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What 109 years of change looks like



Above: The north side of main street in approximately 1915: Bank of Brunsville, general store, meat market, Dirks Hardware, pool hall, Farmers Bank, bowling alley.



Above: The north side of main street today: Premium Feed building, storage, Service First Insurance, Porculture, Legion.



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Willer shares history of Brunsville at Genealogical Society gathering

By Barry Poe

A gathering of 40-plus who attended the regular meeting of the Northwest Iowa Genealogical Society on August 17 was treated to a presentation on the history of Brunsville by Susan Willer.

The presentation centered on how the town's history has influenced its present-day culture and the community. It included facts about the jail, businesses, schools and even information on Brunsville's own newspaper.

Among the more interesting topics was the fire that destroyed the north side of downtown Brunsville. Before he passed away, the late Gene Dickman was able to provide first-hand information about the fire, since he was a youngster when it took place.

Dickman and his longtime friend, the late Alvin Willer (Susan's uncle), were valuable sources of information for the project. Willer, who grew up on a farm outside of Brunsville, spent hours doing research and those on hand at the Plymouth County Museum were also asked to interact with their own stories about Brunsville.

Photos of the town's softball teams, businesses, schools and even a complete road map with photos of residents by their homes from 1976 were available for viewing after the program.

You're invited to "break in the bank"

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

Cross country meet set for Sept. 10

The cross country meet will be held on September 10 at the Prairie Rose Golf Course. Expect the streets of Brunsville to be filled with vehicles and the golf course to be filled with runners and spectators.

In Memory of ...

Dr. John Conley, who passed away on August 7.
 Hensley Harms, who passed away on August 8.
 Deputy Patrick Heissel, who passed away on August 15.

In Our Prayers

Judy Bowman
 Family & friends of Dr. John Conley
 Donna Erickson
 Kylie Gaul
 Family & friends of Hensley Harms
 Family & friends of Deputy Patrick Heissel
 Denny Henrich
 Jeanette Jensen
 Vivian Johnson
 Stan Meyer
 Warren Oetken
 Janice Plueger — Janice fell and broke her shoulder and hip on July 15
 Tammy Popken
 Janice Renken
 Joan Renken
 Rod Renken
 Tina Renken
 Clark Schmitz
 Kim Sherlock
 Brooklyn Smit
 Max Utesch
 Paul Utesch
 Peggy Wilken
 Joyce Willer

**CITIZEN OF
 THE MONTH:**
 Mary Korthas

Birthdays

Logan Robbins Sept. 1
 Mike Willer Sept. 1
 Jackie Schlessler Sept. 1
 Nicole Plueger Sept. 2
 Stan Korthas Sept. 4
 Leonard Schlotfeldt Sept. 4
 Sharon Weishaar Sept. 6
 Autumn Fuller Sept. 7
 Heather Reister Sept. 8
 Carson Stark Sept. 8
 Kamden Junck Sept. 9
 Syler Johnson Sept. 10
 Amy Lubben Sept. 11
 Olivia Roetman Sept. 11
 Verda Marienau Sept. 12
 Sandy Borchers Sept. 13
 Kandi Lara Sept. 13
 Craig Oetken Sept. 15
 Ellyson Gabel Sept. 16
 Steve Sherrill Sept. 17
 Ava Olson Sept. 17
 Todd Oetken Sept. 18
 Gaylen Tapper Sept. 19
 Dylan Taylor Sept. 20
 Mitch Taylor Sept. 20
 Kelly Plueger Sept. 20
 Rick Westhoff Sept. 20

Reno Dickman Sept. 21
 Bryan Borchers Sept. 21
 Lori Wilken Sept. 22
 Jason Marienau Sept. 23
 Russ Plueger Sept. 24
 Benjamin Weiler Sept. 26
 Mike Borchers Sept. 27
 Marlyn Renken Sept. 28
 Nathaniel Tonner Sept. 28

Anniversaries

Ken & Donna Taylor Sept. 2
 Alisha & Devin Jones Sept. 2
 Brett & Brittany Hutton Sept. 12
 Kevin & Keri Borchers Sept. 14
 Jackie & Jarrett Sherlock Sept. 18
 Jason & Katie Lammers Sept. 19
 Ryan & Sara Renken Sept. 20
 Roger & Sharon Weishaar Sept. 20
 Jerry & Nancy Schlichte Sept. 20
 Stan & Mary Korthas Sept. 27

Congratulations



Laura Willer won first prize on all her entries plus grand champion and best of show on a drawing at the Plymouth County Fair. Some of her work is shown above.

Celebrating birthdays



Left: **Amanda Jastram** took a trip to Georgia August 15-21 to celebrate her grandma's 90th birthday. Amanda is seated second from the left. Her grandmother is seated in the middle.



Right: **Joan Renken** celebrated her birthday at the golf clubhouse on August 23. Her birthday is August 28. L-R: Peggy Dickman, Joyce Willer, Kathy Renken, Joan Renken, Gerry Sue Kriener and Bev Hultquist. Not pictured: Mary Korthas, Karen Harrington, Gisela Dittman, Susan Willer.

Thank you

A big thank you to Brandon Phelan for cleaning up the park corner for the Garden Club ladies. He did a beautiful job as he always does. Also, thank you to Tom Jones for digging up all the flowers that were left. Thank you, Tom.

Cookbooks available

Stop by Iowa State Bank in Brunsville for a Brunsville Centennial Cookbook. Filled with 388 pages of delicious recipes, they are only \$10 and make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

**Have information or photos
 you'd like to publish?
 Contact us.**

The deadline to submit information is the 25th of the month before publication.
 We appreciate your submissions and support.

Second annual Breitbarth Memorial Ride held



On Saturday, August 10, we held our second annual Greg Breitbarth Memorial Ride. The ride started in Brunsville, headed to Hummers in Westfield, The Other Bar in Harwarden, Waddy's in Hudson and ended at Chase's for food, fun and sharing of memories. Greg enjoyed tinkering on cars and driving

fast. He restored a '69 Camaro that he took to rides and car shows. He also drag raced in Marion, S.D. with a '67 Chevelle. He helped many others with their car restorations as well. We ride to remember and to create new memories. Hope to see you all next year! — Submitted by Mary Jane Tapper and Leona Martin.

Brunsville history quiz

How well do you know Brunsville history? Answer the statements below with "true" or "false":

1. Mary Bruns, the woman Brunsville was named after, eventually lived and died in Brunsville.
2. There were two elevators in Brunsville and they both were on fire at separate times.
3. Brunsville had a tennis club.
4. A Brunsville newspaper was published during the 1920s.
5. The chimney of Brunsville's former church building (right) was blown off in a storm.

Answers will be published in the October edition.

Brunsville's first Lutheran church



Above: Brunsville's first Lutheran church was moved into town from Dalton in 1917. It was located at the corner of Pine and Linn streets.

September Legion events

- Sat., Sept. 7** 50th anniversary dance for Steve and LaNay Welch
Mon., Sept. 9 Legion membership dinner

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Thank you for your support of The Brunsville Blitz!

Recipe of the month: Caramel Oatmeal Bars

1 c. flour	1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 c. oatmeal	1/4 tsp. salt
3/4 c. brown sugar	3/4 c. melted butter

Mix well to form crumbs. Press half into a 9-inch square pan. Bake 10 minutes at 350°.

Spread with:

3/4 c. caramel ice cream topping
1 (6 oz.) pkg. chocolate chips
1/2 c. chopped pecans
3 T. flour

Top with remaining crumb mixture. Bake until brown, approximately 15 minutes. Chill 1 to 2 hours. Cut into 24 bars.

The above recipe was submitted by Susan Dickman Braun and can be found on page 53 of the Brunsville Centennial Cookbook, which was published in 2010. Centennial cookbooks are available for \$10 at Iowa State Bank in Brunsville.

Make a positive difference in animals' lives

We need volunteers to ensure the shelter is even more successful. Can you help?

The shelter is full of animals awaiting a new home. Can you adopt?

If yes, please contact us today!



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Attention Brunsville residents

There has been considerable confusion concerning the water bills over the past several months. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience that this has caused for many of you, and show patience as the problems are ironed out.

Here is the plan going forward:

Bills will be sent out in the near future for April-May-June.

Bills will be sent in September for July and August.

We ask that you pay these two billings by check dropped off at the bank or mailed to City of Brunsville, P.O. Box 156.

Automatic payments will resume with the September billing for those who have selected this method of payment.

THANK YOU

Food facts

Take a moment for mayonnaise

Mayonnaise must contain at least 65 percent oil by weight; any less and it must be called salad dressing. Most fat-free mayonnaise contains more sodium than full-fat mayonnaise. A tablespoon of mayonnaise contains only 5 to 10 milligrams of cholesterol, because very little egg yolk is used.

Don't fool with foil

Never wrap acidic fruits such as lemons, oranges, tomatoes and grapefruits in aluminum foil. A chemical reaction may take place that will corrode the foil. A common method of preparing meat loaf is to place tomato sauce on top while the meat is cooking and then cover it with foil, but tomato sauce or paste can eat right through the foil.

The shake on shakes

Most thick shakes contain so many additives that are derived from sodium that one serving can contain more sodium than an order of French fries.

Baked is better

Some seafood chains offer baked fish, which provides about 200 calories less than fried fish; it also clocks in with about one-half as much sodium.

Source: Who Knew? Why You Should Always Store Eggs Small Side Down and Thousands of Other Tips, Secrets and Quick Fixes to Make Your Life Easier, Your Home Cleaner and Your Food Taste Better—All While Saving Time and Money, Jeanne Bossolina Lubin and Bruce Lubin, 2006, p. 184, 195, 462, 463.

For the love of Brunsville

To learn more about Brunsville history and read previous editions of The Blitz, go to brunsvilleiowa.com.

To learn more about St. Peter Lutheran Church and view old church booklets, go to stpeterbrunsville.com.

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Quote 'Ems

Nature is busy creating absolutely unique individuals, whereas culture has invented a single mold to which all must conform. It is grotesque. — U.G. Krishnamurti

Making peace is the most difficult work of all. — Hanan Mikhail Ashrawi

When it comes to getting things done, we need fewer architects and more brick layers. — Colleen C. Barrett

The only known cure for fear is faith. — Lena Kellogg Sadler

If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything. — Gordon A. Eadie

Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you. — Mary Bly

We're always being told that time is running out; it is and getting things done won't stop it. — Joan Silber

Don't wait for your "ship to come in," and feel angry and cheated when it doesn't. Get going with something small. — Irene Kassorla

I've never fooled anyone. I've let people fool themselves. They didn't bother to find out who and what I was. Instead they would invent a character for me. I wouldn't argue with them. They were obviously loving somebody I wasn't. — Marilyn Monroe

I love to sleep. My life has a tendency to fall apart when I'm awake, you know? — Ernest Hemingway

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Note: I changed my phone number in August.

If we've connected by phone before the change, please email me or contact me by mail (I won't print my number here for privacy reasons.) Thank you. — Susan

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