

SPRINGVILLE news

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We hope your holidays were safe and joyous. We can hopefully begin looking forward to longer days and a warmer and milder winter! In the meantime, let's all remember the children walking to and from school and others, by keeping the sidewalks shoveled and safe.

LIBRARY NEWS

Calendar Dates:

Library board meeting- January 4th 6:30

Story time every Thursday @ 10:30

January 15th & January 29th- Friends Book Sale @ the old library 11:00 – 1:00 pm

January 20th- Winter Reading program begins.

Make it a New Year's resolution to clear up your over dues and your fines. All of our library materials are available for 2 week check out. They can be renewed by phone or in person. Our receipt printer is up and running – it is a great way to keep track of your books and their due dates. Idea—put it on your refrigerator as a reminder.

You are cordially invited to the Springville Memorial's 7th Annual Tea

The tea is on February 5th, 2011 @ 2:00 p.m. at the Springville Community Center. \$10.00 per person. Reservations may be sent to Marla Carnahan, 410 7th Ave, Springville, Iowa 52336 or call 854-7268. Good food, door prizes and entertainment. Bring a friend. Reservation deadline is February 2nd, 2011. Must make reservations to attend. This is a fundraiser for the library. In the past this event has always been a fun time with friends and always looked forward to.

Coming in February! Pamela Nissen's new book.

Pamela's second book will be released in February and she will be at the library to debut it and talk about her upcoming books. Pamela is from rural Springville and a graduate of Springville School. She will have books available at her program.

Be sure to come in to the library and see the display in the glass cabinet. Tom Meade is sharing his late wife Margarete's German book collection. She was a German teacher for many years. The books are very interesting and beautifully designed

Talk Around The Hydrant For January 2011

Hello everyone,

Well the holiday season is over and we are looking at just a few months until spring is here. But until the snow melts and the grass grows SFD is asking every one or any one that has a fire hydrant near your home to adopt that hydrant and keep the snow away from it. This will make it easier to find if it is needed in an emergency. And thank you to those of you who are already doing this.

This will be the last talk around the hydrant that I will be writing, as we will have a new Chief at SFD. Patrick Hoyt Jr. will start on the 1st of January. I have enjoyed the time I have spent as the Chief, and intend on staying on as a firefighter for now. The Springville area is a very important place to me and my family and I will still do what ever I can to help my neighbors.

We have responded to the following calls since the last edition.

1. 11/30 Motor Vehicle Accident
2. 12/03 Medical Call
3. 12/07 Medical Call
4. 12/07 Medical Call
5. 12/14 Motor Vehicle Accident



Springville Fire Chief,
Todd Wyman

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

Snow removal on sidewalks: Chapter 136:03 states: **It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks.** If a property owner does not remove snow, ice, or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 (2b & 3))

69.12 Snow Removal: No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall.

69.13 Snow Routes: The Council may designate certain streets in the City as snow routes. When conditions of snow or ice exist on the traffic surface of a designated snow route it is unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to impede or block traffic.

75.04 Operation of Snowmobiles: The operators of snowmobiles shall comply with the following restriction as to where snowmobiles may be operated in the City:

1. Streets. Snowmobiles shall be operated only upon streets which have not been plowed during the snow season and on such other streets as may be designated by resolution of the Council.

A copy of the resolution & snowmobile route may be obtained at City Hall. **(See back of calendar page for a map of designated routes.)**



Historical Society

Historical Society applies for Witwer Grant

The Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) met Dec. 14 in the SAHS building (former library). The gift of a new American flag and flag stand from the Springville American Legion Post was gratefully acknowledged.

Present were Bev Franks, president; James Crow, vice president; Jean Schmidt, treasurer; Karen Taylor, secretary and historian; Doug Beard; Kimball Behning; and Steve Shaffer.

It was noted that SAHS membership should be renewed by Jan. 15. New members are also welcome. Dues are \$10 a year (individual) or \$15 for a couple. Lifetime memberships may be purchased at \$75 or \$100.

Current SAHS members are encouraged to tell others about the group. Doug said he sent a letter to a woman who expressed interest. SAHS is for both town and rural residents who want to help preserve Springville's history. It currently has 27 annual and three life members.

Bev announced SAHS is applying for a \$2,500 Witwer Foundation grant. She completed the application with input from Pastor John Keizer. Thanks were extended to Bev and Pastor Keizer for their work.

She also told the group that Springville city attorney Jeff Taylor had done the required paperwork for incorporation of SAHS as a non-profit organization. It has now been sent to Des Moines. SAHS is grateful to Mr. Taylor for his work.

Kimball researched the possibility of a proposed SAHS Web site, and reported it would cost about \$150 per year. Bev noted that the Springville Economic Development Commission plans to have a link through the City of Springville's Web site. This option will be explored. Steve called the group's attention to the 20-foot community Christmas tree which was lighted for the first time Dec. 14 at the east edge of Butler Park, near the new gazebo. He was one of six or seven men, some of whom are members of the Tractor Pull Association, who contributed to this project.



Karen said she had learned that in 1898 there were two creameries in Springville, The Phoenix Creamery was near Cox Lake (then known as "the pond"). Its owner was Irwin Paul, who later went to Michigan and raised apples. His wife Millicent was a sister of Tom Daniels, the grandfather of R. Laird Daniels of Springville.

SAHS will have its next meeting Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the SAHS building.

HISTORICAL ARTICLE

Butler name goes back 17 decades

The name Butler has been entwined with Springville's history since before the town was begun. In 1840, Col. Isaac Butler, 46, settled here with his family. Several single men had arrived earlier, but the Butlers were the first family.

Isaac & his 2ND wife, Susan Browning Newman Butler, came from Wisconsin with her son, Calvin Newman; and their five children (two more were born here). Some of the children from Isaac's first marriage came too, including Joseph Samuel Butler, 19.

It was Col. Butler who named the fledgling pioneer settlement Springville, for its many natural springs. He was first postmaster (1842 or 1843; sources differ) and the justice of the peace. He also operated the first store, in one room of his home.

Thirteen years after arriving, and three years before the town was platted, Isaac, Susan, and some of their children moved away in 1853. They settled in Tama County, where Isaac laid out the town of Butlerville, near present-day Montour.

Joseph Butler remained in Springville, married Maria Reneau, and became a pillar of the community. He founded the Exchange Bank (later the Exchange State Bank) in 1878 on Springville's south side. In 1881 it was moved to a large frame building on the site of today's telephone company. It has occupied the present brick building since approximately 1898.

Joseph Butler founded the Springville New Era, a weekly newspaper, in 1881 or 1882. He promoted a town water system; before that, private wells and hand-operated pumps sufficed. Joseph was a JP and a school board member, and his money helped build the Springville Presbyterian Church and manse (minister's house).

Joseph married Clara Belle Burger on Christmas Day 1882. One of their three sons died in infancy and the other at age 19 or 20. The middle son, Charles Frederick "Fred" Butler, was born in 1857. He followed his father as president of the Exchange Bank, and became a major philanthropist, aiding Springville in many ways.

The story of the Butler family will continue next month.

INDOOR FARMERS MARKET

All market dates are Saturdays from 11AM to 1PM in the Community Center at 265 Broadway in Downtown Springville. This is a great opportunity to support a cooperative effort of local growers, artisans, bakers, meat producers, cheese makers and musicians. The market is sponsored in part by the Springville Economic Development Corporation. Bring your friends, neighbors and family. Vendor stalls are still available. For more information about the market or for vendor information contact Lena Gilbert, market manager at justlena@netins.net or 854-7097. See you at the market.

January 15, 2011

January 29, 2011

February 12, 2011

February 26, 2011

March 12, 2011

March 6, 2011

April 9, 2011

April 23, 2011

Seeking Volunteers for Board & Commission Appointments

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in City government? Consider serving on one of the many City boards and commissions. A bill passed by State government in 2009 requires cities of more than 1,000 in population to have an equal number of men and women on the boards and commissions by the year 2012. City Hall is seeking to achieve gender balance on each board and would like to cultivate a pool of applicants to choose from as commissioners resign, move from the city or terms expire.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has one seat vacant for 5 year term.

The Park Board has one vacancy for a two year term.

The Board of Adjustment has one vacancy for a 5 year term.

Please inquire and apply for these important community boards at the City Clerk's Office. **Your community needs your support!**

City Council Minutes -- December 13, 2010

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Shebetka, Ralston and Grimley. Ballantyne and Neff were absent. Also present: Steve Shaffer, Doug Beard, Brandon French, and Todd Wyman.

Public Hearing: Notice of Proposed Action to Institute Proceedings to Enter Into a Loan and Disbursement Agreement in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000.

The Clerk explained the purpose of borrowing the \$100,000 was for the payment of planning, designing, and engineering services for the Sewer Rehab Project. The loan is a no interest loan and the borrowed funds will be rolled into the project loan financing once the project is complete. Mayor Heeren asked for written or oral comments. There being none he closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Consent Agenda: M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Ralston to approve the consent agenda with a correction to the minutes noted by the Mayor. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Steve Shaffer was present to complain about the snowmobiles and ATVs that are not operating on the snowmobile route and are running on lawns and sidewalks. Bixler noted there is an article in the newsletter outlining snow removal regulations, snow routes and the operation of snowmobiles in the City. Councilman Shebetka added that many sidewalks are not being cleared and this problem also needs to be addressed. The snowmobile route and sidewalk regulations will be printed in the next newsletter.

Sheriff's Report: patrol report for hours of service from November 15, 2010 through December 06, 2010. There were 34 calls for service. November hours of service: 115.30.

Maintenance: the 7th Street culvert has been replaced. The street was filled in with road rock and will be patched back in with asphalt next spring. Todd noted Christmas decorations are up, but are in need of replacement. Todd suggested a committee of businesses, organizations and citizens be formed to come up with funding ideas to purchase new decorations. Roger noted this was also discussed at the SEDC meeting. The snow equipment was ready to go for the first snowfall, got the plowing done and



most of the equipment now needs repair. Todd says hopefully they can get it to limp through the remainder of the season but an equipment replacement plan needs to be implemented. Todd has spoken to local sales reps to stay alert for good used equipment the City could purchase. Brandon has completed his first 30 days. According to the personnel policy a 30 day review is required. Todd was directed to complete a written review of Brandon and submit it to the Council.

Mayor: attended a NEIRL meeting of which the topic was health care legislation and attended a reception in honor of Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta.

Other Reports: the November building permit report, overtime and leave reports were provided to the Council. Also submitted: November Library Board minutes, October finance report and newsletter. Todd reported for the Fire Department that the department elected Patrick Hoyt as Fire Chief.

Old Business: Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway Street: Council reviewed the order from District Court setting a hearing for the 173 Broadway property.

Roger reported on attending the Trees Forever Symposium in Cedar Rapids and found it very informing and beneficial. The symposium centered on the concept of community working together through effective stewardship to achieve sustainability of the environment.

256 Broadway Rental Interest: Bixler noted the party who expressed interest in purchasing 256 Broadway has viewed the property and is no longer interested in purchasing the property. Roger and Heather worked on the financial aspects of a rental agreement for the North unit of 256 Broadway. The committee recommends: Coberle be financially responsible for any cosmetic changes or business requirements. Rent at \$250 per month with the first 2 months rent free, but Coberle would pay all utility bills. Council also discussed the need for a lease and Atty. Taylor will be contacted at that time. M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Ralston to offer said rental options to Casey Coberle. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business: 2010 Annual Finance Report: Bixler reviewed the 2010 AFR with the Council.

Goal Setting with SEDC: Roger reported on this aspect of the SEDC meeting held on December 9th. Jeff Schott of Institute of Public Affairs was present to explain the goal setting process & results achieved by such a process. M/b Grimley, 2nd/b Ralston approving a goal setting work session with SEDC and to split the cost of the \$750 fee. All ayes, motion carried.

Linn County Protection Services Contract: Council reviewed the FY 2010-11 Law Enforcement Services Contract. The contract calls for a \$988 increase from last year's contract. In FY 2010 the City contracted for 19 hours per week @ \$27 per hour. FY 2011 contract calls for a rate increase to \$28 per hour. Discussion was held on current services and questions and concerns the Council has. Council directed Bixler to contact Major Riniker and request an officer attend a January meeting for conversation on aspects of Springville services.

Appointment: M/b Grimley, 2nd/b Shebetka appointing Dee Wagman and Colleen Vogel to 2 year terms on the Park Board. All ayes, motion carried.

Trees Forever: Roger noted that at the Trees Forever Symposium provided attendees with application to join Trees Forever. Trees Forever offers numerous programs, grant opportunities, community tree planting, technical assistance for development of trails, parks, green planting for erosion, buffers and pollutants. Roger requested the City join Trees Forever at the \$100 level. M/b Grimley, 2nd/b Shebetka to join Trees Forever at the \$100 level. All ayes, motion carried.

Wanda Young Retaining Wall: Council reviewed correspondence from Atty. Taylor on the retaining wall that Wanda Young built on a joint property line without benefit of a building permit or fence agreement. Adjoining neighbor Ed Sleep will not agree to sign a fence agreement which would have legally allowed her to construct the retaining wall on the joint property line. Young ignored a stop work order from the City to complete construction of the wall. Atty. Taylor recommends an agreement between Young and the City

that she acknowledges the retaining wall is in violation of Springville Code and agrees to tear the retaining wall out at the conclusion of her litigation against Sleep, unless Sleep otherwise agrees to sign a fence agreement.

Council discussed Taylor's recommendation, but could not come to agreement on how the City should proceed. All agreed it was a dispute between neighbors, however it was noted that Young ignored a stop work order which is in violation of Springville Code. Council was hesitant to spend money on attorney fees for a dispute between neighbors that would ultimately be decided by the court. Subject was tabled until the next meeting for full council discussion.

M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Grimley approving **RESOLUTION #29-2010; A Resolution Approving a Sewer Revenue Loan & Disbursement Agreement in a Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne and Neff absent. All ayes, motion carried.

M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Ralston approving **RESOLUTION #30-2010; A Resolution Fixing the Time and Place for the Regular Meetings of the City Council of Springville, Iowa.** Roll call vote, Ballantyne and Neff absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: none.

The next meeting of the Springville City Council is set **January 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Ralston to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Press Release

The City of Springville is considering a 2011 Housing Fund grant application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for funding of an Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. The proposed program will provide financial assistance to income-qualifying homeowners with the rehabilitation of their homes. All interested citizens are encouraged to sign a document of interest and commitment available at the Springville City Hall or by calling Karen Bixler at 319.854.6428. Anyone with questions about the program may call Jim Holz at MSA Professional Services toll-free at 888.869.1214.

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REMINDERS

➤ Water meter readings & payments are due on the 15th of the month. Bills not paid in full by 8:00 am on the first business day following the due date shall be considered delinquent & subject to disconnect. Bills can no longer run 45 days behind. 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 **January 15th.**

➤ **Rudd Trash Tags** are available for **\$2** each at the City Clerk's office, Casey's General Store & Woody's One Stop. Recycle tubs are available at the Clerk's office for **\$14** each.

SolidWaste Agency

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TV & MONITOR DISPOSAL POLICY NEWS RELEASE GENERAL POLICY

The Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency accepts all electronics at Agency recycling locations at no cost to Linn County residents. The Agency does not accept televisions or monitors, including computer and video monitors, for landfill disposal.

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

In an effort to divert bulky items from, and keep heavy metals out of the landfill, televisions and monitors, regardless of size, cannot be disposed in the Agency landfill. This includes cathode ray tube (CRTs), plasma, LED & LCD televisions and monitors. TVs and monitors are accepted for recycling at no cost to Linn County residents. Items can be dropped off at both Agency locations, 2250 A Street SW, Cedar Rapids, and 1954 County Home Road, Marion. Customers must first check-in at the scale house where they will be directed to the recycling facility.

ENFORCEMENT

After an initial grace period to inform the public, ending 1/01/11, Agency staff will be responsible for ensuring televisions and monitors are not landfilled. Spotters on the landfill working face and at the small load disposal area are expected to inform customers of the policy and direct them to the recycling center. If the item has already been discarded, the incident is documented and the violator fined.

Any person who violates this policy shall incur a fine of \$35, a special handling fee, for each item. Each television or monitor that is disposed of improperly is a separate violation.

Loebsack Representative to Hold Office Hours in Springville - January 5th

A district representative from Congressman Loebsack's office will be on hand to work with individuals who are having difficulty with a government agency, have suggestions for the Congressman, or would just like to share their concerns. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Springville City Hall
Wednesday, January 5th
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

If you are unable to attend these office hours but have a concern to share with the Congressman, please call our district office toll-free at 1-866-914-IOWA (4692).

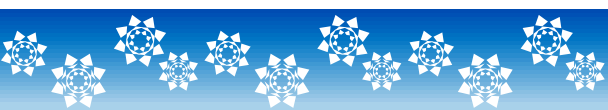
Attention All Friends of the Springville Memorial Library!

As a thank you to our loyal Friends we are offering a "Buy 3 items/Get 1 Free" promotion at our book sales in 2011 at City Hall. There is no coupon needed for the discount but you will need to be a current Friends member. Membership forms will be available at the sale location for individuals and families wishing to join at that time.

Restrictions are that items must be of same or lesser value as items purchased. **Buy 3 items - Get 1 Free only applies to the City Hall Location**, not Book Cart Sales at the Library. The Friends are very excited to offer this type of book discount in our community. Profits from our sales go to programs, computers & materials for and at the Library. Thank you for your on-going patronage and support.

Friends of the Springville Memorial Library

Please note: Council meeting start times have been changed to 6:00 p.m.



Mark Your Calendars



Friends of the Springville Library are having book sales on the following dates:
Jan. 15 and 29; Feb. 12 and 26
March 12 and 26; April 9 and 23

From 11am – 1pm

Book Deals for

"Friends of the Library" Members

*****Sales will be at City Hall*****

304 Broadway, Springville

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SNOW

Tips to assist with snow removal

- ◆ When you know there is snow expected, please try to pull all vehicles off of the street. This allows the snowplows 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.
- ◆ ATV snow removal – do not push snow back into the street.
- ◆ Don't park from 2:00-5:00am in the business block area of Broadway and Liberty Avenue, or the west half of the city parking lot along John Street.
- ◆ It is the responsibility of homeowners to remove the snow from in front of your mailbox to ensure mail delivery.

SANSI News

Janet Lentz and the SANSI Board would like to thank the churches, organizations, Springville Schools, SANSI Benefit Committee, businesses, and the generous community for all the many donations. Without all of you we would not be able to serve the many needs of our community.

SANSI and the Springville Fire Department sponsored the Community Christmas at the Fire Station on Saturday, December 18th. Special thanks to Don Simmons and to the American Legion for their donation to the treat bags.

Kids DVD movie winners: Michael Fain and Kinnick Wilhelm. Christine Hoge won the ham and Beau Zaruba the turkey. Thanks to all that attended.

TIDBIT Laughs

*One pirate said to his fellow crewmate, "Arrgh, that be a fine-looking hook and peg leg ye got for ye'self!" The pirate replied, "I should think so, it cost me an arm and a leg!"

*Ever notice when you blow in a dog's face they get mad at you, but when you take them in a car they stick their head out the window??
(could be bad human breath!)

*The average robin reportedly has nearly 3,000 feathers. Makes you wonder who did the counting.

*According to the makers of the Stetson, a 10-gallon hat actually holds only about three quarts of liquid.

*Any time things appear to be going better, you have overlooked something. 😊 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**