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# Thompson



Platted in 1892, the City of Thompson in Winnebago County, Iowa was established after the railroad came to town, and was incorporated in 1894. Named after Jasper Thompson, the president and general manager of the Town Lot Company which sold lots for settlement and development, the town then began a slow growth. While Mr. Thompson originally estimated the town's population to grow to 1,000 within a year, by 1915 it had only attracted 425 citizens. In 2010, it still hadn't reached his goal, with a population of 502 according to the U.S. Census. Nevertheless, the town flourished in other ways. It has since grown into a pleasant community with affordable housing, city municipal services, and a variety of family-owned businesses providing the town's citizens with employment and services for the community.



Despite the small population, Thompson has always maintained a vibrant Main Street. In the past, the streets were lined with a creamery, meat locker, general stores, hotels, restaurants and banks. One business has a special tie to the community. Hometown Market, a grocery store, convenience store, restaurant/deli, and gas station all rolled into one, is a business that was built by the community in April of 2000. Hometown Market served as an example of what a community can accomplish. After the mortgage was paid off in 2016, shareholders discussed selling Hometown Market for a number of years. The decision did not come lightly, but as shareholders were aging, it was getting harder to find people to serve on the board. NuWay-K&H made a firm offer to purchase the store and continue selling both groceries and fuel. The shareholders voted unanimously to sell. Today, Hometown Market continues providing all the necessities for Thompson residents.



After Thompson had all the necessities, the need for a good education system arose. The school district in town partnered with neighboring communities to create a unified educational department known as the North Iowa School District. Until a few years ago, this district operated campuses in Thompson and Buffalo Center before becoming a single campus in Buffalo Center. Therefore, the old school building in Thompson was put up for sale. It was quickly purchased by two Thompson School alumni in 2015, who began renovating both the older (1915) and newer (1960's) portions of the building into apartments. The town's old school then came to be known as Thompson Apartments, and future plans for more housing on the land behind the school were also made.

Alongside the food and history, one of Thompson's main attractions is the annual Winnebago County Fair. Every July, crowds flock to Thompson's fairgrounds, located on the south side of town, to see everything from youth 4-H projects, animal presentations, and horse shows to grandstand entertainment such as live band performances, demo derbies, rodeos, and "celebrity" donkey races. When the county fair ends, the fairgrounds can be utilized for a variety of events and activities throughout the rest of the year. If you are interested in having an event here, contact the fair office at 641-584-2011.

Now, with a little taste of what the community of Thompson has to offer, come decide for yourself what makes Thompson "A Good Place to Call Home." Whether it's the food, the people, the history, or the county fair, everyone can find their reason for being in Thompson, Iowa.



# Reference

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