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Legion provides a wealth of good news



Far left: Gene Beitelspacher and Dean Beitelspacher. Center: Erin Schwartz, Gene Beitelspacher, Dean Beitelspacher, Shannon Backstrom. Above: Lillian McNaughton, Randall Toel, Dean Varenhorst, Dominic Varenhorst.

Beitelspacher brothers take Midwest Honor Flight

Brothers Dean and Gene Beitelspacher were selected to be part of the Midwest Honor Flight Mission 10. Early in the morning on June 1, 2022 they flew out of Sioux Falls and headed to Washington, D.C. Their day was filled with touring the many Military Memorials and ended the day at Arlington National Cemetery and the changing of the

guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Dean's support person who accompanied him was his daughter Shannon Backstrom. Gene's guardian was his daughter Erin Schwartz. When they arrived back in Sioux Falls that evening, they were given a hero's welcome home by family and friends.

McNaughton and Varenhorst receive scholarships

The Legion sponsored scholarships for two 2022 Le Mars Community High School graduates. To be eligible, the student must be a child or grandchild of an active Legion member and in good standing with their school and community. This year's recipients of the \$300 scholarships were Lillian McNaughton and Dominic Varenhorst. Lillian

is the daughter of Aaron and Carmen McNaughton. She will be attending the University of South Dakota and was sponsored by her grandfather Randall Toel. Dominic is the son of Mark Varenhorst and will be attending Western Iowa Tech Community College. He was sponsored by his grandfather Dean Varenhorst.

Upcoming Legion events

Aug. 1 Legion meeting 7:30, S.A.L. meeting 7:00
Aug. 13 Hinkle and Kommes wedding reception
Sept. 12 Legion Membership Supper

Oct. 3 Legion meeting 7:30, S.A.L. meeting 7:00
Oct. 9 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1:00

Legion news and photos courtesy of Nancy Schlichte.



Tri-State Drive-In Cruisers in town on June 29

Above left: Dave Kilker and Gisella Dittman pose with friends during the event.
Above: Gene Smid and Eleanor Westhoff.

In Memory of ...

Patty Plueger, who passed away on July 6.

In Our Prayers

Leonard Berg
Judy Bowman
Greg Breitbarth
Declynn Cody
Jeff & Laura Dimmick
Donna Erickson
Denny Henrich
Jeanette Jensen
Vivian Johnson
Stan Meyer
Sheryl and Warren Oetken
Janice Renken
Joan Renken
Clark Schmitz
Peggy Wilken

Birthdays

David Small Aug. 1
Benjamin Morehead Aug. 1
Lane Livermore Aug. 3
Andrea Raasch Aug. 4
Jessy Plueger Aug. 4
Grant Vittetoe Aug. 7
Scott Taylor Aug. 10
Seth Oetken Aug. 11
Mitchell Morehead Aug. 11
Judd Herzberg Aug. 14
Julie Plueger Aug. 15
Beau Hultquist Aug. 16
Faith Worley Aug. 18
Rob Wiese Aug. 18
Aiden Mickelson Aug. 18
Aspen Becker Aug. 19
Rick Westhoff Aug. 20
Paula Lawrensen Aug. 21
Kinley Scarlett Aug. 23
Heather Von Hagel Aug. 25
Nancy Harms Aug. 25
Aria Kruger Aug. 25
Ben Weiler Aug. 26
Emilia Lubben Aug. 27
Knox Lehmann Aug. 27
Joan Renken Aug. 28
Trent Osterbuhr Aug. 29
Gene Pegler Aug. 31
Zachary Taylor Aug. 31
Kyle Schlessner Aug. 31

Anniversaries

Nick & Samantha Schlichte Aug. 2
Camie & Matthew Blundell Aug. 9
Josh & Sheila Fuller Aug. 12
Michaela & Josh Krahling Aug. 12
Justin & Erica Kellen Aug. 13
Cassandra & Kolin Brooks Aug. 14
Brittney & Michael Ruba Aug. 15
Pat & Naomi Renken Aug. 24
Chris & Katherine Schlichte Aug. 29
Mike & Kim Willer Aug. 31
Mike & Sandy Borchers Aug. 31

Congratulations

Benson Rieken graduated from Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC) in Sioux City in May. As a full-time student, he was named to the president's list, earning a 4.0 grade point average during the 2022 spring semester.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:

Michelle Jones

Funds raised for Cody family



On July 7 The Infernos presented the Declynn Cody family with a \$30,000 check. The money was raised during The Infernos annual bike ride in honor of Larry Schlichte on June 12. Other contributors included Bob's Bike Shop, Total Motors and R&R Pheasant Hunting.

Photo courtesy of Leona Martin.



Greetings

Greetings from the McFarlane family, who recently enjoyed time in South Dakota.

Left: Lindsay, Joey, Emma, Kaleb and Josh McFarlane pose in front of Mount Rushmore.

Next Brunsville park meeting slated for August 15

Interested in helping update the Brunsville park equipment? Attend the next meeting at the park on Monday, August 15 at 6 p.m.

Stop by for coffee

The Craig Coffee Club invites you for coffee on Saturdays at 9 a.m. in Craig's former Iowa State Bank building.

Get your Centennial and Running of the Bulls souvenirs

Stop by Iowa State Bank of Brunsville for a Brunsville Centennial Cookbook, Centennial t-shirt or Running of the Bulls t-shirt. The cookbooks are \$10 and the t-shirts are free.

SkyView Smoky Mountain Lodge

New cabins for rent (2-3 bedrooms). Close to the Smoky Mountain National Park; Gatlinburg, Tennessee; and Pigeon Forge, home of Dolly and Dollywood. Book early — 919-345-9667

How you can help those injured in Le Mars house explosion

My name is Megan Dimmick and I am reaching out about the house explosion that happened in Le Mars on July 13th. Unfortunately, it happened to my parents, Jeff and Laura Dimmick, who had recently moved back to town after living in Brunsville for many years. They lost everything they owned within seconds in that fire. They both suffered injuries as they were present at the time of the accident. My father, Jeff, is suffering from 2nd-3rd degree burns on the left side of his face, ear, left side of the chest and bilateral arms including his left hand. He is traveling weekly to the Lincoln Burn Center where he is receiving skin grafting. My mother, Laura, suffered from a concussion as well as a few burns, nothing too serious. She is having surgery on her left-side clavicle that was broken when she went flying into the car at the time of the explosion. The clavicle was shattered into pieces. We do have a fundraiser on gofundme.com—the link is <https://gofundme.com/94629fb8>. We also have an account for donations with American Bank - Laura Dimmick

as well as The Brew in Le Mars and P.O. Box 305 in Le Mars. Donations can also be sent to our church, St. John's in Le Mars.

People who can be reached with any questions, drop-offs and donations include Zach Dimmick (son), Megan Dimmick (daughter) 712-541-9419, April Dimmick (daughter-in-law), Jeremy Stoeber (son), Tia Hoogland (family friend) and Bonnie Conner (mother to Laura). We all can be found on Facebook as well. If you would like to reach out to Blaine, my father's best friend from the Corner, it shouldn't be an issue either.

We are still looking for hangers, a microwave, two TVs, a TV stand, laundry baskets, lamps, end tables, house décor, laundry soap, dish soap, household cleaning supplies, coffee mugs, glassware, towels/wash cloths, kitchen towels, cake pans/cookie sheets, kitchen utensils, Tupperware storage containers, personal hygiene items (razors) and 2XL shirts for Jeff.—Contributed by Megan Dimmick.

How to avoid a scam

Four signs of a scam

1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.

Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company or even a charity asking for donations.

They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So the name and number you see might not be real.

2. Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.

They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.

3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.

Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.

4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.

They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back.

Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it and then send them money.

What you can do to avoid a scam

- Block unwanted calls and text messages.
- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. Legitimate organizations won't ask for your personal information like your Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers.
- If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.
- Resist the pressure to act immediately. Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision.
- Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- Stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.
- If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

Source: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scam>

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Rollinger wins Brunsville Open

By Barry Poe

Brunsville's "champion golfer of the year" is a familiar face to local residents.

Joe Rollinger won the 2022 Brunsville Open Sunday at Prairie Rose Golf Club, shooting an even-par 72 in the 18-hole stroke play event.

Rollinger, who resides in Brunsville within a stone's throw of the No. 9 green, carded 1-under 35 over his first nine holes. That included eight pars, as well as a birdie on the par-5 first hole. He shot 37 on his second nine, making a bogey on the par-4 eighth to go along with eight more pars.

Joe grew up playing Prairie Rose and even mowed the fairways and greens as a youngster. He has won several tournaments there, but this was his first Brunsville Open title.

Rollinger – the only player to shoot par – won by three shots over defending champion Keegan Bak of Hinton, Doug Boever of Remsen and Mark Rolfes of Le Mars, who each shot 75.

Nick Knapp and Jason Vander Kooi finished another shot

back at 76.

Rollinger, Bak, Boever and Rolfes claimed the top four spots in the first flight.

Drew Bickford (81), Vern Van Peurse (81), Bryan Diediker (83) and Luke Pratt (83) were the second flight cashers.

Tyler Schlies (86), Tommy Wych (86) and Doug Loutsch (86).

Alex Klein (90) was the fourth flight winner, while T.J. Tapper (91), Brody Karr (92) and Tom Ruhland (92) also cashed.

A fine turnout of 51 players took part in this year's tournament. As usual, it was great to see players from all over the area converging on our beautiful golf course.

A big thanks to Brandon Phelan and his staff for nursing the course back to its normal splendor after a rough winter. And to Sarah Phelan and her staff for great service in the clubhouse.

Here is a complete rundown of scores:

72: Joe Rollinger

75: Keegan Bak, Doug Boever, Mark Rolfes

76: Nick Knapp, Jason Vander Kooi

78: Jeff Warden, Justin Lehner

79: Thomas Pedersen

81: Brain Castle, Voayn Bagstad, Keaton Rowe, Drew Bickford, Vern Van Peurse

83: Bryan Diediker, Luke Pratt

84: Ron DeKok, Gregg Scott, Josh Grosenheider, Nate Campbell, Joel Tainter

85: Luke Sitzmann, Dave Ellis

86: Dan Youngblade, Dave Irwin, Tommy Wych, Doug Loutsch, Tyler Schlies, Barry Borchers

87: Dustin Dayhoff, Noah Angerman

88: Dean Borchers, Mark Lorenzen

89: Jay Bickford, Mick Muth, Jeff Auker, Ed Rolfes

90: Heath Husk, Alex Klein

91: T.J. Tapper

92: Brody Karr, Tim Ruhland, Shane Muth, Dave Bruggeman

93: Tyler Hoppe

95: Corey Karr, Brandon Phelan

97: Kyle Borchers

98: Steven Husk, Cliff Collins

113: Richard Mille

Quote 'Ems

Rest and you rust.—Helen Hayes

The question isn't who's going to let me; it is who is going to stop me.—Ayn Rand

My scars teach me that I am stronger than what caused them.—Manal Al-Sharif

It's the details that are vital. Little things make the big things happen.—John Wooden

It's not how good you are now, it's how good you're going to be that matters.—Atul Gawande

Farmers market open on Saturdays

The Le Mars farmers market is open for the season. Held at Cork It! In Le Mars, it's open 9 a.m.-12 p.m. every Saturday through September. Be sure to stop by the Scheitler Bakers booth.

Willer family reunion date set

The Willer reunion will be held Sunday, August 21 in the community room at the bank in Akron. We will eat at 12. Bring a hot dish and salad or dessert. Plates and drinks are provided.

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for the September edition is August 25.**

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