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Mr. and Mrs. Claus Visit Brunsville



Linda and Denny Smith as the Clauses. See more pictures of Santa's visit on the last page.

Despite lack of snow on the ground, Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by the Brunsville Legion on Saturday, December 17 to hear children's Christmas wishes. Kids lined

up across the dance floor for their chance to visit with the couple on stage. After their turns, kids received bags of candy and enjoyed playing with and popping balloons on the dance floor.

Just east of the basketball court, horses hooked up to wagons waited patiently for kids and their parents to find seats. Once the wagons were filled, the horses were given the go ahead. The kids enjoyed the hay rides around Brunsville.

The meal consisted of chili or chicken noodle soup, ham sandwiches, bars, colorful cookies, hot chocolate and coffee. Just shy of 80 people went through the line and shortly before the end of the night, the chicken noodle soup was gone. The meal was a free-will donation.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible: Donna Taylor, who was in charge of the event; Kelly Beitel-spacher, who paid for the event; Denny and Linda Smith, who performed as the Clauses; the Lammers and those who froze outside while providing hay rides; Candy Marsh, who opened the Legion and bar; the elves who helped the children; those who served food; those who helped set up and clean up, and everyone else who helped or donated in any other way.

**The Legion's Next Pancake Breakfast
will be February 12, 8:30-1
Come HUNGRY!**

A Little Swearing

Council members will be sworn in Monday, January 9 at 5:15pm in the Legion. Congratulations to all members!

Corner Café Coverage

Party with Us!

Super Bowl Party Feb. 5, 2pm-close
Daytona 500 Party Feb. 26, noon-close

Corner Quotes

Believe it or not, Barry Cornish bought 5 drinks.
- Andrea

It takes a good woman to be a farmer's wife.
- Warren Oetken

Dangerous Denise's Words of Wisdom:

We are only given today and never promised tomorrow...so be sure to tell someone you love them.

Dangerous Dan's Words of Wisdom:

You were born original, don't die a copy.

Understatement of the Month

Tapper has nothing to contribute.

- Tapper

To celebrate his 72nd birthday on January 1st, **Bill Renken** bought delicious almond bars for the coffee clan. He and Lynn Chenoweth are Brunsville's New Year's babies.

Flanagan went to Kansas to spend Christmas with his family. He wanted to come home with old heifers and that's no bull!

CORNER CAFÉ EVENING SPECIALS

Mon. Alicia's Mexican Specialties

\$3 Margaritas

Tues. Corner Burger & Fries \$6.95

Wed. 8 pc. Broasted Chicken & Fries \$9.99

Thurs. \$1 Off Any Basket, Burger or Dinner

*****All You Can Eat Spaghetti \$7.95*****

Fri. & Sat. 8-10 oz. Prime Rib, Salad, Potato & Roll \$12.95

King Out Prime Rib & Fries \$14.95

Birthdays

Belated & Upcoming through 2/8

Barry Cornish Nov. 5—Barry is so busy as Craig's mayor he didn't have time to submit his birthday!

Lori Westhoff Dec. 23

Jay Toel Dec. 29

Bill Renken Jan. 1

Lynn Chenoweth Jan. 1

Crystal Lubben Jan. 2

Judy Lubben Jan. 7

Susan Dickman Braun Jan. 8

Penny Angerman Recker Jan. 9

Nick Dickman Jan. 10

Carol Harms Schmitz Jan. 11

Max Utesch IV Jan. 11

Taylor Oetken Jan. 13

Mary Poe Jan. 13—Barry's mom

Joyce Willer Jan. 25

Peggy Wilken Jan. 25

Tammy Wiese Jan. 25

Anna Chenoweth Jan. 26

Alisha Schlichte Jan. 27—Turns 18 years old. Her plans & her parents' plans are completely different!

Denny Borchers Jan. 27

Michelle Plueger Jan. 28

Eric Lubben Feb. 2

Vernon Harrington Feb. 3

Steve McHale Feb. 8

Bowen Rieken Feb. 8

****Special Advance Notice:****

Brenda Galles March 11 and **Todd**

Osterbuhr March 24 (Plenty of time to plan something BIG for this couple!)

Anniversaries

Steve & Peggy Dickman Jan. 8

Ray & Charlotte Lubben Jan. 10

Greg & Jeanne Lammers Jan. 31

KUDOS TO...

Nick Dickman on going back to school and receiving excellent grades. Good luck, Nick!

Benson Rieken & Breanna Martin for being Santa's elves and to everyone else who helped when Santa was in town!

~ SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH ~
Al Willer

Visitors

Over the December 17 weekend, **Gene Dickman's daughter, Susan Braun, her husband Dwayne and their children Katie and Emily** spent the weekend with Gene to celebrate Christmas. The next weekend, Gene welcomed **Stacie Faber and her husband, Brett and children, Aly, Paige, Lexi and Dane** for Christmas and they attended the 10:00pm church service at St. Peter Lutheran Church. The Brauns and Fabers are from Aurora, NE.

Joan & Erv Renken had 25 people over for Christmas Eve. They enjoyed oyster stew, a traditional Renken family favorite.

Travels

Jim & Leona Martin, their 3 daughters, Cassandra, Danielle & Breanna, & Leona's parents, Con & Karen Calsbeek went to Kansas City on Dec. 30. They spent the holiday with Aunt Becky & Uncle Chris & their daughters Katlynn & May. They returned Jan. 2.

Lynn & Anna Chenoweth traveled to Chicago to visit their son. Lynn continued to Boston to be with their daughter and family. They viewed John F. Kennedy Library, the water park in Hyannis (Cape Cod) and other places of interest.

Drink Some Coffee, Chat a While

Join the coffee clan at the Corner Cafe every weekday morning at 8am! EVERYONE is welcome and you'll probably get an education!

New Year's Resolutions

Mary Singer isn't going to talk to G.D.

Kenny Taylor says, "Life's too short to make resolutions!"

Because I am not with Russ 24/7!

- Susan Plueger on why she's been married so long

THANK YOU

Thank you to the coffee clan for their thoughtfulness at Christmas. It was greatly appreciated. - G.D.

Thank you so much for the donations and continued support of The Blitz! - Susan Willer

Recipe of the Month:

Cranberry Fluff

1 bag of cranberries

1 can 12 oz pine apple

2) 12 oz of whipped cream

1 bag of mini marshmallows

1 cup of sugar

Walnuts (optional)

Using juice of pine apple, finely grind cranberries. Add sugar, stir, and let sit overnight.

Mix whipped cream, pine apples and marshmallows. Let set.

- submitted by Ricky Faber, Corner Cafe



JERRY'S REPAIR



By Barry Poe

Underneath the gruff façade, the man hunkered down on the far west side of main street has a big heart. Jerry Schlichte, born and raised in Plymouth County, has operated a repair business in and around Brunsville for over three decades.

And, although it may seem as if he's hard-pressed to find the time, Jerry will get the job done.

At a much cheaper rate than his "big city" counterparts.

"I have my regular customers who've been very great to me for the 32 years I've been in business," said Schlichte. "I treat them fair and can do things cheaper than if you go to other places, so that's why they keep coming back to me."

Make no mistake about it, Jerry has never had to look for work. As of this writing, he said he has 10 jobs awaiting his attention.

"I grew up in Plymouth County, only been away for four years of my life," said Schlichte. "I started this (working as a mechanic) in high school in 1972."

A 1975 Le Mars High School graduate, Schlichte attended Western Iowa Tech for one year before going to work for a year in Struble, then four years in Orange City (those are his four years away from Plymouth County).

He opened his repair business on Nov. 1, 1980 on a farm west of Brunsville and worked out of that location for 16 years. Schlichte purchased the building he now occupies in September of 1995 and moved to "town" on March 1, 1996.

There's nothing, as far as mechanics is involved, that Jerry doesn't work on.

"I go all the way from lawn mowers to combines and trucks," he said. "Cars, tires, tune ups, oil changes, fabrication metal work, welding and everything else."

Oh, and by the way, he's also been a Sioux City Journal carrier for 17 years.

That means Schlichte's day begins at 5 a.m. and most of the time ends 16 hours later. That, of course, includes time to hobnob with the regular crowd that gathers in his shop nearly every day.

So, how long does he intend to keep up this frenetic pace?

"I need to make it 12 more years, then I can retire," mused Schlichte. "Besides my hobby, which I go garden tractor pulling with, I'm about ready to get my granddaughter into sports.

"Besides that, I took four days off three-and-a-half years ago, otherwise I don't go on vacation. I enjoy my work and I have a house that I need to get done, plus I pay all my bills."

Interestingly, Schlichte has never been on an airplane. The farthest he's been, he said, is Kansas City, as well as Wisconsin and Minneapolis.

"My wife has been to Puerto Vallarta without me," joked Jerry.

Jerry and his wife, Nancy, who keeps the business books, have raised four children.

Their oldest daughter, Theresa (Kroll), lives in Le Mars with grandkids Caroline, Riley and Elliott. Son Chris is a television producer in Sioux City. Daughter Kelli (Babcock) resides north of Alton with their 7-month old granddaughter while Alisha, the youngest, is a junior at Gehlen Catholic High School.

Oh, yes, there's Cristine, a foreign exchange student from South Korea who's spending the year with the Schlichte family.

In addition to his repair work, Jerry rents the two adjacent buildings on his property for camper and boat storage. In the past, he's served on the city council.

"I enjoyed being on the council, but Reno still knows if he needs any job work done he can count on me," said Schlichte. "I enjoy being in Brunsville, except for the nosiness. Everybody wants to know everybody else's business."

Spoken only as Jerry could speak it.



Event director, Donna Taylor



Santa and Mrs. Claus relax on stage.



Horse rides were available during the event.

Santa Claus Comes to Brunsville

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Mary Singer and Darv Ladenthin wait to take donations.



Vernon Harrington chills out before the event.



G.D. in her Rudolph slippers.



Joey McFarlane's turn with the Clauses.



Karen Harrington samples the marshmallows.



Kids play with balloons on the dance floor.

The Krienert siblings



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Family Photo of the Month