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SPRINGFIELD HORSE RETURNS TO WHITE

Original white replaces Simpsons yellow

Drivers crossing into Springfield will be greeted with a shining white horse after crews from Ehlers Construction repainted the City's Pioneer Horseman statue this morning. The horse was used as part of the City's participation in the Simpsons Spirit Contest and was sporting a bright yellow for the last few weeks.

Local contractor, Ehlers Construction, donated time and materials to paint the horse yellow last month and again donated time and materials for this morning's paint job. "The horse had not been painted in several years, so Ehlers has donated a great service to the community," said Dan Egan, Director of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. The painting of the horse sparked numerous comments over the last few weeks, mostly fun and positive. Egan, who can see the horse from his office said, "We have never seen the amount of interest in the horse that this contest created. Now it looks better than ever."

The horse is located at 101 South A Street, next to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.