

ment," Spangler said his supporters Thursday night at a meet-and-greet at the Canyon Community and Senior Center. "I decided my fate in 2000 and I knew that I wanted to go into law enforcement because I spent the last two years of my time in the military police."

Spangler, who has 30 years of law enforcement experience, began his tenure at the Iron County Sheriff's Department as a corrections officer upon returning to East Tennessee after he was honorably discharged from the Air Force.

"I came on leave from the military service, I went to work for the Iron County Sheriff's Office," Spangler said.

During his time serving Iron County, Spangler, a Carter High School graduate, has worked in all areas of the sheriff's department, after a time in corrections, he became a supervisor, and administrator

county," Spangler said. "We had to save our districts by Nashville to save them. Then, I decided to become a professional because I wanted to live it."

He returned to law enforcement training at the School of Mount County Sheriff James Lee Sebring. He trained Mount County officers and sheriffs, he trained a few to work in Iron County.

"The sheriff is every part of the sheriff's office, so that gives me a unique perspective. The people in the sheriff's office want a leader. They want a leader who has their back. But they also want a leader who holds people accountable. They want to know that I'm somebody doing something wrong, that they can't get away with it."

Spangler almost always had aspirations to be Iron County's sheriff. He served as interim sheriff in 2007 after then

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James Spangler said that he will be talking to everyone who attended his reception at the Canyon Community Center. Above, he talks to Linda and Brian Richards.

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