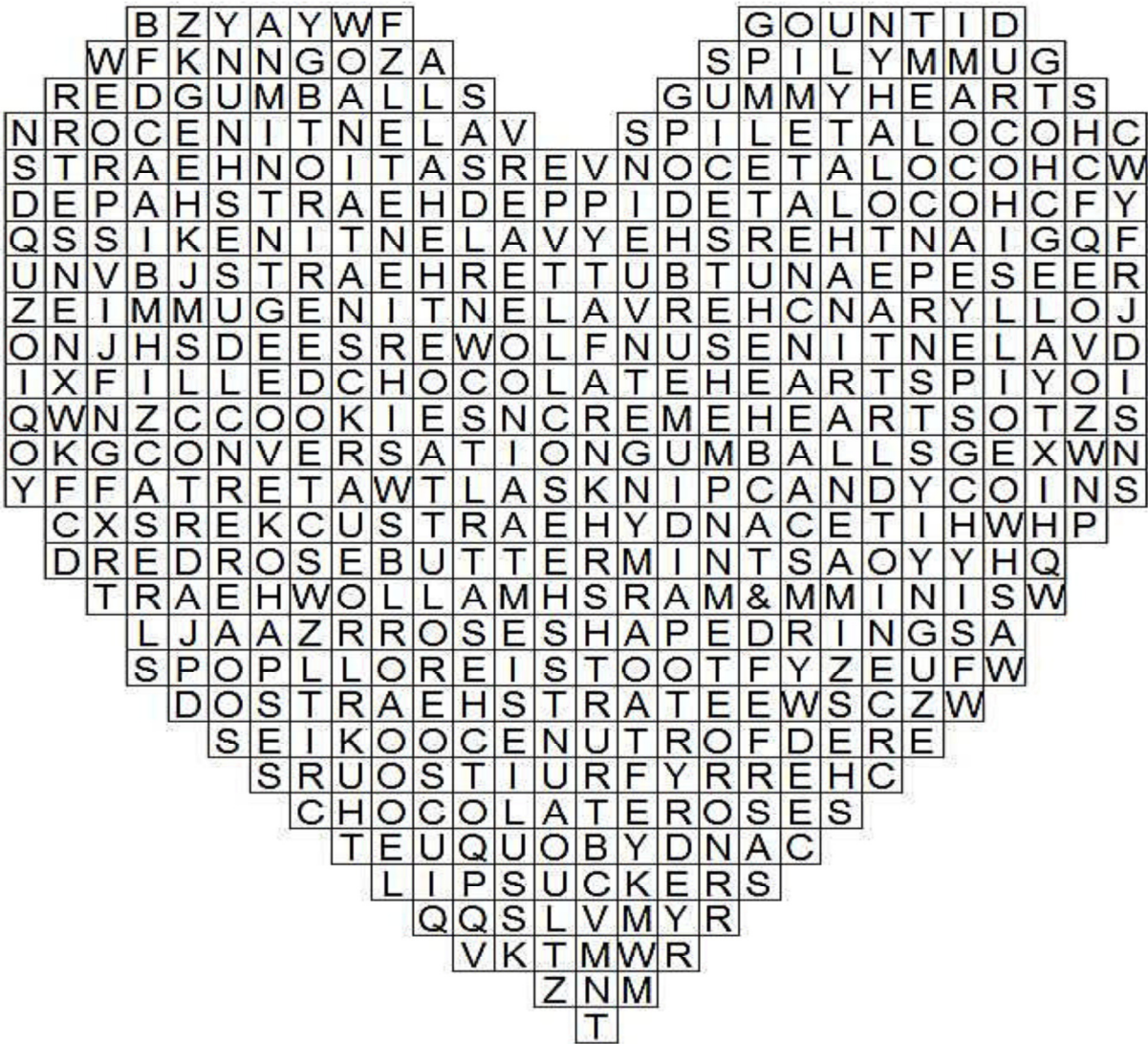
Work Sessions: Council will meet every Monday in February for budget work sessions and schedule extra meetings as necessary.

Correspondence: none.

Next meeting: January 29, 2015.

M/by Brady, 2nd by Hoyt to adjourn at 7:28 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Valentine's Day Treats



candy bouquet	giant hershey valentine kiss	red gumballs
candy coins	gummy hearts	red rose buttermints
cherry fruit sours	gummy lips	reese peanut butter hearts
chocolate conversation hearts	heart suckers	rose shaped rings
chocolate dipped heart shaped	jolly rancher valentine gummie	sweetarts hearts
chocolate lips	lip suckers	tootsie roll pops
chocolate roses	m & m minis	valentine corn
conversation gumballs	marshmallow heart	valentine sunflower seeds
cookies n creme hearts	pink salt water taffy	white candy hearts
filled chocolate hearts	red fortune cookies	

Springville Community School Facilities Community Meeting

February 4, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend the upcoming community meeting. It will be held at the secondary school on February 4th at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the first meeting was to have community members share in the discussion of the needs of the school district as it relates to facilities.

SECOND MEETING

The purpose of the second meeting will be to share out the findings from both the facilities study and the first community meeting.

Duane Van Hemert and Sam Harding from Iowa Schoolhouse Construction and Planning Services (ISCPS) will be leading these meetings. The Board hired ISCPS in November and their services include:

- an unbiased assessment of all facilities
- determining different possibilities and prioritizing needs
- holding two community meetings to gather input from community members, answering questions, and addressing concerns.

The timeline is to complete the facilities study and hold community meetings in January and February, with a report due to the board during the February



BENEFIT FOR

MARK

DIRKS



MARCH 14, 2015

12 TO 5 PM

AT THE SPRINGVILLE AMERICAN LEGION

THERE WILL BE -

AN AUCTION OF DONATED ITEMS

A 50/50 DRAWING

A BAKE SALE

A \$7.00 DONATION MEAL CONSISTING OF-


SLOPPEY JOES, CHIPS, BAKED BEANS, WITH COFFEE OR LEMONADE

ANY QUESTIONS OR DONATIONS CONTACT ROGER AT 854-7771



February 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 On this day in 1790, the start of the US Supreme Court	2 Council Mtg 6 PM @ CH Monday Club 6:30 PM B/R	3 Book Club 6:30 PM @ Lib	4 G/ Scouts Troop 5855 @ CC 4:45 to 5:45 PM 	5 Story Time 10:30AM @ Lib Knitters 1PM @ Library Park BD Mtg 7 PM @ CH Friends of Lib Bd Mtg 6:30 pm	6	7 In 1940, the movie Pinocchio was released.
8 4-H 7 PM @ CC 	9 Girl Scouts 6PM @ CC	10 SAHS meeting 6:30 PM	11 Library Board 6:30 pm in B/Room 	12 Park Board Mtg 6PM CH Abraham Lincoln's birthday Born – 1809	13 The final Peanuts Comic strip was published In 2000	14 
15 Crafternoon 2-5 pm @ Library	16 Council Mtg 6 PM @ CH Meter Reads & Utility Bills Due	17 Book Club 6:30PM @ Library	18  G/Scout Troop 5855 @ CC 4:45 pm	19	20 FISH FRY! 	21 Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965
22 George Washington's Birthday Born 1732	23 Girl Scouts 6PM @ CC	24 SANSI board mtg 7 PM @ CC	25 The Colt Revolver was invented 1836 	26	27 Elizabeth Taylors Birthday 1932	28

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