



SPRINGVILLE NEWS

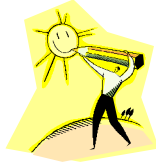
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It looks like we are finally seeing the downside of Winter! Any snows we get now, should not last long, and we can start thinking 'Spring'. Sounds good doesn't it!



Talk Around the Hydrant for February The Bravest

Well the month of January is already over and we are now well into February. The snow just seemed to keep piling up and it seemed places to pile it began to become scarce. There does however seem to be a silver lining and the temps have started to slowly creep there way back up. Soon the grass will be green again, and the constant chores of yard work will once again take over our lives. As the weather starts to warm, it means one thing here at Springville Fire and that is "**Fish Fry Time**". Yes, it is that time of year again. This year the dates are March 11th and 25th. The menu will remain the same and so will the atmosphere of friends and families coming together for a meal served by your members of Springville Fire. Please come and enjoy.

Along with getting things ready for the big meals, the members have been working hard on bettering themselves to serve you. On the 12th of February, 13 of our members took a Hazardous Materials Operations class put on by the Linn County Hazmat team. This class was held at the fire department and was open to the rest county departments, in all there were 27 people that took the class. This class better prepares and educates our members in responding to a Hazardous Materials Response. Thank you to all the people that helped make that class a success.

Springville Fire and Rescue has responded to these calls in the past month:

- 1/16/201110-52 Medical Call
- 1/16/201110-52 Medical Call
- 1/17/201110-70 Investigate Fire Alarm
- 1/21/201110-70 Mutual Aid w/Central City
- 1/22/201110-70 Investigate Fire Alarm
- 2/01/201110-52 Medical Call
- 2/11/201110-52 Medical Call



Thank you for you support, Springville Fire & Rescue
PJ Hoyt, Fire Chief

Mayor's Column

Now is a good time to begin thinking about spring and the renewal of our community.

February seems to be the time when people start seeds in little containers and set them to catch the sun shining through South facing windows.

This time of year is when the city budget takes shape & a long hard look at things that the city needs to get in place, such as a capital improvement plan (CIP). One thing that we need to consider is that both capital improvement plans and the budget each require a public hearing, after which the council must adopt the budget and the capital improvement plan if one was included in the public hearing. The budget process then continues until the submission has been satisfactorily completed with the County Auditor and the Iowa Department of Management, before the deadline of March 15, 2011.

Code of Iowa Section 384.15 requires that a public hearing be conducted before a capital improvement plan can be adopted.

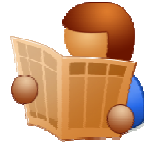
Code of Iowa Section 384.16 requires a budget public hearing notice must be published no less than 20 days before the budget hearing. At this hearing, the council must consider all comments both for and against the budget as posted. At this time the council may only reduce the program or activity under consideration at this hearing. Therefore, it is imperative that the council, as accurately as possible, set the budget for 2011-12, then advertise and conduct the public hearing in a timely manner.

After this process is finished, any changes can be made by resolution. Now until March 15th the council must work towards the same goal, to send our city into the future with a do-able budget. Realize this year the census shows that our population has dropped, which will directly affect the amount of monies that we will have to work with.

Now, lets all get through this budget season with a comprehensive plan that we can all make work for the advantage of our citizens, to ensure that Springville will be a safe, clean, friendly place to be this summer and all future summers.

Rick Heeren, Mayor

LIBRARY NEWS



Remember Story time! The library offers a story time for preschool and toddlers. This is a fun time of sharing a brief story, music and a craft. This is a great program to get your child interested in and used to interacting with other children. The program lasts for about 45 minutes and usually ends with the parents and children gathering in the children's room looking at books and playing with the train table. Story time is every **Thursday @ 10:30**. Come join the fun.

Pamela Nissen shared her second book to a group of 22 people. We enjoyed the stories she shared about her characters and how special they are to her. Pamela is well on her way with 2 books published, 2 more written, and talk of more with her publisher. We have Pams' books at the library for check-out. Thank you Pam!

Quilt Show- "One quilt at a time".

The library has a quilt rack in the Buresh Room. Do you have a quilt you would like share and display? We would like to feature different quilts through-out the year.

Book talk started with the book "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. Our group enjoyed the book and the discussion was great. This was the first novel for this author. It was set in 1962-65 in Jackson, Mississippi. Our group highly recommends this book. It is a great read. With the first book under our belt we are ready to choose another. If you wish to join us call the library 854-6444 or e-mail Sprlibry@netins.net.

Come talk books! Youth Book Group Starting!

March 19th @ 1:00 join in the fun. Bring your favorite book or series and share them with other youth. We will talk about the books we have in our library and you can give us input on what books and movies we should add to our collection. This will be a fun discussion with refreshments provided.

Calendar Dates: Every Thursday **Story time -10:30**

March 1 @6:30- Library Board Meeting

March 12 10-1 Friends book sale

March 19 1:00 - Youth Book Talk

March 26th @10-1pm- Friends Book Sale

Historical Society

Historical program about Whittier-March 12

"Whittier As It Was," a free public program, will be sponsored by the Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) Saturday, **March 12, at 2 p.m.** in the Buresh Room of the Springville Memorial Library.

Bob and Maxine Williams, rural Whittier; Merle and Harriet McGrew, Springville; and Jerry and Lavon Hampton of Cedar Rapids will discuss Whittier's past and answer audience questions. The McGrews and Jerry Hampton are former Whittier residents.

Next SAHS meeting scheduled March 8

The Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) will hold its next regular meeting Tuesday, March 8, at **6:30 p.m.** in the SAHS building (former library). Both town and rural residents, members and non-members, are welcome.

The Feb. 8 meeting was attended by 24 persons. Micheal Bohlken, 14, of Whittier, showed his photo display, "Whittier Then and Now," and gave a short presentation. A 4-H project, the display won outstanding exhibit at the 2009 Linn County Fair.

Micheal also showed a large Linn County map which had been reprinted from an original version published in 1859. Both his display and the map were topics of interesting discussions.

In the business meeting, president Bev Franks announced that Neil Patterson of the Springville Co-Op Telephone Co. has agreed to design a Web site for SAHS. Bev said SAHS' historical collection is being organized. It will not circulate, but there will be certain times each week for public access.

Springville area residents who own old scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, photos, etc., are encouraged to allow SAHS to make copies, said Bev, adding, "We will guard them with our lives!" Gifts of any historical material are also welcome.

Bev announced that two new members had joined SAHS, Kimble Behning of Springville and Judith Shinnick of Cedar Rapids.

SAHS volunteers have done research for some out-of-town persons with Springville connections. One woman asked about her great-grandfather, James V. Mullen, the Milwaukee Road station agent at Springville starting in 1906.

Several mentions were found in the Springville New Era (the weekly newspaper until 1935). In 1913, Mr. Mullen was burned when the top came off a large container of muriatic acid he was unloading from a train. In 1914, lightning struck the depot but the agent was uninjured.

Photocopies of these and other items were mailed to the woman. Bev announced that as a thank-you, she sent SAHS a \$100 check.

Other persons at the March 8 meeting were James Crow, vice president; Karen Taylor, secretary-historian; Charles and Kathy Banks, Doug Beard, Kimball Behning, Gary Biles, John and Jackie Bohlken, Laird and Flo Daniels; Pastor John Keizer, Gary and Kathy Knight, Merle and Harriet McGrew, William Nelson, Vic Pittman, Pauline Randall, Steve Shaffer, and Robert and Maxine Williams.

Anybody you know? This unidentified photo was found in a book donated to Friends of the Library. If you recognize the mother and baby, please call Karen Taylor at 854-7422.



HISTORICAL ARTICLE

Dr. Love practiced here 1858-1907

Dr. Maguire (first name unknown) and Dr. Newton F. Peck were the first physicians in Springville, but little is known of them. However, Dr. John S. Love left an extensive, favorable record of his 48-plus years here. Born in Pennsylvania in 1831, he earned bachelor's, master's, and M.D. degrees in his native state. After two years practicing medicine in Snow Shoe, Pa., he came to Springville Dec. 9, 1858, at age 27.

Linn County had few roads at the time. For many years, Dr. Love made house calls on horseback, covering as large an area as physically possible. In 1859, he and four other physicians founded the Linn County Medical Society.

Dr. Love married Alice Stone, 17, daughter of Springville pioneer Joshua Stone, Sept. 28, 1865. The couple lost an infant son the following year, and Alice herself died of "consumption" (tuberculosis) in June 1872.

Dr. Love never remarried. He lived in a large, ornate house at 306 First Ave. on the South Side. A cousin, Miss Leila Smith, was his housekeeper and hostess. The house is still there.

The doctor was active in Masons, and was a charter member of the Eastern Star chapter, which was named in his honor. One of the town's two hose companies (fire brigades) was also named for him. It stood west of the former Briner's store.

Dr. Love owned a brick drugstore across the street from his home. There he held informal classes for young doctors. (The building was razed in 1908.)

In his later years, Dr. Love hired Otho McShane to drive him on house calls. The doctor's will left McShane "my horses, Cappy and Harry, the harness and the single seated buggy which he has so long cared for, and the sum of \$100."

Dr. Love died Feb. 22, 1907, at 6:40 p.m. His passing was mourned by all in Springville. He rests with his wife and baby son in the Springville Cemetery.

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 SEDC. 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.

March 12, 2011

April 9, 2011,

March 26, 2011

April 23, 2011



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. 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 **March 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.

➤ **Golf cart permits** (\$25.00) available at City Hall, are required before you can operate them on city streets. Ordinance #3-2009 can be viewed at City Hall, or you can request a copy.



Loebsack Representative to Hold Office Hours in Springville

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 at **Springville City Hall-1-2pm** 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). The dates for the remainder of the year are: **March 2nd**; April 6th; May 4th; June 1st; July 6th; Aug. 3rd; Sept. 7th; Oct. 5th; Nov. 2nd; Dec. 7th

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SAINT ISIDORE BINGO SESSIONS

The dates are all on Sundays:

March 13 and 20th

Doors open at 1 pm & play begins at 2 pm

If you have any questions, contact
Connie Sjostrom



Pledge to Lose- Join Team SANSI Fight Hunger in America, in Springville and Achieve and Live a Healthier Lifestyle

The Biggest Loser and the Pound for Pound Challenge has come to Springville to help fight hunger and to help you achieve and live a healthier lifestyle. Go to <http://www.pfpchallenge.com/> and: 1) Create a "Pound for Pound Challenge" login account using your e-mail address; 2) Make a pledge and 3) Join Team SANSI. For every pound of pledged weight loss and your participation in the team, 11-cents will be donated to SANSI and HACAP. If you are at a healthy weight, congratulations, that's great, your pledge of maintaining that healthy weight and becoming or continuing to live an active lifestyle can be in the form of a five pound pledge. In the coming weeks, **Team SANSI** will hold meetings at the library to help you achieve a healthier lifestyle and have fun doing it. Activities may include organizing workout/walking partners, establishing and marking walking routes, meetings with fitness and nutritional professionals, team walk/run events, progressive dinners or potlucks using tasty and healthy recipes, recipe exchange, cooking demonstrations, and a group weigh-in and team photo at the Springville Telephone Cooperative. In the end, it will be a group effort, a group success, and a lot of fun. We will come up with a Biggest Loser Reward for categories that may include the highest percentage of weight-loss, most pounds lost, highest number of workout minutes, highest average of minutes/day; in Adult and Teen categories. The Pound for Pound Challenge begins when you join and **will run through May 31, 2011**. Imagine the pounds we can lose as a community between now and then, and how much better we can be living in that period of time. But it takes the first step of making a choice for healthier living and it helpful to surround yourself with folks with the same goal. So, let's get started together; sign on to Team SANSI and join the Pound for Pound Challenge. In the meantime, if you have questions or require more information, please send them to Team.SANSI@gmail.com. Team SANSI is on Face book and you can Friend or e-mail Team SANSI at Team.SANSI@gmail.com. Team meetings, Face book, and Springville Cable Channel 12 will be the primary means of disseminating information and event announcements. If you do not have a computer or do not how to use one, please call Daryl McCall at 854-6983 to setup a time to meet at the library to setup a Gmail e-mail account and a Pound for Pound Challenge account **(there are no fees associated with these accounts or this assistance.)**



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – February 07, 2011

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Ralston, Grimley, Shebetka and Ballantyne. One seat is vacant. Also present: Doug Beard, Tom Miller, Steve Shaffer, Brandon French, Susan Cooper, Treva Davis, Zach Melton and Deputy Lemense.

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

Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Roger reported he has spoken with the rural mail carrier about the importance of maintaining access to mailboxes so the carrier is able to deliver the mail to the box and encouraged all residents to make sure their mail box area is cleared of snow.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Lemense gave the patrol report for hours of service from January 20, 2011 through February 07, 2011. There were 55 calls for service. January hours of service: 96.70.

Maintenance: Todd prepared a written maintenance department report for the council consisting of: snow-plowing, service the backhoe, got equipment ready to cut the trees in Emmons Park and work on the budget. Public Works will be removing barbed wire fence on city property, branch trimming at Emmons Park and cut limbs over the sewer line along the rail road right of way by the lift station. Todd also noted getting thru the snow storm with very little equipment repairs and will be hauling the snow piles away. Council person Ballantyne commended the guys on the excellent job they did on keeping the streets cleared.

Mayor: Did not attend any meetings in January, but noted he had spent time with the Public Works Department and also noted what a fine job they had done on snow removal.

Other Reports: January overtime and leave reports.

Old Business: Nuisance Abatement – 173

Broadway Street: Council reviewed correspondence from Atty. Taylor stating that after 2 months of trying to locate Lorraine Smith the process server has been unable to find her, despite several trips to her known whereabouts. The City will now be forced to publish notice now, which hampers the title process. The hearing will be reset after Taylor obtains an order authorizing him to publish.

Goal Setting: Bixler reminded the Council that the goal setting session with SEDC is scheduled for February 28th at 5:00 p.m. Completed questionnaires are due back to the Clerk's office by February 14th.

New Business: Linn County Protection Services

Contract: representative not present.

STPA Dues: Roger indicated that he will pay the STPA dues himself.

Building Permits: Roger brought up concerns he has about the building permit process, sighting the Wanda Young retaining wall as an example of structures not being erected according to the building permit. He recommended someone from Planning and Zoning or the Council review permits before they are issued. Bixler noted the Young retaining wall was started without the benefit of a permit, of which the permit was obtained after a stop work order was issued. According to files in City Hall this problem has occurred before at this residence. Roger stated he also had issues with Neal Caraway's building permit noting that it was missing from the monthly building permit report. Bixler noted this was because the permit was approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was filed in the Zoning Board of Adjustment file and was missed by office staff in compiling the building permit report. Roger requested Caraway's ZBA file be made available for his review. The policy of building according to zoning code only was replaced with a contract for building inspection services with Marion in June 2010. Discussion continued on the building permit process, rules and regulations versus zoning code. Ballantyne noted that the Public Works Department checks for setbacks. Mayor Heeren stated that the P&Z worked for over 3 years on drafting of a building code policy and felt the new process was working well.

Library Electrical Changes Bids: Susan Cooper was present to discuss bids received from Hoddy Gates Electrical Service, DeLancey Electric and John's Electrical Service for change out of 7 lights in the Library from "night" lighting to standard lighting and to replace 2 exit lights with 2 exit/emergency lights. M/b Ballantyne, 2nd/b Shebetka approving the low bid from John's Electrical Service in the amount of \$422.95. All ayes, motion carried.

Cedar Valley Humane Society: Zach Melton of the Cedar Valley Humane Society was present for discussion on the need for a 28E agreement for animal control services. Melton explained the service provided by the facility. The facility sheltered 29 animals from Springville in 2010 without compensation. These sheltering costs need to be recovered in order for the facility to carry out a sustainable operation. Melton will forward a sample 28E agreement for the Council to review. Discussion continued on options for facilities to hold the animals within the city for a short period of time for possible recovery by the owner.

Budget: The budget began with discussion on utility rates. Bixler reported sewer rates need to be raised. The sewer sinking fund (debt service) has a \$24,000 deficit with another bond payment due in June. Bixler related \$74,427 remains due on the current sewer revenue bond. The sewer reserve fund has a \$75,800, which could be used to offset the sinking fund deficit. It is Bixler's recommendation that the sewer debt be retired before new debt is taken on from the current wastewater renovation project. The water reserve fund has a balance of \$24,450 which needs to be increased in order to pay the inside and/or outside cleaning and painting of the water tower every 5 years. The last bill for minor repairs and cleaning and painting of both the inside and outside of the water tower was \$104,000. The need for implementation of reserve funds to replace equipment was also discussed. The finance committee will meet February 17th to continue working on the budget.

Correspondence: LOST election May 3rd, Dorsey & Whitney closing of the \$100,000 SRF Planning and Design loan, audit comments and notification of the environmental review process for the wastewater renovation project.

Next council meeting: **February 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.** M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Ralston to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

City Council Proceedings-February 21, 2011

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the Springville City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Ralston, Grimley, Shebetka and Ballantyne. One seat is vacant. Also present: Doug Beard, Tom Miller, Steve Shaffer, Mary LaGrange, Cheryl Weld, Al Woods, Kellie Byers, Karen Taylor, Lena Gilbert, Mike Brady, Marla Carnahan, Carrol Hanna, Betsy Williams, Mary Rozinek, Susan Cooper and Treva Davis.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Shebetka, 2nd by Ballantyne to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Sheriff's Report: none present.

Maintenance: no report.

Mayor: attended the Linn County Emergency Management meeting and reported on CERT; Community Emergency Response Team program being developed for citizen volunteerism. This is a new program that is designed to help people prepare for and respond after catastrophic disasters such as floods, tornadoes and other major emergencies. Interested residents may contact Linn County EMA for further information.

Other Reports: January 4th Library Board minutes

Old Business:

Nuisance Abatement – 173 Broadway: nothing new.

Cedar Valley Humane Society: Council review and discussion on a proposed 28E agreement for animal care services with Cedar Valley Humane Society took place. Bixler noted several Linn County communities are reviewing the proposed contract, but none have signed an agreement for services to date. Also, that the agreement has been forward to the City Attorney for his review.

New Business:

Linn County Protection Services Contract: representative not present.

Council Appointment: Applications were received from Mike Brady, Lena Gilbert and Tom Miller. Council questioned Brady and Miller on availability for meetings and discussion continued on attributes of the candidates in reference to suitability for the position. Ballantyne indicated she would be inclined to nominate Brady to fill the vacant position, while Shebetka noted he would chose to nominate Miller to the position. The 4 member council was evenly split on preference for nomination of a candidate. Bixler will contact Iowa League of Cities and the Linn County Auditor for guidance on how to proceed.

Casey's General Store Tobacco Violation: Casey's failed a tobacco compliance check of area tobacco products merchants. This is the 2nd violation within 2 years and carries a \$1,500 fine or 30 day suspension of their cigarette sales permit. Bixler noted she processed the fine paperwork for the last violation instead of having the City Attorney perform the service and requested direction from the council on proceeding with the current violation. Motion by Ballantyne, 2nd by Grimley directing Bixler to proceed with processing the Casey's tobacco violation. All ayes, motion carried.

Budget: The first item for the budget was utility rates. Bixler noted at the finance committee meeting the consensus was to raise the sewer minimum from \$12.25 to \$14.25 and the water usage rate from \$3.00/1,000 gallons to \$3.50/1,000 gallons. Discussion was held on the sewer increase being insufficient to cover former and current debt obligation and maintenance costs of the operation and the impact of a large increase on households with fixed incomes. Motion by Shebetka, 2nd by Ballantyne to raise utility rates beginning with the July 1, 2011 utility bill as follows: sewer minimum fee for up to 2,000 gallons; \$16.50, water usage rate at \$3.50/1,000 gallons of water used. All ayes, motion carried.

Work continued on the budget. Revenue and expenditures were reviewed. Communication has been received informing cities that road use funding was reduced from \$94 per capita to \$91.25 per capita and also that the census population numbers have come in at 1,074, down from the 2000 census figure of 1,091. This will reduce road use revenue significantly. Bixler noted the road use fund budget would need to be reduced. The street sealcoat budget was reduced from \$60,000 to \$50,000 and some other expenditures were moved to the general fund. Reserve fund amounts of \$5,000 for replacement of equipment will be set up in road use, water and sewer funds. Ten thousand dollars will be added to the water money market account for future water tower maintenance (painting). There are no capital purchase expenditures planned for the water or sewer funds. Susan Cooper was present for discussion on the library budget. Cooper gave a brief overview of how the library is funded. The

library is requesting a 3% increase in funding. Discussion continued on funding of the library. Council consensus was to grant the 3% increase. Council person Ralston wanted it noted she was opposed to the increase. Council set an approximate tax levy rate of \$14.83 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is a decrease from \$15.20 for the current f/year.

Correspondence: LOST Election notification, SHPO clearance for the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project and Springville School tour of the school remodeling project.

M/b Shebetka, 2nd by Ralston approving **Resolution #4-2011: A RESOLUTION ENDORSING LOCAL OPTION SALE TAX AND DESIGNATING THE SUNSET DATE AND USE OF SAID TAX.** All ayes, motion carried. Next council meeting: **March 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.** M/b Shebetka, 2nd by Grimley to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

New Funding Available for Emergency Home Repairs

Guaranty Bank and Trust Company and East Central Iowa Council of Governments receives a \$145,000 Housing Grant to rehab 25 homes

As many as 25 homeowners in Linn County will be able to receive a forgivable loan up to \$5,000 for needed home repairs. Through a \$145,000 Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Affordable Housing Program (AHP) grant, Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. and East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG).

This program serves homeowners in areas of Linn County defined as rural by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This would exclude those living in Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, Marion and Robins from qualifying for this program.

"Many Linn County communities have housing rehabilitation listed as a high priority need," said Douglas Elliott, executive director, East Central Iowa Council of Governments. In 2010, ECICOG received a total of \$435,000 to assist lower-income homeowners with repairs and improvements. The AHP grant will assist homeowners in creating safer and healthier homes by replacing roofs, repairing gutters, installing windows and updating electrical and plumbing systems.

"FHLB Des Moines AHP is designed to assist our member banks with creating or improving homes in their communities," said Gary Dodge, vice president and director, FHLB Des Moines Community Investment Department. FHLB Des Moines awarded \$3.2 million to 16 projects in the state of Iowa in 2010. The grants are flexible and used to meet unique community needs.

Homeowners in Linn County are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at your City Hall, Guaranty Bank and Trust Co., Linn County Board of Supervisors, or by contacting Diana Stromer at ECICOG. Any questions regarding this program may be directed to Diana at 319.365.9941, ext 123.

To learn more about the FHLB Des Moines Affordable Housing Program visit www.fhlbmdm.com or call the Community Investment Department 1.800.544.3452, ext. 1173.

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines is a wholesale cooperative bank that provides low-cost short and long-term funding and community lending to more than 1,200 members, including commercial banks, saving institutions, credit unions and insurance companies. The Bank is wholly owned by its members and receives no taxpayer funding. The Des Moines Bank serves Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota and is one of twelve regional Banks that make up the Federal Home Loan Bank System.

Forms are available at Springville City Hall.

Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Time begins March 13th, be sure to set your clocks 1 hour forward.

Cedar Valley Humane Society to Extend Hours
Beginning February 21, the Cedar Valley Humane Society will be extending its hours. The new hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

"Our new hours will make it more convenient for families to come out and meet animals available for adoption," says Zach Melton, executive director of the Cedar Valley Humane Society. "Being open seven days a week also will allow us to respond faster to certain situations, such as a lost pet." The Cedar Valley Humane Society is located at 7411 Mount Vernon Road SE in Cedar Rapids.

SEDC: All are invited to attend our March monthly meeting. It will be held Thursday, March 10 at 7AM at Security State Bank. There are a number of initiatives that SEDC is currently discussing so we encourage all to attend to share their viewpoint. Also in March there will be two opportunities to shop at our popular indoor winter Farmers' Market. Please mark your calendars for Saturday March 12 & 26 from 11AM to 1PM in the Community Center. Each market has averaged a dozen or more vendors with wonderful local produce, baked goods, cheese, meat, eggs, jewelry and so much more. Remember to bring your \$1.00 discount coupon which you recently received with our annual membership mailing. If you haven't already renewed your membership or have never been a member of SEDC, please consider a membership. We are in the process of creating a first time ever SEDC Website which will be a great virtual connection for SEDC members and for the organization as a whole. Other projects we are considering are street banners. Your membership fee along with your participation at our meetings and special events demonstrates your commitment to our mission and your community. Please contact me at any time for further information on membership and/or any other SEDC matter.



Mark Your Calendars



Friends of the Springville Library are
having book sales on the following dates:
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

Sponsored by:

Friends of the Springville Memorial Library

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

COMING SOON!!

Mark your calendars for **April 16 and 28, 2011!**
The Springville Presbyterian Church will be holding their annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 16 from 9-2pm. Maidrites and baked goods will be available.

The Whittier Community Annual Spring Rummage Sale will be April 28th 8am-6pm. Soup, sandwiches and baked goods will be available.