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Downtown Brunsville Offers Pure Indulgence



Left: Jen Marienau stands in front of the sign advertising her business. Right: Jen stands in front of one of the stations her husband, Jason, built for her.

If you step inside Pure Indulgence, Brunsville's salon, you'll find each wall has a different, bold color. You'll also find that it's quite spacious. Kids can watch DVDs in a back room while their parents get their hair cut. And Jen Marienau, cosmetologist and owner, will greet you with a friendly smile.

"The people in Brunsville are very nice. I like the community, I like that it's small, it's personalized," she says. "It's close to my family as well."

Jen took travel and tourism classes as well as administrative office and management in her hometown of Emmetsburg. But she always had a love for styling hair. So in 1998, she attended Le Mars Beauty School, where she graduated from in August of 1999. She worked at Master Cuts in Sioux City for a couple years, then in 2001 started at Country Connections in Brunsville. In 2005, her husband, Jason, and brother-in-law, Jon, began constructing the building for Pure Indulgence. On February 2, 2006, Pure Indulgence opened for business.

The salon is located on the west corner of the north side of downtown, where, in the beginning of Brunsville, the Bank of Brunsville [now Iowa Prairie Bank] was located before the fire of '31. More recently there was a chiropractor office owned by Doris and the late Leonard Brooks.

Jen advertises using a mixture of media: Facebook, the Daily Sentinel, the annual Little Leaguers pamphlet and through word of mouth. She also advertised on the Brunsville Centennial page in the Sioux City Journal. Her biggest ad is the sign above her door that displays her services and phone number.

Jen's clients come from all over the area: Brunsville, Craig, Merrill, Le Mars. A gentleman from Sergeant Bluff who originates from her hometown of Emmetsburg is also a client.

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New City Council Members Sworn In



New City Council members are sworn in Jan. 9, 2012 in the Legion. From top: Darv Ladenthin, Gabe Roetman and Rob Von Hagel.

In Memory...

August Wimmer, father of Donna (Stuart) Dickman, passed away Jan. 31 from complications of cancer.

Thinking of You

Wayne Brown is in the hospital.

Dave Burkard is home from the hospital.

Ray Lubben is taking chemo at the June E. Nysten Cancer Center. He will be finished with his treatments Feb. 10. He will get a big hug from the nurses!

Birthdays

Belated & Upcoming through 3/20

Vernon Harrington Feb. 3—treated coffee club to coffee

Bowen Rieken Feb. 8—went to Chuck E. Cheese's on Feb. 4 for his 5th birthday party with family & friends. **Dad B.J. Rieken** also went to Chuck E. Cheese's for his birthday Feb. 8.

Steve McHale Feb. 8

Rob Von Hagel Feb. 12

Jeannine Kleihauer Feb. 13

Tim Rollinger Feb. 14

Peggy Dickman Feb. 17

Dick Harms Feb. 19

Colan Borchers Feb. 19

Elliot Kroll Feb. 27—Nancy & Jerry

Schlichte's grandson

Lincoln Renken Feb. 28—He will be 6.

He is son of Steve & Shannon Renken, and grandson of Rod & Sarah Renken & Dean & Paula Hanno.

Angela Von Hagel Feb. 28

Laura Willer Feb. 28

Lisa Willer Feb. 28

Mary Jane Tapper Feb. 28

Susan Willer March 9

Mitch Renken March 11

Benson Rieken March 13

Scooter Magooater Rollinger (Joe's dog) March 13

John Lambert March 15

Doris Brooks March 16

Avari Jones March 18—Will have a party with family. She will be 4.

Natalie Raasch March 19—Will have a swimming party at the South Sioux City YMCA on the 17th

Sheryl Oelken March 19

Laura Jones March 20—She will go to Colorado with family.

Nancy Schlichte March 20

Anniversaries

Through 3/19

Tom & Michelle Jones March 17

Lori & Steve Westhoff March 19

~ SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH ~
Don Beitelspacher

Noted by Mark Brown While in Afghanistan

January 10: I went to a meeting last week at the VP Compound. When we walked in the room, there was President Karzai looking at us like, Don't come over here, say hello or ask for my autograph...

January 13: Right now things are changing a lot here. They are going to start peace talks with the Taliban and peace may start breaking out all over. Hopefully, they will put me out of a job.

It truly is sad watching how these people are trying to dig themselves out and under all the way back to the beginning of the war with the Soviet Union. So far we have convinced over 3,000 insurgents to give up the fight and come back to their communities.

February 11: I truly hope these people wise up and unleash a power that they have never known: giving women a say in government and industry. Only then will they be taken seriously as a nation moving in an upward direction.

Congratulations to You!

Crazy Joe & Lisa Lehner, who were married December 10, 2011.

Pastor Ben & Faith Worley on the birth on their daughter, Abigail Rose, born Jan. 14. She weighed 9 lbs, 10 oz.

Bev Hultquist on the birth of her granddaughter, Madison Rae, born Jan. 30 to Loran & Heidi Weiler. She weighed 3 lbs, 15 oz.

KUDOS TO...

Angela Von Hagel, on her performance at the tae kwon do meet in Sheldon.

Maggie & Drew Dickman, who made gold honor roll the first semester of their 2011-2012 school year at Gehlen Catholic.

Seth Oelken for making a 3 point basket at half time and winning a \$50 gift certificate at the Le Mars game, Friday, Jan. 27.

Mary Singer for "pimping a ride."

Proud Grandparents

Kate & Tiny Kruse are proud grandparents and **Hank Farmer** is proud great grandparent of **Seth Oelken**

Bev Hultquist is proud new grandparent of **Madison Rae**

Erv & Joan Renken went to Blairsburg to see their daughter & son-in-law, Jodi and Tim. Granddaughter **Emma** cried to go home with Erv & Joan.

Jill Ahlers, who attends the University of Iowa, made Dean's List and the President's List. She is majoring in nursing. **Rebecca & Kristen Ahlers** made the Dean's List at Iowa State University. Rebecca is studying agriculture and Kristen is studying liberal arts. Their parents are **John & Debra Ahlers** and grandparents are **Bill & Janice Renken**.

Visitors

Pat Jones & son Marshall spent Fri., Feb. 3 with Tom & Michelle Jones

Recipe of the Month: *Dishpan Cookies*

4 c. brown sugar	4 c. corn flakes or Rice Krispies
4 eggs	1 1/2 c. quick oats
2 c. vegetable oil	1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. vanilla	1 c. coconut (opt.)
4 c. flour	1 c. chopped pecans (opt.)
2 tsp. baking soda	

Mix the first 4 ingredients together. Add remaining ingredients. Drop by spoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes at 350 degrees.

Note: I cut recipe in half.

- submitted by Betty Beitelspacher

Pure Indulgence, continued from front page

"You get to meet all kinds of people, that's the main thing. I love doing hair, colors and all that stuff. You change your look. I'm never one [hair] color. I can go from blonde to brown," she remarks. When asked about any cons, she replies, "There's not a lot of cons."

Jen works about 25 hours a week. She likes to start at 9 a.m. and be home with the kids for supper by 6 p.m. She doesn't work Mondays or weekends, although she notes, "It just depends when clients can come in."

Jen married Jason Marienau on Sept. 11, 1999, and moved out to the farm in February of 2000. The couple has a son, Jamison, who is 7 years old. Their daughter, Jaelyn, who is 5, was born on their anniversary, Sept. 11.

Jen is also active at Christ Lutheran Church: She is the 7th and 8th grade Sunday School teacher, head of vacation Bible school, and newly elected head of parish.

This year will be Jen's third of being in charge of Brunsville's Easter egg hunt. Last year over 100 kids participated so it's no small feat: "My mother-in-law and I sat down and filled eggs, which took 4 or 5 hours," she recalls. But she doesn't take full credit: "Every business in town donated and people throughout the community donated which made it a success because we could get more prizes." Kids who stayed and returned all their eggs had their names entered for a drawing. The biggest prizes were bikes.

And that's what you call pure indulgence.

Upcoming Events at the Legion

March 10 Euchre Club

March 11 Legion Pancake Breakfast ~All you can eat!

March 17 Wedding Dance~Deb Sigears & Johny McElhaney with Dr. Tunz

March 24 Annual Plymouth County Pork Producers Banquet

Premium Feed Hosts Presentation to Meet Need of Producers

Premium Feed will host a marketing meeting with Northstar Commodity on February 29 at 6:30 in the Legion. Mark Schultz will present the market outlook for grains and livestock. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Corner Café Coverage

The Inside Story of The Corner Bar

There are no strangers in our area of Iowa—we just haven't made friends with them yet...

I have worked here since 2009. I am very surprised to see all the people who travel here to eat and tip a few beers. It's a 25 mile radius from here: We have people from Kingsley (who always traveled to Pierson), Craig, Hawarden, Ireton, Akron, Remsen and a lot of support from Merrill.

I have met some really neat people and have also made many new friends through Andrea and David from Sioux City. I do not understand why these people travel so far instead of staying in their hometown. I can only say that it's good food and friendship mostly, I think. It's really fun to discuss their day with them and ask about their holidays and birthdays. They in turn listen to our daily duties and "problems." We are all building friendships, I guess.

So if you want new friendships and good food for Valentine's Day, stop in!

Friendship is good!

- *Mona Schultz, waitress*

UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE MONTH

Flanagan is not all here.

- *Flanagan, City of Brunsville, City of Craig and surrounding areas*

This Month's Top Frontier Quote

No, because he reckoned he hanged them too.

- *Hangingman George Maledon (the hanging judge for Isaac Parker and more than 60 others at Fort Smith, Ark. in the 1880's) when asked if the ghosts of men haunted him*

New Menu Item: Broasted Pork Chops, fries & salad \$7.95

Starting March 1st: Happy Hour 4-6 Mon.-Sat.

\$2 Domestic Beer & \$2 Well Drinks

Dangerous Denise's Words of Wisdom:

One nice thing about living in a small town...if you forget what you're doing, someone already knows.

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 Cut Prime Rib & Fries \$14.95

Dangerous Dan's Words of Wisdom:

If someone doesn't have a smile, give them yours.

Coming Soon:

New & improved Dangerous Dan!

Come see him at the Corner. Will he look better or worse? It will depend on how many beers you've had!

Mingling with Former Major Leaguers at Dickman's Fantasy Camp

By Barry Poe

It appears our illustrious mayor isn't quite ready to hang up the cleats.

Steve "Reno" Dickman recently returned from his fifth trip to the Minnesota Twins Fantasy Camp in Fort Meyers, Fla. The eight-day camp, owned by Stan Dickman of Le Mars (Reno's brother), ran from Jan. 7-15.

"Most of the people range in age from 40 to 60 and there are a few above 60," said Dickman, himself a spry 60-year-old. "You have to be at least 30 years old to attend the camp."

Campers play two seven-inning games per day and, if you don't think they take it seriously, think again.

"We have four banquet nights during the eight days and at those banquets, there is a 'kangaroo court' where you get fined for not running out ground balls, or missing signs and stuff like that," said Dickman.

The best part of the camp, aside from the competition, is a chance to mingle with many former major leaguers, who serve as coaches for each of eight teams.

Among the former Twins on hand this year were recently enshrined Hall of Famer Bert Blyleven, Kent Hrbek, Frank Viola, Tom Brunansky, Rick Aguilera and Tony Oliva. Crafty righthander Luis "Senior Smoke" Tiant even showed up.

"There were 19 former Twins there this year," said Dickman. "Most of them are from the 60s to the 90s and this year they honored the 1987 team on the 25th anniversary of their World Series championship."

Although a majority of the campers are from Minnesota, Dickman represented Brunsville while two more hailed from Sheldon and Spencer. Four women took part, including a 76-year-old who has been attending for 16 years.

Stan Dickman, a former Brunsville resident, has owned the Twins Fantasy Camp for four years.

The Dickman Family

Family
Photo
of the
Month



Photo by Dan Dickman

Labor Day 2002 picture of the Gene and Cheryl Dickman family in it's entirety. They were gathered together at the Chestnut Street Brunsville house for a clean-up day.

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- Susan Willer

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