



# SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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"April showers bring May flowers" as the saying goes. What a relief after our long winter! Soon we can begin our yard cleanup. Please remember our yard waste site is for your disposal of small branches, leaves and grass only.



## Talk Around the Hydrant

### *The Bravest*

Another month has gone by and at this moment all signs are pointing to the winter months being behind us. With these changes comes some new issues that the fire department will start to be concerned with. One of which is grass fires when some people like to burn off the dead grass in their ditches. When you do this please be aware of the conditions. Grass fires can spread to twice the size intended in just a few minutes. Watch for a calm day and make sure that you have water available along with tools to control your fires. If the fire is to get away from you don't try and put it out yourself. Call right away and get the fire department, we don't mind the work. Also please be aware of the cable and telephone boxes located in the ditches. Damage to these items can get rather costly to fix. Also make sure you have contacted the health department and have applied for a burn permit. I will include the steps for doing this at the bottom.

Our first fish fry is behind us with a great turn out. We have one more coming up on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March and look forward to seeing you all again. On that note, the money raised this year is going to be put towards the purchase of a new pumper/tanker to replace the 1987 Ford Engine 246. This truck has reached it's 25 year mark. We have been talking with different builders to see what we can afford and what they are offering. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of March a small group of members and some of the trustees took a trip to Alexis, IL, home of the Alexis Fire Apparatus plant for an open house. It was a very informational experience and we all learned a lot about what is out there and new on the market. If you would like to see a picture of a possible truck please take the time to view the drawings at the next fish fry.

### **Applying for Open Burn Permit**

1. Go to the Linn County Website- [www.linncounty.org](http://www.linncounty.org)
2. Go to departments and click on Public Health
3. Then on the left you will see Air Quality Division
4. Click on that and then open the full page and on the left there will be a Apply for Open Burning Permit icon.

We have responded to these calls this month:

2/17/11- 10-50 Car Accident  
2/21/11- 10-50 Car Accident  
2/24/11- 10-52 Medical  
2/28/11- 10-52 Medical  
3/10/11- 10-52 Medical  
3/14/11- 10-52 Medical



## LIBRARY NEWS

Calendar dates: **April 1<sup>st</sup>** at 10:30 am - Story Time  
NO FOOLING

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** 1:00-2:30 Youth Book Talk

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 Library Board Mtg.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** 10:00-3:00 Palette Pals Paint show @ the library



**April 9<sup>th</sup>** Friends Book Sale @ old library

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 Tuesday night book talk

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** Good Friday Library closed

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10:30-12:00 Easter Bunny @ the library

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** Friends Book Sale @ old library

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 Tuesday night book talk

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 Better Nutrition for a Better Life

Check out our library Facebook – for all the library happenings. Kids are bored, Mom and Dad are trying to fix supper. We have the answer!  
[www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com) !

Attention parents, grandparents, day care providers, and everyone. You have the opportunity to use a fantastic website to help your child read. They can read along with the book, have the book read to them, learn a different language, play games about a book and much more. The books are leveled with Lexile too.

This service is free to you, due to the generosity of the East Central Regional Library. They have paid for the subscription for one year. Use the site, let us know what you think and how much you will use it with your child. Simply type Username- Springville Password – libra

If you need help with the site let us know. We hope that you find this website another resource to help with reading and the love of books.

Palette Pals are having a paint show @ the library. They have not had a showing of their paintings for a few years. We look forward to seeing their hard work. Come see the paintings and talk to the artists. Book talks are a great success!

The library has realized a goal of an organized Book Talk for both adults and youth. The adults are discussing their second book. The youth group is starting their first book with lots of ideas for a fun group! We are welcoming more members, so please join us on April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:00-2:30.

Better Nutrition for a better life is coming back on April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00. Marilyn McCall is coming back to present her program on health and nutrition for a better life. This program is very informative and you will walk away armed with new knowledge on better nutrition choices.

## Historical Society

The Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) will hold its next meeting Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the SAHS building (former library). Both members and non-members, from town and country, are welcome to attend.

At the March 8 SAHS meeting, two new members, Merle and Harriett McGrew, joined. Bringing the total membership to 25, plus three life members. We were also pleased to welcome a guest, Duane Schlatter.

President Bev Franks announced that SAHS now has Articles of Incorporation as a non-profit organization, issued by the Iowa Secretary of State. It has been decided not to apply for 501(c) (3) status from the IRS at this time.

SAHS is applying for a Linn County Historic Preservation Commission (LCHPC) grant. The deadline is April 1, and recipients will be chosen in June. It is hoped to receive funds for tables, chairs, file cabinets, and filing and preservation supplies.

Bev and Karen Taylor, secretary-historian, attended a grant writing workshop sponsored by the LCHPC March 5 at the History Center in Cedar Rapids.

Kimball Behning suggested taping all SAHS meetings, and his suggestion was approved by vote.

Jean Schmidt, treasurer, displayed Exchange State Bank receipts from the 1800s, bought by her son at a

flea market. Also discussed: the March 5 razing of the creamery (built in 1916), Melvin Boots' Shell station, the one-time hotel on Broadway (where the Legion Hall is now), and bootlegging in Springville during Prohibition.

Bev announced that SAHS' second annual bake sale would take place March 25 at City Hall, starting at 4 p.m. and continuing until everything was sold. It was held in conjunction with the annual fish fry of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Other members present: James Crow, vice president; Doug Beard, Steve Shaffer, and Bob and Pat Rose.

## HISTORICAL

### Leona Bender recalls years in Post Office

Leona Brandt Bender, 90, of Monticello, worked at the Springville Post Office 19 years, including nine years as postmaster. When she started as part-time postal clerk in 1964, she said, "Zip codes had just come in."

Leona and her first husband lived next door to the post office. (The house was later moved.) When postal clerk Ava Calvert retired, Postmaster Glenn Bowdish offered Leona the job. "He'd watched me taking care of my chickens, and thought I was a hard worker!" she said.

One year, Glenn and his wife Martha were in a car accident and were hospitalized just before Christmas. Mrs. Calvert came out of retirement to help run the post office. Leona spent Christmas Day at St. Luke's, doing time cards!

Glenn was the longest-serving postmaster in Springville history, retiring in November 1974 after 38 years on the job. Leona succeeded him.

One of her many memories: "You know how people like to stand in the lobby and visit? One day we could smell fire. A fellow had been smoking and threw his cigarette away, but it caught in his clothes and was smoldering! We had to get some water, fast."

Another memory: "Doc Hanna (the local veterinarian) came in one day and said, 'I'll plant some trees if you'll water them.' He put them along the south side of the Post Office, and today they're big trees."

Leona had a special reason for retiring in March 1983: a proposal! Her fiancé was the widower of her first husband's sister. "We'd known each other for 50 years," she said. "He kept telling me, you can retire, you can retire, and finally I did and we got married."

NEXT MONTH: Memories of former rural mail carrier Kenny Taylor.

## 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 **April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

≥ **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.

### 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](mailto: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.**)

### Congregate Meals Needs Your Help

If you have a couple hours in your day to help sack lunches, wash a few dishes or help serve, please contact Becky at the Community Center. This community service helps many people in the Springville area, and is a great way to make new friends! **Call: 854-6200** for more information.



### LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY

As of March 31, 2011 there will be a vacancy on the Board of Trustees for the Springville Memorial Library. This vacancy is to be filled by a resident of the City of Springville.

Public Library Boards have 5 primary roles:

- 1) Advocate for the library in the community and advocate for the community as a member of the library board.
- 2) Plan for the future of the library.
- 3) Monitor and evaluate the overall effectiveness of the library.
- 4) Set library policies.
- 5) Hire and evaluate the library director.

If you are interested in being appointed by the Mayor and City Council to fill this vacancy, paperwork may be picked up at City Hall or at the Library Completed paperwork is due to City Hall by April 30<sup>th</sup>

### SPECIAL ELECTION!

Due to the resignation of councilmember Heather Neff a vacancy exists on the Springville City Council. The Public is hereby notified it is the intention of the Council to fill the vacancy by special election. Said election shall take place **April 12, 2011** at the Springville Memorial Library. Please feel free to call City Hall @ 319-854-6428 with any questions.

### City Hall Closed

Friday, April 22, 2010 for Good Friday- Offices will open at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Happy Easter!

### Mayor's Column

The Iowa house started work the second week of March on property tax legislation. Although nothing major has happened as of my writing of this. The considerations on the table include property tax bills HF9 Divisions I, II, and III and HSB129, which outlines the Governor's plan for commercial property tax relief. These bills are funnel proof, which means that they did not have to meet the deadline of the funnel. The first week of March is called funnel week, the week when bills must be out of a committee either the House or Senate, or be dead.

According to the Iowa League of Cities, Divisions II and III directly affect us as a city. Division II makes changes related to city budget and property tax assessments for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2012. The bill will require cities and counties whose property tax capacity or other revenue capacity is reduced, to first reduce funding for services that are not considered essential services. HF9 defines "essential services" to include: law enforcement, fire protection services, streetlights, water, sewer and sewage disposal, garbage pickup, landfills, roads and road maintenance, streets and street maintenance, bridge and bridge maintenance, sidewalk and sidewalk maintenance, snow removal and local emergency management.

If funding for essential services is also reduced, cities and counties must include on the published proposed budget summary the listing of essential services for which funding has been reduced, plus a statement that includes a listing of the essential services, by service area and item and the proposed funding for that service area and item.

Division III of bill HF9 ties together the assessment limitations of residential, agricultural and commercial property by limiting the percentage increase to the lowest percentage increase under the allowable four percent limit. This would apply retroactively to January 1, 2011, for assessment years beginning on or after that date.

Division I would have the state assume more of the cost of K-12 education it will also reduce the amount that is imposed on local property owners. Under current law, per pupil spending amount is authorized by the Legislature and is made up of the \$5.40 levy plus the state general fund up to 87.5 percent. This bill would shift the remaining 12.5 percent from property taxes to the state general fund.

Bill HSB129 would roll commercial property taxes back to 60 percent immediately for new properties. In addition, bill HSB129 would phase in a 60 percent rollback on existing commercial property over five years. However, this bill does not contain any provisions for backfilling cities. This equates to an estimated \$494.1 million dollar loss to cities, state wide over a period of five years.

This can and will affect the way we as a city will be able to provide services to our citizens. Dramatic changes to the tax system create instability. City budgets and finance are more dependable when revenues are stable. This can also shift tax to residential property owners. Anticipated negative impact on municipal bond ratings can further complicate municipal finance, which will cause our city to find other ways to generate revenue to make up for this loss, while continuing to fund city mandates and keeping up with other inflating costs such as infrastructure, fuel prices and rising healthcare costs.

Rick Heeren; Mayor

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#### Good turnout for SAHS Whittier program

About 40 persons attended a public program, "Whittier As It Was," sponsored by the Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) March 12 at the Library.

Presenters were Bob and Maxine Williams, rural Whittier; Merle and Harriett McGrew, Springville; Jerry Hampton, Cedar Rapids; and Jerry's sister, Donna Mae Rasmussen, Hillsboro, MO



#### Loeb sack Representative to Hold Office Hours in Springville

A district representative from Congressman Loeb sack'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: **April 6<sup>th</sup>**; May 4<sup>th</sup> ; June 1<sup>st</sup> ; July 6<sup>th</sup> ; Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>; Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>; Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>; Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

Alexandra M. Kitson District Representative  
Congressman Dave Loeb sack (IA,02)150 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE,  
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#### SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL/SEDC

##### Goal Setting Session - February 28, 2011

Jeff Schott of the Institute of Public Affairs was present to facilitate a goal setting session between city board personnel, staff and SEDC. Present the 5:00 p.m. meeting in the Library Buresh Room: Mareta Ralston, Robin Ballantyne, Jeff Grimley, Roger Shebetka, Mayor Heeren, Steve Shaffer, Tom Miller, Lena Gilbert, Joel Rochleau, Jim Teig, Cecil Capper, John Keizer and Karen Bixler.

The process began with members filling out a questionnaire to identify a vision for the community, recent accomplishments, issues/trends/concerns/opportunities, potential/new initiatives/programs/policies and suggestions to improve organizational effectiveness. Schott compiled the information from the questionnaires in the categories as referenced above. Participants reviewed and ranked on-going priorities, potential projects, programs, policies and initiatives for the next 12-24 month period. Participants also reviewed concerns and ideas relating to improving organizational effectiveness in relationship to effectively accomplishing the selected goals and priorities.

In closing, Schott recommended that an "action plan" be prepared for accomplishing the identified goals and priorities. The plan would define the steps that would be needed to accomplish each goal, identify who is responsible for implementation, and establish a timeline for accomplishment. The plan would be approved by both the City Council and SEDC. As part of the action plan it was also recommended that the City Council and SEDC meet on a quarterly basis to review the status of implementing and completing the goals identified in the plan.

Next council meeting: **March 7, 2011.**

M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Ballantyne to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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#### CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS - March 7, 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: Kim Donaldson, PJ Hoyt, Kevin Hulett, Tom Miller, Steve Shaffer, Brandon French and Boy Scout Troop 57.

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

**Old Business: Nuisance Abatement-173**

**Broadway Street:** nothing new.

**New Business: Discussion with Brown Township on Capital Equipment:** Fire Chief PJ Hoyt, and Brown Township Trustee representatives Kevin Hulett and Kim Donaldson were present for discussion on replacement of pumper truck #246. A history of the fire protection agreement between the City and Brown Township was discussed along with prices and companies providing pumper trucks, ISO insurance ratings, bonding and interest rates and percentage of ownership of a new truck. Roger will attend a sales meeting with Alexis Fire Equipment and PJ Hoyt. Council set March 21<sup>st</sup> for another meeting to further discuss a joint purchase of a new pumper truck.

**Council Appointment:** Bixler presented information received from Tim Box of the Auditor's office in reference to a special election to fill the vacancy

created by the resignation of Council person Heather Neff. The latest date the election could take place is April 12, 2011. Bixler would need to inform Box by March 11<sup>th</sup> of the City's intent. Candidates would follow the normal election procedures. Paperwork would be available at City Hall. Completed nomination petitions and affidavit of candidacy are due back to City Hall by March 18, 2011 by noon. M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Grimley to set a special election to fill the council vacancy. Said election to be held April 12, 2011. All ayes, motion carried.

Next council meeting: **March 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Ralston to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS—March 14, 2011**

Mayor Heeren called the special 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: Tom Miller, Steve Shaffer, Brandon French, Mike and Dixie Brady, Jake Hiner, Todd Wyman, Doug Beard, Sergeant Dave Beuter and Deputy LeMense.

Mayor Heeren opened the public hearing on: **Adoption of the Proposed FY 2011-12 Budget.**

There being no one present who wished to speak and no written comment received Mayor Heeren closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

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

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

**Reports:** Deputy Lemense gave the patrol report for hours of service from February 21, 2011 through March 14, 2011. February hours of service: 99.50.

Todd reported the theft of a quick cut saw and a hammer drill from the shop. The theft has been reported to the insurance company and the Linn County Sheriff's Office. The written maintenance report consisted of: trimming trees at Emmons Park - will burn as soon as weather allows, patched potholes - with more to be done, cemetery issues, fixed sink drain at Community Center, replaced the five function valve at Well #3 and composed a fence letter to send out to residences that will be affected by removal of city/resident shared barbed wire fences. Also, the Lexmark will be taken in for warranty work, summer mowing equipment will be serviced, and they will continue to work with MSA on the sewer project.

**Other Reports:** YTD building permits, February overtime and leave reports. Also submitted: February Library Board minutes and January finance report.

**Old Business: Nuisance Abatement - 173 Broadway:** Roger requested a dollar figure on the amount of legal fees paid to date on the abatement process for 173 Broadway.

**Animal Control Services:** Brandon has been in touch with Zack Melton of the Cedar Valley Humane Society. Melton has been advising Brandon on the requirements for setting up a "holding facility" to house stray cats and dogs for 3 days before the Humane Society would need to be contacted for pick up of the animal. This would give a local pet owner a time period in which to recover their pet locally rather than the animal going directly to the HS.

**New Business: Judy Rose Cemetery Plot:** tabled.

**Special Election Voting Procedures:** Tim Box of the Auditor's office inquired if the Council preferred electronic voting or a paper ballot system. The paper ballot system would save the City around \$200 in election costs. M/b Ballantyne, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Grimley to use paper ballots for the special election being held to fill the vacant council seat. All ayes, motion carried.

**Linn County Protection Services:** Sergeant Dave Beuter was present for discussion on law enforcement services in Springville. The Council requested feedback on incidents in the City, suggestions from the Sheriff's Department to maximize the services provided and the establishment of an informational quarterly report over and above the service log currently provided by the County. Sergeant Beuter recommended community policing and prompt calls to the office when irregularities and/or incidents occur so that

evidence would not be compromised. M/b Grimley, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Ballantyne directing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Linn County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services for FY 2011-12. All ayes, motion carried.

M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Grimley to approve **RESOLUTION #5-2011; A Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012.** Roll call vote. All ayes, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** none.

Next council meeting: **March 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Ballantyne to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

#### **CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS - March 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: Tom Miller, Steve Shaffer, Brandon French, Patrick Bracy, Nikki Bracy, Jack Clothier, Jake Hulett, Steve Lam, Dennis Williams, Kevin Hulett, PJ Hoyt, Kris Jacobs, George Richards, Kim Donaldson and Todd Wyman.

**Reports:** Todd informed the council he was obtaining bids for the replacement of the quick cut saw and hammer drill that were stolen from the shop and was seeking approval to purchase once all the bids were received. Bixler noted there was \$1,500 budgeted for small equipment and the City should receive an insurance check for approximately \$1,000. M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Grimley approving the request. All ayes, motion carried.

Patrick and Nikki Bracy were present with concerns on the letter to residents informing them that property line barbed wire fences that are shared with the City would be removed. Bracy's have dogs and prefer the fence remain in place. Todd noted that only the top two barbed wires needed to be removed in order to adhere to city code and the woven wire part of the fence could remain.

**Old Business: Nuisance Abatement - 173 Broadway:** none.

**New Business: Proposed Purchase of a Fire Truck with Brown Township:** Fire Chief PJ Hoyt presented specs for a pumper/tanker truck from Alexis Fire Equipment Company. The purchase price would be approximately \$300,000. Discussion continued on the many aspects of such a purchase including ISO ratings, specs of the truck, cost sharing, payment options and Brown Township/City of Springville services agreement. The finance committee will meet on March 28<sup>th</sup> for research and discussion on funding options and the effect on city finances. Roger requested that the committee also consider the purchase of a new multi-purpose one-ton truck for the PW department. Further discussion will take place at the April 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**FY 2009-10 Audit:** Roger asked that the item be tabled until the next council meeting.

**Citizen's With Concerns not on the Agenda:** Patrick Bracy reported there are nuts missing on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Todd noted he had extras for replacement.

Next council meeting: **April 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

M/b Shebetka, 2<sup>nd</sup>/b Grimley to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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#### **Special Election on Local Option Sales Tax.**

Springville voters have the opportunity to vote on May 3, 2011 on whether the current 1% Local Option Sales Tax should run another twenty years. If approved, the tax would add 1% to the pre-tax cost of sales and services through July 1, 2034. The special election will be May 3, 2011. Springville residents may vote at the Springville Public Library from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Rural residents may vote at their general election polling location.

Passage of this measure in Springville requires a "yes" vote by a majority of Springville voters who cast a ballot on the question. If this measure is approved, the Springville City Council stated the sales and services tax proceeds would continue to be used for the purposes approved in 2009, which were infrastructure improvement including:

- storm sewer
- sewer
- water
- park/Recreation improvements
- residential development
- streets & curb/gutter

#### LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX AT WORK IN SPRINGVILLE

<b>Reserved Balance May 2009:</b>	<b>\$34,655.72</b>
Received 1 <sup>st</sup> LOST payment of:	\$13,337.82
from LOST referendum in June 2009	
FY 2009-10 beginning balance:	\$47,993.54
FY 2009-10 total income:	<u>\$143,355.86</u>
	<b>\$191,329.40</b>
Expenditures:	<u>7,985.00</u>
Well #2 pump & a new motor, maintenance & re-install	
<b>FY 2009-10 end balance</b>	<b>\$183,364.00</b>
FYTD 2010-11 total income:	<u>\$107,242.09</u>
	290,606.49
Expenditures:	
new sewer main on Mill Street	36,667.00
residential street improvements	<u>21,592.00</u>
03/31/2011 Balance	<b>\$232,347.49</b>

Also, in December 2008 before the LOST referendum, LOST funding of \$33,598 was used to complete a much needed water main extension on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Current plans are to grow the \$232,347 current balance to offset expenses for street and storm sewer repairs required due to the wastewater renovation project. This would allow for more sewer main and manhole reconstruction in the project. Funding is also designated for continued residential street improvements.

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**Save your Box Tops for Springville Schools The Springville Elementary continues to collect box tops. Right now in the elementary, they are having a contest to see which grade level can bring in the most box tops. If you know an elementary student, help them by letting them turn them in. If you don't know any elementary students, you can turn them in at the elementary office or the phone company. As always we appreciate all your help in making our school district successful! Clip Box Tops and earn cash for your school! Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ for your school—and that adds up fast!**

### CEMETERY SPRING CLEANUP

Springville Code of Ordinances Chapter 115, Section 115.04 Decorations:

**All grave decorations will be removed by March 15<sup>th</sup> and again on October 15<sup>th</sup> for cemetery beautification.**

**New decorations may be placed two (2) weeks after removal.**

**Easter Lilies and such decorations will be removed two (2) weeks after Easter.**

**All floral arrangements without a vase will be removed following Memorial Day.**

**Any artificial arrangement placed in the ground will be removed after two (2) weeks.**

**Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our cemetery clean and neat!**



**Palette Pals Paint Show**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 10am-3pm at**  
**Springville Library**  
**Everyone is invited to view all the beautiful paintings and artwork of our local talented group "The Palette Pals"**

#### PARKS MAINTENANCE POSITION

**The City of Springville is taking applications for a part-time, seasonal parks maintenance worker. Applicants must be able to work approximately twenty hours each week, Monday through Friday, during regular office hours. The start date will be approximately May 1st until the end of the mowing season. The weather will play a key role in determining the work schedule.**

**Duties will include mowing, weed trimming and other parks maintenance projects as needed. Applicants should have the ability to operate park maintenance equipment, have a valid driver's license, be able to work without direct supervision, and take pride in their work. The City will supply any necessary equipment. By law, must be 18 years old to operate equipment. The hourly rate will depend on qualifications.**

**You may pick up an application and job description at the clerk's office at 304 Broadway. All applications must be returned to the clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15th, 2011. The City of Springville is an EOE>**

#### FARMERS' MARKET

April will be the final month of the 2011 Indoor Winter Farmers' Market season. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 9 and 23. The market features a bounty of local seasonal produce, farmstead cheese, baked goods, fruit pies, lamb, beef, pork, eggs, crafts and more. In addition to the wide selection of offerings for purchase, live entertainment will be featured at each market for your enjoyment while you shop. The Springville Indoor Farmers' Market, sponsored in part by SEDC, is held from 11A to 1P at the Community Center located at 265 Broadway where there is plenty of free parking and is wheelchair accessible. The summer market will begin Tuesday, June 7 from 4P to 6P at Cox Lake Pavilion. For additional farmers' market information, please contact market manager, Lena Gilbert at 319/854-7097 or [justlena@netins.net](mailto:justlena@netins.net). Thank you to our many wonderful customers for supporting the Springville Farmers' Market.

#### SEDC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If you haven't already renewed your membership or have never been a member of SEDC, please consider a membership now. All are invited to attend our next monthly meeting to be held Thursday, April 14 at 7AM at Security State Bank. We are in the process of creating an SEDC Website which will virtually expand our boundaries beyond Springville. We are also working on a possible street banner project, a newcomers welcome guide and we are still actively engaged in bringing a dental practice or other healthcare practice to downtown Springville. Your membership fee along with your participation at our meetings and special events demonstrates your commitment to our mission and your community. Please contact John Keizer, SEDC president at 319/854-7454 or [johnjudyk@netins.net](mailto:johnjudyk@netins.net) at any time for further information on membership and/or any other SEDC matter.

#### County Road Projects

The Linn County Secondary Road Department recently sent a flyer listing Spring 2011 projects for road grades, culverts, bridges, etc. The following are concrete paving projects in the Springville area: Springville Rd-north of Martelle Rd to Hwy 151 & County Home Rd-Hwy 13 to bridge near Whittier. Culvert projects: Quaker Lane, Bolton Manor Road, Springville Rd. Regrade Projects; streets in Viola and Alderman Rd (spots), Rock maintenance projects: Linn Grove Rd (spots) between Martelle Rd & Linn Ridge Rd. For the listing of projects effecting this area, please go to their website at [www.linncounty.org/engineer](http://www.linncounty.org/engineer). These projects may cause temporary inconvenience.