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**Media Opportunity:
Springfield Mayor to Recognize 4th Grade Student
Winners of Rain Barrel Art Contest**

What: Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg will present awards to local fourth grade student winners of a new rain barrel art contest. The rain barrels have been painted by students to convey the theme “Every Drop Counts,” in honor of Earth Day. The Mayor will present first, second, and third place awards to the student groups that decorated the winning rain barrels. Students and their families will be present.

When: 7 p.m., Monday, April 16

Where: Council Chambers, Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR

Who: Members of the media are invited to attend. Staff and students will be available for media interviews in the City Hall lobby immediately following the Council presentation.

Background: For the past few weeks, roughly 325 fourth grade students from five different schools in the Springfield School District have been working to paint rain barrels, in order to highlight the importance of water quality and conservation. After the winning students have been recognized on April 16, the barrels will be given to Springfield residents who participate in rainwater harvesting workshops offered by the City for Earth Day. This new project is an effort of the City of Springfield, in collaboration with the Springfield School District.

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