



# SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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November is a busy month with elections, two holidays, area church Fall suppers and holiday shopping about to commence. Hopefully your gardens and yards are ready for the winter months ahead!



## LIBRARY NEWS

We celebrated 5 years in our new building! Our library was brimming with music and patrons enjoying every minute of it. The refreshments were wonderful and the weather cooperated to make it a great party. Let's resolve to make a stop at your library throughout the year and look at our magazines, movies, books and various programming available. This is your library and it is free.

**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm** Linda Krog will be presenting 'sign language'.

**The Library will be closed November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00**

New Books:

Room -Emma Donoghue

Promise Me -Richard Paul Evans

Boy who came back from Heaven- Kevin Malarkey

In the Still of the night- Ann Rule

Mortal Danger and other true cases-Ann Rule

But I trusted you and other true cases-Ann Rule

Revenge of the Baby-sat- A Calvin & Hobbes

Collection by- Bill Waterson

Scorch Trials- James Dashner

Legacy- Danielle Steel

Blackout-Connie Willis

Ape House-Sara Gruen

Children's Blizzard- David Laskin

With Love and Laughter John Ritter- Amy Yasbeck

One Dog at a time saving the strays-Pen Farthing

Spoken from the Heart- Laura Bush

The Library has a new automated system up and running. The library had outgrown the older vision system and moved over to the Follett-Destiny automation. What does this mean? The card catalogue can be accessed on all the computers, when a book title, author or subject is typed in (in most cases) a picture of the book or item will show on the screen. We also have (thanks to the Friends) a receipt printer. This will make it easy to keep track of the items and the due dates. If you have any questions about the new system please feel free to ask. We are here to help you with YOUR information needs! New Classics!

We are in the process of entering our collection into the new system. We realized we had some great classics that needed to be replaced with newer updated copies. Frankenstein by Mary Shelley, The Grapes of Wrath, Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck, The Hitchhikers guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams, Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson, White Fang by Jack London. Check out an old classic in a new wrapper!

## Historical Society

The Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) met Oct. 12 in its new quarters, the former Springville Library. Thanks to Roger and Barb Shebetka, who loaned SAHS 12 folding chairs so those attending had seating.

Present were Bev Franks, president; James Crow, vice president; Karen Taylor, secretary; Bernita Andersen, Doug Beard, Kimball Behning, Tom Miller, Jean Schmidt, and Steve Shaffer.

Call to order was at 6:36 p.m. Thanks to Steve for the loan of an American flag, flagpole, and stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Sept. 16 meeting were read by the secretary and approved. Bev, as treasurer pro tem, gave the treasurer's report. Steve submitted two receipts from Menards, of \$17.49 and \$16.26, for miscellaneous hardware, draft-sealing tape, and "Exit" and "No Exit" signs. Payment was approved.

It was reported that Pauline Randall, Bev, Steve, and Karen spent the morning of Oct. 2 cleaning the former library. Steve took home a torn-down bookshelf unit and is reassembling it for our use.

Bev reported that the completion date of the gazebo is still unknown. SAHS is postponing the ice cream social until summer 2011. Bev has not heard from city attorney Jeff Taylor on the SAHS incorporation papers, or from the Realtor about availability of the former Casey's building.

Karen volunteered to contact Melanie Alexander, director of The History Center in Cedar Rapids, for help in organizing the historical material collection.

Jean, as chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of officer candidates: Bev Franks, president; James Crow, vice president; Jean Schmidt, treasurer; and Karen Taylor, secretary and historian. Officers will be elected at the Nov. 9 meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor then, prior to election of officers. Candidates must be members of SAHS.

Jim introduced a discussion about the school's Schwab Hall (the "Red Building"). Karen offered to contact the school about its plans for the 94-year-old structure. All living SHS alumni knew this building.

Bev announced that Joe and Karen Brown wish to donate a settee which was once in the Exchange State Bank, and a small wood-burning stove. SAHS wants to accept them, but space constraints will limit the acquisition of many other large items.

Jean brought a milk can that was donated by Mark Mosbisch of Central City. She will ask him if it has Springville area ties.

Doug suggested that improved publicity for SAHS could increase membership. Kimball said that a Web site would be a good way to get the word out. The two banks, the local cable TV channel, and the Springville News were commended for their help with publicity.

The next meeting of SAHS is scheduled **Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the old library**. All interested Springville area residents are welcome.

## Historical Feature

**Bruce House: Springville's first hotel, restaurant, tavern, then a home**

In 1854, Harvey and Mary Jane Bruce and their three children traveled from Oberlin, Ohio, to Marion, Iowa. That same autumn, the Bruces moved to Springville and wintered in a one-room cabin with the seven-member Barnard family.

In spring 1855, Bruce built a large frame house on the northwest corner of today's Broadway and Old 151 (where Casey's used to be). This was the Bruce House, a hotel for more than half a century.

The M. O. Walker stage line through Springville, and after 1861 the Dubuque and South Western Railroad, brought more hotel customers to town.

On two lots across the street from the hotel, Mrs. Bruce grew vegetables and beautiful flowers. She was also known for her roast pig dinners, attended by large crowds on the hotel lawn.

Harvey Bruce died in 1882. His widow lived another 20 years, and ran the hotel with the help of her daughter Clementine (Mrs. C. M. Harris).

Clementine's brother, George H. Bruce, had a livery stable north of the hotel.

In his later years, George mowed the grass in Butler Park with an old brown horse, gray-muzzled. At noon, he'd unhitch it from the mower and it would walk home ahead of him. He also mowed the Springville Cemetery.

George Bruce died Sept. 18, 1934, at 81. He had lost his wife, Letha Chiles Bruce, 28 years earlier. A daughter, Gladys Bruce, and her son, Buddy Bruce, survived him.

In the 1920s and '30s, the former hotel was used at different times as a restaurant and a tavern. One of the restaurant operators was Lorenna "Rennie" McShane McKee. Eventually the building was moved to the north so a gas station could be built.

Finally, the one-time Bruce House was a residence. It was the home of Henry and Juanita Mysak in 1943-44. Later a Burgess family lived there. The date it was razed is unknown.

*Sources include the Springville New Era, July 4, 1906; Jan. 23, 1919 & Feb. 22 & Sept. 20, 1934; Springville Cemetery records; Dave Kelley, Aubrey McShane & Henry Mysak.*

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### Springville Economic Development Corp

At our first meeting of 2010/2011 we toured the school's new improvements. Our students and community will have a great new place to enjoy arts and practice sports. Our goals for the next year are to work on getting more housetops and attracting small retail business into our fair city. We will also be working on beautification projects and supporting the work of our newly formed Historical Society. Please join us in improving and marketing our great place to live. Our next meeting is November 11, 7:00 am at the Security State Bank.

Thank you for your support,  
John Keizer, President

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### City Council Minutes - October 4, 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, Ballantyne, Neff and Grimley. Also present: Doug Beard, Steve Shaffer, Tom Miller, Dave Haugen, Dennis Goemaat, Mike Brady, Lena Gilbert, Doug and Mareta Ralston, Todd Wyman and Deputy Pavelka.

**Consent Agenda:** M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Neff to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes, motion carried.

### Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda:

Steve Shaffer informed the council that the Historical Society cleaned up the front part of the old library over the weekend in preparation for use of the room as a meeting room and historical display area. He noted the door and windows are "crap" and wanted to know when they would be replaced. Mayor Heeren noted the windows are the same as those in the meeting room and that staff was aware the door jam needed to be repaired.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Pavelka gave the patrol report for hours of service from September 27, 2010 through October 4th. There were 16 calls for service. Current hours of service: 99.70.

**Maintenance:** Well #3 passed the bacteria test and is now back on line. Two check valves, pipe, pump and motor were all replaced. Todd noted semi-annual discharging of the lagoon is in progress. He is performing extra testing due to more stringent EPA regulations. Also, he and Jake did a walk thru of the sewer utility mains and manholes with MSA, called MSI to come back and do some street sweeping due to dust complaints and will continue to patch streets yet this fall. Dumping of illegal materials at the yard waste site has slowed down, working on getting the street sweeper up and running, needs to get the leaf vac going and winterize equipment. Salt procurement for the year is locked in and sand will be purchase from the quarry. Some salt and sand mix is on hand from last season.

**Mayor:** none. **Other Reports:** submitted for Council review; August Library Board minutes, Library October calendar and August finance report, building permit report, BOA minutes of August 31<sup>st</sup> and September OT and leave report.

Roger reported on attending the Iowa League of Cities annual conference, working with the Historical Society in getting the old library room cleaned up and ready to go. Also, planting of 38 trees at Graham Park and 4 trees at Cox Lake which were received from a Branching Out grant from Alliant. Roger noted the project could not have been completed without the help of many volunteers, with special thanks going to John Bohlken for providing and running the auger that dug the holes trees were planted in.

**Old Business: Nuisance Abatement-173 Broadway Street:** nothing new to report.

**Yard Waste Site:** Roger noted dumping of illegal materials has greatly decreased. Bixler inquired if the policy committee should still try to meet on the development of a resolution establishing fines for violations of the yard waste site. Roger felt this could be put on hold for now.

**New Business: Sidewalk List:** M/b Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Ballantyne accepting the bid from Oberbreckling Construction for replacement of sections of residential sidewalk as flagged and not completed by the deadline. All ayes, motion carried.

### Appointment of Council Person to Fill Vacant Seat:

Mike Brady, Lena Gilbert and Mareta Ralston were all present as candidates that filled out an application of interest for the position. Roger asked Mareta Ralston if there would be a problem in her appointment due to the fact that he is Todd's aunt. Mareta noted she was knowledgeable of the fact that as a relative she must abstain on any personnel issues pertaining to Todd. Mayor Heeren noted pages 42 and 43 of the Iowa Municipal Policy Leaders' Handbook pertaining to conflict of interest and nepotism and asked Roger he had read those sections of the handbook. Roger read the sections aloud and stated he had reviewed them and felt that there would be no problem complying with the conflict of interest and nepotism rule. Per the request of councilman Shebetka each candidate explained why they are interested in the position. Roger asked Brady if the reason he was interested in the position had anything to do with the sewer renovation project. Brady replied he has no knowledge of the sewer project and reiterated his reasons for interest in the position that were listed on his application. Shebetka also noted he had a problem with Lena Gilbert bringing her attorney to a council meeting in reference to her property being included in the sidewalk replacement list. Lena explained she felt she was unknowledgeable about law pertaining to her sidewalk situation and simply felt that an attorney would best represent her and deal with the City much more competently than she could.

Ballantyne noted she had read all the applications and felt Mike Brady had much experience and attributes stemming from his profession that would benefit the City. M/b Ballantyne to appoint Mike Brady to fill the council seat vacated by Mary Gerdemann. Motion died for lack of a second. M/b Shebetka, second by Neff to appoint Mareta Ralston to the vacant council seat. Ballantyne nay, remaining ayes. Motion carried. Ralston will be sworn in at the next council meeting.

**Institute of Public Affairs, Goal Setting Sessions:** Due to budget constraints, council consensus was to review utilizing the program at a later date.

### CDBG Grant Application & Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project:

Dave Haugen of MSA was present to update the council on the status of the CDBG grant application and sanitary sewer system improvement project. A phone conference with Butch Doorenbos who has been assigned to serve as the DNR project manager was held September 28<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. This opens the way for the SRF process to begin. Dave briefly addressed the findings of his tour of the system with Todd and Jake. He asked if he should work with Todd and Jake on establishing which mains will be repaired &/or replaced or if the City would like to appoint a committee. Neff felt that the council needed more information on the specifications of the project and asked for a work session of the council for Haugen to give a presentation & recommendations on how to proceed with the project. Council will meet October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for further review of Haugen's findings.

**256 Broadway Real Estate Listing:** Bixler informed the council that agent Errol Lindsey of Skogman Realty has turned the keys for 256 Broadway back to the City. The 6 month representation agreement has expired with no interest being shown on the property. Council discussion continued on how to proceed. Bixler will contact another realtor for a price assessment and recommendation on how the city should proceed.

**LMI Survey:** Hagen noted there have been approximately 200 surveys returned which is about 43%. Eighty percent return of the surveys is required. Discussion continued on the fact that to get an 80% return a door to door effort will be required. Council will wait until the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting for final numbers on the amount of surveys returned and will then execute a plan to go door to door to acquire the remaining surveys to meet the 80% requirement.

**Wickiup Hills Request for CAT Grant Support:** Dennis Goematt of Wickiup Hills was present to explain expansion plans for services and facilities. Fund raising efforts are underway which include an application for CAT Grant funds. Goematt asked for monetary support of \$100 and passage of a resolution detailing said support as a requirement of the CAT Grant application.

**Trick or Treat Night:** City Hall has received several inquiries about a date for trick or treating as Halloween falls on a Sunday this year. Council consensus was that previous councils had never set a date for trick or treat night and they would not set precedent by setting a specific date at this time.

M/b Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Shebetka approving **RESOLUTION #22-2010; A Resolution Allocating \$100 Support For a Community Attraction & Tourism ("CAT") Application by Linn County Conservation Board for a Proposed Expansion to the Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center.** All ayes, one council seat vacant. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** An estimate of \$3,250 was received from Schmidt Masonry Inc. to repair the vandalism to the gazebo. Invitation received from the DNR to attend the Public Information Meeting on October 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the Buresh Room. The next meeting of the Springville City Council is set **October 14, 2010** at 5:00 p.m.

M/b Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Shebetka to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **City Council Work Session – October 14, 2010**

Mayor Heeren called the work session of the Springville City Council to order at 5:00 pm in City Hall. Present on roll call: Grimley, Gerdemann, Shebetka, and Neff. Ballantyne was absent.

**New Business: Oath of Office:** Mareta Ralston was given the oath of office and seated at the council table. Ralston will serve until the next regular election (November, 2011).

**Sewer System Rehab Update:** Dave Haugen of MSA was present with a wastewater treatment facility evaluation which consisted of a preliminary project scope and cost estimate, a primary sewer system improvements map and a user charge analysis. Dave reported on the specifics of replacing sewer mains, lining of mains and replacement of manholes that would reduce system infiltration by 20% to 30%. Dave also discussed the cost of the project with the council. Estimated total project cost of the project is \$840,000, which could be reduced to \$540,000 by receiving a \$300,000 CDBG grant. Receiving this grant would make for a \$4 per month reduction of the monthly user fee for residents of Springville.

**LMI Survey:** One hundred forty-four (144) more surveys are needed to meet the 80% response requirement for the Low to Moderate Income Survey. Dave reported that of the surveys returned 51.50% fall into the low to moderate income ranges which would qualify Springville for a CDBG grant of up to \$500,000 for funding of improvements to the sanitary sewer system. Discussion continued on obtaining the 144 surveys need to meet the 80% response requirement. Bixler will take the excel spreadsheet and divide the City into quadrants and each council member(s) will be assigned a quadrant. The surveys must be in MSA offices by October 29<sup>th</sup> at the very latest.

**256 Broadway:** Discussion was held on options for the 256 Broadway property now that the real estate listing agreement with Skogman Realty has expired. Points of discussion: approximately \$86,000 of debt remains on the property, rental revenue versus property tax expense (the rental income covers the property tax expense), possibility of recruiting a business for the lower level, selling the property at a loss, the cost and ramifications of moving City Hall to the lower level (would open up Cox Lake area, condition of current city hall, etc...) and listing the property with a different realtor.

**Next Meeting:** October 18, 2010.

M/b Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Shebetka to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **COUNCIL MINUTES - October 18, 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, Ballantyne, Neff, Ralston and Grimley. Also present: Doug Beard, Steve Shaffer, Tom Miller, Mike and Dixie Brady, Cathy Cutler, Jim Schnoebelen, Ken Yanna, Michael Fay, Wanda Young, Joel Rochleau, Frits Lantermans, Nelson and Dawn Mentzer, Wayne and Julie Chapman, Ed Sleep, Todd Wyman and Deputy Lemense.

**Consent Agenda:** M/b Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Shebetka to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the October 4<sup>th</sup> minutes as noted. All ayes, motion carried.

**Citizen's With Concerns Not on the Agenda:**

Atty. Michael Fay and Wanda Young were present to inform the council of dispute between Young and her neighbor Ed Sleep. Young started construction of a retaining wall on her rear property line which abuts Sleep's property. Young needs to address a washed out area of her rear yard. Young was served with a stop work order due to lack of a permit for the project. Discussion continued with the DNR findings on the property and Springville Zoning Code being referred to. Atty. Fay noted he and his client were present before the council to publicly request Mr. Sleep sign a fence agreement with Wanda Young that would allow her to continue with her project. Mr. Sleep felt there were other methods Young could utilize to deal with the washout area and declined to sign a fence/retaining wall agreement.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Lemense gave the patrol report for hours of service from October 4, 2010 through October 18th. There were 26 calls for service. September hours of service: 101.10.

**Maintenance:** Todd has started on leaf pickup in Upper Butler Park, used up all the street patch on hand, is still discharging at the lagoon - with about 2 weeks to finish and started to winterize the lift station. Also noted, MSI has been back to sweep the streets and Altorfer performed a yearly maintenance check on the sewer plant generator which received a "normal wear and no problems" report. Todd will begin fall service of the equipment and try to get some street sweeping accomplished.

**Mayor:** Attended 2 meetings: an SEDC meeting with Marion Economic Development and Priority One and a meeting with Rep.Nate Willems and Senator Bob Dvorsky about the Hwy. 151 and County Rd. 20 intersection.

**Other Reports:** submitted for Council review; September Library Board minutes, P&Z minutes of September 21st, QTD finance reports for the library, fire department, park and gazebo project.

**Old Business: Nuisance Abatement -173 Broadway Street:** nothing new to report, Roger requested a status report from the attorney for the next council meeting.

**LMI:** The Clerk reported approximately 76 more survey responses are needed to meet the 80% response return requirement. Bixler will update the spreadsheet tomorrow morning so council can continue with securing surveys that have not been turned in yet.

**New Business: IDOT Follow-up to the J-Turn Option:** Jim Schnoebelen, Cathy Cutler and Ken Yanna of the IDOT gave a presentation and answered questions on alternatives to the J-Turn intersection originally proposed by the IDOT to address the

crashes taking place at the Hwy. 151/X-20 intersection. Eighteen (18) alternatives were presented with each alternative addressing the pros and cons of that particular alternative. Verbal information was also given on the relative cost of each alternative and possible ROW requirements. Another presentation will be held at the Buresh Room on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

**Appoint Grant Administrator for Housing Rehab Grant Writing:** Bixler noted City Hall received one prospectus on its request for qualifications for *Housing Fund Grant Writing and General Administrative Services* which was from MSA Professional Services. Bixler confirmed for the council that the City would not be billed for grant writing services should the City not receive a housing rehab grant. M/b Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Shebetka to appoint MSA as Grant Administrator for housing rehab grant writing and administrative services. All ayes, motion carried.

**Appoint Housing Fund Administrator for Technical Administrative Services:** As with the housing rehab grant writing request for qualification the only prospectus received for technical administrative services was from MSA. M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Neff to appoint MSA to provide technical administrative services for an IDED housing fund program. All ayes, motion carried.

**CDBG Grant Application & Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project Update:** Todd noted the lines painted around Springville are survey markings to set elevations for the sewer rehab project.

**256 Broadway Rental Interest:** A chiropractor has expressed interest in renting one side (1/2 of the total space) of the ground floor at 256 Broadway. It would be a satellite site to his already existing business. Discussion was held on his question of a monthly rental rate and responsibility for remodeling the space to suit the business needs. Heather will talk with him and bring the results to the next council meeting.

**Review Maintenance Worker I Applications:** Seven applications for the Maintenance Worker I position were picked for interview by the Council. Robin noted there were many qualified applicants, but some with high wage expectations. Council then discussed setting an introductory wage. Robin recommended \$12 with increases as merited. Todd notes his introductory wage was \$13.50 with an increase upon certification. Todd recommended a starting wage of \$12 to \$14 per hour. Discussion continued on the importance of not eliminating a good candidate due to wage offering. Other council members felt it was important to try to hire a local person. M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Ralston directing the Clerk to contact the 7 applicants and note an introductory wage of \$12 to \$15 per hour and inquire if the applicant has read the job description and could meet the 15 minute response time in case of an emergency. All ayes, motion carried.

M/b Neff, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Grimley approving **RESOLUTION #24-2010; A Resolution Approving Plat of Schlatter's First Addition to Linn County, Iowa.** Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Todd will be in Manchester on October 27<sup>th</sup> for continuing education. Heather asked about employee reviews. She noted she first brought this up 2 months ago and that 2 employees requested reviews and all employees should be supported by a yearly employee review. Mayor Heeren noted he put off employee reviews due to the fact Todd has only been in his position about 2 months and isn't supervising an employee at this point. Neff felt reviews should still take place and asked that they be scheduled. Employee reviews for Bixler and Oler are scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Review for Todd is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Also discussed: moving the council start time from 7:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and moving meetings from Mondays to Wednesdays. This will be an agenda item at the next council meeting.

The next meeting of the Springville City Council is set **November 1, 2010** at 5:30 p.m.

M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Neff to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

### P&Z Commission Minutes of September 21, 2010

Chairman Teig called the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 6:00 pm in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Franks, Teig, Koppenhaver, Shaffer, Miller and Anderson. Pearson was absent.

**Approval of Minutes:** M/b Shaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Franks to approve minutes of the August 10, 2010 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

**New Business:** Duane Schlatter was present to discuss the possible re-zoning of his property located at 601 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue for construction of a duplex. The property is currently zoned C-2, Highway Commercial. Bixler spoke with Chad Sands of ECICOG on the feasibility of the request. Sands noted the storage units are the principal use on the lot. Zoning code only allows for one principal use on each lot, so the lot would need to be subdivided to construct a duplex. The new lot would then require a zoning designation. Sands suggested R-3, Multi-family Residential, however Schlatter preferred C-3, Mixed Use Commercial Residential, as the set back were less stringent. Discussion continued on the components of the request. Questions for Chad Sands included: which comes first, re-zoning of the lot or subdivision, do both lots need to be rezoned, best zoning designation for the properties and setback issues. Bixler will contact Sands with these questions and get back to Duane.

**Building Permit Report:** members reviewed the building permit report thru July 31, 2010.

**Old Business:** discussed updating of zoning map.

**Next meeting date:** October 13, 2010.

Adjourned by Chairperson Teig at 7:00 p.m.

### ~~~~~ 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!**

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**THANK YOU!**  
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**Creekside Gardens deserves a big thank you for their clean up efforts around the 'Springville' sign!**

**The Parks Board and other volunteers did a wonderful job planting 40 trees at Graham Park & Cox Lake on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you all!**

### CAN DRIVE -Thank you!

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Springville girls traveling tournament team would like to Thank everyone who supported them and donated cans for their recent fund-raiser. The money raised will help pay for tournament fees.



**S** Do you need a gift idea for someone special?

**A** City Hall has beautiful, large scenic blankets for

**L** sale at a special discount of \$20!! These

**E** blankets have historical and current pictures that are sure to please anyone who appreciates our past and future. We also have a few limited sizes of T-shirts and sweatshirts left from our Q-C celebration at big discount savings. Stop by the City Clerk's office any time to view these items.

#### WANTED

Wanted, by someone in California that is a descendant of Springville pioneers, a 1981 Springville Centennial History. Call Karen Taylor @854-7422

#### REMINDER

The Springville Cemetery clean off was in October. If you still have anything to remove, please do so as soon as possible, as Fall/Winter decorations will be put on soon.

#### PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THIS LOST DOG!

This dog went missing Sept. 28th. Last seen getting into a woman's dark colored car at Casey's General Store in Springville, IA. Buck is a dark colored, long-haired male German Shepherd. He had a collar and tags when he was last seen. He belongs to a deployed Iowa National Guardsman. Please help me find him. E-mail info to [bjaldrich@live.com](mailto:bjaldrich@live.com)

**Thank You!**

#### SENIOR DINING: THANKSGIVING DINNER

Mark your calendars! Senior Dining will be having their Thanksgiving dinner on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up by November 17<sup>th</sup> by calling Janet at 854-6200.

#### Attention: Baseball Card Collectors!

Baseball Card & Sports Memorabilia Appraiser Michael Osacky will be visiting on **Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Michael and his company, BaseballintheAttic, discussed the vintage baseball card profession on opening day Live from Wrigley Field on WGN news. Michael is the Official appraiser of the John "Red" Kerr basketball collection and is currently working with the families of 2 former New York Yankee players to appraise their World Series Collections. Michael will be making house calls and purchasing vintage (pre-1970) sports cards/sports memorabilia. If you have something you need appraised, Michael will look at it free of charge. For more information, please visit [www.baseballintheattic.com](http://www.baseballintheattic.com). He can be reached at 847-436-8444 or [info@baseballintheattic.com](mailto:info@baseballintheattic.com). Slots are filling up fast, please call or email to secure a time.



**REMEMBERING: Bobby Kennedy in Marion**

#### Mayor's Column

On October 20, 2010, The Iowa Department of Transportation held a presentation and open house in the Buresh Room. They presented 18 different designs for an intersection at 151 and X-20 (Springville Road). These examples would work with varying degrees in addressing the problem of side-impact vehicle accidents.

Most residents in attendance agreed that the long-term answer to this problem is to segregate the North-South traffic from the East-West traffic. Several examples of this type of interchange were shared with those in attendance. The down side of these interchanges is simply that the cost of a project of this magnitude would take between 12 to 15 years and could require the removal of Casey's & Security State Bank.

However, only two (2) examples, Category-1 Option C and Category-1 Option D would meet the concerns of this intersection. Option C would be a 4-way stop similar to the ones on Highway 13 at Mt. Vernon Road and Highway 13 at County Home Road. This type of intersection would stop side-impact crashes and be a safer intersection. The down side to this type of intersection is that ALL vehicles must stop causing vehicles to stack up for a long distance during rush hour traffic and holiday travel etc... Requiring all vehicles to come to a complete stop and then waiting for a turn to pass through the intersection destroys the concept of Hwy 151 being a freeway.

Category-1 Option D, a signalized intersection similar to the intersections on Highway 13 and Highway 100 and soon to be at Highway 13 and Mt. Vernon Rd. The advantages of this type of intersection are that the side impacts accidents would be reduced or eliminated and the intersection would be safer to pass through. The down side to this type of intersection is that when a vehicle traveling south out of Springville or North heading into Springville on X-20 would activate a light change and the East - West traffic would be required to stop while the North - South traffic passes through the intersection.

If we as a community, which includes our rural neighbors, work together to request Category-1 Option D, a signalized intersection for the interim while waiting for the construction of an interchange that would segregate the North-South traffic from the East-West traffic. The citizens of Springville and our rural neighbors would have an intersection that should end side-impact vehicle accidents and the relatively mild inconvenience of occasionally stopping the East - West traffic. This would keep the more permanent interchange closer to the front burner. This would be a short-term resolution while we wait for the I.D.O.T. to resolve this problem permanently.

Copies of the new designs of intersection 151 & X-20 are available at city hall for anyone who missed the open house. Citizen comment forms are also available for anyone wishing to comment on this presentation. We need to make our wishes known and get citizen input to the I.D.O.T.

#### 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.**

**Tidbit:** The Delicious apple was developed in the orchard of Jesse Hiatt near Peru in Madison County, Iowa.

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