



SPRINGVILLE NEWS

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The Bravest

As we wrap up 2013, Springville Fire and Rescue would like to thank you all for the support that you have shown to our department. It has been a great year with many changes taking place within our department. We look forward to 2014 and moving forward with what we have in place. I would also like to thank all of the members of the department. You have all put in a tremendous amount this year with training, answering calls, and extra services to the department and the community. You are the pulse of the department and the ones that keep us moving forward.

Springville Fire & Rescue along with SANSI, SEDC, and GreenBriar Riding Academy hosted Santa at the fire department. We had a great turn out once again, and all of the children left with smiles on their faces after passing on their Christmas wishes. I would like to pass along a very special thanks to Santa. You were the one that placed those smiles on those faces and the time you put forth is very much appreciated by all. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Amber Hoyt, Melinda Hoyt, Kate May, Sarah Williams, and JoAnn Reese. All of these people donated their time and effort to provide everyone with countless holiday goodies during Santa's visit. There was more than enough holiday goodness to go around.

The members of Springville Fire and Rescue wish you the happiest of holiday joy, and hope that the New Year brings all of you new beginnings and happiness.



LIBRARY NEWS & CALENDAR

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday :11-6

Thursday: 10-8 Friday:11-5

Saturday: 11-3 Sunday closed

Story time EVERY Thursday 10:30

Knitters EVERY Thursday gather at fireplace @ 1:00 pm

January 1 Library closed

January 7 Tuesday Night Ladies Book Group 6:30

January 8 Library Board Meeting 6:30

January 21 6:30 Tuesday Night Ladies Book Group

Christmas Tree Walk was a success!

The community enjoyed viewing seventeen trees beautifully decorated through-out the library. This was a special way for our community to celebrate the holiday. "Libraries ARE the Heart of the community" to coin a phrase from the American Library Association. We have a wonderful library in our community and we like to see it being used in this manner. Come see us and learn what we have to offer.

2014 can you believe it?

Looking at a new year always brings a feeling of hope and excitement. The Springville Memorial Library hopes to be your information destination through-out the year. The library is more than just books and computers, we offer meeting rooms for study or interviews, we offer story time, social programs such as knitting, book groups, there is a gathering table in the lobby. Let's make 2014 a BANNER YEAR FOR THE LIBRARY!

Check your account

Any over dues or fines on your account? Start the new year with a clear account. There are fines and over dues on our books and you would be helping the library by clearing them up. Remember, you can always renew over the phone 854-6444 or by e-mail spribry@netins.net. All of our library materials are checked out for 3 weeks.

New Board books for the little ones

Curious about Christmas (Curious George)

Rock-a-Bye Baby

Zoo Friends

My First Words

Daisy, Daisy

I Love my Mommy

Books on CD

King and Maxwell by Baldacci
(also coming in book)

Takedown twenty by Evanovich (also coming in book)

Dust by Cornwell

Ladder of Years by Anne Tyler

Twilight by Sheryl Woods

Preston & Child by White Fire

Cross My Heart by Patterson

Adult fiction

Angry housewives eating bon bons by Lorna Landvik

A Sunless Sea (a William Monk novel) by Anne Perry

Stolen by Lucy Christopher

House Girl by Conklin

Sold by McCormick

Please Ignore Vera Dietz by King

Broken for You by Kallos

Whistling Past the Graveyard by Crandall

The Letters by Fisher

Adult non-fiction

The Bully Pulpit by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Far from the Tree by Solomon Wilson by Berg

REMINDERS

≥ Water meter readings & payments are due on the **15th of the month**. If the 15th of the month is not a business day, you have until the end of regular office hours on the first business day after the 15th. 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 Jan 15th.

≥ Rudd Trash Tags are available for **\$3** each at the City Clerk's office, Woody's One Stop and Casey's General Store. **One tag is to be placed on each "collection bag or container". Collection bags are plastic, water-tight bags securely tied or sealed. Each bag or container shall not exceed forty pounds or 33 gallons when full.** Recycle tubs are available at the Clerk's office for **\$14** each. **A special reminder from Marsha at Rudd: Pickup time begins at 5 am. Rudd does not recycle glass. Glass containers should be placed in your regular trash container.**

More than 55 years fighting fires

In 55-plus years of fighting fires for the Springville Volunteer Fire Department, **Ray Wyman** saw many changes in improved equipment, methods and training. What didn't change was his unswerving commitment to a job that had virtually no monetary reward.



"So many have asked me, 'Why would you get up in the middle of the night when it's below zero, to go out and fight a fire?'" said Ray. "Well, you just do it. You don't even think about it, not if you're dedicated. I've always wanted to help people."

Recruited by another long-time firefighter, the late Jim Barnes, Ray joined the Springville Volunteer Fire Department in September 1957 at the age of 22, serving as assistant fire chief until Barnes, the chief, retired. Ray then became fire chief.

He worked for over 31 years at Schwitters Inc., a John Deere dealership in Cedar Rapids. "I had a great boss," he declared. "When I got a fire call, I could just drop everything and go." After the Schwitters job ended, he

spent 10 years as head of the Rockwell Collins fire department, then retired. But he didn't retire from firefighting at Springville until December 2012, at age 77.

Ray can remember pre-911 days, when Springville residents reported a fire by calling "O" for operator, or "central." The woman in the central office (upstairs over the Exchange State Bank) then called one number which rang in the homes of 10 to 12 firefighters. "It was one long ring, not like a regular call," say Ray. "Each firefighter had a special button on his phone, and pushing it activated the fire siren on top of the bank building." Ray also remembers that Springville was one of the first volunteer departments in this area to introduce pagers, around 1980. Some people initially questioned the need, said Ray, but he had no doubt about pagers' value.

Ray was married for over 49 years to Twila Pederson Wyman, until her death in April 2013. Their two sons are Todd of Springville (a volunteer with the Marion Fire Department) and Doug of Marion (district fire chief on the Marion Fire Department). Ray also has three grandsons, a granddaughter, and six great-grandchildren ages 2 through 10. All four grandchildren currently are, or have been, firefighters. If you add Ray's 55-plus years to his sons' and grandchildren's service, the total firefighting contribution of the Wyman family comes to well over 100 years!

Ray was honored for his long firefighting career at a reception Dec. 8 in the Springville United Methodist Church. It was a surprise that almost leaked when a grandson, Cal Wyman of Mason City, appeared unexpectedly and Ray got suspicious. Thinking fast, Cal claimed he had planned to go deer hunting but canceled because of the cold. At least 65 people attended the reception, organized by Ray's sister-in-law, Mareta Ralston.



Historical Society

Historical Society to meet Jan. 14

Anyone interested in the history of Springville and vicinity is welcome at the Springville Area Historical Society (SAHS) meeting Jan. 14. The time is 6:30 p.m. in the SAHS building, next door to City Hall.

At the Dec. 10 meeting, the condition of the Brown family monument in the Springville Cemetery was discussed. It marks the graves of Revolutionary War veteran Nathan Brown, his wife Tamar, their son Horace Brown, and Horace's wife Julia.

The Brown family settled about a mile southwest of the future site of Springville in 1839, and Nathan died in 1842. He was buried in the Paralta Cemetery, but his grave was later moved to Springville, probably by his son.

In 1977, the monument was seriously damaged in a storm. Three local men, Jake Hiner (Jr.), the late Jim Barnes, and the late Don Waddell, repaired it. With the passage of 46 years, considerable deterioration has occurred.

It was suggested that interested community organizations might join together in raising funds to preserve the monument. SAHS president Bev Franks has contacted the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter in Cedar Rapids, which placed a commemorative plaque on the monument in 1931.

In other business, SAHS historian Karen Taylor gave a report on blacksmiths of Springville, from John W. Taylor in about 1856 to Nick Schueler, who had a shop here from about 1930 until shortly before his death in 1961.

The business meeting was followed by a party to honor SAHS members Merle and Harriett McGrew for their 73rd wedding anniversary Dec. 12, and to celebrate the Christmas season.

Others at the meeting and party were James Crow, vice president; Jean Schmidt, secretary-treasurer; Doug Beard; Kimball Behning; Wes Bender; John and Jackie Bohlken; Dixie Brady; Mayor Rick Heeren; Dave and Eleanor Kelley; Allen McGrew; Duane Schlatter; Steve Shaffer; Joan White; and Brad Wilson.

Historical Feature

1896 banquet honored firemen

From the Springville New Era of Jan. 8, 1896: "Thursday evening the firemen responded to an alarm of a slightly less serious nature than usual. It was a banquet at the Clarence House, and the fire laddies responded nobly and did their level best to extinguish the load of edibles that were placed before them.

"The banquet was tendered to them by Mr. J. S. Butler, as an expression of his appreciation of their work. The call was responded to by about thirty firemen . . . The banquet was a compliment to the culinary resources of the Clarence House."

Background: The Clarence House was a hotel that stood on the site now occupied by the American Legion Hall. J. S. Butler was the founder of the Exchange State Bank.

Say farewell to Cecil Capper

After 5 years as President/CEO of The Exchange State Bank, we say farewell to Cecil Capper as he begins a new journey: retirement. Cecil's last day with the bank is December 31st. In addition to serving as President/CEO, Cecil has been an active member in the Springville Community. He served on the SEDC Board and headed the first annual Christmas Tree Walk. Cecil has made it possible for the bank to provide many donations to community churches and organizations. He also provides tools to help the students of Springville learn how to manage their cash and balance checkbooks. Cecil has been a big influence on The Exchange State Bank, its staff, and its customers. He will be missed by all! Cecil plans to spend his days with his wife, Laura, his sons, his grandsons and enjoying the game of golf. We wish him a happy retirement and thank him for all of his hard work!



Meet our new President/CEO, **Tyson Jacobi**. Tyson was hired on at The Exchange State Bank in 2009 as Vice President. Tyson also held the positions of loan officer, insurance agent and manager of our Shueyville Branch. Tyson and his family moved to Springville from Atkins in November. Tyson is married to Michelle Jacobi, who works for the Iowa Division of Banking. We also welcome their two children to the community, Springville Kindergartener Rowan and 3-year-old Reece.



City Council Minutes - December 02, 2013

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 pm in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Miller, Brady, Grimley, Ralston and Shebetka. Also present: Penny Sindelar, Pat Hoyt, Dave DeWitte, Steve Shaffer, Deputy Egli and Todd Wyman.

Consent Agenda: M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Brady to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: Larry Tubbs of 403 Kelley Court was present with a complaint about snow being pushed up onto his front yard during snow removal resulting in a torn up lawn and rock and sand being left behind. Todd noted because it is a circle drive there is nowhere to go with the snow and that eventually they load it up and take it out but he would make sure that the snow was not piled so high along the curb so that it falls over and onto private property. Patrick Hoyt who lives on Broadway agreed that there is a lot of cleanup each spring resulting from snow being pushed on to private property. Damaged and dead grass must be removed and the area planted with new grass seed.

Sheriff's Report: Reports: Deputy Egli provided the sheriff's report for November 18, 2013 through December 2, 2013 - there were 10 calls for service. November hours of service: 88.08. Steve Shaffer reported to the deputy of speeding on 1st Avenue going toward the quarry and going up the hill on Broadway to Springville Road.

Todd's written **Maintenance Report:** meeting with Shoemaker and Haaland on Phase 4 of the Broadway

Street Project, talked with county roads employee about grinding down the bumps along 1st Avenue, check out 256 Broadway for utility meters, cleaned catch basins, worked on winter equipment and salt box, put up Winter banners and lights, plowed snow, sanded and salted, dug a grave, locates and fixed the rear door panic bar at the Community Center. Received the Bac-T sample for Well #3, the sample passed testing standards. They are now trying to locate a replacement pressure gage to run Well #3 controls. If a replacement gauge is not available it will need to be converted to a new type of pressure switch for operation.

The maintenance department will be putting up new retro-reflectivity traffic signs that were received from a DOT grant. The second phase of the DOT mandate will be to replace all the street designation signs with retro-reflectivity signs.

Mayor: Rick reported on all the activities scheduled in Springville for the Christmas Holiday.

Clerk: provided the council with the November 2013 overtime report and a transmittal report noting the City's share of the Casey's liquor license fee. Casey's license and privileges consist of a Class E liquor license, Class B Native Wine permit, Class C Beer permit and Sunday sales for a total license fee of \$3,645 of which the Springville receives \$100. Bixler will contact Iowa ABD for an explanation on the State share formula.

Parks: Roger reported 6 trees were planted at the Hwy. 151 entrance to Springville. Culvers planted, staked and mulched all 6 trees. Also, the lights are up at the Gazebo and they will be finding a tree to erect in Butler Park.

Old Business: 256 Broadway Rent/Lease: Council reviewed correspondence from Patrick Hoyt withdrawing his request to rent the North room in 256 Broadway.

Casey's Building Update: Jeff Taylor was contacted to review and update the Casey's abstract and prepare a quit claim deed for transfer of the property to Jeff and Lee Anne Grimley.

New Business: Iowa Codification Proposal: M/b Brady, 2nd/b Miller to approve Iowa Codification Option #2, a complete comprehensive update of the existing code book to bring it into compliance with legislative changes, plus model changes and cleanups that have occurred since the code adoption in 2009 at a cost of \$2,750. All ayes, motion carried.

Sealcoat Bid: Todd reviewed the L.L. Pelling bid for the 2014 seal coat work with the council. The quote is only to lock in the prices for next year's work. It does not mean that L.L. Pelling is awarded the seal coat project for FY 2014, it simply means that the quoted prices are locked in should the City decided to contract with L.L. Pelling for FY 2014 seal coat of city streets. M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Ralston to approve the quote submitted by L.L. Pelling. All ayes, motion carried.

M/b Brady 2nd/b Miller to approve the 2nd reading of **Ordinance #6-2013: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springville, Iowa 2009 by Repealing Subsection 68.01(2); Pertaining to One Way Traffic** and to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be considered and voted on at two meetings prior to the one at which it is finally passed. All ayes, motion carried. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried. Ordinance #6-2013 is duly adopted and shall be published and posted as prescribed by Springville Code, Chapter 18.05(2): Manner of Publication.

Correspondence: From Councilman Brady a thank you from the folks that were in the accident at the Hwy. 151/X 20 intersection. They were appreciative of the aid given to them by Lena Gilbert, a resident of Springville. Thankfully no one was seriously injured.

Next meeting: Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Ralston to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

----- **City Council Minutes –December 16, 2013**

Mayor Heeren called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 pm in Springville City Hall. Present on roll call: Miller, Brady, Grimley, and Shebetka. Absent: Mareta Ralston. Also present:

Penny Sindelar, Pat Hoyt, Dave Raue, Kaitlyn Baker, Brandon French, Karen Anderson, Dixie Brady, Deb Vaughn, Mat Sauer, Chris Jansen, Jake Huck, Steve Brush, Kim Foster, Bob Tobin and Deputy Egli.

Consent Agenda: M/b Shebetka, 2nd/b Grimley to approve the consent agenda as posted. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens With Concerns Not on the Agenda: none.

Sheriff's Report: Reports: Deputy Egli provided the sheriff's report for December 02, 2013 through December 16, 2013 - there were 17 calls for service. December hours to date: 103.7.

Todd's written **Maintenance Report:** Completed monthly Bac-T samples and MOR's in water and sewer. Looked into a water pressure problem at a residence on Fawn Avenue and shut the water off at another residence, did repair work at the Library and the Community Center and got the Christmas tree out for SANSI. Set the timers and installed new pressure gages and switches at Well #3 and put the well back in service. Trees were trimmed on North Avenue and installed new retro-reflectivity signs that were received from a grant last year. Sidewalks and parking areas were cleaned up several times, streets were sanded and salted, and hauled snow piles out of the "courts" to make more room for more snow.

Mayor: Rick thanked Jeff Grimley for 11 years of service as a city councilperson and presented him with a plaque commemorating him for his commitment to the City of Springville.

Clerk: provided the Library Board minutes from November 13th and the November library finance report.

Old Business: Casey's Building Update: Jeff Grimley updated the council on the status of the Casey's building transfer. Atty. Taylor is waiting for the abstract to be updated. Grimley's and the City will need to sign a no conflict of interest letter as Phil Klinger will represent both parties in the transfer of ownership.

Iowa Codification Proposal: M/b Brady, 2nd/b Miller directing the mayor to sign an agreement for codification services along with the down payment of \$1,300. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business: Broadway Street – Phase IV: Bob Tobin of Shoemaker and Haaland was present with a scope of service and fee estimate for the next phase of the Broadway Street repaving. Discussion was held on aspects of the project. Basic engineering service was estimated at \$34,000 for design fee, electrical consultant, and preparation of construction documents, bid phase assistance and associated expenses. M/b Brady, 2nd/b Shebetka. All ayes, motion carried.

MSA – Trial Grants: Mat Sauer, Chris Jansen and Jake Huck of MSA were present with information on trail grants. Discussion was held on the Living Roadways Visioning Community Grant for community improvement Springville received in 2004. Ten different community projects were developed. Some of the ten projects have been completed (downtown revitalization and entrance beautification) and others remain to be done, one of them being connecting trails throughout the city. Chris Jansen informed the council the first step in the grant process was a feasibility study. MSA will have a proposal ready for consideration at the next council meeting.

Remote Read Meters: Steve Brush and Kim Foster of Ferguson Waterworks were present for a tutorial on Neptune handheld radio read meter system. The handheld computer reads a water meter "remotely" from a city vehicle traveling down the street. Upon completion of "reading the meters" the information is then downloaded into the city's utility software system for billing. One other vendor has presented their product to the council.

Oath of Office: Penney Sindelar and Patrick Hoyt were given the oath of office to serve a 4 year term on the city council. Sindelar and Hoyt replace Jeff Grimley and Roger Shebetka, both of whom chose not to run again for the office of councilperson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Appointment: Due to the fact that Jeff Grimley (current mayor pro-tem) will not serve on the council in the new year, Mayor Heeren announced he would appoint Mike Brady to that position. Councilman

Shebetka stated he had a problem with the appointment. Shebetka noted he felt the appointment was inappropriate at this time due to the fact the mayoral race has not been resolved and Rick was taking it upon himself to appoint a mayor pro-tem when the appointment could be very short lived. Roger felt the appointment should not take place until the mayor's race is resolved. Heeren called for the law on this matter to be read. Correspondence from Atty. Loomis read that for now to appoint a mayor pro-tem at the December 16th meeting. Roger reiterated that his objection was voiced so there would be no embarrassment down the road. There being no further objections Rick appointed Mike Brady mayor pro-tem.

Linn County Protection: M/by Shebetka, 2nd by Brady to approve the FY 2014-15 protection services agreement with the Linn County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$30,628. This is a \$1 per hour increase over last fiscal year. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: councilmembers were given an informational sheet on Linn County officials.

Next meeting: Monday, January 6, 2014 at 6:00 pm.



RECYCLING CHRISTMAS TREES, LIGHTS & MORE HOLIDAY RECYCLING NOTES
What to do with Christmas trees...

Solid Waste Agency accepted at both locations, \$5 flat-fee

Locations: 1954 County Home Road, Marion & 2250 A Street SW, Cedar Rapids

Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Saturday at 1954 County Home Road, Marion

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday - Friday at 2250 A Street SW, Cedar Rapids (Winter hours at 2250 A Street SW, Cedar Rapids, go through March 31, 2014)

Springville residents should contact Rudd Sanitation or their city clerk to find out what days they are picking up Christmas trees. Rudd recycles them through the Indian Creek Nature Center. Rudd can be reached at: **319-438-6563**

What to do with Christmas lights

Can be recycled for free at both Solid Waste Agency locations as part of the electronics recycling program; recycling is free for Linn County residents because the Solid Waste Agency subsidizes the recycling programs to make recycling free and convenient for residents Christmas lights CANNOT be recycled curbside in any community

What to do with wrapping paper

Throw it away; wrapping paper cannot be recycled because of the lack of good quality fiber, combined with the volume of "sheen", or foil, coatings. Use gift bags instead

What to do with plastic, cardboard, paper Bring to either Solid Waste location & recycle for free.

What to do with unwanted electronics

All electronics, including big screen TVs, computer monitors, DVD players, VCRs, stereos, and more, can be recycled for free at both Solid Waste Agency locations. The Solid Waste Agency subsidizes the recycling program so Linn County residents do not have to pay!

WHEN SNOW FALLS PLEASE REMEMBER THIS!!



When conditions of 4" of snow are predicted, imminent, or exist on the traffic surface of the street, please **Do not park** your vehicles along any streets. This allows the snowplows to get through early in the morning.

- ◆ If you must park on the street, please move the vehicles as soon as possible.
- ◆ Do not blow or shovel snow into the street. Pile it in your yard. The snow you place in the street requires another pass from the snowplow and it will just end up in your own driveway when they go by.
- ◆ **Sidewalk Ordinance #136.03: REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE & ACCUMULATIONS.** It is the

responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice, or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

SANSI in the Community on December 14th!

Thank you to the SANSI Benefit Committee for all your time and work to organize another great benefit for SANSI and Springville area kids. Gifts bought by Springville residents and surrounding communities and meat certificates from STPA were distributed to 18 families and 45 children. Santa visited with around 70 kids at the Fire Station on the 14th. Winners of the kid's movies were Michael Fain & Drew Feltes. Donna Noggle won a turkey and Jason Hedges won the ham.

The horse and wagon rides were a nice addition this year. Thank you to the American Legion for their donation to the Santa treat bags and to Don Simmons.

SANSI Board will meet at Sally's at 6pm on Tuesday, January 28th.



Out with the old and in with the New!

Construction at 173 Broadway is progressing and is a welcome sight on the corner.



Councilman **Jeff Grimley** received a plaque from Mayor Heeren in appreciation of his many years of service to the City of Springville. **Thank you Jeff!**



Councilperson, Penny Sindelar is given the oath of office by City Clerk, Karen Bixler.



Councilman, Pat Hoyt, Sr. is given the oath of office by City Clerk, Karen Bixler.

Cross Country Ski Trails

Linn County Conservation maintains five cross country skiing trails at different park locations:

- Matsell Bridge Natural Area 5+ miles
- Morgan Creek Park 3.8 miles
- Squaw Creek Park 3.5 miles
- Wickiup Hill 3.3 miles
- Pinicon Ridge Park 2.5 miles

Four inches of snow is the minimum amount required to use the grooming equipment. This protects our equipment as well as yours!

Tracks are first "rolled" and then "groomed" and depending on the length of the trail, the process can take the better part of a day.

Is it your first time out on cross country skis? We recommend dressing in layers and bringing water with you. It's great exercise, which means you'll likely get both sweaty and thirsty.

Grooming equipment is shared. Morgan Creek and Matsell Bridge Natural Area are typically groomed first.

Where possible, trails are groomed to accommodate skate skis.

Hikers, horses and dogs are encouraged to stay off of the indented, Nordic ski track.

Remember that hunting season extends to January 10th. Be safe and wear bright colors on the trails.

Is it your first time out on cross country skis? We recommend dressing in layers and bringing water with you. It's great exercise, which means you'll likely get both sweaty and thirsty.

For updates on trail grooming & conditions. Visit: iowaski.blogspot.com



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How Old is Grandma

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events. The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general. The grandmother replied, "Well, let me think a minute,

I was born before:

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|-------------|------------------------|
| television | penicillin |
| polio shots | frozen foods |
| Xerox | contact lenses |
| Frisbees | the birth control pill |

There were no:

- credit cards
- laser beams
- ball-point pens

Man had not yet invented:

- pantyhose
- air conditioners
- dishwashers
- clothes dryers

Clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon. Your Grandfather and I got married first, and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, "Sir." And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir." We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy. Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were



those who closed front doors as the evening breeze started. Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings & weekends not purchasing condominiums. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CD's, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. We listened to Big Bands

Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios. If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk. The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of. We had 5 & 10-cent (5 & dime) stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10¢. Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards. You could buy a new Ford Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 10¢ a gallon.

In my day: Grass was mowed, Coke was a cold drink, Pot was something your mother cooked in and Rock Music was your grandmother's lullaby. Aids were helpers in the Principal's office, Chip meant a piece of wood, Hardware was found in a hardware store and. Software wasn't even a word. We were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. We volunteered to protect our precious Country. No wonder people call us Old and Confused and say there is a Generation Gap.

How Old do you think I am?

I am 59 years old and was born in 1955. GIVES YOU SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

Amazing Human Body

It takes your food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach. One human hair can support 6.6 pounds. Human thighbones are stronger than concrete. A woman's heart beats faster than a man's. There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet. Women blink twice as often as men. The average person's skin weighs twice as much as the brain. Your body uses 300 muscles to balance itself when you are standing still. If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it.





January 2014



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Sat

	Pres. Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863		1 City Hall & Library Closed for New Years Day	2 Garbage/ recycling Story time @ Library 10:30am Knitters @ 1pm	3 	4 Utah the 45th State entered the union in 1896
5 Pres. Calvin Coolidge died in 1933 CC rental 10-4	6 Council Mtg. @ 6pm Girl Scout Mtg. 5:30-7 pm #5855/5857	7 1st Presidential Election Held in 1789	8 Library Board mtg. 6:30 @ pm 	9 SEDC 7am Lib Bd mtg 6:30 pm @ BR Park Bd 7pm @ CH	10 The Holocaust began in 1933	11 CC rental Alabama seceded from the Union in 1861
12 4-H mtg. 7 pm @ CC	13 G/Scout Mtg. 6-7:30 PM @ CC (tr #5854)	14 Historical Soc. Mtg. @ 6:30 pm	15 Utility bills & meter reads due 	16 United States Prohibition, 1920	17 1st Brinks truck robbery in 1950, \$2.8 million	18 President John Tyler died in 1862
19 Georgia seceded from the Union in 1861	20 Council Mtg. @ 6pm Girl Scout Mtg. 5:30-7 pm #5855/5857	21 Martin Luther King Day Springhouse Bd. 7pm @ CH	22 	23 USS Pueblo seized by North Koreans, 1968	24 GOLD! Discovered in California, 1848	25 In 1971. Charles Manson convicted of the 1969 murder of Sharon Tate
26 Michigan the 26th state entered the Union in 1837	27 G/Scout Mtg 6-7:30 PM @ CC (tr #5854)	28 SANSI Board 7pm @ Sally's	29 	30 In 1933, Adolph Hitler appt. Chancellor of Germany	31 In 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik executed for desertion	

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