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Blasts from Brunsville's past

Left: View of the north side of the main street. L-R: Bank of Brunsville, grocery store, hardware store, pool hall and restaurant, Farmers Bank. Note the dirt road and hitching posts. Below left: Farmers Bank, one of the first buildings in town, was located on the east end of the north side of the main street. The smaller building to the right was later hauled away and used as a chicken coop. Below: The old railroad crossing lights are visible at the town entrance located at the intersection of Jet Road and K42.



The photo above is dated June 1910. Courtesy of the Plymouth County Historical Museum.



Above: Courtesy of the Plymouth County Historical Museum.

Life at the Legion



Albrecht is gun raffle winner

Dave Albrecht was the winner of the Sons of the American Legion gun raffle. He holds his prize, a SIG Sauer P365.

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 5-9 years
Kids 4 and under eat for free

Sun., Feb. 9 • Sun., March 9 • Sun., April 13

Upcoming events

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
Feb. 21	Casino Night
March 3	Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
March 8	Euchre, 7:00
March 9	Pancake breakfast, 8:30-1:00
April 5	Honor Flight Dinner
April 7	Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
April 12	Euchre, 7:00
April 13	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., Feb. 8 • Sat., March 8 • Sat., April 12

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. Problem solved.

In Memory of ...

Madisen Theisen, who passed away on January 14. Her parents are Brian and Lorie Theisen and her grandparents are LeRoy and Pat Borchers.

Marvin Urban, who passed away on January 20.

In Our Prayers

Judy Bowman
Donna Erickson
Denny Henrich
Jeanette Jensen
Vivian Johnson
Stan Meyer
Warren Oetken
Janice Plueger
Tammy Popken
Bill Renken
Janice Renken
Joan Renken
Rod Renken
Clark Schmitz
Kim Sherlock
Brooklyn Smit
Family & friends of Madisen Theisen
Family & friends of Marvin Urban
Max Utesch
Paul Utesch
Peggy Wilken

Please contact us if you'd like to add names to the prayer, birthday or anniversary list.

Birthdays

Eric Lubben Feb. 2
Addison Babcock Feb. 2
Vernon Harrington Feb. 3
Brenten Bruscher Feb. 3
Karen Oetken Feb. 5
Chris Waterbury Feb. 7
Verda Koerselman Feb. 7
Steve McHale Feb. 8
B.J. Rieken Feb. 8
Bowen Rieken Feb. 8
Joslyn & Jayde Sieburg Feb. 9
Gwenith Montgomery Feb. 9
Marilyn Plueger Feb. 9
Brystol & Rahlyd Gabel Feb. 10
Payton Bruscher Feb. 11
Harper Harms Feb. 11
Rob Von Hagel Feb. 12
Tim Rollinger Feb. 14
Rett Willer Feb. 14
Peggy Dickman Feb. 17
Keaton Koerselman Feb. 18
Dick Harms Feb. 19
Colan Borchers Feb. 19
Connie Seible Feb. 21
Jerret Westhoff Feb. 23
Elliot Kroll Feb. 27
Lincoln Renken Feb. 28
Angela Von Hagel Feb. 28
Mary Jane Tapper Feb. 28
Laura Willer Feb. 28
Lisa Livermore Feb. 28

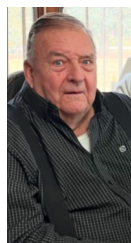
CITIZENS OF THE MONTH:

Sarah & Rod
Renken



Renken family attends Christmas Eve service

The Renken family attended the annual Christmas Eve candlelight service at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Submitted by Janice Renken.



Thank you

Thank you for all the birthday wishes on my 85th birthday. I appreciate the cards, texts, phone calls and my family.

Bill Renken

Celebrating a birthday

Janet (Ludwigs) Niehus turned 60 on Tuesday, January 14. She celebrated at the Corner with the famous candle. Many more, Janet!



Meanwhile, in Florida ...



Chris and Kathy Schlichte moved to Florida four years ago to get away from the Iowa winters. This January Iowa winters decided to visit them! While northwest Iowa residents dealt with subzero temperatures on January 21, Florida received 4.5 inches of snow. The photo above is of Chris and Kathy's front yard. They received 9.8 inches by the time the storm was over.

Submitted by Nancy Schlichte.

Annual "Do Not Freeze Ride" set for February 8

Cyclists participating in Bike Central's annual "Do Not Freeze Ride" will roll into Brunsville on Saturday, February 8. They'll stop at the Corner for lunch before heading back to Le Mars.

Answers to last month's town trivia questions

Photo location: **The corner of Prairie Rose Lane and Oak Street in the summer of 1993. In the background is what is now the entrance to the golf course parking lot.**

1. The population of Brunsville was just under 100 in 1915. **False. The population was 111 in 1915.**
2. The salary of the Brunsville postmaster was approximately \$2000 in 1915. **False. The salary was approximately \$200 in 1915.**
3. Graveling of the Brunsville streets began in 1928. **True. By July of 1932 the streets had been graded and gravelled.**
4. In 1929 the Brunsville high school girls changed into overalls and walked to town from Le Mars. **True. On March 28, 1929 the gals hiked from Le Mars to Brunsville after school.**
5. In 1955 an air compressor exploded in the basement of Reese's service station, which was located on the corner of Elm Street and Jet Road. **True.**
6. In 1941 Brunsville began holding "skirt and tie" dances. **False. In 1931 Brunsville began holding "apron and overall" dances.**
7. In the fall of 1930 there were 45 Brunsville school students. **False. In the fall of 1930 were 60 students: 36 in the lower grades, 24 in the 5th-8th grades.**
8. The last time the Brunsville school was open was in the spring of 1970. **True.**

Recycling and trash pick-up schedule

O.C. Sanitation empties recycling bins in Brunsville the fourth Friday of every month. Trash is picked up every Wednesday.

If the pick-up day falls on a holiday, the substitute date will be listed on the O.C. Sanitation Facebook page or website, ocsanitation.com/schedules.

Post office has new phone number

Need to contact the Brunsville post office? The new phone number is 712-305-0163. Colleen Hoppe is Brunsville's postmaster.

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.

Missed previous editions of The Brunsville Blitz?

Check out brunsvilleiowa.com

Interested in finding out more about St. Peter Lutheran Church?

Check out stpeterbrunsville.com

Get FREE centennial wine glasses, \$10 cookbooks

Stop by Iowa State Bank of Brunsville for Brunsville Centennial wine glasses and cookbooks. The glasses are free and the 388-page cookbooks full of delicious recipes are only \$10.

Both make great gifts for any occasion.

Hurry! Only two wine glasses are left!

Have something to publish?

The deadline for submissions is the 25th the month before publication.

Thank you!

Thank you for your support of The Brunsville Blitz! The paper wouldn't be possible without you.

Please feel free to contact us anytime using one of the methods on the bottom of the back page.

Recipe of the month: Slow-Cooker Lasagna

1 lb. ground beef	1 pkg. 2% milk shredded
1 (26 oz.) jar spaghetti sauce	Mozzarella cheese, divided
1 c. water	1/4 c. regular grated Parmesan cheese or 1/3-less-fat Parmesan cheese, divided
6 lasagna noodles, uncooked	1 egg
1 (15 oz. ctn. ricotta cheese or small-curd cottage cheese	2 T. chopped parsley

Brown meat in large skillet; drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce and water. Mix ricotta, 1 1/2 c. Mozzarella cheese, 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, egg and parsley. Spoon 1 cup meat sauce into slow-cooker, top with layers of half each of noodles, broken to fit and cheese mixture. Cover with 2 cups remaining sauce. Top with remaining noodles, broken, cheese mixture and meat sauce. Cover with lid, cook for 4 to 6 hours, or until liquid is absorbed. Sprinkle with Mozzarella cheese and let stand, covered, 10 minutes, or until melted.

Note: For best results do not cook on high heat setting.

The above recipe was submitted by Peggy Wilken and can be found on page 242 of the Brunsville Centennial Cookbook that was published in 2010. Centennial cookbooks are available for \$10 at Iowa State Bank in Brunsville.

Keep your passwords safe from hackers

A short password may be easy for you to remember, but easy for hackers to guess. If your password consists of only five characters, hackers can use sophisticated software to determine your password instantly. This is true of five-character passwords that consist of a combination of numbers, symbols, and upper and lowercase letters.

What about passwords that include six characters? Hackers can determine your password in seconds. Seven-character passwords can be breached in minutes.

If your password is at least 11 characters long and includes numbers and upper and lowercase letters, it may take hackers 41 years to crack. Include symbols and it will take 400 years to crack. If your password is 12 characters long, includes numbers, symbols and upper and lowercase letters, it may take hackers 34,000 years to crack.

At minimum, your password should include at least 10 characters and include numbers, symbols and upper and lowercase letters. Passwords shorter than 10 characters will take only a few days to crack.

Data sourced from HowSecureismyPassword.net. See <https://www.komando.com/tips/cybersecurity/check-your-password-strength/> to read the full article.

A dose of laughter

What's the difference between a well-dressed man on a bike and a poorly dressed man on a unicycle?

Attire.

Quote 'Ems

Every person is defined by the communities she belongs to.
— Orson Scott Card

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. — Francis of Assisi

When "I" is replaced with "We," even illness becomes wellness. — Malcolm X

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. — Margaret Mead

When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion. — Ethiopian Proverb

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. — Mahatma Gandhi

You can stand tall without standing on someone. You can be a victor without having victims. — Harriet Woods

The power of the community to create health is far greater than any physician, clinic or hospital. — Mark Hyman

Educate a boy, and you educate an individual. Educate a girl, and you educate a community. — Adelaide Hoodless

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' — Martin Luther King, Jr.

If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it. — Margaret Fuller

Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more. — H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. — Sherry Anderson

We need volunteers!

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

Looking to adopt?

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

Contact us today!



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