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Scott Plueger of Plueger Drywall

Pluggin' Away at Plueger Drywall

Looking for quality work from an area native while remaining patient? Then you're the perfect customer for Scott Plueger, owner and sole operator of Plueger Drywall.

After graduating in 1984, Scott farmed with his dad until he took over Darrell Luken's drywall business in 1987 ("It was either take over or be unemployed," he says). He then moved from his parents' house to across the section. He heated his garage and his business has been located there ever since.

More than just a small business owner, Scott is a contributor to the community. He's been a Sunday school teacher and secretary at Christ Lutheran Church. He's also kept cattle for the past 7 years. His family stays connected to the community as well. In 1988, he married Michelle Klemme from Akron. They have a son, Jerrod, who was born in 1990 and will get married June 23. His wedding dance will be in the Brunsville Legion. Their daughter, Nicole, was born in 1992 and is studying occupational therapy at USD. She is Brunsville's Centennial queen.

Scott's clients are located up to an hour away, and most are located in Sioux County. "I've had a lot of luck up there because once you're in, you're in."

Scott doesn't worry about competition. Although he works by himself, he keeps plenty busy. In the past he had t-shirts bearing his business name printed, but Scott doesn't currently advertise. So how do people hear about his business? "Word of mouth," he says.

When asked about cons, Scott replies, "The push. Customers are impatient. They aren't worried about quality as much as when the job will get done." But when asked about pros, Scott replies, "The people."

So if you need some drywall work done, give Scott a call. But be patient. And no pushing.

Providing Hope with Hospice

Janice Renken has the difficult task of comforting terminally ill patients toward the end of their lives. Yet she receives no monetary reward. She is a volunteer for the Hospice of Siouxland and also works as a bereavement volunteer. She has provided care for the past 30 years.

Hospice is an organization of volunteers concerned with the quality of life for the terminally ill and their families. "No one is ever turned away from Hospice care," Janice notes.

When her mother passed away from cancer in August 1978, there were no programs like Hospice. So when Hospice volunteer training was offered at Westmar College, Janice took it. When her sister, Marilyn, fell ill, Janice was her hospice volunteer. Marilyn said of Janice, "There's my angel. She will take care of me."

"I'm honored to be called to be with clients, family and friends," Janice says.

The Hospice of Plymouth County started in a mobile unit south of Floyd Valley Hospital in July 1991. Judy Beverly was their first Hospice nurse. Now they have a small office at Floyd Valley Hospital. The main Hospice office is at 4300 Hamilton Blvd in Sioux City. Linda Todd is executive director and Judy Becker is hospice coordinator. Janice's volunteer is Val Owens, who joined in 2008. "I have learned a lot from Melanie Kruse, one of our hospice nurses," Janice says.

The nurses work closely with the doctors and are immediately available for advice on how to control the pain. They have social workers, counselors, a chaplain, home health care and loyal, devoted volunteers.



Janice Renken volunteers with Hospice of Siouxland

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****Brunsville's Easter Egg Hunt will be April 7. Watch for signs to be posted!****

Our Sympathies go to

Mona Schultz, whose grandson, **Aric Orban** passed away March 4.

Thinking of You

Polly Harms, who is receiving hospice at Brentwood.

Glad You're Better

Gene Dickman is home from the hospital and doing well.

Lynn Chenoweth is doing better.

Birthdays

Belated & Upcoming through 4/16

Michaela & Zachary Burkard Feb. 2—

They turn 20

Rod Renken March 3

Nancy Willer March 9

Susan Willer March 9

Witch Renken March 11

Brenda Galles March 11

Lisa Lehner March 12—If Joe throws a party, G.D. will be there

Benson Rieken March 13

Scooter Magoofer Rollinger (Joe's dog) March 13

Kate Kruse March 14

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 Oetken March 19

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

Nancy Schlichte March 20

Jim Heeren March 20—He turns 50 years old

Todd Osterbuhr March 24

Jen Marienau March 26

Chris Schlichte March 29

Josh Babcock March 30

Mary Renken April 2

Judy Bowman April 2

Warren Oetken April 5

Mary Korthas April 7

Denise Renken Anthony April 7

Kelli Babcock April 10

Grace Westhoff April 13

Delores Westhoff April 13

Brooks Beitelspacher April 15

Darwin Lubben April 15

Orval Siebens April 15

Kenny Taylor April 16

Anniversaries

Warren & Sheryl Oetken April 3

Scott & Peggy Linstrand April 15

Stu & Donna Dickman April 16

Travels

Vernon & Karen Harrington went to Weslaco, TX February 9 to see friends. They spent the week at Leisure World.

Beth & Tim Rollinger & daughter Amy went to Hawaii on vacation in February.

Stan & Mary Korthas went to Des Moines the weekend of the 18th & 19th to celebrate the 35th birthday of their son, Matt.

Stu & Donna Dickman & family traveled to Des Moines February 28 to see Gehlen Catholic play in the State Girls Semi-final Basketball game and Maggie cheer. They lost the game but they had a great year capped off by the first appearance in the State Tournament.

Jen & Jason Marienau went to Las Vegas March 10-15.

Al Willer, Don Beitelspacher & Darv Ladenthin went to the Sioux City Public Museum. They enjoyed it and would recommend it to anyone.

Kudos to...

Workers at the February pancake breakfast for the record number of people: 470!

Kylie Westhoff, who went to the GK Blaze Meet in Coralville, IA. Her picture was printed in the *Daily Sentinel*. Way to go, Kylie!

~ Scholar of the Month ~

Vernon Harrington

Proud Grandparents

Some Brunsville residents met **Bev Hultquist's granddaughter, Madison Rae**. She is a very cute baby!

G.D. and Hank Farmer proudly looked on as their grandkids **Riley, Seth, Benson and Bowen** did their Sunday school skit.

Stan & Mary Korthas' granddaughter, Devon Korthas, age 7, had her artwork chosen to be displayed at the Des Moines Art Center. She received a scholarship for art classes at the art center.

Darv Ladenthin and Mary Singer traveled to Des Moines March 8 to spend time with their new granddaughter, Olivia.

Good Times with The Garden Club

Carol Schlotfeldt is hosting the Garden Club Meeting at her house on March 13 at 7pm. Everyone-whether you're interested in becoming a member or not-is welcome to attend.

Recipe of the Month: Cherry Cheesecake

3/4 c. butter softened

1 1/2 c. sugar divided

2 eggs beaten

1 c. sour cream

2 1/2 c. flour

1/2 tsp. salt

1 tsp. soda

1 can cherry pie filling or strawberry or blueberry

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 c. pecans

Cream butter & 1 c. sugar. Add beaten eggs and sour cream. Add to butter mixture. Stir in flour, salt & soda. Combine well. Spread 1/2 of batter in greased 9x13 pan. Spread pie filling over batter evenly. Drop & spread remaining batter on top of filling & sprinkle with remaining sugar & cinnamon. Garnish with pecans. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes or until done. If desired, drizzle baked coffeeecake with 1 1/2 c. powdered sugar, 1/4 tsp vanilla and 3 T. warm water.

- submitted by Charlotte Lubben

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Of her work, Janice says, "It's compassionate, comforting touch with gentle assistance to help families cope by wiping a tear or two, holding their hands, and showing God's love in word and deed, revealing His heart in time of great need." She feels her work shows God's love and how special people are. She receives great personal rewards from patients' families by just holding a hand or seeing them smile. She also finds reward in the lasting friendships with the patients' families. "I've received many letters and phone calls from the families for the care and compassion for their loved ones," she adds.

In 2003 Janice was awarded Iowa Hospice Organization Volunteer of the Year at the Iowa State Center in Ames. She was recognized for her outstanding commitment that assured success of Hospice caring. "It's an inspiration to provide Hospice care to anyone who needs it. It's hard to see your loved ones suffer and we want to give them quality of life," she notes.

In 2009 Hospice of Siouxland dedicated the Bouquet of Hope Garden, located on the south edge of Le Mars at 18th St. and 6th Ave S.W. Flowers from the garden are given to Hospice patients. Eugene Kruse offered the plot of land.

At Christmastime Janice serves as entertainment coordinator for Pioneer Village, where each loved one is honored with a Christmas tree ornament. She is also actively involved with St. Peter Lutheran Church, Good Samaritan Care Center, LCHS alumni, Four Seasons Garden Club, and the annual Art Pahl Accordion Fest.

"My family is very important to me," she says. This June Janice and her husband, Bill, will celebrate their 50th anniversary with family and friends at Brunsville Legion Hall.

Different

by James Willer

My next door neighbor, Alan, would get up before the sun rose in the east and hop on his black bicycle with the two silver baskets to deliver newspapers. What on earth would possess someone to get up that early each day and ride all over town in the cold, wet, and windy? I had a hard time getting up to get dressed and go downstairs to a warm kitchen. Alan did this delivery thing every day and then went to school afterwards. I also heard of farmers getting up that early to feed their cattle. This is hearsay as I was still sleeping at the time. In the military getting up early is part of the program and is not voluntary. Alan and those other farmers actually volunteered without a drill sergeant yelling at them. What kind of human animal inflicts this kind of suffering upon itself? Oh, they are just from Brunsville, no big thing. Thus ends the puzzlement for the day.

Upcoming Events at the Legion

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

March 24 Annual Plymouth County Pork Producers Banquet

April 14 Euchre Club

April 15 Legion Pancake Breakfast—All you can eat!

Corner Café Coverage

Dangerous Denise's Words of Wisdom

At some point you have to realize that some people can stay in your HEART, but not in your life.

Dangerous Dan's Words of Wisdom

Never regret anything that has happened in your life; it cannot be changed, undone or forgotten, so take it as a LESSON learned and move on.

UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE MONTH

Whatever I do, there's beer involved.
- Reno

Happy Hour 4-6 Mon. -Sat.

\$2 Domestic Beer & \$2 Well Drinks

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

Join us for Corn Beef & Cabbage on St. Patrick's Day!

Dodge City's Boot Hill

Dodge City's Boot Hill was started in 1872 as a convenience to saloon and parlor operators on Front Street. The hill was a high point for that part of Kansas, rising seventy-odd feet above Front Street to the northwest, when no part of town was out in that direction. Graves were shallow and shabby, often unmarked because the occupants were unknown. The deceased were as likely to be buffalo hunters as gunfighters, and they died from starvation, freezing, epidemic and the more notorious "lead poisoning" from a shootout on Front Street. Some gunfighters were buried there, including some victims of Wyatt Earp's pistols, but never as many as Hollywood would have us think.

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. 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



Throwing Darts Downtown Brunsville

There's more than just good food at the Corner Café! Stop in on a Thursday night and you'll find darts being thrown. Started 6 years ago in the Legion by Leona Martin, who had previously shot darts on leagues in Sioux City, dart league has become a mainstay at the Corner. It wasn't a smooth start, however.

"Some people thought it was a wussy sport," says Leona. "Tapper used to heckle us when we played darts." But after seeing how much fun shooting darts can be, he joined league.

There are four teams: The Crooked Halos include Tapper, Leona and Shawn Marienau; The Prairie Dogs include Clark, Lyle Kriener and

Jim Bolton; The Untouchables include Marvin Van Beek, Alice Kriener and Danelle Molson; and The Tossers include Jim Martin, Clint Kriener and Reno.

Some of the players had a chance to play in the Midwest Dart Championships on February 10. Leona, Tapper, Clark, Danelle, Marvin and Jim Martin attended. Leona, Tapper and Clark placed 6th.

"Next year we'd like to get more people to play," says Leona. Until then, she invites anyone to watch and support the league on Thursday nights starting at 7pm.

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Basketball teams from Gehlen Catholic and Le Mars Community enjoyed banner seasons this winter.

The Gehlen Catholic girls qualified for the Iowa Girls State Basketball Tournament for the first time in school history. The Jays shocked second-ranked North Butler in a first-round game before falling to Bedford in a semifinal.

Junior Katelin Langel was named to the all-tournament team while senior Steph Rohe was a second-team all-state selection by the Iowa Newspaper Association.

Gehlen's boys won the War Eagle Conference championship and made it all the way to a Class 1A district final before falling to Kingsley-Pierson 56-49.

The Le Mars Bulldogs claimed the Lakes Conference championship and lost to unbeaten MOC-Floyd Valley 61-58 in a Class 3A substate.

Flanagan and Family

Family
Photo
of the
Month



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