

SPRINGVILLE RAILROAD DEPOT

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The old Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad built the Springville Railroad Depot in 1910-1911 for \$25,000. The pagoda style recognized Asian railroad workers who helped expand the American West.

The red brick depot on West Main Street greeted passengers while Springville was a railroad center, but the last train -- a freight train -- stopped at the depot in 1977.

After years of disrepair, the building caught the fancy of Leo and Linda Lubke, who like to restore historical treasures. The Springville couple bought it in 1991 and restored it to house a travel agency and gift shop.

Still intact are the ticket window, with its Florentine glass, and the men's and women's waiting rooms, which now serve as smoking and non-smoking sections.

In recognition of its restoration, the depot was added to the state and national registers of historic places. In 1993 the Lubkes received a state Historic Preservation Award.

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