



SpringVILLE NEWS

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The Bravest



It is with much respect and deep sadness that I write this article this month. As most of you may know Springville Fire and Rescue lost two of its members over the past month. Ray Wyman passed away on May 3. Ray Wyman joined Springville Fire and Rescue on Sept 1, 1957, during that time he served in many capacities, the highest being as Chief of

Springville Fire and Rescue. He also served as a mentor to many young and aspiring firefighters just starting out. He was one of those that you could always go to with most any question pertaining to the fire service and he would have an answer for you. Ray, also brought with him his two sons Doug Wyman and Todd Wyman, who have also served the community of Springville, but it didn't stop there. Doug brought with him two sons Cal Wyman and Curt Wyman. Cal is currently working as a full time firefighter/paramedic for Mason City, IA. Curt still lives and actively serves the community of Springville as an Asst. Chief for Springville Fire and Rescue. Todd Wyman brought with him his daughter Katie Wyman, who started out with Springville Fire and Rescue as a junior firefighter and then gained full membership after her graduation from high school. Katie is now a full time student and athlete playing softball for Wartburg College. Ray Wyman was a true firefighter and dedicated member of Springville Fire and Rescue and will be greatly missed by all that had the opportunity to know him.

Springville Fire also lost Kevin McCallum on May 12th. Kevin was a new member to Springville Fire and Rescue. He was currently completing his probationary year with the department, but that does not mean he was new to the fire service. Kevin had also served on Troy Mills Fire, Center Point Ambulance, and was also a CPR and First Aid instructor. Kevin was always one that was willing to help in any way he could. He worked as an electrician when he wasn't spending time with his family or answering a call. Kevin will be greatly missed by all.



Springville Fire and Rescue has been very busy this year. I want to thank all the members for giving of their time to serve the community of Springville. I hope that everyone knows and understands just how much these men and women do on a strictly volunteer basis. There have been many times I have heard the question, why do you do this? I answer the same way every time. If WE didn't I am not sure who would. Remember this when you see these men and women and maybe just say thank you, that to them means more than anything else in the whole world. Please don't hesitate to come to one of the members with any of your comments or concerns pertaining to Springville Fire and Rescue, I have given my contact information more than once and can be found out and about in the community, if there is something you feel needs to be said to the membership we hold regular business meetings the first Thursday of each month and will be more than willing to listen to your concerns at one of these meetings.

Patrick Hoyt Jr.

LIBRARY NEWS & CALENDAR

Every Thursday @ 10:30 Story Time for all ages
Every Thursday @1:00 Knit & crochet by the fireplace
Book Group-1st & 3rd Tuesday of month @ 6:30

June 10th-FIZZ BOOM READ SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

June 11th-Library Board Meeting 6:30 PM

June 17th-1:30-2:30 Fizz Boom Read with Kristin Simon

June 24th-1:30-2:30 Bill Desmarais-Dinosaur Hunter

SUMMER READING IS HERE!

Fizz, Boom, Read for ALL Ages!

The Springville Memorial Library offers a 10 week program starting June 10 thru August 12. A full summer of fun is scheduled. The theme will feature many different subjects with a science focus. As always the summer reading program's goal is to raise and maintain our reading skills during the summer. Studies have shown that the child who puts the book down during the summer only to start in again in the fall has to play catch-up. We try to keep interest in reading by offering programs, reading logs and fun activities with great prizes all summer long. EVERY Tuesday@ 1:30-2:30 an activity day is scheduled AND EVERY Thursday @10:30 Story Time for all ages. Come for a summer of friends, fun, family and prizes.

American Revolutionary War Collection @ the Library

The Springville Area Historical Society recognized a historical anniversary in May. Welcome to Brown Township Nathan Brown! The library has a very nice collection of books dealing with the subject of the Revolutionary War and events that led up to our Independence. A list of the offerings can be seen at the Circulation Desk at the library. Check it out!

Kristin Simon from ECICOG @ the Library on June 17th

Kristin comes to our library every year during the summer to inform us and entertain us with fun subjects having to do with our environment. This year promises to be a GAS! With "Walter the Farting Dog goes on a Cruise" I am sure we will be wowed and informed. The program starts at 1:30 and goes till 2:30.

Bill Desmarais, the Dinosaur Hunter @the Library on June 24th

Bill is coming back to the library again this year and will share his dinosaur hunting stories. Last year he brought his rocks & minerals and presented a great program. Bill is a member of the Cedar Valley Rock & Mineral Society and we are very pleased to have him visit our library.

Buresh Room is Available for Rental

We are very happy with the Buresh Room rentals. In case you are not familiar with this community room it has 8 tables and 50 chairs for use along with a catering kitchen and a side bar with outlets all along counter. This room can be rented anytime whether the library is open or not. Rental is 35.00 for 4 hours and 15.00 if an additional 2 hours if needed. Some of the rentals this past year were graduations, class reunions, baby showers, bridal showers, birthdays, wedding gift opening, candle parties, domino club, photographer shoot, staff meetings, family reunions (Christmas & Easter). We offer a special rate (15.00) for non-profit such as Garden Club, Monday Club, Cub Scouts. Some of the comments we have received: easy parking, I don't have to get my house ready, it was so clean and modern, so relaxing, and our favorite, we will be back again. This is a great income for your library so think of us for all your rental needs.

Have Some Time This Summer?

We are always looking for helpers here at the library especially for our summer reading activities. Call or come in and visit with the staff or call 8546444. Just an hour a week is helpful. Do you like to read to children? Help with crafts? Arrange and serve snacks? Shelf books? We have many things going on this summer and lots of different opportunities to volunteer.

REMINDEERS

➤ 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 office 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 June 16th.

➤ 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.**

Cemetery clean-up project



On Sunday, May 4th St. Isidore's High School Religious Education students helped with the clean-off of the Springville cemetery. In no particular order they were: Brady Barner, Jacob Loehr, John Evens, Elizabeth Chapman, Nicole Miller, Christine Hoogland, Sophia Stolte, Sarah Stolte (parent), Jerry Chapman (parent), Michele Loehr (parent)

It's Coming!!

SPRINGVILLE CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE DAY June 14th 8am-4pm

Signup forms will be available at City Hall and on the city website. All forms must be turned into City Hall by Monday, June 2nd at 5pm.

Payment of **\$5.00** is required along with the completed form. Garage Sale signs and maps will be available for participants on June 11th at City Hall.

Advertisement will be in: Linn Newsletter, Town Crier, Penny Saver, Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Sun, Springville Newsletter, local cable channels, and signs will be posted in neighboring towns.

Maps will be available at Casey's, Springville Station and at all registered garage sale sites. Call City Hall @854-6428 with any questions.



Historical Feature

1910 letter recalls pioneer, Civil War days

Letter writing today has been all but engulfed by electronic communication. Luckily, some old letters still exist, with a wealth of history and nostalgia. A letter written by LaVerne Noyes of Chicago to longtime friends George W. Post and his wife Mary of Viola is an example. Dated Jan. 15, 1910, it recollects events beginning 56 years earlier. Noyes wrote, in part:

"My dear friends, It was with strong feelings of delight that I received your reminders of my last birthday.

There is no one outside of my family whom I have known so long as George. When we pulled up at your home, northeast of Springville, in '54 (1854), and slept in our prairie schooner for three weeks, anchored near your house, I was a kid of five.

"In the years that I have been in Chicago, there has been nothing that memory has brought back to me so often as that house, the little creek and the prairie schooner standing nearby, and perhaps next to that, our removal to Springville for a few months; later, the Post family as our nearest neighbors on the Brown township line, and later, the somewhat weird start of Father with the team, and my brother Samuel and George (Post) aboard, to go to Muscatine to join the 24th Iowa. You may have forgotten that you left our house about 4 o'clock in the morning for the ride of 65 miles in a day, to reach the camp. It all comes back to me as if it were but yesterday . . . Very sincerely yours, LaVerne W. Noyes."

Background: George Post was born in 1843, LaVerne Noyes in 1849. Noyes' older brother, Samuel J. Noyes, a fellow soldier of George Post, was killed in the Civil War Battle of Champion Hill, May 18, 1863. Post died in 1912, two years after receiving this letter. Noyes lived until 1919. The letter was published in the Springville New Era Jan. 20, 1910.

Historical Society

The Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) will have its next regular meeting Tuesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the SAHS building, next door to City Hall. Anyone interested in local history is welcome.

Ten persons attended the May 13th meeting. Kimball Behning reported that the SAHS electronic archives committee had met May 11th, and he outlined a proposal to establish an SAHS website. The group voted to have him proceed with plans as stated, and also approved of his suggestion to obtain a Facebook site.

President Bev Franks announced the recent purchase of two mannequins for displaying historic garments. One is now clothed in a 1950s Springville High School cheerleading outfit, the gift of Peg Mason Ewart of Cedar Rapids.

Dave and Eleanor Kelley were present and donated three old extension yardsticks, advertising Ralph Hunte's furniture store, Springville Co-Op Elevator, and Castle's, a former Marion business. SAHS is grateful for these artifacts.

The group finalized plans for "Welcome to Brown Township, Nathan Brown" May 17 at the Springville Cemetery. On that date 175 years ago, the 78-year-old Revolutionary War veteran arrived here. Also discussed were plans for an SAHS display at Community Day June 27 at the Linn County Fair in Central City.

Historian Karen Taylor spoke briefly about five (possibly six) other persons interred in the Brown cemetery lot with Nathan and Tamar Brown and their son and daughter-in-law, Horace and Julia Chapman Brown. Five were Chapman relatives of Julia Brown. The other was Patrick "Paddy" Killen, Irish native, Civil War veteran and long-time employee of Horace Brown. Secretary-treasurer Jean Schmidt noted that Julia Chapman Brown was her great-great-great-aunt. Julia's brother, Nathaniel Chapman, was Jean's ancestor.

An idea for a public program, "What Can (and Can't) Property Abstracts Tell You?" was suggested. It could be presented in July or August, depending on the speaker's availability.

The group planned to send a card to SAHS members Merle and Harriett McGrew, who have moved from Springville to Summit Pointe in Marion. Others present May 13 were Jim Crow, vice president; Doug Beard; Pat Rose; and Steve Shaffer.

Findings from Tamar Brown's estate

Tamar Brown, widow of Revolutionary War veteran Nathan Brown, died March 25, 1867. The Genealogical Society of Linn County has a microfilmed probate file of her estate, showing that her will was read in open court April 2, 1867. However, the Brown family monument, commissioned by son Horace 19 years later, misstates her year of death as 1868.

Tamar left her estate to Horace and his four full sisters, Maria, Betsy, Harriet and Amanda. The four children of her earlier marriages to Mr. Lane and Mr. Sammons were not mentioned. Son Thomas Sammons died in Wisconsin in about 1857. His full brother Ira was living in Napa County, Calif., when Tamar died. Their half-brother, Hiram Lane, was probably in Woodbury County, Iowa, and Hiram's sister, Catherine Lane White, was with her Methodist missionary husband in either northern California or Oregon.

Another finding from the probate file: Tamar, who lived to be 88, was illiterate – not unusual for women of her era. She signed her name with an X.

To Iowa by covered wagon in 1856

Oscar J. Pearson was a child of 5 when he came to Iowa from Ohio in a covered wagon with his parents, George and Hanna Balderston Pearson, and his siblings. The 1856 journey was made with eight or ten other families.

A Cedar Rapids Gazette-Republican article featured Oscar and his wife, Nancy Kirby Pearson, when they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March 14, 1931. Oscar recalled playing with Indian children as he herded cattle on the prairie. He also told of winter visits to Indian camps on the Wapsipinicon River.

The Pearsons had three children: May (Mrs. Berlin), Ada (Mrs. William Palmer), and Seward Pearson. Oscar died in 1933 at age 82; Nancy in 1942 at 90.



SEDC

Springville Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) continues to focus on promoting our beautiful community. We are currently working on a 2nd commercial with OnMedia that will play on Mediacom Cable in the Cedar Rapids corridor area. If you have not seen our first commercial "Welcome To Springville", you can go to Youtube.com and type in that title and thank you to **Black Hills Energy** who donated \$500.00 towards this project. At our last meeting, we also approved \$250.00 sponsorship again to the Springville Extreme Quarry Run which is on August 9th. SEDC meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00am at Security State Bank, Springville. We encourage you to be a member whether you are a business or individual. Business Memberships start at \$100/year and Individual Memberships are only \$25.00/year. For any questions about our organization, please contact President Joel Rochleau at 854-7050 or visit our website at www.springville-sedc.org.



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 May 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.

City Council Minutes – May 05, 2014

Mayor Pro-Tem Ralston 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. Mayor Shebetka was absent. Also present: Kaitlyn Baker, Dave Rowe, Jean Menster, Karen Anderson, Treva Davis, Janet Evans, Jane Kibler, Deb Yeisley, Deb Vaughn, Laura Riley, Marla Carnahan, Kimm, Epperson, Randy Kelley, Kellie Byers, Dan Sinclair and Brandon French.

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

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Library Board President Treva Davis announced that the library is partnering with Chili's Restaurant for a fundraising event that gives back to non-profit organizations such as the library. Davis provided vouchers that may be presented to a local Chili's Restaurant and 15% of the purchase price of the meal will benefit the Springville Library from April 19, 2014 through August 31, 2014.

Kimm Epperson of 2890 Springville Road questioned the Council on the application from Alliant Energy requesting a Conditional Use Permit. The permit is for the construction of an electric distribution substation within the fringe-area policy agreement as contained in the **City/County Strategic Growth Plan**. Epperson lives next to the proposed site of the substation which will be accessible by a gravel lane. Kimm wanted to know if there was a conversation with Alliant about alternate sites before the resolution of acceptance was passed. It was explained to Kimm that the project is within the 2 mile limit that allows the City to review and approve zoning items brought to the county within that area. There was no one in attendance at the meeting, including Alliant. Therefore, the Zoning Board of Adjustment based their decision on the material supplied by Alliant.

Reports: Sheriff: Deputy Egli provided the service log for April 21, 2014 through May 5, 2014. There were 14 calls for service. April hours: 107.0.

Maintenance Report consisted of: continuing to fill potholes, meeting with the engineers on the Broadway project, Iowa One Calls, continuing to discharge at the lagoons and taking samples, summer equipment is ready for mowing, cleaning up storm damage (downed branches and limbs) at Graham and Emmons Park, and continuing repair of frozen water lines. The Ex-Mark mower will need to go back to Rexco to have the left side motor pump rebuilt.

Clerk: reported on meeting with Dave Loy of United Way and working with Diana Young of Horizons in trying to continue the "Fuel Up" free lunch program for this summer. Springville has been approved for the program with the program to take place at the Community Center. Start date, end date and time of serving are to be determined.

Old Business: 28E Agreement for Salt Purchase: tabled, due to the absence of Todd and Roger.

New Business: Remote Read Meters: Dan Sinclair of Metering and Technology Solutions was present with information on handheld radio read utility systems. According to the CIP, conversion to a radio read meter system is scheduled for completion in fiscal year 2014-15. Todd and Karen have been meeting with vendors to determine the best system for Springville.

Copier Maintenance Agreement: M/b Hoyt, 2nd/b Miller to accept the maintenance agreement for the term of one year with per copy amount of .007 for black and white copies and .055 per copy for color. All ayes, motion carried. The price per copy charge has not changed from last year.

173 Broadway Sidewalk Installation: Randy Kelley was present with questions on replacing sidewalk and the Broadway Street driveway. Council reviewed pictures of the area including curbs and a picture showing the small area on 2nd Avenue available for installing a sidewalk. M/b Hoyt, 2nd/b Brady to consider the replacement of the sidewalk grandfathered in from the east to west on the 2nd Avenue side, and north to south on the Broadway side to allow for placement of the sidewalk in the same place as it had been. All ayes, motion carried. Any curb destroyed by construction of the home will also be replaced.

256 Broadway Rental: the couple interested in renting 256 Broadway withdrew their interest in the building.

LL Pelling Sealcoat Bid: table until Todd and Roger are present.

Resignation: M/b Brady, 2nd/b Hoyt to approve the resignation of Susan Oler as Deputy Clerk and noted that Susan will stay to train the new Deputy Clerk. Susan has worked for the City for 18 years. Tom Miller thanked Susan for her years of dedication to Springville.

Correspondence: included notification from Port O Jonny that it has been several years since they have initiated a rate increase and after an extensive rate study have decided they must institute a rate increase as of May of this year. Reply received from 160 Circle Drive pertaining to the collapse of a retaining wall into the creek bed.

Employee Request for a Closed Session: *Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i). To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.* City Clerk Bixler requested a closed session with a signed request. M/b Brady, 2nd/b Hoyt to enter into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i) at 7:15 pm. Ayes: Miller, Brady, Ralston, Hoyt and Sindelar. Motion carried.

M/b Brady, 2nd/b Sindelar to move out of closed session at 7:37 pm. All ayes, motion carried. **Next Meeting:** May 19th at 6:00 pm.

Eastern Iowa Honor Flight April 22, 2014 by Tom Walsh.



It was my privilege to participate in the April 22, 2014, Eastern Iowa Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. These flights began in Springfield, Ohio, in 2005, when six small planes flew twelve WWII veterans to the Nations' Capitol. The purpose of these Honor Flights is to remember that each veteran, whether past, present or future, signs a blank check to his/her government with full understanding of the ultimate sacrifice that may be asked. One hundred and eighty veterans, guardians, and flight staff boarded the plane at the Eastern Iowa airport at 7 a.m., to start our 16-hour tour. It didn't take long for us to realize that we were in for something very special. From the sendoff by city officials, police and fire representatives, and local organizations to our landing at Reagan Airport, we were greeted warmly and treated with the utmost respect. Our first stop in D.C. was the WWII Memorial. One highlight of the day came when, following a group picture of the veterans, school children from California lined up to shake the hands of all the veterans. The crowd broke up and the vets were able to talk to the children and answer their many questions about our war experiences. Then it was on to the Lincoln, Korean and Vietnam Memorials. A "guardian" accompanied each veteran, some of whom were family members, others local people who volunteer for these flights. They kept the day going smoothly, hauling wheel chairs on and off the buses, and making sure each veteran was well taken care of. Other stops included the Iwo Jima, Franklin Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Air Force Memorials. We boarded the plane for our trip home at 8:30 p.m., thinking this was the end of a perfect day. We were wrong. Coming along the concourse at the Cedar Rapids airport, we could hear a band playing patriotic music. I said to my daughter, "There must be something special going on tonight." Reaching the main terminal, we were greeted by police chief, police officers and firefighters, Sheriff's deputies,

Knights of Columbus, representatives from union and fraternal organizations. Then we saw the hundreds of people who came out to greet us, lining up throughout the terminal, waiting to shake our hands and say, "Thank you for your service." I know I speak for all the vets on the flight in saying thank you to all who supported this and other Honor Flights. Many, many individuals and groups are responsible for making it all possible. Among the companies who sponsored our flight were Rockwell Collins, Quaker Oats, and Hy-Vee.



Senior Dining Program



The council has decided to form a committee to explore the possibility of starting a meal program in the Community Center. Horizons announced it will suspend further senior meal service to Hiawatha Community Center, Marion Lowe Park, Ely Community Center, St. Marks United Methodist Church and Springville Community Center due to an overall reduction of \$200,000 in Horizons' meal budget for the 2015 fiscal year. The last day of service was April 30th. Councilperson Ralston volunteered to be on the committee. If you are interested in being on the committee please contact City Hall @ **854-6428**.

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE

We are seeking applicants for the part-time position of Utility/Deputy Clerk. Position consists of 20-24 hours per week. Principal duties and responsibilities: process utility billing, monthly newsletter, cemetery, assist customers, answer phone, process reservations, and assist the City Clerk with general duties of the office. Governmental software, Microsoft Office and Excel experience is preferred. Salary dependent on qualifications. Applications are **due** at Springville City Hall **by June 13, 2014 at 4:00 PM**. Applications and job description are available at City Hall and on the City Website @ www.ci.springville.ia.us/. Phone #: 319-854-6428.



The City of Springville is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Fuel Up for Summer Fun Join us for a FREE lunch!

*Open to all children and teens 1-18
*No registration or identification is required.



Dates: Serving Monday thru Friday (except Friday, July 4th) from **June 2nd-thru August 15th**

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: Springville Community Center

Contact: Janet at Sansi 854-6100

Sponsored by: Horizons, A Family Service Alliance.



City Council Minutes – May 19, 2014

The Council met with Alicia Presto from ECICOG for an introductory meeting for the completion of a Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Mayor Pro-Tem Ralston 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. Mayor Shebetka was absent. Also present: Rich and Sam Lorimer, Dave Rowe, Jean Menster, Karen Anderson, Treva Davis, Joe Horaney,

Jane Kibler, Deb Yeisley, Steve Pershing and students, Laura Riley, Joe Horaney, Jeremy Venenga, Todd Wyman and Deputy Egli.

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

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: None.

Reports:

Sheriff: Deputy Egli provided the service log for May 5, 2014 through May 19, 2014. There were 7 calls for service. April hours: 107.0.

Maintenance Report consisted of: cleanup days, 2 funerals, continue to work on discharge, Iowa One calls, fixed leaking service line from winter freeze, cleaned up the dig on that property, fixed hole in the cemetery that the mower fell in, prepared for DNR water inspection. The department will be working on grave dig, changing out banners, repair ground from stump grinding in Upper Butler Park, get the Ex-Mark mower in for repair of the drive pump and motor and hope to finish discharge by the next council meeting. Also, we are preparing for a biannual DNR water inspection. Todd informed the council of Brandon's injury. He is cleared to work half days of light duty beginning Wednesday the 21st. He is able to work full days beginning the 27th will a 20 pound weight restriction.

Clerk: attended Nathan Brown Day at the cemetery. Furnished the council with the April overtime report and the minutes of the April 9th Library Board meeting. Also, the April finance report for the library.

Councilperson Ralston attended the May Library Board meeting and noted the board did not feel the library was adequately insured for the replacement of the library structure due to ruination of the building. Treva noted she had met with Tyson at the bank and he was looking into it.

Old Business:

28E Agreement for Salt Purchase: Todd reported he and Roger were impressed with their visit to Marion public services site. Salt is just a small portion of what Marion is able to provide neighboring cities. Some of the short term services Todd noted included: snow removal, tree removal and electrical service. Todd related Marion also owns an asphalt machine. By partnering with Marion for salt purchasing Springville can bypass the state bid process as Marion buys straight from the mine. The public works department would buy the tonnage they need, haul to Springville themselves and would then be able to mix with sand the amount needed and be able to store in the salt shed and not store have to store product outside. Marion has recently built a new large salt shed for increased storage of salt. The council approved the agreement in theory. Bixler will notify Marion and ask for an agreement to be forwarded to the City for review.

New Business:

Solid Waste Annual Report: Joe Horaney of the Solid Waste Agency was present for the annual report to the Council. Joe noted as always there are 2 locations for city and county residents to use and that the agency is not tax dollar supported. Horaney explained the services the agency provides and the structures utilized to accomplish the services provided by the agency. A relatively new structure is the Resource Recovery Building where hazardous materials may be dropped off. The Solid Waste Agency is committed to recycling. The Resource Recovery Building which houses materials brought in such as fluorescent bulbs, paint, cleaners and more are free for the taking. The agency also captures landfill gas creating another usable energy for Linn County. Currently the agency is working with LL Pelling to divert shingles from the landfill. The shingles are used to make asphalt. Clean wood is chipped and sent to an energy plant to be burned in place of coal. Compost is now free, but a charge for the material will be up-coming in the future.

Jeremy Venenga, financial advisor for **Edward Jones** was present to talk with the Council about investment alternatives for city funds.

Project Based Learning Group: Steve Pershing, Sam Lorimer and several students were present to inform the council of their walking trail/cross country course project. There are 32 kids involved in the project.

Their goal is to clean-up the rail road easement as part of the cross country course they are proposing. The course would be a 5K run with crushed gravel or limestone base. Since the City has contracted for a park/trails feasibility study with MSA the consensus was to hold a joint meeting of park board representative, engineer(s), Steve Pershing and project members.

Tax Abatement Request: M/b Brady, 2nd/b Miller to approve the tax abatement application for 714 Wild Pine Court. All ayes, motion carried.

LL Pelling Sealcoat Bid: Todd explained the premise of the program. Streets are basically on a 3 year rotation basis. A street in extremely poor condition is fixed (pulverized, ground and reshaped). The street is then placed on the 3 year rotation. Todd keeps a list of streets in need of repair and Greg Eganhouse of LL Pelling then tours the streets with Todd and develops a list of streets for sealcoating. Discussion was held on the sealcoat bid from LL Pelling and the various factors of the streets on the list. Consensus was for a couple of councilmen to tour the streets with Eganhouse.

Deputy Clerk Hiring Process: a job advertisement for the position was shown to the council and approved. It will be put in local newspapers, Gazette Corridor Careers and on the website.

Set a **Public Hearing** for June 16th for FY 2013-14 budget amendment.

Correspondence: included pictures of 8th Street during a heavy rain showing the capacity of the retention pond and where the water flows when the pond is to full capacity. An anonymous letter was noted.

Next Meeting: June 2, 2014 at 6:00 pm. _ _ _ _ _



The Memorial Day service at our beautiful cemetery.



Origins of Father's Day

In 1910, the governor of the U.S. state of Washington proclaimed the nation's first "Father's Day." However, it was not until 1972, 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official, that the day became a nationwide holiday in the United States. The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm—perhaps because, as one florist explained, "fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have." On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday. The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonara Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on July 19, 1910. Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. However, many men continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself."

The Giant That Fooled the World ...the incredible tale of history's weirdest hoax

When George Hull left his weed-choked, debt-ridden tobacco farm outside Binghamton, N.Y., and headed west in 1868 to seek better fortune, he thought maybe he'd go prospecting for gold. But he never reached gold country. On the way, 90 years ago, he stumbled on something more precious than the yellow metal: human gullibility. The result was one of the most successful scientific hoaxes in history. On a total investment that probably didn't top \$4000, Hull netted a profit estimated at \$30,000 to \$60,000 -- a small fortune in those days. Hull's hoax was the famous Cardiff Giant -- a 12-foot statue of a man, secretly made, secretly buried, and then "discovered." Hull had a fabulous double-barreled lie to go with it: It was either a petrified man or an ancient statue -- take your choice. Not only the general public, but many learned men, paid to see it and swallowed it whole. Wandering west to seek his fortune, George Hull stopped at Ackley, Iowa, to visit his sister. One night a clergyman dropped in, talked about giants who once strode the earth. Hull argued there were no such giants, then fell silent. The Big Idea had hit him. People would believe anything, he thought... Hull had heard of petrified trees. Why not a petrified man -- a giant, aged to stone in his tomb? Near an Iowa railroad construction site, he found beds of gypsum, a soft limy rock. He paid a grading crew one keg of beer to quarry out a mammoth 12-by-4-by-2-foot block. The block weighed some three tons. Hull had it wrapped in canvas and hoisted onto a dray. It took three weeks to move it 40 miles to the nearest railroad. Two wagons and a bridge broke under the weight. Hull cut off a ton, told bystanders the stone was for a monument. Hull confided his scheme to Chicago stonecutter Edward Burkhardt, had the block hauled into an empty barn Burkhardt owned. With two assistants, Burkhardt began hacking the gypsum into the figure of a 12-foot-tall man who had died in agony. The face was a likeness of Hull's. To simulate pores in the giant's skin, Hull made special hammers by setting needles in lead bases. To make him look antique, the stonecutters rubbed him with sand, water, ink, and sulfuric acid. By unexpected luck, vein-like lines appeared in the gypsum. In Cardiff, N.Y., a relative of Hull's, William Newell, had a farm. For a fourth interest, he agreed to have the giant buried there. In November, 1868, Hull,

Newell and two friends lowered the 2990-pound colossus into his tomb, carefully filled it over. Hull waited a year until all talk of his mysterious wagon cargo was forgotten. Then, in October, 1869, Newell hired two neighbors to help him dig a well -- pointing out just where they should start. The point of a shovel hit something. The hoax was on. Hull's one worry was that scientists would spot the hoax, but to his delight they were awestruck. They came from universities and museums far and wide. They didn't go for the "petrified man," but called the giant an ancient statue. Hull told Newell to bill it as such to the public. Huge crowds came to see the giant. Newell fenced off the area, hired a barker, charged 50-cents admission. Hull refused one \$10,000 offer for his "find," finally sold a part interest to Syracuse businessmen for \$30,000. The giant was exhibited in Boston and elsewhere. Showman Phineas T. Barnum offered a huge sum, reportedly over \$50,000, for a share. Newell turned him down. Barnum then had his own giant made of papier-mache, exhibited it in New York, offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone who proved his less genuine than Hull's. Stirred by Barnum's spoof, scholars examined the giant more closely early in 1870. Prof. O.C. Marsh of Yale noticed crevices ink and sulfuric acid hadn't reached, fresh tool marks near worn surfaces. The Iowa rail crew remembered quarrying the gypsum block for Hull. Hull finally sold his giant to a carnival. He was a rich man. But by 1873 he was flat broke again, a result of bad investments. He tried to repeat his great hoax with another giant "discovered" in Colorado, but this second hoax never got off the ground. Hull went to England... and oblivion.

From the Public Works Department

Yard Waste Site Reminder: Only residents of Springville (those who receive a utility bill) shall be allowed to dispose of their yard waste at the site. Yard waste shall be divided and disposed of in the appropriate bins. Bins are labeled. Grass, leaves, garden waste and small brush up to 1/2" in diameter. Larger brush & tree limbs up to 8" in diameter. No yard waste shall be left at the site in ANY container, such as garbage bags, boxes, garbage cans or other receptacles. The City reserves the right to manage the amount of by-products kept at the yard waste site & use or dispose of by-products as needed. Todd reports many items such as tires, plywood, metal, plastic containers and many other prohibited items.

Grass Clippings: The department also wants to remind homeowners that grass clippings are to be blown back on their individual lawns, **NOT** in the street. These clippings end up in the storm sewer along with items they collect along the way and plug the drain system.

Exchange State Bank

Free paper shred day

Saturday, June 14th

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Main bank @ 253 Broadway, Springville.

You will be able to watch your items being shredded. The shred is cut into small confetti like pieces. You can put color or typing paper, paper clips, staples, rubber bands, labels and file tabs into the shredder.



In 2007 the Springville Cemetery was bequeathed a monetary donation from the Gail Perkins estate. In her memory a memorial donation stone was erected in the Springville Cemetery. The stone will be a lasting tribute for those who wish to have their loved ones names engraved on it. Your donation of \$500 will cover the cost of engraving with the balance going towards roads, future improvements and maintenance of the cemetery.

Perhaps, your loved one is not buried in Springville but was a lifelong member of the communtiy and deserves to be recognized and remembered by future generations by having their name engraved on this stone. The stone is strategically placed on the center crossroads of the cemetery. We hope you will remember and honor your loved ones by having their name engraved on the memorial stone.



Contact the City Clerk @ 319-854-6428. Address: City of Springville, P.O. Box 347, Springville, Iowa 52336

SPRINGVILLE CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

2014 Garage Sale Sign up Form - Sale Date: **Saturday, June 14, 2014, 8am to 4pm**

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address of Garage Sale: _____

Items you will be selling:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> children's clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> adult clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> small appliances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> household/housewares | <input type="checkbox"/> antiques |
| <input type="checkbox"/> furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> collectibles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lawn & garden items | <input type="checkbox"/> tools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> books/cds/movies | <input type="checkbox"/> pet care items |

☐ specific item/s: _____

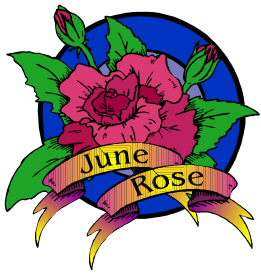
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Payment: \$5.00, Advertising Fee (Linn Newsletter, Town Crier, Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Sun, Springville Newsletter, Penny Saver, local cable channels, signs & maps)

Cash _____ Date Paid

Check _____ Check # & Date Paid





June 2014



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Council Mtg. @ 6 pm Monday Club @ BR 6:30 PM Kids lunch @ CC	3 Book Group 6:30 @ Library	4	5 Story time 10:30 @ Library Knitters 1:30pm @ Library	6	7 Pav Rental 1-5pm CC rental 10-4 Alumni Banquet
8 4-H @ C.C. 12-3 pm	9 Kids lunch @ Comm. Center	10	11 Library Bd. Mtg. 6:30 	12 Park Board Mtg. @ CH 7pm SEDC 7am @ SSB	13 Saturday Shredding Day at ESB 9-11 am	14 Citywide Sales Flag Day Gazebo Rental CC rental 7-4 Flag disposal @ Cox Pav.
15 Water Bills & Readings Due	16 Council Mtg. @ 6 pm Kids lunch @ Comm. Center	17 Book group 6:30 @ Library	18	19	20	21
22	23 Kids lunch @ Comm. Center	24 Sansi Board Mtg. @ CC 7pm	25	26	27	28
29	30 Kids lunch @ Comm. Center					

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