



## Templeton Improvements, Accomplishments, & Events

- 1882 Templeton was platted during the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul's Railroad's construction of its main line between Council Bluffs and Marion (which continued on to Chicago).
- 1883 The recently constructed 36' x 66' Catholic Church is dismantled in sections from its original location on the John Schlichte farm northwest of Templeton, and the building is moved to Templeton on wagons to Mr. Overmire's property where the present church stands now.
- 1883 Ground for the Sacred Heart cemetery was purchased.
- 1883 Articles of Incorporation for the Town of Templeton, Carroll County, Iowa incorporated on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1883, are filed in the office of the Secretary of State on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1884.
- 1884 First meeting of the Templeton Town Council is held.
- 1884 The first Sacred Heart Rectory built near the church.
- 1885 Templeton's first 8' x 12' wooden jailhouse is constructed with 2" x 6" boards laid flat and stacked one on another.
- 1886 The Templeton Community Fire Department is organized.
- 1889 The first Sacred Heart School building is built across 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the church.
- 1891 Contract for construction of first engine house is approved by the Council for \$285.00.
- 1892 Construction of Sacred Heart Convent is completed.
- 1900 A new Sacred Heart Church building is constructed. The building's design is true Gothic style with a central transept and transverse façade; the church, 57' x 136', has one lofty spire 150' in height and four flanking towers about 60' high. The altar cost \$5,000 and the church cost \$28,000. The Communion rail is of pure onyx, and the statue of St. Michael is of imported marble. The main floor seats over 600 people, and the balcony 100.
- 1903 The first telephone is recorded in Templeton. The telephone was located in Frank Greteman's store at 326 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Templeton, Iowa.
- 1908 Construction of second Sacred Heart Rectory at 220 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The brick building will house multiple priests and has full kitchen and maid's quarters.
- 1908 The City of Templeton completes construction of a 65,000 gallon standpipe and associated water works throughout the community.



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- 1908 Construction is completed on a brick engine and pump house near the new standpipe.
- 1916 Electricity is brought to Templeton by Iowa Light, Heat, and Power Company.
- 1916 An addition is completed to the Sacred Heart School. The first Catholic High School in Carroll County is started as a 2-year program, which is expanded to a 4-year program several years later.
- 1919 Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council #1972 is organized with 55 charter members.
- 1920 Catholic Daughters of Americas Court #454 is organized.
- 1921 Templeton's first girls' basketball team is organized.
- 1922 Sacred Heart Church is re-frescoed.
- 1924 The City Council approved building a new 22' x 28' x 18' high two story municipal building that will include town hall and a fire station building. The building will also include a new jail large enough to house two prisoners. The Council approved Resolution of Necessity be drawn up in which the building which had been used as a town hall be condemned, the location being a desirable site at which to erect the new town hall as soon as possible.
- 1924 Templeton's original jailhouse 8' x 12' sold to Frank Kathman for \$10.00.
- 1924 1.8 acres of additional ground was purchased to the east for the cemetery.
- 1927 A new school is built for the Templeton Independent (Public) School District, replacing the original 1883 one-room building.
- 1928 Streets in Templeton were graveled.
- 1929 The Sacred Heart School newspaper is formed and named "The Wheel" after a contest is held for naming rights.
- 1931 Main Street in Templeton is paved with concrete, along with Highway 236 leading south out of town. The pavements will connect to the relocated and newly paved Highways 71 and 46 (now 141).
- 1935 The School newspaper "The Wheel" is discontinued and later replaced with a new version called the "S.H.H.S. Bulletin".



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- 1940 Iowa Public Service Company of Sioux City is granted authority to construct, reconstruct, own, maintain, and operate an electric power plant and distribution system. IPS is authorized to furnish electrical energy to the town and granted the right to construct a high voltage electric transmission line.
- 1948-1949 Sacred Heart Church is completely remodeled and reroofed. All the old plaster was removed and new steel lath and new plastering was put on. A new tile floor was laid in the nave, new oak flooring was installed in the sanctuary, new wiring and lighting were installed and new oil burning furnaces were installed. The basement was completely excavated by parishioners and a complete kitchen, dining room and recreation hall was built in the basement space.
- 1948 A new baseball field is constructed south of the church.
- 1949 The Sacred Heart Ladies Confraternity and Guild is organized to raise funds for equipment for the new parish hall. Following the initial effort the group continues to coordinate future fundraising activities for the parish.
- 1950 – 1960's Curb and gutter is installed on streets throughout the community.
- 1955 Construction of a new two story brick Sacred Heart Convent is completed. The building includes living quarters for up to 14 sisters of the order of St. Francis of the Holy Family, who provide staffing for Sacred Heart School.
- 1957 The Sodality of Sacred Heart purchased a new Nativity Crib Set for the church, which was made by local contractor Lawrence Ocken.
- 1959 The last graduating Sacred Heart High School class occurred in May 1959 with fourteen graduates. The largest class in the history of the school was twenty in 1956. In the fall of 1959, Sacred Heart High School became part of the Kuemper Corporation in Carroll with many other parishes throughout Carroll County.
- 1960 The City of Templeton constructs a 32' x 48' cement block building to house the maintenance and public works department.
- 1960 Improvements are made to the Ball Park.
- 1963 Construction begins on new Sacred Heart elementary school, which is completed and dedicated in 1964. The building contains 6 classrooms, a library, offices, a cafeteria, and gymnasium.
- 1964 The City of Templeton adopts Daylight Saving Time starting at midnight on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April and ending at midnight the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October.



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- 1964 The original 1889 Sacred Heart School building is demolished, and a parking lot is built on the property.
- 1965 Templeton Telephone Company is granted telephone franchise for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a general telephone and telegraph system.
- 1966 At 6:00 a.m. on June 6, 1966, the Union Pacific "City of Los Angeles" passenger train derailed two miles west of Templeton.
- 1969 Sacred Heart School of Templeton and St. Augustine of Halbur merged the two grade schools. Grades one through four will attend classes at Halbur center and grades five through eight will attend the Templeton center.
- 1972 Two (2) sanitary sewer lagoons constructed one mile south of Templeton on land purchased from Vincent Langel. The project included construction of a complete sewer system, service lines, and the sewage treatment lagoons. The system was designed to accommodate 48,000 gallons per day.
- 1973 The last kindergarten class graduates from the Templeton Public School. The school district is merged into the Carroll Community School District after a lengthy court battle, and the public school in Templeton is closed.
- 1973 The Templeton Community Betterment Club purchased from the Carroll Community School District the old public school grounds (the East ½ of Block 11). The purchase included the school building and the playground equipment. The building was dismantled and sold off for salvage in 1974, and the area was converted into a city park.
- 1974 Holy Angels of Roselle merged with Templeton and Halbur to form H-T-R schools.
- 1974 The original steeple on Sacred Heart Church is removed after engineers determine it is not cost feasible to repair or replace it. A new, shorter tower is built to house the church bell.
- 1975 A new 24' x 48' cement block shelter house, 24' x 30 basketball court, and a 110' x 50' tennis court are constructed at the City Park.
- 1977 The Sacred Heart Church sanctuary, sacristies, aisles, and front entrances were carpeted.
- 1979 Construction of a new 50' x 60' steel Fire Station is completed, along with the purchase of a new 1979 fire truck.
- 1980 The City Park Shelter House was enclosed, and a slab of cement was put between the shelter house and the tennis court. Three street lights were put up to light the park area, and a street light was installed in the alley across the street on the south side of the park for security purposes.



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- 1981 New street signs, poles, and brackets are purchased for installation throughout the community.
- 1982 A large three-day celebration is held for Templeton's Centennial on July 16-18<sup>th</sup>. To commemorate the occasion the City commissions Martins Flag Company in Fort Dodge to produce a City Flag.
- 1982 Iowa Public Service Company assigns address numbers to all residences and businesses in town.
- 1983 The Templeton Centennial Trust is created to distribute profits from the Centennial Celebration. The trust is established for a 25 year period to benefit charitable causes, community projects, and scholarships in the community.
- 1983 A time capsule is built in commemoration of the Templeton Centennial on the west side of the tennis court in the park that reads "Templeton Centennial Memory Capsule 1882 – 1982 to be opened 2082 A.D."
- 1984 Tom Walsh initiated the First Responders medical service program in Carroll County. Tom taught the first class to ten individuals from the Templeton community. In March of 1985 under the Carroll County Ambulance Service supervision, the First Responder program was officially implemented in Templeton.
- 1985 H-T-R School renamed to Holy Trinity School.
- 1985 A new concrete block concession stand/restroom building are constructed at the ball park complex.
- 1985 A new model BB-6200 scoreboard system is purchased and installed in the school gym.
- 1986 A new 100,000-gallon "Hydrocone" single pedestal water supply tank is constructed to replace the city's original standpipe.
- 1987 Templeton Telephone Company installs the first cable television system in Templeton.
- 1990 Templeton Community Fire Department replaced the traditional fire phones with the County-wide E-911 paging system.
- 1990 Curbside recycling containers are provided to all residents in Carroll County.



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- 1991 The Templeton Summer Recreation program is created for children between ages 4 through 15 years old.
- 1991 Telephone Telephone Company begins installation of their first fiber optic communication lines.
- 1991 New Christmas decorations were purchased for Main Street and by Sacred Heart Church at a cost of \$3,200.
- 1992 A natural gas pipeline to Templeton and distribution system in the community are constructed and begin operation by Manning Municipal Gas.
- 1992 The Templeton Area Development Corporation (TADC) is formed by local residents to further business growth in Templeton.
- 1993 Stained glass windows in the Sacred Heart Church are repaired by Hauser Studio of Winona, Minnesota. Insulating panels are also installed on the exterior.
- 1993 The “Flood of 1993” causes the Highway 71 bridge over Brushy Creek east of Templeton to wash out. Traffic is detoured for almost two years until the bridge is rebuilt.
- 1994 The TADC purchases 4.16 acres for a commercial/industrial development on the east side of town. Dirt work is completed by Carroll County and complete utilities are installed to the site including water, sewer, natural gas, electricity, and telecommunications.
- 1994 A handicap ramp is added to Sacred Heart Church by Dave Schoeppner Construction and Glen Irlbeck Welding.
- 1994 Former State Highway 236/County Highway N18 are renamed “Rye Avenue” running from the north to the south limits of the city of Templeton.
- 1995 New playground equipment is purchased for the City Park from Miracle Recreation Equipment, Marshalltown, Iowa.
- 1995 Templeton signs are erected on the east and west entrances into the community and feature a silhouette of the city from the south and a whiskey jug.
- 1995 An updated E-911 system is implemented in Templeton.
- 1995 A new water main is installed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street to reach several new homes constructed in the area.



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- 1996-1997 The City of Templeton purchased and annexed 8.67 acres of land on the west side of town for a new housing development. The area is completely developed with full utilities and paved streets, and is named “West Ridge Addition” with eighteen (18) residential lots 100’ x 142’ in size. The City also enters into an agreement with the Sacred Heart Parish to acquire property south of the ballpark to extend Fourth Street west to the new subdivision. In exchange for the property, the City assumes maintenance of the road leading to the Cemetery.
- 1996 Sacred Heart Church is tuck pointed by Mid Continental Restoration.
- 1997 Sacred Heart Parish is “clustered” with neighboring St. Augustine in Halbur and Holy Angels in Roselle. The rectory is closed and Father Gary Snyder moved to St. Augustine Rectory in Halbur.
- 1998 The City of Templeton purchases the building at 108 S. Main Street which is the original Templeton Savings Bank building and recently housed offices and a private apartment. The City relocates City offices to the building from space it previously rented further north on Main Street.
- 1998 Templeton Area Development Corporation purchased 13.5 acres of land adjacent to the Industrial Park on Rye Avenue from Vern Behrens and Keith and Dave Sporrer for an expansion to the area to be known as the TADC 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition.
- 1998 White crosses with a picture, war era served, and name of deceased veterans buried at the Sacred Heart Cemetery are built, and the crosses are displayed at the foot of the knoll at the Sacred Heart Cemetery near the crucifixion statue over the Memorial Day holiday weekend.
- 1998 Funding from the MidAmerican Energy “Trees Please” program allow Blue Spruce, Norway Maple, Schweidler Maple, and Poplar trees to be planted around the community at locations including West Ridge Addition, City Park, and Water Tower Park.
- 1998-1999 The Ball Park undergoes a major improvement project including the following:
- 1,500’ of drainage tile was buried below the playing surface of ball diamond.
  - New poles installed, dimensions of diamond increased.
  - New cross arms and light fixtures installed on outfield poles.
  - New underground wiring installed in outfield.
  - 700’ of 6’ chain link fence was installed and new foul poles.
  - Safety railings installed on the bleachers.
  - New announcer’s table installed in bleachers.
  - New scoreboard.
  - New sink, water heater, & refrigerator in concession stand.
  - New sound system installed including speakers, amplifier, microphone, wiring, tape deck & radio.





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- Concrete and bleachers.
  - Concrete walkway behind backstop connecting home and visitor's side.
  - New gate. New distance signs. Paint.
  - Reshingled concession stand roof.
  - Outside drinking fountain.
  - Four concrete picnic tables and new umpire's uniform.
  - Construction of open canopy shelter house
- 1999 An automatic mutual aid agreement is executed between Templeton and Manning fire departments for structural fires and emergencies.
- 1999 Repairs are made to the original entrance arch and sign on the south end of the Sacred Heart Cemetery. New benches are also installed in the area.
- 1999 City Hall at 108 S. Main Street is completed remodeled. The former offices and apartment walls are removed. A new roof is installed on the building by Triple C Roofing of Woodbine in 2001.
- 1999 West Central Cooperative experiences a major anhydrous ammonia leak that caused the evacuation of residents in a four-block area around the facility at the north end of Main Street.
- 2000 Templeton's first website is launched [www.templetoniowa.com](http://www.templetoniowa.com).
- 2000 The City purchased approximately five (5) acres of undeveloped land north of the West Ridge Subdivision to develop in the future for additional residential lots. The area will be called "North Ridge Addition".
- 2000 Templeton's original 8' x 12' jailhouse built in 1885 is donated back to the City of Templeton from the Wayne "Bud" Kathmann estate.
- 2000 City of Templeton completes street expansion to pave East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and approximately 300' of Industrial Road.
- 2000 A new concrete "Templeton" sign and landscaping installed in the triangle on the east side of town which features a silhouette of the city's skyline and a jug. A permanent flagpole, lighting, and additional landscaping are installed in 2002.
- 2000 1,500 feet of asphalt road laid by Rohlin Construction on the north two sections of the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Blacktop Construction Company double-seal coated road leading to the cemetery.





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- 2001 The Carroll County Ambulance service begins housing an ambulance in Templeton under an agreement with the Templeton Fire Department and First Responders to house, maintain, and operate the unit as Carroll County “Medic 4.” There were previously 6 other units serving the County from four other locations.
- 2001 Templeton Telephone Company begins offering high speed internet access.
- 2002 A Local Option Sales Tax passes in a special ballot election. To comply with state law, the City Council determines that 20% of the revenue generated will be used for property tax relief and 80% for any other lawful use of the city.
- 2002 48 Blue Spruce and Norway Spruce evergreens are planted on both sides of the road to the Sacred Heart Cemetery. The Alphonse (Allie) & Elaine Prebeck family donated the evergreens.
- 2002 The lobby at the Post Office is remodeled and includes replacement of the old glass front Post Office boxes with metal solid door fronts. The P.O. Box area will be open longer hours to accommodate working people unable to get mail during normal lobby hours.
- 2002 Improvements are made to the storm sewer system including a catch basin and retaining wall along 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Main Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- 2002 A 6’ x 24’ addition is completed on the south side of the shelter house. The addition allowed for the expansion of the kitchen, along with bathroom accessibility from inside the shelter house.
- 2003 The first “Putt’n Around Town” mini golf fundraising event is held to raise funds to restore the City’s original jail building and relocate it to Water Tower Park to house a mini-museum. The event is also held in 2004, 2005, and 2006.
- 2003 As a result of declining enrollment throughout the Carroll County parochial schools, Holy Trinity School in Templeton and Halbur is closed at the end of the 2002-2003 school years and merged with Kuemper Catholic School system in Carroll. Schools are also closed in Breda, Mt. Carmel, and Vail.
- 2003 The first haunted house is held in the former Sacred Heart Rectory as a fundraising event for the church. The event would be held for two additional years and would raise significant funds over a three-year period.
- 2004 Renovations begin on Templeton’s first jailhouse, which was once known as “St. Peter’s Castle”. The building will be relocated to the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and rehabilitation work includes new wood shingles and cedar siding, a new door, a fresh coat of paint to the exterior, and a wood floor.



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- 2004 Two rows of evergreens donated by the Bernard and Luella Klein Family are planted on the northwest side of the Sacred Heart Cemetery.
- 2004 Sacred Heart Parish has an auction of Holy Trinity School contents and church surplus items.
- 2004 A hot air balloon owned by Bret Wiltse is launched from the Sacred Heart Cemetery on November 8, 2004. The flight carried three people over Templeton and Roselle before landing near Carroll.
- 2005 A US Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter landed in Templeton on July 3<sup>rd</sup> between fast-pitch softball double-header games featuring Legends Des Moines Bombers versus Stanbrough Realty Sprayers. The attraction was part of the Fourth of July celebration held over two days.
- 2005 Construction is completed on a 36' x 24' open canopy addition to the shelter house on the east side, paid for by donations from in memory of Leonard & Florentine Rupiper, Templeton Centennial Trust, Templeton Savings Bank, Putt'n Around Town, and the City of Templeton. Concrete picnic tables, a drinking fountain, and trash containers are purchased for the new area in memory of Walter & Lucille Galloway and Don & Alma Fuchs.
- 2005 The first bottles of the trademarked legal production of Templeton Rye Whiskey are produced by Templeton Rye Spirits, LLC. The business moves into a new distillery facility in the TADC Industrial Park.
- 2005 As a part of a planning effort for Templeton's Quasquicentennial Celebration in 2007, Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Iowa Secretary of State to be effective as of October 20, 2005 for the new Templeton Community Betterment Association.
- 2005 Several local residents win a radio contest with an essay describing why Templeton is the best "hick town" in the country. The grand prize was a free concert from country music singer Jason Aldean; whose top ten hit single "Hick Town" inspired the contest. On October 25, 2005 Jason Aldean and his band entertained a crowd of more than 3,000 people in Templeton. The immense popularity of the first concert leads to a larger follow-up concert in 2006 with an estimated 6,000+ in attendance at the Templeton Ball Field.
- 2005 Additional renovations to "St. Peter's Castle" jail are completed including electricity to the building, jail bunks, bar cells, locks for the bar cells (fabricated using the original jailhouse key), a brick chimney and landscaping. An engraved personalized brick walkway leading up the jail was laid reflective of present and past businesses and families in the Templeton community.



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- 2005 The storm drainage system along Railway Street between Main Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue was reconstructed.
- 2006 A 30 foot aluminum flagpole with six-inch base was purchased for the Sacred Heart Cemetery.
- 2006 The former Sacred Heart Rectory at 220 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue is dismantled and razed. Lumber and many interior furnishings were salvaged prior to removal, and the area was landscaped and seeded upon completion.
- 2006 Overhead plywood doors on the north side of the shelter house were replaced with sliding glass windows. Additional improvements to the park included new paint on the shelter house, playground equipment and light poles.
- 2006 The first edition of the city of Templeton's newsletter is sent to local residents.
- 2006 The City's 100,000-gallon Hydrocone single pedestal water tower was repainted dark brown & tan in preparation for the City's Quasquicentennial. New graphics were also designed and installed on the city's Public Works trucks and equipment.
- 2007 The Park Board purchased additional playground equipment including a Twin Rider, Spring Rider ATV Motorcycle, Lucky Lady Bug Spring Rider, 8' Galvanized Geodesic Climber. The equipment was funded with a generous donation from Joe & Diane Schwaller. The original "monkey bars" from the Sacred Heart School property were repaired, repainted, and installed at the park, and a new concrete bench was donated in memory of Ed & Marie Siepker.
- 2007 Templeton's Quasquicentennial celebration is held July 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. The three-day event is attended by thousands and is a great success.
- 2007 2 Blue Spruce evergreens were donated and planted at the Water Tower Park in memory of Sylvester Irlbeck and Dale Irlbeck.
- 2007 Phil Vassar performed outdoor music concert at the Templeton Ball Field complex.
- 2007 The Templeton Historical Society purchased eight (8) 30" x 80" navy blue banners for Main Street from Display Sales, including two "Welcome" banners (one on each end of Main Street) and six "Templeton Est. 1882" in between.
- 2008 The first major renovation to the Sacred Heart Church in 60 years includes a new entrance and main floor restroom. The project is funded through a donation by the Bert Greteman Estate.
- 2008 The inaugural "Rock & Rye" music festival featuring The Nadas is held at the Templeton Rye Distillery.



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- 2008 The City purchased & installed new Sentry Siren model 10V outdoor emergency weather warning siren at the Templeton Community Fire Department. The original 1930's era siren failed during a storm in June and necessitated the new equipment.
- 2008 The Templeton Area Development Corporation exercised its option to purchase 7 acres of land east of Industrial Road from Vern Behrens for expansion of the Commercial Industrial Park.
- 2008 The first Templeton 5K Walk/Run is held to benefit a local family experiencing a long-term illness. The event is held again in 2009.
- 2009 The "Rock & Rye" Music festival is expanded and includes shows by The Nadas, Brian Joens, The Prairie Cats, Aged Spirits, Dick Prall, & Hairball at the Templeton Rye Distillery. The event is held in cooperation with the Templeton Community Betterment Association. The event was again held in 2010 with Aged Spirits and the Nadas.
- 2009-2010 Several winter storms pummel Templeton and the surrounding area in December and January. The storm brought ice, snow, high winds, and blizzard conditions. Ice storms leave major damage to trees and structures in the community, and power outages result. Cleanup of trees and limbs takes several months.
- 2010 The Sacred Heart Church renovation project started in 2008 is completed and includes interior painting and decorating, altar decoration, hardwood floors refinished, new carpet, confessionals, pew refinishing, kneeler pads reupholstered, lighting upgrades & a new heating & cooling system. The \$250,000 project is financed through local donations and bequests in the estate of several Sacred Heart High School students including Bert Greteman, Virgil Seyller, and Norman F. Schreck.
- 2010 Infrastructure improvements are completed in the 2008 TADC 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition including paving of Industrial Road and 7<sup>th</sup> Street and water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer utility lines.
- 2010 The City installs approximately 520' of 15' double wall plastic Hancor SureLoc storm sewer from the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street to 219 South Main Street. The project includes 2 intakes on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Main Street.
- 2010 The official United States Census population for Templeton is reported at 362, an increase of 28 from the 2000 Census.
- 2011 The Park Board purchased therapeutic full body swing seat from Miracle Recreation Equipment Company for the City Park. The new swing will improve use of the park by young children and those with disabilities.



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- 2011 A major street improvement project on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street involved removing existing asphalt material and replacing with concrete paving to handle heavier truck traffic from West Central Cooperative.
- 2011 Film director Kristian Day premieres his 30-minute documentary, “Templeton Rye: Iowa’s Good Stuff” on Iowa Public Television. The short version leads to the longer 90-minute documentary, “Capone’s Whiskey: The Story of Templeton Rye”.
- 2011 The City, TADC, and TCBA hire BlueSpace Creative, Denison, Iowa to update city’s website and logo with tagline “A Strong Community Spirit”. A new sign featuring the newly designed logo is built and fastened to existing concrete monument sign at east entrance to town. New signs were also erected along Railway Street on the west entrance and at the Hwy 71/141 Junction one mile south of town. Eight new banners were also purchased for Main Street that reflects the new logo design.
- 2011 Templeton hosts bicycle riders on Monday, July 25, 2011 as they pass through town for RAGBRAI, the Des Moines Register’s Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, on their way to Carroll for the overnight stop. An estimated 20,000+ riders, spectators, and support staff stop in Templeton to enjoy various attractions, live music, food, beer, and Templeton Rye.
- 2011 The Templeton Fire Station gets a facelift with a new roof and updated façade. Including a new window, new steel siding, a new parapet wall, and a new sign.
- 2011 The 50+ year old evergreens around the Sacred Heart Cemetery are replaced with 48 Blue Spruce and Black Hill Spruce. The old trees had experienced weather damage over the years, including a small tornado that went through several years earlier, and were at the end of their lifespan. The Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel was also reshingled, new front door was installed, the interior ceiling painted, new counter/drawers were built, the cemetery lot maps were updated for display purposes and landscaping & white fence were installed. The Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel is open to the public to view cemetery burial records & maps. In 2012 a new Sacred Heart Cemetery sign was installed on the north end of the Cemetery Road with a donation from the family of Earl & Betty Kerkhoff.
- 2012 The City installed approximately 1,000’ 15”, 18” and 24” of storm sewer pipe and seven storm sewer intakes along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 2012 The City of Templeton purchased the former Sacred Heart School and surrounding property, which includes the Templeton Ball Park from the Sacred Heart Church for \$1.00. Plans are to turn the former school into a community center. Templeton Community Center capital campaign begins with plans to raise \$1.4 million for the projected cost of remodeling the former Sacred Heart School.



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- 2012 Templeton Community Fire Department updated its heating and cooling system. The project included addition of a second furnace and air conditioner unit to better manage the temperature and humidity in the station. This unit was removed from a house located at 116 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue before it was demolished.
- 2012 Volunteers straightened and raised headstones at the Sacred Heart Cemetery.
- 2012 A community Wide Garage Sale is held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the Templeton Community Center, with proceeds benefitting the Templeton Community Center Capital Campaign.
- 2012 Templeton receives a visit from Deirdre Capone, grand-niece of Chicago gangster Al Capone, who had ties to Templeton and Templeton Rye during Prohibition.
- 2012 31 Pine and Cedar trees were removed from the west side of the Templeton Community Center (formerly Sacred Heart School) and Ball Park Property. The area was landscaped and the old trees were replaced with a variety of 15 Maple trees.
- 2013 January 2013 volunteers began demolition work, including removing interior cement block walls and ceilings in the Templeton Community Center (formerly Sacred Heart School).
- 2013 The United States Postal Service on March 23, 2013 implemented their POST Plan realignment of weekday window service hours in Templeton to 6 hours. The Templeton Post Office's retail hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Collection time for inside mail will be 3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- 2013 April 2013 Badding Construction of Carroll started structural modifications and rerouting of roof drains at the Templeton Community Center.
- 2013 April 2013 Central Iowa Televising, McCallsburg, Iowa jetted & televised the original 6" to 10" sanitary sewer lines throughout the community.
- 2013 May 2013 Andrews Roofing & Sheet Metal of Carroll started work on the Templeton Community Center consisting of removal of existing EPDM roof membrane, flashings, and metal trim, and installation of complete EPDM roof system, flashings and finish trim with a manufacturer's warranty of (20) years.
- 2013 Alex Schoeppner DBA Schoeppner Designs, LLC purchased the "White Elephant" building located at 123 S. Main Street or Block 6, Lots 9, 10, 11, & 12 from Don Wieland.





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- 2013 Enhancements & improvements to the Templeton Ball Field complex made by the Templeton Little League along with the Templeton Community Betterment Association. Updates included:
- Renovated the interior of the concession stand (new cabinets, countertop & sink).
  - Installed white steel siding, trim, commercial door locks, and roll-up door on the concession stand. Painted concession stand
  - Installed white steel siding on the west side of the open shelter house, gable sides & trim. Painted interior of open shelter house.
  - Repaired chain link fence.
  - Concrete pad poured between concession stand and west dugout.
  - Replaced announcer's table, replaced warped bleacher boards, applied sealer & painted iron railings, replaced bases & outfield footage markers.
- 2013 Templeton Community Betterment's music festival held at the Templeton Ball Field complex featuring:
- Aged Spirits, Templeton, Iowa
  - Brad Morgan, Manning, Iowa
  - Crawford County Music, Des Moines, Iowa
- 2013 Awarded contract to Badding Construction Company, Carroll, Iowa in the amount of \$1,041,100.00 for the Templeton Community Center's Phase 1 & 2 Remodeling project.
- 2014 Templeton Center's grand opening event held in appreciation of the generous project supporters, contractors, volunteers, & other partners.
- 2014 Premier showing of the Templeton documentary "Western Iowa Whiskey Cookers" at the Templeton Center and "Gentlemen Bootleggers" book signing by Bryce Bauer.
- 2014 Nine Simmons 2.3 megawatt wind turbines installed two miles northeast of Templeton. The wind farm will provide 20 megawatts of clean energy.
- 2014 After serving the community for over 132 years as a hotel, living quarters, saloon, clothing and shoe store, barber shop, bowling alley, and a bar the building located on Block 2, Lot 4 was torn down. The Templeton Still bar owners, Gary & Shell Irlbeck built a new building at the same location.
- 2014 After 24 years of dedicated and loyal service as Templeton Community Fire Department's Fire Chief Dale Prebeck and Assistant Fire Chief Dave Schwaller have turned over their leadership roles to Jim Bruggeman and Mark Bauer effective January 1, 2015. Dale Prebeck and Dave Schwaller will continue to serve as active fire fighters on the Templeton Community Fire Department.
- 2015 Templeton Community Fire Department purchased a 2016 Dodge Ram Quick Attack vehicle.





## Templeton Improvements, Accomplishments, & Events

- 2015 Final plat for three new residential lots in North Ridge Addition - Lots A, B, & C. Lots are located north of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The cost per lot is \$15,000 and the lot dimensions are approximately 142' deep x 115' wide with all utilities in place.
- 2015 Templeton documentary "Whiskey Cookers: The Amazing True Story of Templeton, Iowa Bootleggers" DVD for sale. Produced & written by: Dan Manatt & Bryce T. Bauer.
- 2016 All residential and commercial water meters replaced.
- 2016 Waspy's Truck Stop/Convenience Store groundbreaking ceremony.
- 2017 Templeton Rye Spirits groundbreaking ceremony for a 64,000 sq. ft. barrel-aging facility, museum, and a 34,500 sq. ft. production facility. New facility will be able to produce 500,000 gallons of rye whiskey annually. Projected cost \$26,000 million.
- 2017 Waspy's Truck Stop/Convenience Store's opening day Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 a.m. Ribbon cutting Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- 2017 Templeton City Hall at 108 S. Main Street interior remodeled and exterior tuckpointed.
- 2018 Installation of two Outdoor Weather Warning Sirens at the Templeton Ball Field Complex and TADC 1<sup>st</sup> Addition.
- 2018 Templeton hosts bicycle riders on Monday, July 23, 2018 as they pass through town for RAGBRAI, the Des Moines Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, on their way to Jefferson for the overnight stop. An estimated 20,000+ riders, spectators, and support staff stop in Templeton to enjoy various attractions, live music, food, beer, and Templeton Rye.
- 2018 Templeton Rye Distillery grand opening Tuesday, August 7, 2018.
- 2018 Replaced original 1950's steel and wooded bleachers with new 8 row x 27' aluminum bleachers at Ball Park.
- 2018 Removed tennis & basketball courts at City Park.