

June 2013

# City of Sheldon

## Downtown Infrastructure Project Contract Awarded

Recently, the City Council approved award of the contract for the Downtown Infrastructure Project to Rens Concrete from Sioux Center, IA. The engineer's estimate on the project was \$1.1 million and the low bid on the project was for \$970,819. It is anticipated that the project will begin construction the first part of June and to be completed yet this construction season. The project will be divided into various phases to minimize the impact to the downtown businesses, and allow front door access throughout the entire project. The project will entail a complete reconstruction of a 5 block area in the downtown area from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue along 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. As part of the council discussion, it was also approved to widen 9<sup>th</sup> Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue as part of the project, which will create some additional diagonal parking with an estimated 10 spots. As the project begins, we will continue to communicate on a weekly basis the project schedule and other important information. We encourage everyone to patronize downtown during the construction phase to minimize the impact to the downtown businesses. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this project.

## Down on the Farm with the CCC Boys!

Michigan based author Bill Jamerson will present a **FREE** music and storytelling tribute to the 1933-1942 Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) to be held in the upper level of the Sheldon Community Services Center on Tuesday, June 11 at 2:00 P.M. The Sheldon Historical Society, the Sheldon Prairie Museum, and the Sheldon Public Library are sponsoring the program. Refreshments will be served, including CCC cookies. Following the program and lunch, the Sheldon Prairie Museum will be hosting an open house at the Museum.

## Sheldon Public Library

The Sheldon Public Library would like to invite you to the Summer Library Program Registration on June 3, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On this day you can take advantage of the events happening uptown, and register for your summer reading goal and receive a prize. Registration will last until June 14, 2013, but prizes will only be given on June 3. Be sure to "Dig into Reading" for the summer. For more information about the Summer Library Program, be sure to check out the website at [www.sheldon.lib.ia.us](http://www.sheldon.lib.ia.us).



## Sheldon Prairie Museum Hours

- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays
  - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays
  - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays
  - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays
- Closed on Holidays
  - If these hours are not convenient, please call 324-3235 and schedule a time.

## Board & Commission Vacancies

The City of Sheldon has several board and commission vacancies. All vacancies are voluntary. Some meet on a regular basis and others meet as needed. To volunteer, please contact the City Offices at 324-4651.

## East Lawn Cemetery

Recently, the City Council passed an Ordinance that allows the entire Cemetery to have upright head stones. Previously, the southwest portion of the Cemetery only allowed stones that were flush with the ground. If you have any questions, please contact the City Offices at 324-4651.

## Community Recycle Dumpster

The recycling dumpster located in the Community Services Center parking lot is being utilized very well. We would like to take this time to point out a couple of things to the Community. Please be sure to tear down any boxes as much as possible to utilize the maximum amount of space in this dumpster. The dumpster can only be emptied once a week and we are noticing people are leaving their recycling outside the dumpster on the ground. We ask that this not be done, simply for the reason of the wind. There have been times that people have left things on the ground, the wind picked up, and it was scattered all over the parking lot, the library lawn, etc... If this continues to be a problem, this service might be lost. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Highway 18 Widening & Overlay Project Awarded.

The City Council recently approved the contract for the Highway 18 widening and overlay project to Godberson-Smith Construction from Ida Grove, IA. The low bid on the project was for \$2,478,102, in which approximately \$2.1 million is to be covered by the Iowa Department of Transportation. The City of Sheldon is also responsible for all of the engineering costs as they relate to the project. The first phase of the project will include the widening of Highway 18 from approximately 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue through the intersection of Country Club Road into a 3 lane cross-section roadway. The next phase of the project will include a complete overlay from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (old Hwy. 60) to new Hwy. 60. This will also include the conversion into a 3 lane cross-section through that entire corridor. This will be a great safety improvement to this busy roadway and reduce driver confusion. We would anticipate this project beginning in early June with completion by the fall of 2013. We will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available. Please use extreme caution while traveling in construction areas this summer.

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