

The Springville Buzz



Springville... In the Beginning– submitted by Jackie Thompson

Imagine if you will Springville covered with vast wilderness and wildlife. The first humans to live in what we now know as Springville were Native American ancestors from around 9500 B.C.

European contact with Indiana's Miami, Wea, Mascouten and Shawnee tribes began in 1679. However, Indians were forced onto western reservations in the 1830s.

By 1850, only a portion of the Miami remained in Indiana. Many natives either assimilated into white culture or hid their identity. This scenario changed when American Indians served in the military and at home during World War II. Afterwards, Indians from many lineages flocked to Indiana. Along with Indiana's Miami and Potawatomi, they created a diverse Indian culture that enriched the lives of all Hoosiers and is documented in this second volume of the *Peopling Indiana* series.

Stewart Rafert, adjunct professor of history at the University of Delaware, authored the 1996 book *The Miami Indians of Indiana*. Rafert coauthored the chapter "Native Americans" in *Peopling Indiana: The Ethnic Experience* along side Elizabeth Glenn, professor emerita, Ball State University Anthropology Department.

There were many types of animals that also called Springville home. There were black bears, panthers(aka painters) , wolves, ducks, geese, raccoons, deer and squirrel. All of which were commonly used for food, clothing and trade by both Indians and the white man.

It was John Gray who was brave enough to settle here far away from white settlements. We do not have a specific year that Gray arrived; however, it is quite probable that he came to the old Gray springs a few years after 1800. He was one of the earliest settlers of Lawrence County. Trading was the way goods were bought and sold. They would have a trade fair once a year up North near Fort Wayne. Indians and Whites would negotiate their trade deals. It has been told that alcohol was freely pouring and that some men would take advantage of those who had partaken in drinking. Much like today.

There were several peace treaties and trade agreements signed between the tribes all over Indiana beginning in 1803.

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To submit an article

- Carrie Rainey, editor,
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- Adds may be purchased in future issues to help pay for printing costs.

Kid's Corner– a space just for kids!

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Do you have a favorite teacher or bus driver? Would you like to see them featured in the Springville Buzz? Please have your parents send an email to submit your nomination.

Does your family have an unusual holiday tradition you would like to share? Let us know what makes your family special!

Got a funny joke you would like to share?

We would like to hear from you! The awesome youth of Springville.

Please send any input to us so we may share. We want to include hand drawn comics, jokes, award nominations or any information you would like to share. All youth ages welcome. Anyone under 13, please ask a parent for permission or help.

Send input to:

Springvillebuzz@gmail.com

New Playground Equipment for the Community

The Springville Community Heritage Group entered into a Challenge Grant with the Lawrence County Community Foundation in an effort to fund new playground equipment for the Springville Park. The challenge was a 2:1 grant. If we raised \$1,000, we would receive \$2,000 from the foundation. The deadline for fund raising was December 1, 2016.

Thanks to the generosity of the foundation, they chose to award us with \$3,000 total. Between what was raised through donations and selling pumpkins, we were able to raise approximately \$800. Giving us \$3,800 to use towards the playground.

Money wasn't all it took to get this goal accomplished. There were many neighbors who donated their time and talents to the cause. The old equipment was removed and there is now a nice new playground structure for all of the children of Springville to enjoy. There is one more piece on order and playground grade mulch still to come. The project is expected to be completed very soon. If you haven't been to the park since it received this face lift, please consider taking your children/ grand children out to enjoy it while the weather is nice.



Perry Township Volunteer Fire/ EMS

On Tuesday, October 25, 2016 the Springville Girl Scouts along with Cub Scout Pack 323— hosted a Fire Fighter Appreciation Dinner. The volunteers were invited out to enjoy a nice Italian dinner of soup, salad and lasagna— and let's not forget the yummy desserts provided by the families of the cub scout pack!

Thank you to Life Tabernacle for allowing us use of their nice facility and to the students of Springville Elementary School for providing us with stacks of thank you cards. They were read and enjoyed at the dinner and taken home for future enjoyment.

For those not able to make the dinner, please know we appreciate the sacrifices you and your families make each time you respond to calls in our area and neighboring areas.

History of Springville from page 1

Lawrence County was acquired by the Harrison Purchase of Fort Wayne, September 30, 1809. This treaty bore the signatures of the Delaware, Eel River, Potawatomi, and Miami Tribes. This tract embraced three million acres and it was about seventy miles wide. The Indians received \$10,000 for 3 million acres which worked out to be 1 penny per acre. Imagine that today!

From 1809 to 1818 there were larger sects of land that were to be divided into counties, towns and townships. The County of Lawrence was formed in 1818. Four years later in 1822 they drew the lines that were to be Perry Township. Finally in July, 1832 the town of Springville was formed.

Many other white men began to purchase properties as soon as Lawrence County was formed. Those first to settle here where Samuel Owens and his wife Aunt Jane. Another listed settler was a couple by the name of Carr. There are no first names of this family and both died shortly after moving here.

Dixon, Thomas, John and Caleb Cobb all sons of Seymour Cobb moved in around the same year. They sold and moved northwest, stayed there for a short time and then returned to Springville and purchased another large farm. Today the descendants of Seymour Cobb still live in Springville. Many of us have fond memories of Russell who passed away October 1, 2015. His wife Twyla still resides in the white farm house on the hill just above the Methodist Church, behind the post office. His son John also lives in Springville with his wife and son. This makes the Cobb Family the earliest and still living settlers of Springville.



If you are interested in volunteering for the Perry Township Volunteer Fire/ EMS department, please contact Max Peters at 812-279-5538.



Youth Leadership Programs

The children of Springville are lucky to have many youth leadership programs in our area they may join.

- * Boy Scouts POC:
Brian Grissom 675-6911 (grades K-5)
Albert Cross 279-1377 (grades 6-12)
Ed Barrett 278-6006—Venturing Crew (boys and girls ages 14 -20)
- * Girl Scouts- for girls in Kindergarten—8th grade. We are currently seeking a Daisy leader and assistant leader for our girls grades K&1. We also need as-

sistant leaders/ adult volunteers for our 2-8th grade girls. There are currently only openings for girls in our cadet troop (6th-8th grade)
POC: Carrie Rainey 797-4186

- * United States Naval Sea Cadet Corp—Boys and girls ages 10-18. There are openings with the Indiana SSN789 Division (formerly Crane Division). Information can be found at www.seacadets.org

Springville Girl Scouts Craft Sale

Springville Junior Troop, 3224 and Cadet Troop, 3226 girls are excitedly planning a trip to St. Louis, Missouri. On their trip they are planning to visit the St. Louis Zoo, Science Center and other fun educational hot spots. The girls are making a budget and finding ways to earn the funds required for this trip. So we are having a craft sale! **Saturday, December 3 from 8-1** at the Springville school gym. We hope to see you there!

If you would like to rent a space at the craft sale for \$25, please contact Carrie Rainey 797-4186 or mysscarrie@gmail.com

Cadets From the Indiana SSN789 Division Support the 2016 United States Navy Ball Held in French Lick, Indiana.
This commemorates the U.S. Navy's 241st birthday and 75th for the Crane Naval Support Activity.



The Buzz Around Springville School

November is a busy month at Springville School! Our first book fair of the school year begins on Monday, November 7, and continues Wednesday, November 9 through Friday, November 11. Anyone interested in getting good books at great prices is welcome to visit and shop! (School is closed on Tuesday, November 8, due to voting in our gymnasium.)

On Friday, November 11, our 2nd annual Veterans Day program will begin at 9:00 a.m. in our gymnasium. The boys and girls, along with our music teacher, Mrs. Freeman, and our Veterans Day committee members, Mrs. Joann Kluender, Mrs. Chelsea Wronowicz, Mrs. Jayme Davis, and Mrs. Britney Baker, as well as our entire staff, have worked hard on our program to honor our Veterans. We welcome all who are available to attend.

We have two home basketball games in November. The first one is on November 10 vs. St. Vincent and the second one is on November 16 vs. Stalker. The girls' games begin at 3:45 and the boys' games begin shortly after the girls' games conclude. That is usually around 5:00-5:15. Please plan on attending these games and help cheer on our Hornet basketball teams!

On Thursday, November 17, our 4th and 5th grade Spell Bowl team will be competing in the Spell Bowl. This event will be held at St. Vincent gymnasium beginning at 5:00 p.m. Our Spell Bowl members this year are Nathaniel Arnold, Hannah Hayes, Olivia Jordan, Elle Malone, Garrett McDuffee, Clairra McGee, Keagan Schaefer, and Mackena Thomas. Our Spell Bowl coach this year is Mrs. Heather Jordan. Good luck, Hornets!!

Thanksgiving break begins on Wednesday, November 23. School will not be in session from November 23-25. We will resume on Monday, November 28. We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!





COLD WEATHER CHILDREN'S CLOTHING DRIVE

Children are our past, our present, and our future; They will always come first!

You know what else they will ALWAYS do?



As it gets colder, you will probably need to purchase new items that fit your kids.

Unfortunately, some parents don't have this luxury.

There are children in our community that will be cold this winter, or have items that don't fit.

YOU can help!

Just donate the boots, sweatshirts, pants, hats, gloves, scarves and coats that your children have outgrown. You may send them to school with your child in a plastic sack, or you may call/text Tatiana Ritter at 812-583-7334 to come take them off your hands.

Let's help a child in need before it gets too much colder!



Springville
Girl Scouts

Christmas Craft Sale

Saturday, Dec. 3

from 8 -1 Springville

School Gym

Vendor Space Available

Contact Carrie @ 797-4186



Your Add Could Be
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DINE & DONATE

Monday, December 5th

ALL DAY

Buffalo Wings & Rings – Bedford

5% of sales donated to

Springville Elementary PTO



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