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Memorial Day service from Brunsville's past

Years ago the Memorial Day service was held on the lot where Iowa Prairie Bank currently sits, south of the Legion building. Look closely at the above left photo and you'll see the old bank building in the background. Look closely at the audience members in both photos and you'll see men wearing suits and ties. These days the service is held on the street in front of the Legion building. When the weather is less than pleasant, the service is held inside the building.

This year's Memorial Day service will be held on Monday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help carry the flags. There will not be a potluck this year due to COVID precautions, but the Legion will be furnishing the meal.

Photos of this year's service will be published in the next Blitz edition.

Above photos courtesy of Mark Brown



There's no stopping Stu

On Sunday, April 25, Stu Dickman ran in the Sioux Falls Skedaddle Half Marathon. Over 600 people registered for the race with just under 500 completing the course. Stu finished 139th overall with a time of 1:54:44.

Left: Stu Dickman proudly displays the medal he received at the conclusion of his run.

Photo and information courtesy of Stu Dickman

Do you remember?

I remember when I was young, going into Le Mars and Akron on Saturday nights. Usually two or three of us boys would pile into a car, radio turned to Grand Ole Opry. We would shoot the loop, usually stop by a drive-in or maybe stop by a hamburger joint. One rule I had: no liquor. I think we probably scared the girls more than anything. Most drive-ins of the times have closed.

Sometimes in the winter we would shut the heater off, roll down the windows and play freeze-out.

An anonymous Blitz subscriber

Deadline for the July edition is June 25.

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LuAnn Langel, who passed away on May 18.
Ruth Zembsch, who passed away on May 21.

In Our Prayers

Brett Armstrong
Judy Bowman
Greg Breitbarth
Donna Erickson
Jeanette Jensen
Vivian Johnson
Bonnie (Hawkins) Klein, sister of Tammy Popken
Kylee Lang, who is deployed in Kuwait
John Lambert (Lonesome Jack)
Family and friends of LuAnn Langel
Sheryl & Warren Oetken
Janice Renken
Sarah Renken
Clark Schmitz
Mary Singer
Family and friends of Ruth Zembsch

Birthdays

Glenda McHale June 2
Denisse Camarena June 2
Brady Marienau June 3
Susan Plueger June 7
Kathy Renken June 8
Marshal Joseph Jones June 8
Dave Hill June 9
Paul Jenn June 9
Keith Wilken June 10
Janice Plueger June 10
Scott Plueger June 10
Leona Martin June 11
Flanagan June 12
Karen Gagnon June 13
Dangerous Dan June 15
Donna Dickman June 16
Jamie Goldmann June 16
Mayra Camarena June 17
Grifynn Rollinger June 17
Kashton Waggoner June 24
MacKenzie McLaughlin June 24
Stu Dickman June 25
Dax Bruscher June 25
London Renken June 25
Mona Schiltz June 27
Kristyna Dittman June 27
Madelyn Leigh Sherlock June 27
Chase Stoeber June 27
Jaclyn Westhoff June 28
Emily Nelson June 30

Anniversaries

Vern & Karen Harrington June 1
Mike & Dana Christen June 7
Lynn & Anna Chenoweth June 8
Bill & Janice Renken June 10
Bill & Rosanne Osterbuhr June 10
Norm & Christina Weber June 10
Jes & Eric Tilstra June 10
Norm & Christina Weber June 10
Brooke & Kevin White June 27
Gary & Denise Palmer June 29

Congratulations

Darwin and Judy Lubben are excited to announce the birth of their three grandsons. The identical triplets were born on January 9 to **Jonathan and Crystal Hasselquist**.



Henrik Ray was born at 2:01 p.m., weighed 2 lbs., 4 oz. and was 14-1/4 inches long. **James William** was born at 2:03 p.m., weighed 2 lbs., 3 oz. and was 14-3/8 inches long. **Thomas John** was born at 2:04 p.m., weighed 2 lbs., 6.7 oz. and was 14-1/2 inches long.

After an extended stay in the NICU, they were discharged and are finally home: Henrik after 80 days on March 29 at 7 lbs., 9.2 oz.; James after 84 days on April 2 at 7 lbs., 13 oz.; Thomas after 91 days on April 10 at 8 lbs., 8.8 oz. Photo and information courtesy of Crystal Hasselquist.



Left: **Hendrix Dylan Taylor** was born on April 19. He is the son of **Brooke Taylor**, the brother of **Zachary Taylor**, the grandson of **Scott and Michelle Taylor** and the great grandson of **Bert and Janice Stellingwerf** and **Doris and the late Rich Taylor**. Photos courtesy of Michelle Taylor.

Right: On April 30 **Bev Hultquist** retired from the Plymouth County Courthouse after 25 years. Everyone will miss her and it won't be the same without her. Bev plans on spending more time with her grandchildren.



Celebrating birthdays

Close right: **Janice Stellingwerf** celebrated her May 1 birthday on May 4. Photo courtesy of Blaine Foreman. Far right: Staff member **Gisela Dittman** celebrated her 70th birthday on May 11. Photo courtesy of Patty Hill.



Close right: **Keith Koerselman** turned 50 on May 16 and celebrated on May 18. Photo courtesy of Kristin Koerselman. Middle right: **Jollie Corder** celebrated her birthday on May 18. Far right: **Gerrit Vis** from Rock Valley, Iowa, celebrated his birthday on May 19. Jollie's and Gerrit's photos courtesy of Blaine Foreman.



Not pictured: **Roger Krienert** went fishing to celebrate his birthday. He caught and pickled a carp—but the carp wasn't the only one pickled.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone for all your support during Vic's passing. A special thank you to the Brunsville Legion members for the gun salute.

Leora Renken

Life at the Legion



Above left: At the May Legion meeting **Isaiah and Micah Moeller** presented to their Post/Squadron The American Legion's Ten Ideals they learned over the past several years. (They were a bit nervous.)

The Ten Ideals program of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) goes to the root of instilling true Americanism in the individuals who complete the program.

The SAL Ten Ideals Program educates, trains and covers the values of Patriotism, Health, Knowledge, Training, Honor, Faith, Helpfulness, Courtesy, Reverence and Comradeship.

The program is a demonstration of understanding and participating in these 10 points of service to others and the country.

Above right: We would like to thank **Gerry Holtrop and Jason Carroll along with Delta** who spoke about the Partners for Patriots Program to Post 724 at our May meeting.

Upcoming events

May 29 Meadow Fuller graduation

May 31 Memorial Day services with posting of the flags, 10:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help carry the flags. We are NOT having a potluck this year, due to the COVID precautions, but the Legion will be furnishing the meal.

June 7 Legion meeting, 7:30 p.m.; S.A.L. meeting, 7:00

June 9 Craig Co-op annual meeting

June 12 Sarah Pyle and Andrew Schultze wedding reception and dance

June 26 April Konz and Zach Dimmick wedding reception and dance

June 30 Tri-State Cruisers

July 5 Legion meeting, 7:30 p.m.; S.A.L. meeting, 7:00

Photos and information courtesy of Nancy Schlichte

Ron Toel: Former Brunsville boy shares stories

My father was in the first graduating class of the Brunsville School held in the old church basement. I was one of two people in the last graduating class of the Brunsville Independent School. My dad's classes were in German, mine in English. Progress!

I remember the summers the best because of the softball league. Brunsville, Craig, Struble, Ireton, Merrill—and one more?—were in the league. Brunsville and Craig were always jostling for first place.

I was there for the sleigh ride down the hill that was covered in the February issue.

Halloween was another great memory. All the kids in town would dress up and we would all go in one group. We would start at the blacksmith shop (which was located at the corner of Pine and Elm) and go up one side of the street and down the other side. Then we would cover the "downtown." Can you see 40 kids walking into the three beer joints, all wanting candy? We made a fine haul of candy.

The Brunsville boys also had a good Little League baseball team. That is about all we did, all summer. If I was looking for someone, I'd start at the ball diamond.

Those were some of the happiest days of my life.

Enjoy some coffee in Craig

The Craig Coffee Club invites everyone for coffee on Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the former Iowa State Bank

Message from the mayor

The new road grader operator for the county informed me low-hanging tree limbs on private property need to be trimmed. If the owners want their street cleared of snow this winter, the trees need to be trimmed. He has antennas and other equipment mounted on the roof and the county does not like having to replace the equipment. If you are unable to do it yourself, let me know and I can put you in contact with a tree trimmer.

We have noticed a lot of items at the tree pile that do not belong there. Once again, only trees, garden waste and grass trimmings are permitted. No wood from decks or other construction lumber, no plastic garden edging and plastic flower pots, no concrete products. Please help us keep this area for the listed materials only.

We also ask that when mowing your lawns try to not throw grass clippings onto the street. A couple passes back onto your yard would help. When the clippings go down the curbs to the storm sewers, they contribute to plugging them and backing up water into yards.

These little things help keep the town looking nice. Thank you for your assistance.

Steve Dickman, Mayor

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Tractor/Community Ride 2021

Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 at the Craig Shelter House

Line-up starts at 1:30 in front of the Craig Shelter House. At 2:00 we will go to the Corner Café in Brunsville then back to the Craig Shelter House for a picnic. Meat sandwiches, chips and water will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own beverage. A salad or dessert is welcome for the picnic.

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Quote 'Ems

The greatest treasures are those invisible to the eye but found by the heart.—Judy Garland

There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.—Walt Disney

The best part is that I'm still here and, because the end is in sight, I treasure it all more.—Diane Keaton

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.—Luke 12:34 (KJV)

Lonesome Jack says...

Congratulations to all you new brides!

When the waitress asked if I wanted my pizza cut in four pieces or eight, I said, "Four. I don't think I can eat eight."

A guy walks into a bar with a pair of jumper cables around his neck. The bartender gives him a look and says gruffly, "Alright, pal, I'll let you stay, but don't start anything."

Last month my car was stolen. The insurance man said he thought it was an inside job. "Well," I said, "I would think so. The thief couldn't hardly drive it from the outside."

Right, Donna?

Recipe of the month: Rhubarb jam

- 5 or 6 cups rhubarb, cut up
- 4 cups sugar
- 3 oz. package of cherry Jell-O
- 1 can of cherry pie mix (you may use any kind of pie mix as long as it's the same kind as the Jell-O)

Mix rhubarb and sugar. Let stand until a little juice forms. Stir and bring to a boil. Cook until rhubarb is done. Add pie mix and stir in good. Cook for 1 or 2 minutes. Add in Jell-O. Remove from heat and stir until Jell-O is dissolved. Put in jars. Cool and freeze.

Courtesy of Jean Waterbury

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