

# The Brunsville Blitz

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## Quilts of Valor presented to local veterans

Ginny Freyermuth and Geri Dreckman stitched and presented quilts

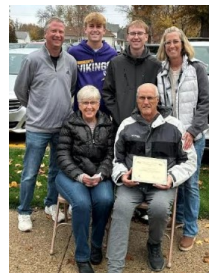


Above left: Geri Dreckman and Ginny Freyermuth present **Vernon Harrington** with his Quilt of Valor on July 28. Submitted by Karen Harrington. Above: **Steve and Scott Dickman** (front left and center) received their quilts on November 8 and the entire Dickman clan attended the event. Submitted by Peggy Dickman.

Above center: **Marv Urban** and his nephew Jeff Powell display Marv's quilt he received on November 11. Submitted by Jamie Goldmann. Above: Verda and **Jim Marienau** display Jim's quilt he received on November 11. Submitted by Jamie Goldmann. Above right: **Dean Varenhorst** stands beside his Quilt of Valor.

## Flag flown over Capitol for Rod Tammen

Upon request of Senator Joni Ernst, a flag was flown over the US Capitol for **Rod Tammen** on September 29. Rod received his certificate of authenticity at St. John's Lutheran Church in Le Mars on November 10. Submitted by Janice Renken.



## 2024 Veterans Appreciation event

Legion Post 724 veterans were honored at the Fourth Annual Veterans Appreciation Event. Our veterans were thanked for both their service to our country as well as to the Brunsville community. The evening was highlighted with a chicken dinner, patriotic music, and lots of red, white and blue decor. Each veteran received a patriotic candy bouquet displayed in a custom designed mug as well as a couple bags of goodies. A heartfelt thank you to the following donors who supported the event: Premium Feed & Grain - Brunsville (sponsored the candy bouquets); Rocky Mountain Resorts - Estes Park, CO; Iowa State Bank - Brunsville; Walmart - Le Mars; Farmers Cooperative of Craig - Craig; Prairie Rose Golf Club - Brunsville; Carl and Janice McIntyre - Le Mars; Debby Vierra - Corona, CA; Gisela Dittman - Brunsville; Sam's Club - Sioux City; Wells Visitor Center & Ice Cream Parlor - Le Mars; and Palmer's Olde Tyme Candy Shoppe - Sioux City. A huge thank you is extended to the volunteers who helped create a wonderful evening for the veterans. We look forward to hosting a great event next year. Submitted by Jamie Goldmann.



## Legion poultry party Saturday, Nov. 23

Photos courtesy of Nichole Tonner.



## In Our Prayers

**Judy Bowman**  
**Mark Brown** — Mark had a new knee installed on Nov. 5.  
**Donna Erickson**  
**Kylie Gaul**  
**Denny Henrich**  
**Jeanette Jensen**  
**Vivian Johnson**  
**Stan Meyer**  
**Warren Oetken**  
**Janice Plueger**  
**Barry Poe** — Barry had hip replacement surgery on Nov. 25  
**Tammy Popken**  
**Dan Ransom**  
**Bill Renken**  
**Janice Renken**  
**Joan Renken**  
**Rod Renken**  
**Clark Schmitz**  
**Kim Sherlock**  
**Brooklyn Smit**  
**Max Utesch**  
**Paul Utesch**  
**Peggy Wilken**  
**Joyce Willer**

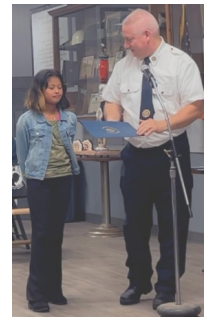
## Birthdays

**Kevin White** Dec. 5  
**Denny Plueger** Dec. 5  
**Reed Henrich** Dec. 6  
**Scott Linstrand** Dec. 8  
**Breanna Martin** Dec. 8  
**Rheff Schlessler** Dec. 8  
**Mark Brown** Dec. 9  
**Peggy Linstrand** Dec. 12  
**Jordan Bogenrief** Dec. 14  
**Jessica Wendt** Dec. 16  
**Joe Herzberg** Dec. 16  
**Barry Poe** Dec. 17  
**Jay Wiese** Dec. 18  
**Katelyn Geil** Dec. 18  
**Joe Rollinger** Dec. 19  
**Jade Goodmanson** Dec. 19  
**Mckinley Johnson** Dec. 20  
**Roger Weishaar** Dec. 22  
**Lucas Schlichte** Dec. 23  
**Emily Von Hagel** Dec. 26  
**Clark Schmitz** Dec. 27  
**Max Utesch Jr.** Dec. 27  
**Zachary Jongma** Dec. 27  
**Deb Herzberg** Dec. 27  
**Kenny Krienert** Dec. 28  
**Doris Taylor** Dec. 29  
**Michelle Taylor** Dec. 29  
**Jay Toel** Dec. 29  
**Gene Beitelspacher** Dec. 29  
**Dean Beitelspacher** Dec. 29  
**Loren Weiler** Dec. 29  
**Mary Vander Molen** Dec. 29  
**Theresa Westra** Dec. 29  
**Tami Dittman** Dec. 31  
**Wanda Oltmanns** Dec. 31  
**Jeffrey Cords** Dec. 31

## Congratulations



On November 13 **Myiesha Suzuki** was awarded first place in the flag essay contest at the Le Mars Legion on behalf of her school, Kluckhohn Elementary. Submitted by her mother, Mercy Refalopei.



## CITIZENS OF THE MONTH: Tom & Michelle Jones

My family and I would like to vote for Michelle Jones and Tom Jones as citizens of the month. They have been angels sent to our big family here in Brunsville.

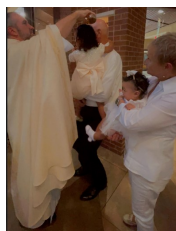
Ever since we met them this year, they have become a part of our family, helping our family out with household supplies and even helping me with gardening in my front yard. I have lived here in Brunsville for four years now and could not plant flowers in front of my home because I did not know anything about gardening.

They are wonderful to our seven children and so we decided to have them as two of our children's godparents. They officially became their godparents on November 26, 2024 at our church, St. Joseph in Le Mars. We feel very blessed and are grateful to have them in our life.

Michelle Jones planted beautiful flowers in front of my home. Tom Jones has been cleaning around outside of my home, power cleaning my back porch and mowing my lawn throughout the whole season. These are some of the huge things they have done for my big, busy family.

We hope that they can be recognized for their generous hearts.

Sincerely,  
 Mercy Refalopei



## Celebrating birthdays

Left: **Hank Farmer and Deloris Harms** celebrated their birthdays together on November 8. Hank's birthday is November 12 and Deloris' birthday is November 18.



Top right: **Gerry Sue Krienert** celebrated her 70th birthday during coffee on November 22. Photo courtesy of Mary Korthas. Right: **Gerry Sue** also celebrated on a bus tour with friends on her November 23 birthday.



*The deadline for each edition is the 25th the month before.*

## Anniversaries

**Rob & Angela Von Hagel** Dec. 15  
**Jim & Verda Marienau** Dec. 20  
**Vicar Grace & Max Baumgartel** Dec. 30  
**Kelly & Denise Beitelspacher** Dec. 31  
**Kristen & Luke Faber** Dec. 31

Right: **Mary Vander Molen** at one of her birthday celebrations. She turned 96. Submitted by Peg Vander Molen.





## Craig's Trunk-or-Treat held Sat., Oct. 26 at the Craig Park

Another successful Trunk-or-Treat in Craig! Thanks again to the Erickson family for their hard work to make this a fun event! — Julie Plueger.



### New Neighbors on Prairie Rose Lane

After nearly 61 years on the farm, Jim and Verda Marienau have moved to Brunsville. They have been associated with Brunsville in many ways throughout the years, but are now official residents. Welcome to town!

### Come eat with Santa

Santa Claus will be at the Legion pancake breakfast on December 8 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.

### Brunsville Legion Pancake Breakfasts

All you can eat • Carryout available

Brunsville Legion Hall, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

\$10 adults • \$5 kids 5 to 9 • Kids 4 & under eat for free

Sun., Dec. 8—**Santa Claus arrives** Sun., March 9  
Sun., Jan. 12 Sun., April 13  
Sun., Feb. 9

### Upcoming Legion events

- Dec. 2 Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Dec. 8 Pancake breakfast, 8:30-1:00  
Santa present 10-11:30
- Dec. 14 Euchre, 7:00
- Jan. 6 Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Jan. 11 Euchre, 7:00
- Jan. 12 Pancake breakfast, 8:30-1:00
- Feb. 3 Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Feb. 8 Euchre, 7:00
- Feb. 9 Pancake breakfast, 8:30-1:00

Courtesy of Nichole Tonner.

### You're invited to Euchre Night

Register by 6:45 p.m., cards at 7 p.m.

Prizes depend on the number of players • \$5 entry, cash bar

Open to everyone — you don't need a partner



Sat., Dec. 14

Sat., Jan. 11

Sat., Feb. 8

Sat., March 8

Sat., April 12



## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Join us as we celebrate the holiday season from 8:30AM-3:00PM on Friday, December 13 at our annual Holiday Open House.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

- Thursday, November 28 - Closed
- Tuesday, December 24 - Closed at 12PM
- Wednesday, December 25 - Closed
- Wednesday, January 1 - Closed

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Thank you! We appreciate your submissions, donations and support.

Merry Christmas

— and —

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## Water leak found

The mystery of the city's water leak location has been solved. The leak was located on Prairie Rose Lane and has been repaired.

### Questions on your water bill?

Contact Steve at 712-533-6205 or email [cityofbrunsville@hotmail.com](mailto:cityofbrunsville@hotmail.com)

### Shopping for holiday gifts?

**Free centennial wine glasses and \$10 cookbooks are available**

Stop by Iowa State Bank of Brunsville for Brunsville Centennial wine glasses and cookbooks. The glasses are free and the 388-page cookbooks are only \$10. Both make great holiday gifts. *Hurry! Only four wine glasses are left!*

### 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.

### We need volunteers!

Sign up for a shift to help us make the shelter even more successful.

### Looking to adopt?

The shelter is full of animals ready to be welcomed into a new home.

### Contact us today!



*Plymouth County Animal Shelter & Adoption*

1331 Hawkeye Ave SW, Le Mars  
(712) 540-5919

[wetnoserescue@outlook.com](mailto:wetnoserescue@outlook.com) or  
[aaeyes2011@gmail.com](mailto:aaeyes2011@gmail.com)



Above: Gwen hangs out with a friend.

## Henrietta, aka Gwen the Hen

Who remembers the town chicken from a couple years ago?

Here is an update on Henrietta, aka Gwen the Hen, or, for a little bit, the town hen. She is doing well and loves living with her other hen mates. Right now she is molting in preparation of getting her new feathers to keep her warm in the winter.

Molting is a natural process that occurs annually in chickens, when they shed their old feathers and grow new ones. Chickens typically molt in late summer and early fall, and the process can last 4 to 12 weeks. Chickens molt to replace their feathers for the winter months, and to focus their energy on feather regrowth instead of laying eggs.

They get lots a treats in return for their egg tax!

Submitted by Amanda Jastram.

## Quote 'Ems

I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him. — Galileo Galilei

Only a fool would try to compress a hundred centuries into a hundred pages of hazardous conclusions. We proceed. — Ariel and Will Durant

All autobiographies are alibi-ographies. — Clare Boothe Luce

The art of writing is the art of applying the seat of the pants to the seat of the chair. — Mary Heaton Vorse

The more sins you confess, the more books you will sell. — Anonymous

As a girl my temper often got out of bounds. But one day when I became angry at a friend over some trivial matter, my mother said to me, "Elizabeth, anyone who angers you conquers you." — Sister Elizabeth Kenny

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