

SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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Vintage Postcard: Boy & girl run on ice, supporting small girl who slide, dog front right, three distant children.

TuckDB Postcards

American Legion Auxiliary
February 5 - 6:00 PM
Springville Legion

Legion Dinner/Mtg
February 12 - 6:30 PM
Springville Legion

Library Board
February 11- 6:30 PM
Springville Memorial Library

P & Z Meeting
February 10 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

School Board
February 18 - 7:00 PM
Springville High School

Council Meeting
February 2 - 6:00 PM
February 16 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

Historical Society
February 10 - 6:30 PM

Parks
February 12 - 6:00 PM
City Hall

CITY HALL LOBBY HOURS

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday - Thursday
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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My name is **Daryl Pearson**, and I am honored to serve as your Mayor of Springville. It's hard to believe that just one month in, we've already held two City Council meetings — and I'm excited for what's ahead. I have been, and will continue, sharing short video updates about what's happening in our community through the City of Springville Facebook page, and I encourage you to check them out.



Recently, **Drew Mollenhauer** was elected to serve a four-year term on the City Council, and **Treva Davis** was re-elected to complete the remaining two years of her term. **Jeff Baych** has been elected Mayor Pro Tem, and **Patrick Hoyt Jr.** will continue serving our community as Fire Chief for an additional three-year term.

We are currently working through the city budget, which is typically a four-month process and an important part of planning for Springville's future. I'd also like to give a huge shoutout to **Todd and Brandon** for their hard work clearing snow during our recent winter weather. I hope everyone is staying warm — spring is right around the corner, and hopefully the groundhog brings us some good news!

I'd also like to remind residents that our city ordinances are in place to help keep Springville safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone. When we follow them, it helps ensure that no single situation negatively impacts our neighbors or the community as a whole.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out or attend a City Council meeting — we would love to see you there.

Daryl Pearson
Mayor
City of Springville

Let's Bring the Fun Back to Springville Fun Days!

Springville Fun Days is one of our community's most-loved traditions—and we're excited to make sure it stays that way! While the Parks Board recently experienced the theft of a trailer containing our carnival games, we're happy to share that the trailer has been recovered. Unfortunately, the games were not found—but that hasn't stopped us.

The Parks Board is already hard at work rebuilding and reimagining our Fun Days games for this August, and we could use a little help from our amazing community. We're looking for:



- **Donations** to help purchase supplies to build new carnival games or to buy replacement games
- **Volunteers** who enjoy building, creating, or crafting and are willing to help
- **Fresh ideas** for fun games and activities you'd love to see at this year's Fun Days

Springville Fun Days is all about neighbors coming together, laughter, and making memories. With your support, we can turn this challenge into an opportunity to bring back even more fun than ever.

Thank you for always stepping up, supporting our Parks Board, and showing what a strong, caring community Springville truly is. Together, we'll make this year's Fun Days one to remember!

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2   City Council Mtg 6PM City Hall	3	4	5	6	7
8 Super Bowl Sunday	9  	10 Historical Society 6:30 PM SAHS	11 Library Board 6:30 PM @ Library	12 6:30 PM @ Legion Dinner Mtg Parks Mtg 6 PM City Hall	13	14  Valentines Day
15 Water Bill Due	16  	17 	18 School Board Mtg 7:00PM	19  National Chocolate Mint Day	20	21
22	23  	24	25	26	27	28

UPCOMING Community EVENTS

GROUNDHOG DAY

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According to legend, if a groundhog sees its shadow on this day, there will be six more weeks of wintry weather; if it doesn't, then spring is right around the corner!



JOIN US TO VISIT THE

Easter Bunny

April 4th @ 11AM
Springville Memorial Library

CHAMPIONS
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Valentine launch party

COME SEE & LEARN ABOUT US

Regular Hours: 6:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Rates: Just \$140 per week
AGES 4-12
Childcare assistance is available!

COME FALL IN LOVE WITH CHAMPIONS
Come have some fun! Learn more about us and see what we have to offer. Don't forget to ask about our summer program.

FRIDAY Feb. 6th
5-6 PM
Preschool Building/Springville District Office 602 Mill Ave.

**FREE SWEETS
FREE FUN**

CONTACT US: 319-693-9304

THE NEW APP IS HERE!!!
Come learn more, explore the portal, and get live support from our team. We will have snacks & activities for the kids too! XOXO

To All Veterans
And
First Responders

Amvets Post 37 in Central City, Iowa invites you to a Free All-you-can-eat Breakfast February 22 7am to 12. You also receive a 2nd free breakfast for a spouse, child, etc.

Thank you for your service!

All additional meals are:
Adults-\$12 Kids-\$5 6-12 years
5 and under free

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SOME GAVE ALL

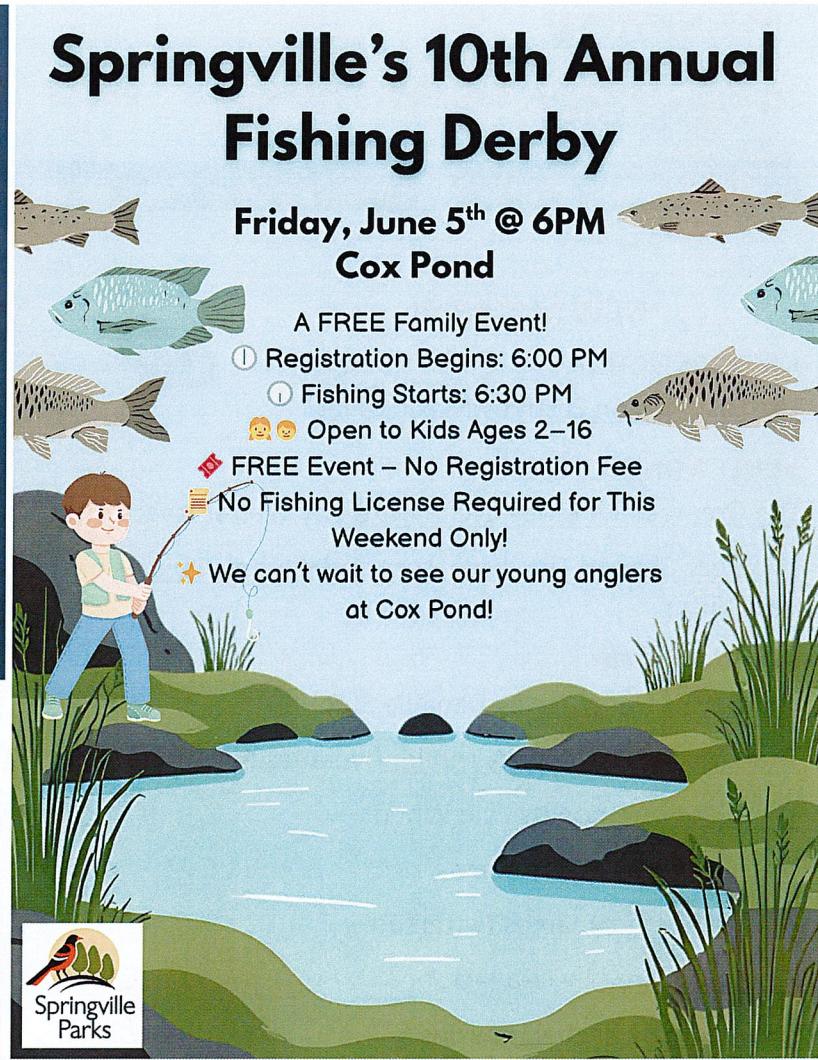


Receipts for Schools

Support our local schools just by saving your Hy-Vee receipts! Schools earn **\$1 for every \$200 collected** through the Cash 4 Students program.

Drop receipts (no money orders) from any Cedar Rapids or Marion Hy-Vee at:
 City Hall • Exchange State Bank • Citizens State Bank • Springville Co-op •
 Springville Library

Every receipt helps our students!



What's New in the Library?

NEW MATERIAL

JUVENILE FICTION

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier



ADULT NON-FICTION

The Greatest Sentence Ever Written by Walter Isaacson

The Heat-Shaped Tin: Love, Loss and Kitchen Objects by Bee Wilson

ADULT FICTION

The Devil's Daughter by Danielle Steel

The Invisible Woman: A Thriller by James Patterson

The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods

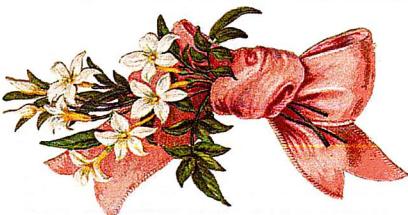
Magic Hour by Kristin Hannah

Private Rome by James Patterson

Running Scared by Lisa Jackson

The Storm by Rachel Hawkins

Woman Down by Colleen Hoover



REGULAR PROGRAMS

Knitters: Feb 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Story Time: Feb 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Adult Crochet: Feb 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Early Outs: Feb 4th and 8th



THE MONTHLY SENIOR LUNCH AND ACTIVITY IS BACK!! FEBRUARY 18 @ 11:00 A.M.

Call SANSI 319-854-6100 or the library 319-854-6444 by February 13 to reserve your spot.

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ONLINE CATALOG: <https://springville.biblionix.com/catalog/>



AUTHOR BARBARA FELLER

Saturday, Feb. 14, 1:00 p. m.

Please join us on Valentine's Day when Barbara Feller will share her new book about Grant Wood and his stained glass art at the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum in Cedar Rapids. She has also authored fascinating biographies of Iowa poet Jay Sigmund and Iowa artist Grant Wood. These books cover a highly creative and meaningful time in the midwestern heartland. Enjoy learning about the importance of Linn and Jones counties in this period.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING

Saturday, March 7th @ 1:00 p.m.

Locals Dave Pedersen and Jeff Schmidt will be performing country, blues, pop and soul tunes.

Saturday, March 21st @ 2:00 p.m.

Kris Kolz will present a ChatGPT class

Saturday, April 4th @ 11:00 a.m.

Easter Bunny at the library

Saturday, April 18th @ 1:00 p.m.

Mark Armstrong —music, stories, poems

Saturday, April 25th @ 1:00 p.m.

Harold Gray performing "old favorites"

RED CEDAR CHAMBER MUSIC

Saturday, Feb. 21, 1:00 p.m.

Return to Roots

The core ensemble brings you a program of old and new favorites. The program opener, *Red Cedar Express* by Michael Kimber, was premiered by Red Cedar in 2016. There will be new-to-the-audience works by Anton Stamitz and Francesco Barsanti and also a return to Zoltán Kodály's *Duo for Violin and Cello, Op. 7*, an impressive work bridging the gap between Hungarian folk music and the European art music tradition.

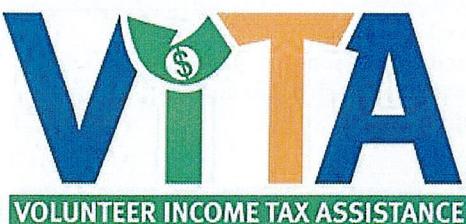
What Is VITA and How Can It Help You?

VITA stands for **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**, a program sponsored by the IRS that provides **free tax preparation services** to individuals and families who qualify. The goal of VITA is to help ensure that tax returns are prepared accurately while helping residents keep more of their hard-earned money.

VITA services are typically available to people with **low to moderate incomes**, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and taxpayers who may feel uncomfortable preparing their own returns. Trained and IRS-certified volunteers assist with basic tax returns, including credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit.

All VITA volunteers follow strict confidentiality guidelines and receive training each year to stay up to date on current tax laws. Services are provided at no cost, and many VITA sites operate during the tax filing season from late January through mid-April.

Residents interested in using VITA are encouraged to bring required documents such as photo identification, Social Security cards for everyone listed on the return, and tax forms (W-2s, 1099s, etc.). Availability and appointment requirements may vary by location.



City Wide Garage Sales

Springville
June 13th, 2026



Pickleball Community Input

Help the Springville Parks Board by providing your input on this survey and/or attending our next meeting on February 12th at 6PM. We are exploring options for a pickleball court in town and appreciate your feedback!



Did You Know!?

Springville has two warming centers! A warming center is a facility where you can temporarily go during periods of extreme temperatures to get out of dangerous weather conditions.

Springville Memorial Library (264 Broadway St) Mon-Wed: 11AM-6PM, Thurs: 10AM-6PM, Fri: 11AM-5PM, Sat: 11AM-3PM

Springville Methodist Church (169 Broadway St) Mon: 8AM-1PM, Tues-Wed: 8AM-11AM, Thurs: 8AM-1PM, Sun: 8AM-11AM



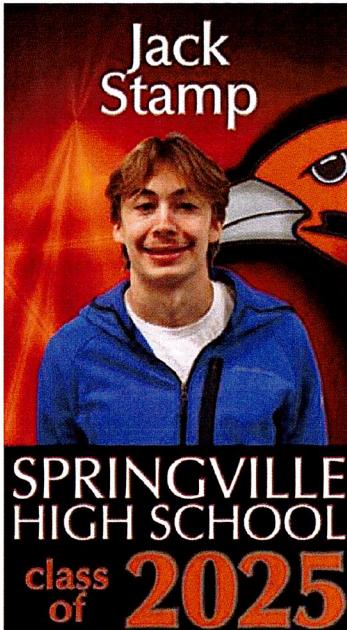


ORIOLE NEWS



Senior Banners!

Spring is just around the corner so it is time to begin the process of honoring each member of the Springville Class of 2026. To make the popular downtown banner project happen we rely on donations from the parents and community. *This year we have about \$1,000 yet to raise*. Please consider helping out with any donation amount welcome. My Venmo is [@Richard-Blakely-4](#) #0675 or you can drop off a check at the school. Thank you very much in advance!



SPRINGVILLE SERVICE SATURDAYS

Our high school students will be assisting with Willis Dady homeless services and we are putting together together hygiene and laundry kits. Please consider donating the following items:

WILLIS DADY
HOMELESS SERVICES
SUPPORT • STABILITY • OPPORTUNITY

- laundry pods
- dryer sheets
- stain remover
- ankle socks
- Travel-sized shampoo
- Travel-sized conditioner
- Travel-sized body wash or bar soap
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Clear bags or ziplocs to put items in

Please turn items into the high school office through March 13th

Calling all future softball stars!

★ SPRINGVILLE ★ YOUTH SOFTBALL

IS NOW REGISTERING GIRLS FOR THE ★
9U TEAM THIS SPRING!
Don't miss out on the fun—sign up by ► FEBRUARY 13TH!



The registration fee is \$25 and can be paid by check or cash to the coaches, Christina Zaruba, or Brittany Trumpold. Checks should be made out to:

SPRINGVILLE YOUTH SOFTBALL

for questions, please contact:
James & Nicole Offerman
nicolestaneck@yahoo.com • jofferman29@aol.com

Scan Me! 

Early Outs: February 4th & 18th

Springville-Lisbon FFA
January 6 at 12:50 PM • 

Calling All Supporters of FFA! We Need Your Help! 

We are looking for volunteers to help judge our FFA Sub-District Contest on February 26, 2026, starting at 4:00 PM at Springville High School.

We need judges for 10 different contests, and no prior experience is required. Just a willingness to help our students grow and showcase their skills!

If you, a coworker, a friend, or a community member would be willing to lend a hand, we would truly appreciate it. 

Please complete the judge interest form if you're interested in helping out.

<https://forms.gle/zZ4Cuf4xmjqu1YtF9>

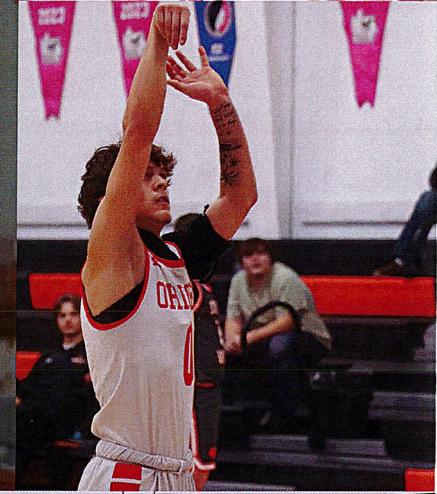
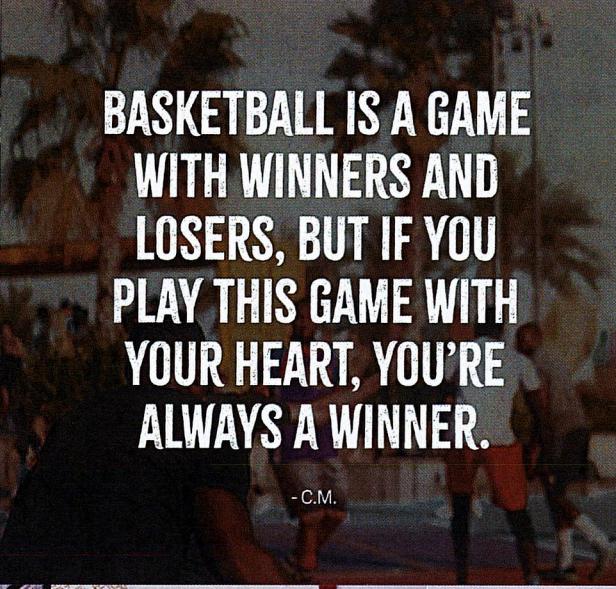
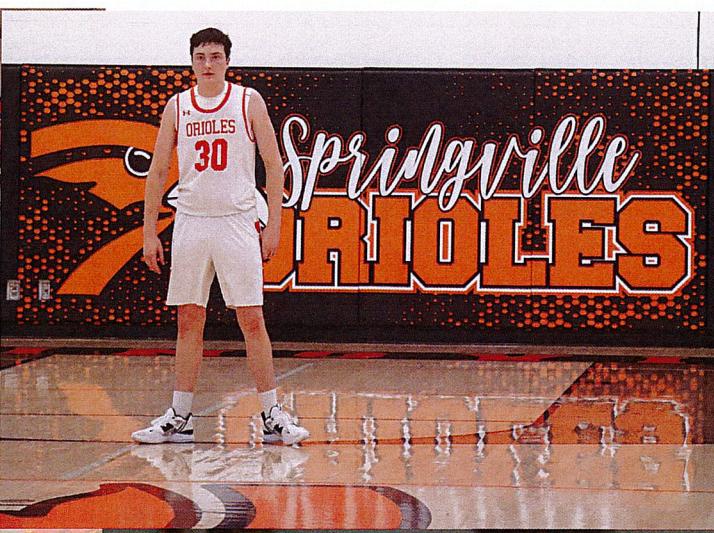
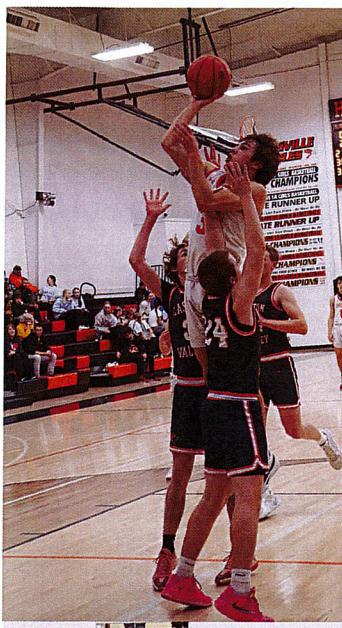
Thank you for supporting our FFA members! 

District FFA Contest Judges Interest

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Sub-District FFA Contest Judges Interest Form

The Springville-Lisbon FFA Chapter will be hosting Sub-District FFA Contests in Springville on Thursday February 26th, 2026. The day will begin with a judges meeting at 4:00PM, and contests will begin at 4:30...



A STROLL THROUGH THE HIS



The Nathan Brown family monument in the Springville Cemetery.

Some 'facts' about the Nathan Brown family aren't facts!

History is a strange thing. Sometimes traditionally accepted "facts" turn out not to be true. Such is the case with the family of Nathan Brown, the Revolutionary War veteran buried in the Springville Cemetery. Even gravestones occasionally get it wrong!

Nathan Brown was born July 22, 1762. The Brown monument and other sources claim 1761, but records indicate it was the next year. His parents were married March 7, 1762; their first child (Nathan) arrived July 22 and was baptized Oct. 30, 1762. Years later, when Nathan applied for a veteran's pension, he listed 1762 as his birth year.

Only Nathan and one brother, Josiah Brown Jr. (born 1764) are definitely known to have been Revolutionary War soldiers. A family history on the Brown monument claims all seven Brown brothers were in the war. However, no military records have been found for Stacy, Leaming, Melvin, Zadock and Horace. When British General Cornwallis surrendered in 1781, Horace was only 2, and the others were 7, 9, 11, and 14.

Esther Waterbury was Nathan Brown's first wife. Sarah Bailey, often claimed for this role, married a different Nathan Brown. She died in April 1812 and is buried in Ivandell Cemetery, Somers, Westchester County, N. Y. Esther Waterbury Brown's birth and death dates, and burial place, are unknown. She was the mother of one son, John Chapman Brown (1787-1847). He did not come to Iowa.

Tamar Brown, Nathan's second wife, died March 25, 1867 – not 1868, as the Brown monument proclaims. A microfilmed copy of her handwritten probate record, stating that her will was read in open court April 2, 1867, can be seen at the Genealogical Society of Linn County in Cedar Rapids. (Tamar signed her will with an "X" because she was illiterate, not unusual for women of her era.)

Sarah Jane preceded Julia Ann. It's not widely known that Horace Brown, Nathan's son, had two wives. He married Sarah Jane Lewis, 17, on Nov. 8, 1846, in Linn County, Iowa. In 1850 or '51, while Horace was in California prospecting for gold, Sarah left him for another man. Julia Ann Chapman, 29, became Horace's second wife Dec. 22, 1853. Not surprisingly, Sarah receives no mention in Horace's published biographies.

By Karen Taylor

STORY OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA

34 years between Nathan Brown's sons, John and Horace

The two sons of Nathan Brown, Revolutionary War veteran and Springville pioneer, were nearly 34 years apart in age. John Chapman Brown was born June 12, 1787, in Westchester County, N. Y. Horace Nathan Brown's birth was April 6, 1821, in Erie County, Pa.

John was the only child of Nathan and his first wife, Esther Waterbury Brown. Her death date is unknown. John was nearing 20 when his father married Tamar Sammons, 25, on May 3, 1807. Horace was the youngest of Nathan and Tamar's six children, and the only son.

When Horace was born, John had been married to Eliza "Betsy" Baldwin about six years. They lived near Syracuse in Onondaga County, N. Y. Their youngest child, Martha, was born in 1822, the year after her Uncle Horace. Her siblings were Cutler (a boy), Mary, and Emmett.

In April 1838, John C. Brown's name appeared on the membership roll of the Onondaga County Agricultural Society, which was incorporated by the New York State Legislature. He was going on 51, and his youngest child was about 16.

Also in April 1838, Horace Brown, 17, moved from Pennsylvania to Geneva, Ill., with his parents and two of his sisters, Harriet and Amanda. About a year later, the family went to Iowa, arriving near the future site of Springville May 17, 1839. Father and son farmed 40 acres together until Nathan's death Nov. 25, 1842.

HORACE BROWN'S FIRST wife, Sarah Jane, left him in 1850 or '51. He met his second wife, Julia Ann Chapman, when she came from Ohio to visit her brother. Horace and Julia married Dec. 22, 1853. They were married over 39 years, until Horace died in 1893.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY — The Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) will meet Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the SAHS building next to City Hall. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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At 25, Horace married Sarah Jane Lewis Nov. 8, 1846. Seven months later, John died in New York, just before turning 60. As John's wife and children mourned his passing, far away in Iowa Horace and his wife were expecting their first child.

John Chapman Brown's grave is in the Onondaga Valley Cemetery, Syracuse, N. Y. Horace Nathan Brown survived his half brother by more than 45 years. On Feb. 17, 1893, Horace died at 71 and he was then buried in the Springville Cemetery.

Over the years, did letters carry Brown family news between New York and the three states where Horace lived? No one knows . . . but it would be nice to think they did.

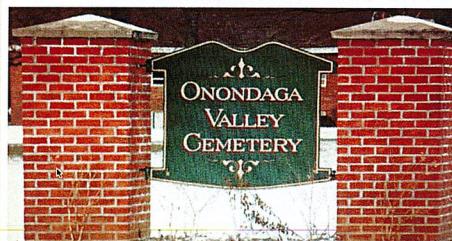
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At left: Horace N. Brown (1821-1893), youngest child of Nathan and Tamar Brown. One of Horace's five older sisters died in infancy or childhood.



At right: Grave marker of John C. Brown (1787-1847) and his wife, Eliza "Betsy" Baldwin. John was the only child of Nathan Brown and his first wife, Esther Waterbury. (Copy by Wes Bender)



At left: Entrance sign of Onondaga Valley Cemetery in Syracuse, N.Y., where John C. and Eliza Baldwin Brown are interred.

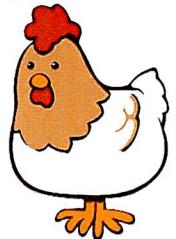
Thinking About Urban Chickens This Spring? Read This First!

Those fluffy little baby chicks can be *very* tempting this time of year—but before you rush out to start your backyard flock, there are a few important things to know about keeping chickens within the City of Springville.

Springville does allow **urban chickens**, but they are regulated to help ensure the health, safety, and comfort of both chicken owners *and* their neighbors. Chickens are **not allowed automatically**—a **permit is required**, and there are specific standards that must be met *before* bringing chickens home.

Here are some key things to keep in mind:

- **A permit is required** before owning chickens
- **There is a limit on the number of chickens allowed** per property
- **Roosters are not permitted**
- **Coops and pens must meet minimum size and construction requirements**, including proper elevation and protection from rodents
- **Chickens must be kept in an enclosed coop and pen**—free roaming is not allowed
- **Proper care, cleanliness, and maintenance** are required at all times



These rules are in place to prevent nuisances, protect animal welfare, and keep our neighborhoods enjoyable for everyone.

If you're considering chickens this spring, we strongly encourage you to **review the Urban Chicken Ordinance** and **contact City Hall** before purchasing chicks or building a coop. We're happy to answer questions and help make sure you're set up for success from the start.

A little planning now can prevent big headaches later—for you, your neighbors, and your chickens!



Planning & Zoning Board Vacancies

Springville is looking for community-minded residents to serve on the **Planning & Zoning Board**!

This board plays an important role in shaping the future of our community. **Members review and make recommendations to the City Council on zoning ordinances**, land use requests, and development plans—helping ensure growth is thoughtful and consistent with the City's long-term vision.

Why Serve?

- ✓ Contribute to the future of Springville
- ✓ Help guide responsible development
- ✓ Share your ideas and community perspective

 **Term Length:** 5 years

 **Meetings:** 2nd Wednesday of each month

***If you are interested in serving, please contact City Hall for more information or to apply.



Grow With Us at the Springville Community Gardens!

Have you ever dreamed of planting your own vegetable garden but didn't have the space at home? The Springville Community Gardens at Graham Park offer the perfect opportunity to dig in and grow something wonderful!

Garden plots are available for residents to lease each growing season, with options to fit every gardener's needs. Choose from a 4' x 8' raised bed, a 10' x 10' tilled bed, or a 10' x 20' tilled bed. Each plot is clearly designated by the City and is reserved exclusively for gardening purposes.

Affordable annual fees make it easy to get started:

- **4' x 8' raised bed:** \$20
- **10' x 10' tilled bed:** \$30
- **10' x 20' tilled bed:** \$35



Whether you're a seasoned gardener or trying it out for the first time, the community gardens are a great way to grow fresh produce, enjoy the outdoors, and connect with neighbors.

Spots are limited, so reserve your plot early and get ready for a season of planting, growing, and harvesting right here in Springville!

For more information or to sign up, contact City Hall at cityofsp@netins.net or 319-854-6428.

Happy gardening!



The Benefits of Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

There's nothing quite like food grown straight from the garden! Fresh fruits and vegetables are packed with vitamins, minerals, and nutrients that help keep our bodies strong and healthy. Eating produce at its peak ripeness means better flavor, better quality, and more natural goodness on your plate.

Growing your own food also encourages healthier eating habits, saves money at the grocery store, and reduces your environmental footprint. Plus, gardening is a great way to get outside, stay active, and relieve stress.

From crisp lettuce to juicy tomatoes, the rewards of fresh, home-grown produce are delicious—and good for you, too!



Why Gardening Matters

Gardening is more than just growing plants—it's about growing connections. Spending time in the garden provides a chance to slow down, enjoy fresh air, and reconnect with nature. It's a rewarding activity for all ages and a wonderful way to share knowledge, traditions, and stories with neighbors.

Tending a garden can boost mental well-being, reduce stress, and bring a sense of pride as you watch your hard work grow. Whether you're planting seeds for the first time or harvesting a season's bounty, gardening helps cultivate patience, purpose, and community—right here in Springville.

City Revenue 101: Where Springville's Money Comes From

Many residents are surprised to learn that property taxes are **not the City's only source of revenue** — but they are the most flexible. Most other funding sources come with **strict rules set by state law or voter approval**.

Here's a simple overview of where Springville's money comes from and how it can (and cannot) be used.

Property Taxes (General City Services)

Property taxes support the City's everyday operations.

What they help pay for:

- Police and fire protection
- Streets and snow removal
- Library services, parks and recreation, and cemetery maintenance
- General city operations

Important to know:

State law limits:

- How much of a property's value can be taxed
- How much the City's tax rate can increase

Property taxes remain the **primary funding source for daily services**, but they are also **heavily restricted by state law**.

Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF)

Where it comes from:

Fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees collected by the State.

What it can be used for:

- Street maintenance and repair
- Snow removal
- Street signs and pavement markings

What it cannot be used for:

Police, fire, parks, buildings, or general operations.

Key rule:

Road Use Tax funds are constitutionally restricted and **can only be used for streets**.

Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)

What it is:

A 1% local sales tax approved by Springville voters.

In Springville, LOST funds can be used for:

- Water and sewer infrastructure
- Streets and street improvements
- Parks and recreation projects

Important to know:

LOST funds can **only** be used for voter-approved purposes and **cannot be shifted** to cover operating costs like wages or utilities.

Franchise Fees

What they are:

Fees paid by utility companies for using city rights-of-way.

What they can be used for:

- Infrastructure
- Public safety
- Property tax relief

Key rule: Franchise fees are capped by state law and require public hearings to increase.

Why Springville's Budget Feels Tight — Even When Property Values Increase

You may have noticed that property values in Springville have increased.

So it's reasonable to ask: **why doesn't the City have a lot more money to spend?**

The City Cannot Tax the Full Value of Property

In Iowa, cities are **not allowed to tax 100% of a property's value**.

For the current budget year:

- Only about **44% of a home's value is taxable**
- More than half of a home's value is excluded by state law

Example:

A home valued at **\$150,000** is taxed as if it were worth about **\$66,800**.

Even when values rise, the City only sees a fraction of that increase.

More Growth Doesn't Always Mean More Revenue

Springville's taxable property value increased significantly this year. However, when growth exceeds certain thresholds, **state law limits how much revenue cities may collect**.

Because of this:

- Springville's allowed city tax rate was reduced
- Cities lost flexibility to adjust revenues

At the same time, recent state laws expanded property tax exemptions for:

- Seniors age 65 and older
- Military service members

These exemptions reduce taxable value and are **not fully reimbursed by the State**.

The City's Tax Rate Is Capped

Using Springville's adopted budgets:

- **FY 2026 city levy:** \$8.2059 per \$1,000
- **Maximum allowed for FY 2027:** \$7.9669 per \$1,000

Even with strong growth, state law required the City's levy rate to decrease.

What This Means in Dollars

- **FY 2026 city property tax collection:** about \$374,000
- **FY 2027 maximum allowed collection:** about \$433,000

This increase must cover inflation, higher operating costs, and rising insurance rates.

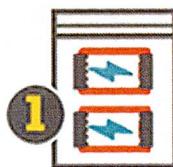
The Bottom Line

Springville's City Council must follow state law and voter-approved restrictions when building the budget each year. Even as the community grows, state law tightly controls how much revenue the City can collect and how it can be used. City leaders work to balance rising costs with limited funding options while continuing to provide the services residents rely on every day.

TAKE CHARGE

WATT TO DO WITH BATTERIES

HOW TO RECYCLE



PLACE ALL
BATTERIES IN A
BOX OR BAG



DROP OFF AT
COLLECTION SITE

Batteries should
NEVER be placed in
your recycling bin or
household trash.

COLLECT ALL BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING

AA, AAA, C, D AND 9-VOLT BATTERIES

These household batteries
may be labeled alkaline
or rechargeable.



LITHIUM BATTERIES

Lithium batteries can
still spark a fire even if
they cannot power their
equipment.



Built-in batteries?
If the batteries cannot
be removed, bring in
the entire product for
proper disposal.



SMALL, SEALED, LEAD-ACID BATTERIES

These batteries can be
recharged by a household
outlet. They contain
hazardous chemicals that
could harm family and pets
or contaminate land and
waterways if disposed of
improperly.



Found in battery-powered
scooters, remote control
cars and many other toys
and products.

City of Springville Text Alerts!

TextMyGov™

Get city updates sent directly to your phone via text message.

CITY ALERTS
91896

SPR ALERTS

You've requested to join
our text notification list.

Reply 'YES' to opt-in.

Receive city text message notifications!

Get Started,
opt-in to any of the following notification lists:

- For City-Wide Notifications
text "SPR ALERTS" to 91896
- For Community Events Notifications
text "SPR EVENTS" to 91896
- For Newsletter Notifications
text "SPR NEWS" to 91896
- For Water Shut Off Notifications
text "SPR SHUT OFF" to 91896
- For Water Reminder Notifications
text "SPR WATER" to 91896

You have successfully
opted-in.

SPR ALERTS

What to Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent,
you will receive a confirmation
message asking you to reply YES
to verify opt-in.

- You may receive multiple text
messages each month with a
notification for each alert category
opted-in to.

- Message and data rates may apply.
Check with your carrier for more
details.
- You can text STOP at any time to
remove yourself from ALL
notification lists.

View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions

Battery Disposal Safety Reminder



Used batteries—especially lithium-ion batteries—can be extremely dangerous if thrown in the trash or recycling. When crushed or damaged in garbage trucks or at landfills, batteries can overheat, spark, and start fires that are very difficult to extinguish.

To help protect waste-collection workers and our community, **please do not place any batteries in your trash or recycling tote**. Springville offers **free battery recycling drop-off boxes** at City Hall through our partnership with the Solid Waste Agency. This safe and convenient option helps prevent fires before they start.

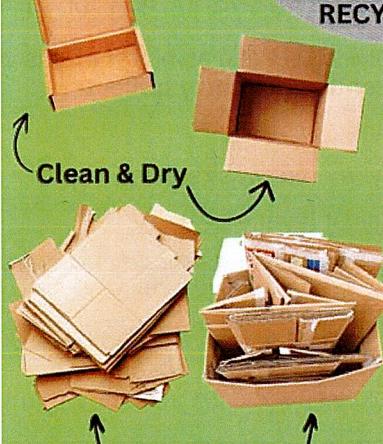


CLEAN. EMPTY. DRY. FLATTENED.

CARDBOARD RECYCLING

No liquid Containers
(due to wax coating inside)

Clean & Dry



Cardboard boxes need to be
broken down and flattened

Not empty



Not clean



SolidWaste
Agency

Cardboard Recycling Reminder



When recycling cardboard—whether curbside or at the Linn County Solid Waste Agency—please make sure it is **clean, dry, and empty**. Cardboard with **food residue, grease, or moisture** cannot be recycled and should be placed in the trash instead.

Please remember that **Styrofoam and packaging materials** are not accepted with cardboard, and **liquid containers** (such as milk or juice cartons) cannot be recycled due to the **wax coating on the inside**.

Thank you for helping keep our recycling stream clean and effective!

Please Stay Off the Ice at Cox Lake Park

As winter temperatures settle in, the pond at Cox Lake Park may appear frozen. However, the pond is equipped with an **aerator that operates year-round**, preventing the ice from freezing solid. This creates **thin and unstable ice**, even during extended cold weather.

NO ICE IS SAFE ICE. Ice conditions can change quickly and may not be visible from the surface, putting anyone on the pond at serious risk of falling through.

The City has observed several children attempting to walk or play on the ice. For everyone's safety, **no one should be on the ice at any time**. Parents are strongly encouraged to talk with their children about the dangers of thin ice and to remind them to stay off the pond entirely.

Your help in reinforcing this message is greatly appreciated and helps keep everyone safe.



EXTREME COLD WEATHER ALERT! Bring Your Pets Inside!

Please bring your pets indoors during the freezing temperatures expected over the next week.



**Keep Your Pets
Warm & Safe!**

Frigid temperatures can cause hypothermia, frostbite, or worse.

Winter Weather & Snow Emergency Reminders

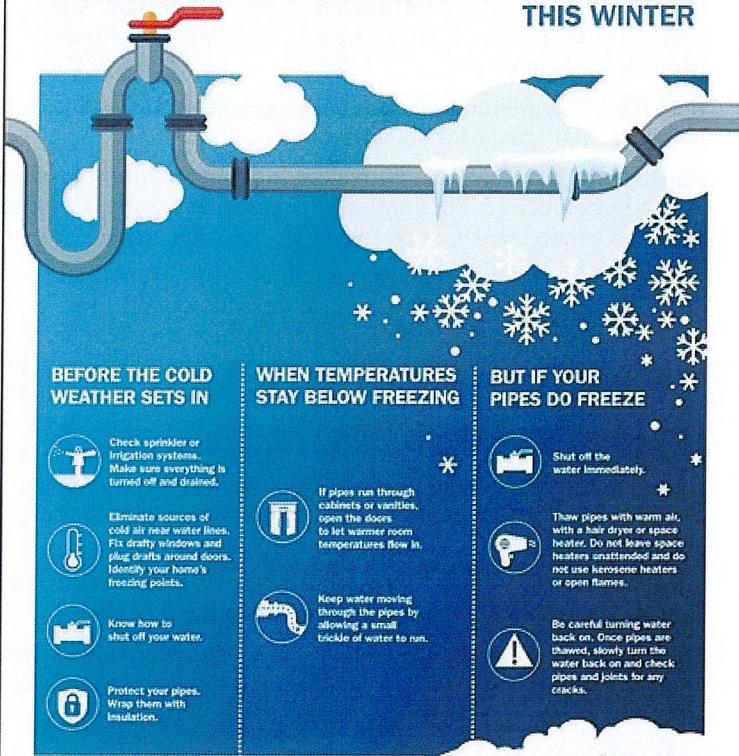
When the City declares a **snow emergency**, we will immediately share the information on **KCRG, KGAN, the City of Springville Facebook page**, and our **city website**. You can also sign up to receive a text through our texting service.

During a snow emergency, **all vehicles must be moved off the streets and out of public parking areas**. This allows our Public Works team to clear the roads safely and efficiently.

Please also be considerate of your neighbors—avoid parking in front of their properties during snow removal operations so crews can fully clear the street from edge to edge.



HANDY TIPS TO AVOID FROZEN PIPES THIS WINTER



IT'S ALL ABOUT PREVENTION

Frozen pipes can leave you without water in the worst of weather. And cost a lot to repair. But with a few simple steps, you can easily preserve both your budget and your peace of mind.

AMERICAN WATER
WE KEEP LIFE FLOWING™



Fire Hydrant & Sidewalk Safety

If you have a **fire hydrant** near your home, please take a few moments to keep it clear of snow. In an emergency, every second counts, and accessible hydrants help protect the entire neighborhood.



We also appreciate your prompt attention to clearing sidewalks. Safe walkways ensure everyone in the community can travel safely throughout the winter months.

Snow Removal Rules to Remember



Under **City Code 135.12**, it is **unlawful** to dump, blow, shovel, or throw snow into the street. Snow must remain on your own property and may not be pushed onto neighboring private or public property. Keeping snow where it belongs helps maintain safe roadways and prevents issues for nearby residents.

City Council Regular Meeting

January 5, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Treva Davis, Karla Blakely, Cindy Kilburg, Drew Mollenhauer, and Jeff Baych. City staff present: City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Patrick Hoyt Jr. and Jim Koppenhaver were also in attendance.

Baych made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Baych made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items; December 15, 2025, minutes, claims, and Sally's Alcohol permit seconded by Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report and Clerk Report. Mayor commented on the Municipal Leader's Academy training that Drew and him are attending. Says there is a lot of good information. He also asked if the IDOT will be paying for the city to remove the large Springville sign from the bank. Clerk and Baych did not think so, but no definitive answer. Baych brought up Cox Pond and wanted to know if it was kids or adults on the ice. We witnessed kids in late November. We will make sure there are signs put up and suggest that maybe we work with the school to get some information out.

Mayor Pearson invited citizens with input to speak. There being no public comments, Mayor Pearson moved to business.

Blakely made a motion to appoint Dee Wagaman as City Clerk for a 2-year term, seconded by Davis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pearson appointed Jeff Baych as Mayor Pro tem for a 2-year term.

Baych made a motion to appoint Patrick Hoyt Jr. as the fire chief for a 3-year term, seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Blakely made a motion to approve Resolution 51-2026 to appoint Daryl Pearson, Treva Davis, Dee Wagaman, and Shelby Northrup as the signors for The Exchange State Bank, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Davis, Blakely, Kilburg, Mollenhauer, Baych. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 51-2026 adopted.**

Blakely made a motion to approve Resolution 52-2026 to appoint Daryl Pearson, Treva Davis, Dee Wagaman, and Shelby Northrup as the signors for Citizens State Bank, seconded by Mollenhauer. RCV: AYES: Davis, Mollenhauer, Kilburg, Baych, Blakely. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 52-2026 adopted.**

Blakely made a motion to approve Resolution 53-2026 to appoint Daryl Pearson, Treva Davis, Dee Wagaman, and Shelby Northrup as the signors for Corda Credit Union, seconded by Baych. RCV: AYES: Mollenhauer, Baych, Davis, Blakely, Kilburg. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 53-2026 adopted.**

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, January 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Baych moved to adjourn at 6:46 p.m., seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Council Regular Meeting

January 19, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Jeff Baych, Treva Davis, Karla Blakely, Cindy Kilburg, and Drew Mollenhauer. City staff present: Public

Works Director Todd Wyman and City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Marilyn Andersen was also in attendance.

Baych made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mollenhauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Blakely made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items; January 5, 2026, minutes and claims, seconded by Davis. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented: Sheriff's Report, Public Works Report, Treasurer's Report and Clerk Report. Mayor talked about getting items that still need to be on the agenda listed at the bottom of the agenda as "future agenda topics". Wagaman will get a template, and council was asked to get a list to Wagaman. Baych asked if the council could start looking at different codes to revise/update.

Mayor Pearson invited citizens with input to speak. There being no public comments, Mayor Pearson moved to business.

Blakely made a motion to adopt Resolution 54-2026 to adopt a Title VI Agreement and Assurances and to appoint Dee Wagaman as the Title VI coordinator, seconded by Davis. RCV: AYES: Mollenhauer, Baych, Davis, Blakely, Kilburg. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 54-2026 adopted.**

Baych made a motion to appoint Teresa Pilipovic to the park board for a 2-year term, seconded by Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.

Blakely made a motion to accept the seal chip cost from LL Pelling for the 2026 Sealcoat work, seconded by Baych. All ayes. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the two bids that they received for cutting down trees for the 5th Ave Bridge project. Baych made a motion to approve Resolution 55-2026 to award the job to Arbor Masters who provided the low bid, seconded by Mollenhauer. RCV: AYES: Davis, Blakely, Kilburg, Mollenhauer, Baych. NAYS: None. **RESOLUTION 55-2026 adopted.**

Mayor Pearson discussed the possibility of revising Springville Code 69.03 to allow angled parking at 704 1st Ave. He explained this code could not be changed because the parking would interfere with a future sidewalk. This current parking situation will have to stop, and the landlord will have to be notified.

Wagaman explained that Rich Blakely was able to include the city with the senior banner order. The city would be able to purchase ten banners at a discounted price and there would be no shipping. Baych made a motion to approve the purchase of ten banners when the school orders the senior banners, seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pearson wants to review the rates later. His concern is that the city is able to make money from the enterprise funds. It needs to be treated like a business.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Baych moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Blakely. All ayes. Motion carried.



NOW ON WEDNESDAYS!

Community Youth Group

Food ♦ Faith ♦ Fellowship ♦ Fun

7th-12th Grades

FREE

What: Supper/Activities/Devotions /Service Projects

When: Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Where: Springville Methodist Church
169 Broadway Street
(enter at back door/wooden staircase)

A community effort sponsored by Faith Christian, Springville Presbyterian, St Isidore's and Springville Methodist. If you have questions contact: Krysta Mehrer 319-310-6302

Ash Wednesday Service

Join us
Wednesday,
February 18th
at 6pm.

Springville Methodist Church
169 Broadway St, Springville

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Service Times

Sunday 9:30

Pastor Joseph Bielema

Phone 563-235-7519

Email: pastorjoe.fcf@gmail.com

Secretary: Judy Cummings

Email: judynross@yahoo.com

ST. ISIDORE the FARMER CATHOLIC CHURCH Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm

Daily Masses: Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:30 pm or by appointment

Religious Education Wednesday:

K-8 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm,

HS 6:15 pm -7:30 pm

Reverend Andrew Awotwe-Mensah

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Sunday 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00-11:00 am.

Reverend Guillermo Bongolan

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Email: springvillemethodist@gmail.com

Office Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:30 am—1 pm

Tues & Wed 8:30 am—11:00 am

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