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Cody family enjoys Make-a-Wish trip to Disney World



Declynn Cody, local cancer survivor, was finally able to go on her Make-A-Wish trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida, almost three years after her diagnosis. The Cody family flew out on September 29 and spent a week making the best memories. Declynn received VIP treatment from the very beginning of our trip. At the Sioux Falls airport, she and her brother, Dane, got to see the pilot's seat on the plane and were each given a set of wings. They also upgraded our seats! We had a layover in Chicago and the manager of United Airlines there located Declynn and gave her a gift bag and allowed us to board early. Upon arriving in Orlando, we were greeted by a volunteer from Give Kids The World Village where we would be staying and he helped us with our luggage and rental vehicle. From there, the week was spent touring the theme parks at Disney World, which include Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom and Epcot, and Universal Studios where Declynn was treated so special. She got to meet so many princesses (the highlight of her trip) and Disney characters and was

able to get most of their autographs as well. It truly is a magical place! We managed a few rides and Declynn's favorites were the Troller Coaster and the E.T. ride at Universal. We took part of a day and went to Cocoa Beach so our little fish could swim in the ocean! They had a splash!! And not to be outdone by the park adventures, Give Kids The World also had events every night during our stay where we enjoyed a Halloween Extravaganza and a Winter Wonderland party accompanied by Santa and Mrs. Claus, to name a couple. Declynn was also given a star to decorate or write her name on at Give Kids The World, which was placed in their Castle of Miracles, among over 175,000 other Wish kids' stars, which will be there forever. This trip was so unbelievably special for all of us and Make-A-Wish Iowa pulled out all the stops! We are so blessed Declynn is doing so well health-wise. In fact, on November 23, 2024, she will be two years cancer free!!! God bless!!

Submitted by Wendy Cody.



Photo above submitted by Kat Smit (in the middle with the walker).



Above: Costume contest winners: Cutest: Brenna Bollin and Austin Fennner. Scariest: Bryson Smit. Most Creative: Lila Pick. Most Original: Bailey Babcock. Submitted by Angie Smit.

Kids Halloween party held on Saturday, October 19 at the Legion

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Halloween party. Our sponsors were Iowa State Bank, the Legion, Fareway, Hy-Vee, Walmart and Sweet 16 Lanes. Submitted by Angie Smit.

Turn back your clock

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3.

Go vote

Be sure to vote in the election on Tuesday, November 5.

In Our Prayers

Judy Bowman

Mark Brown—Mark will have a new knee installed on Nov. 5.

Donna Erickson

Kylie Gaul

Denny Henrich

Jeanette Jensen

Vivian Johnson

Stan Meyer

Warren Oetken

Janice Plueger

Tammy Popken

Bill Renken

Janice Renken

Joan Renken

Rod Renken

Tina Renken

Clark Schmitz

Kim Sherlock

Brooklyn Smit

Max Utesch

Paul Utesch

Peggy Wilken

Joyce Willer

CITIZENS

OF THE MONTH:

Kat and Angie Smit,
Trista Hodgson and
Halloween party
volunteers

Birthdays

Charlotte Meyer Nov. 3

Barry Cornish Nov. 5

Brayden Bruscher Nov. 5

Patty Hill Nov. 5

Laura Robertson Nov. 6

Kim Willer Nov. 7

Kelly Beitelspacher Nov. 7

Kevin Borchers Nov. 7

William Renken Nov. 7

Joey McFarlane Nov. 8

Terry Ludwigs Nov. 8

Michelle Jones Nov. 9

Christine (Joeng Un) Cho Nov. 10

Hank Farmer Nov. 12

Luella Robertson Nov. 12

Tyler Oetken Nov. 17

Steve Sherlock Nov. 17

Jensen Schlessor Nov. 17

Deloris Harms Nov. 18

Chance Anthony Nov. 19

Eddie Krienert Nov. 20

Ty Eisma Nov. 20

Brynn Wendt Nov. 22

Denise Palmer Nov. 22

Gerry Sue Krienert Nov. 23

Gregg Junck Nov. 23

Sarah Renken Nov. 24

Riley Kroll Nov. 28

Jim Martin Nov. 29

Mary Vandermolen Nov. 29

Anniversaries

Jim & Leona Martin Nov. 1

Rebecca & Jordan Viitetoe Nov. 14

Loren & Karen Oetken Nov. 23

Steve & Glenda McHale Nov. 28

Rodney & Sarah Renken Nov. 30

Meet your new neighbor

Ralph and I are new to Brunsville. We love it. It's a great place to live. — Chris Vonville.

Right: Chris and his dog, Ralph.



Unstoppable Stu competes in Sioux Center marathon

Left: **Stu Dickman** ran in the Sioux Center Half Marathon on October 5, 2024. He finished 25th out of 101 entrants.

Courtesy of Stu Dickman.

Proud grandparent

Right: **Joan Renken** holds her great-granddaughters, **Kyla and Kara**. Parents are Molly Renken and Jon Van Ginkel.

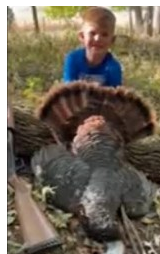
Photo courtesy of Becki McGlaufflin.



Celebrating birthdays



Above left: **Blaine Foreman and Kristine Sharkey** celebrated their birthdays together on October 8. Blaine's birthday is October 12 and Kristine's birthday is October 9. Above center: **Del Kellen** celebrated his October 4th birthday. Photo submitted by Gerry Sue Krienert. Above right: **Karen Harrington** celebrated her October 23rd birthday with her friends at coffee on October 25. Photo submitted by Mary Korthis.



First turkey

Left: **Kasen Krause**, 10, of Merville, grandson of Jerry and Mary Reed, traveled to Double C Ranch, Westfield, Iowa. After two hours in the blind, a turkey saw the decoy and came in to investigate. At 14 yards it offered Kasen a shot opportunity. He triggered his 20 gauge and put the turkey down for good. Congrats to Kasen on his first turkey. Submitted by Clark Schmitz.

Travels

Right: **The Dickman family** enjoyed a vacation in San Diego from September 3rd to the 7th. Son Drew lives there and Donna, Abbie and Stu flew there from Omaha, and Maggie from New York City. Submitted by Stu Dickman.





~ Fall colors return to Brunsville ~

Upcoming Legion events

- Nov. 4 Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Nov. 9 Euchre 7:00
- Nov. 10 Pancake breakfast, 8:30-1:00
- Nov. 11 Veterans Appreciation Event for Post 724 Members, 5:00
- Nov. 16 Pierce wedding reception
- Nov. 23 Poultry Party, cash bar at 5:00, games start at 7:00
- Dec. 2 Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Dec. 14 Euchre, 7:00
- Dec. 15 Pancake breakfast with Santa, 8:30-1:00

Courtesy of Nichole Tonner

You're invited to Euchre Night *Here's the deal*

Register by 6:45 p.m., cards at 7 p.m.
Prizes depend on the number of players
\$5 entry, cash bar

- ♦ Saturday, November 9
- ♠ Saturday, December 14
- ♣ Saturday, January 11
- ♥ Saturday, February 8
- ♣ Saturday, March 8
- ♥ Saturday, April 12

Open to everyone — you do not need a partner

Brunsville Legion Pancake Breakfasts

All you can eat • Carryout available
Brunsville Legion Hall, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
\$10 adults • \$5 children 5 to 9
Children 4 & under eat for free

- Sunday, November 10
- Sunday, December 15—**Santa Claus will be present**
- Sunday, January 12
- Sunday, February 9
- Sunday, March 9
- Sunday, April 13

The Brunsville Legion Post 724 Poultry Party

Saturday, Nov. 23
Cash bar opens at 5, games begin at 7
Bingo—Chance Boards—Showdown—Raffle Tickets
Ham, turkey and door prizes!
Hot dogs and taverns available for purchase

Hate missing events because you forgot about them?

Add upcoming events listed in each Blitz to your calendar as soon as you learn about them. In other words, mark your calendar now.

Come eat with Santa

Santa Claus will be at the Legion pancake breakfast on December 15 from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. You'll have a chance to win raffle prizes, enjoy hot chocolate, create an ornament, write a letter to Santa and take your photo with Santa. Money raised will go back to the community for kids' activities.



In observance of
VETERANS DAY
Iowa State Bank will be closed,
Monday, November 11, 2024

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Brunsville residents: Help locate the water leak in Brunsville

The town has had a water leak for quite a while and we have not been able to find it. If anyone has noticed a loss in their water pressure the last six months please contact Steve Dickman (533-6205) or any council person. If you have noticed a wet spot in your yard, that may also be the source. Usually a leak will come to the surface, but this one has not as of yet. If you know where your service line shut-off is on your property, that would also help us locate the problem. Thank you for any help.

Mayor Steve Dickman

The deadline for submissions is the 25th the month before publication. Please contact us using one of the methods listed on the bottom right side of this page. Thank you!

Calling aspiring chefs, gift givers

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.

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.

A great thank you to everyone who attended Wags 'n Whiskers on Oct. 22! We are so grateful for your continued support.

Please contact us to volunteer, adopt and donate.



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Quote 'Ems

Giving thanks is one course from which we never graduate. — Valerie Anders

The act of reading is extraordinary — whole worlds created out of black squiggles on a white ground. — John Banville

You have to use your voice, even if it shakes. There are times when you will ask for change, and there are times when you'll create it. — Allyson Felix, sprinter, to graduates of the University of Southern California

We are, each of us, our own prisoner. We are locked up in our own story. — Maxine Kumin

The universe is made of stories, not of atoms. — Muriel Rukeyser

Anyone who says you can't see a thought simply doesn't know art. — Wynetka Ann Reynolds

When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die. — Eleanor Roosevelt

If thine enemy wrong thee, buy each of his children a drum. — Chinese proverb

Guilt is the gift that keeps on giving. — Erma Bombeck

I was raised in a small town called Critz [Virginia]. It was so small that our school taught Driver's Ed and Sex Ed in the same car. — Mary Sue Terry

Come in, or we'll both starve. — Sign in restaurant window

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