

Sprunger Shoes
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Berne, IN 46711
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Founded: 1908

On July 1, 1908, Ben Sprunger bought an existing shoe store in downtown Berne. This store remained in the same family for 100 years. Ben was active until 1955 when his grandson, Kenyon Sprunger, became the managing partner. Kenyon's mother, Viola Sprunger Moser, was a partner in the business from 1942 until 1986. Kenyon has been the sole owner since and continues the business today.

In the beginning, a shoe maker was employed to hand craft shoes. Later a shoe repairman was in the business until 1947. The business began on the north side of Main Street but in 1913, Ben purchased a building across the street where the store is still housed. Children's shoes were carried until 1998 after which just adult shoes and handbags were carried.

Sprunger Shoes remains a viable business today and Kenyon, now 74, has no intention of retiring in the near future.