

The Brunsville Blitz

Brunsville, Iowa

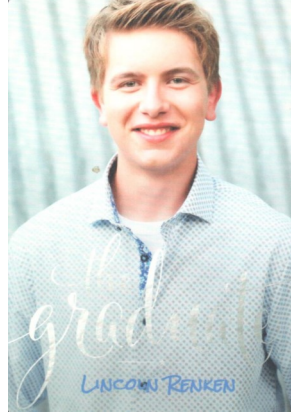
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Congratulations, graduates!



Nevaeh Hodgson will graduate from Gehlen Catholic High School on May 19. She will attend the University of South Dakota in the fall and is planning on becoming an attorney. She works at Little Rascals daycare and will also be working at the Prairie Rose Golf Club in Brunsville starting in May. She is the daughter of Chris and Trista Hodgson.



Lincoln Renken will graduate from Le Mars Community High School on May 19. He is planning on attending WIT for auto mechanics. Lincoln is the son of Shannon and Steve Renken and the grandson of Rodney and Sarah Renken.



Riley Kroll will graduate from Gehlen Catholic High School on May 19. He plans to enter the workforce after graduation. Riley is the son of Theresa and Corey Berg and Josh Kroll, and the grandson of Jerry and Nancy Schlichte and Rhonda Kroll.



Callie Tournillon of Chicago, Illinois, will graduate from Loyola Academy and attend Bradley University in the fall. She is the daughter of Suzy and Jeff Tournillon and the granddaughter of Marlyn and Mary Renken.

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CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES!

Brunsville's Memorial Day service is on
Monday, May 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Legion.
Free lunch to follow.

The deadline for every edition
is the 25th the month before.
Thank you for your support.

In Our Prayers

Judy Bowman
 Donna Erickson
 Kylie Gaul, granddaughter of Jackie and Paul Utesch
 Denny Henrich
 Jeanette Jensen
 Vivian Johnson
 Stan Meyer
 Warren Oetken
 Tammy Popken
 Randy Reardon
 Janice Renken
 Joan Renken
 Rod Renken
 Clark Schmitz
 Kim Sherlock
 Max Utesch
 Paul Utesch
 Joyce Willer

Birthdays

Wayne Beitelspacher May 1
 Bill Osterbuhr May 2
 Tom Jones May 2
 Mike Vander Molen May 4
 Denton Ohlrichs May 5
 Dave Raasch May 6
 Marv Urban May 6
 Lois Varenhorst May 8
 Royce Stonesifer May 8
 Brooklyn Babcock May 9
 Wayne Schloffeldt May 10
 Brantley Niehus May 10
 Dylan Fuller May 10
 Gisela Dittman May 11
 Meadow Fuller May 14
 Gary Palmer May 14
 Peter Hasselquist May 14
 Josh Fuller May 15
 Keith Koerselman May 16
 Mark Herzberg May 20
 Carol Schloffeldt May 21
 Roger Krienert May 22
 Bev Hultquist May 25
 Amelia Carpenter May 25
 Izzy Plueger May 27
 Victoria McHale Haas May 30
 Gabby White May 30
 Jim Marienau May 31

Anniversaries

Brittany & Alec Mousel May 4
 Darwin & Judy Lubben May 7
 Mark & Connie Seible May 7
 T.J. & Madi Tapper May 18
 Clark & Carol Schmitz May 19
 Andrea & Dave Raasch May 24

Missionaries lend hand in Honduras



Top row L-R: Riley Kroll, Theresa Berg and Nancy Schlichte in front of one of the homes they built; the Gehlen Catholic Mission Honduras Team. Bottom row L-R: Jason Wendt (top left) installs the metal roof on one of the homes; Ron and Tom Wendt build the inner walls; the three homes the group built on the mission trip.

"Created to Do Something" Gehlen Catholic Mission Honduras 2024 left Le Mars on March 12 with 25 students and 17 adult chaperons. Brunsville-area participants included Jason Wendt, his dad (Ron Wendt), his uncle (Tom Wendt), and Nancy Schlichte, her daughter (Theresa Berg) and grandson (Riley Kroll). The group traveled to Nueva Capital, Honduras to build three homes and 40 beds and to deliver 40 bags of donated items to the people of Honduras. This is the 48th mission trip and has placed 1136 missionaries on the ground of the second poorest nation in the Western hemisphere. What started with one student and one chaperone in 2001 has led to 48 mission trips, 10 of them being medical trips. The program helped build a new clinic in El Guante, serving about 20,000 villagers from the surrounding area. To date, the missionaries have finished 47+ water projects, built 41 homes and performed countless other small projects. Gehlen Catholic Mission Honduras in combination with Mission Honduras Le Mars continues to raise money for the poor of Honduras. Missioners pay for their own trip. All money raised through fundraisers pay for the project materials. We were all created to do something! — Submitted by Nancy Schlichte.



Celebrating a birthday

Mary Korthas celebrated her birthday with the coffee club at the Prairie Rose Golf Club on Friday, April 12. Her birthday is April 7.

Photo courtesy of Gerry Sue Krienert.

**CITIZEN
 OF
 THE MONTH:
 Nichole Tonner**

Craig welcomes you

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

Get cookin'

Stop by Iowa State Bank of Brunsville for a Brunsville Centennial Cookbook. The 388-page cookbooks are only \$10.

Easter egg hunt held on March 30 at Brunsville Park



Above: Prize winners Nile Langel, Eleanor Tonner, Ben Wichers, Olivia Dykhuizen, Jack Rolfes and Maylee Korthis.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the event, and to Iowa State Bank and Walmart for their donations.

Photos, names and thank you courtesy of Angie Smit.

Life at the Legion



Above: Brunsville Sons of the American Legion and Post 724 members presented a check to the Midwest Honor Flight.

Legion donates to Midwest Honor Flight

Members of the Brunsville Sons of the American Legion and Post 724 members presented a \$21,052 check to the Midwest Honor Flight to help support their mission of sending area veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their service. The Town Feud committee donated funds raised from Taverns, Treats and Town Feud held on March 8. A pancake breakfast on March 24 was sponsored by the SAL members with all the proceeds going to the Midwest Honor Flight. Due to unfavorable weather for the breakfast, donations were taken through the April breakfast. A special thank you to the businesses that donated food for the breakfast, and to everyone who supported us in this endeavor. We are blessed with the best!

Spotlight on the new Legion manger, Nichole Tonner

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening depending on when you are reading this! My name is Nichole Tonner and I wanted to introduce myself as the new event/bar manager at the Brunsville Legion. I decided to take on this role as my passion has always been in the hospitality industry. I felt as though this opportunity would allow me to still have fun and enjoy my passion, while I also work my full-time job with Charles Schwab as an Estate Relationship Specialist.

Just a little insight, I live in the big blue house at the end of the cul-de-sac on Prairie Rose Lane. Now that the weather has become nicer, you will most



likely see my family out walking around town, either on a mission to get the mail or to pick up the tiniest of rocks to add to our collection. My tribe consists of my husband, Nathaniel Tonner, our almost three-year-old daughter, Eleanor, and our nine-month-old, Benjamin. We also have an Aussie mix, Winston, and two cats, Lottie and Capone.

If you have any questions about renting out the Legion for any events, big or small, please reach out and ask! Also I would LOVE to hear of any ideas you might have that you would love to see happen in the town.

Photos and Legion information courtesy of Nichole Tonner.

Upcoming Legion events

- Mon., May 6 Legion meeting 7:30; S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Mon., May 27 Memorial Day service 10:30 a.m. & free lunch
- Mon., June 3 Legion meeting 7:30; S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Wed., June 12 Craig Co-Op annual meeting
- Mon., July 1 Legion meeting 7:30; S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Sat., July 6 Aaron Fritz & Emily Oetken wedding
- Sat., July 27 Nathan Irwin & Nicole Hahn reception

Hate missing out on events because you forgot about them?
Add upcoming events listed in each Blitz to your calendar as soon as you learn about them. Problem solved.

The best taste on tap

Officials at the Iowa Rural Water Association declared Southern Sioux County Rural Water System the winner of Iowa's 2024 Best-Tasting Water competition on February 19. The water system provides service to 1,956 rural connections, the towns of Chatsworth and Struble and wholesale service to the communities of Brunsville, Craig, Ireton and Maurice. In addition to the water service, Southern Sioux owns and operates a wastewater system in the Town of Craig.

Along with other state winners, Southern Sioux County Rural Water System will compete in the "Great American Water Taste Test" national contest in Washington, D.C., in February of 2025.

Congratulations to Southern Sioux County Rural Water System.

Genealogical Society presentations open to public

Love genealogy? How about local history? If yes, consider attending meetings and presentations of the North-west Iowa Genealogical Society. The group meets at the Plymouth County Historical Museum the third Saturday of every month (except in June during Ice Cream Days). Each meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. and is followed by the presentation. Check out their new Facebook page and consider joining. You do not need to be a member to attend the events.

Interest in restoring Ruble, Iowa buildings alive at gathering

A group of approximately 15 people gathered in Ruble, Iowa, on April 13 out of interest to potentially restore the town's old schoolhouse and store building. The extent of restoration will be based on grants, sponsorship, building structure and volunteer involvement.

Keep your eye on The Brunsville Blitz Facebook page for potential meetings and volunteer events.

The shelter is full of dogs & cats! Come find your 'forever' family member. We're also in desperate need of volunteers.

Can you walk dogs? Help clean? Please consider donating your time. One shift a week or even a couple shifts a month would help the animals immensely. Please help make a difference and contact us today!



1331 Hawkeye Ave SW, Le Mars (712)540-5919
wetnoserescue@outlook.com or
caeyes2011@gmail.com

Emma Bouza declares candidacy

Emma Bouza, Hawarden, has officially announced candidacy for Iowa State Representative House District 3. Bouza invites the support and participation of all residents of Iowa House District 3 in her campaign.

For more information or to get involved in Bouza's campaign, please visit Emma Bouza for Iowa on Facebook or email ebouzaforiowa@gmail.com.

Rhubarb wanted

We're in need of rhubarb. If you have too much or don't want it, call Rob at 541-0577.

Eggs for sale

8 dozen chicken eggs. \$3 p/u in Brunsville or Le Mars. First come, first serve. Will post more as the chickens lay. Cash only. 712-539-1206, text or leave a message.

Quote 'Ems

Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you. — Annie Lamott

People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it. — George Bernard Shaw

Education is not something you can finish. — Isaac Asimov

I'm giving up eating chocolate for a month. Sorry, bad punctuation. I'm giving up. Eating chocolate for a month. — Anonymous

Until the lion learns how to write, every story will glorify the hunter. — African proverb

Normal is an illusion. What is normal for the spider, is chaos for the fly. — Morticia Adams

How long are you going to wait before you demand the best for yourself? — Epictetus

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