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Meet The Women of The Corner...Cafe



Left: Andrea Raasch, Candy Harms Lambert, Doris Taylor, Kathy Renken.
Above: Doris & Rich Taylor are welcomed back while visiting from Texas.

On Tuesday, July 17, four amazing women gathered to talk about what it's like to own and run the Corner Café.

Kathy Renken, along with her husband, Don, ran the Corner for 20 years. Her first day was August 1, 1979 and her last day was August 1, 1999. She says she had lots of favorite customers because she was so gullible. "People would get under my skin." Gordy Linstrand, for instance. And she loved James Willer. "Al Willer always gave me a hard time-still does." She loves the remodeling and the owners. "We're so lucky to have a place to go. I wish locals would realize that. We especially noticed it when it was closed (for a while)." Sometimes she wishes she'd kept the Corner a little longer, "but I enjoy life more not having it," she smiles.

Doris Taylor owned the Corner from 1999 until 2004. She started by working for Kathy. After two weeks Doris asked her, "You ever think about selling this place?" Kathy thought about it over the weekend and they worked out a deal soon afterward. Why did Doris choose to run the Corner? "I took it as a challenge," she beams. Plus she hated working her previous job. Doris was famous for recruiting customers to play Town Feud (aka Family Feud) and was one of the first of the smaller bars to hold karaoke. She had mixed feelings about selling the Corner. "I hated leaving friends but I'd already bought a house in Texas."

Candy Harms Lambert is the daughter of the late Polly Harms, who owned the Corner 2004 until 2006. "Mom loved it here," Candy recalls. Polly served breakfast, had daily specials, and held poker runs. "She had to have it open at 6am," Candy says. Polly always sat at the large round table. She wouldn't let anyone sit there except the card players. "Mom had always wanted to own the Corner. She cooked for many different places: Plymouth County Home, Archie's Waeside...She made everything from scratch."

Cheri Schumacher was the next owner but she was not able to be at the Corner July 17. Much of the interior remodeling was completed when she ran the business. Andrea Raasch started at the Corner on Oct. 7, 2010. She runs the Corner with her husband, Dave. "It's getting busier, we're getting more of a steady crowd and they're getting used to us being open. The people are very nice. I'm very glad they want to come back," Andrea says. "We hope to be here many more years. It's been a challenge but it's going good."

Four Seasons Garden Club Yard of the Month



Bill & Janice Renken & Janice's brother, Rodney Tammen, stand behind the sign. Janice says Bill & Rodney helped her immensely with the upkeep of the yard.

Please Pray

Mark Brown's daughter, Mara, had open heart surgery and is recovering at the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital.

He's Recovering!

Bill Renken is improving dramatically after his farm machinery accident on July 5. Way to go, Bill!

Birthdays

David Small August 1
Darv Ladenthin August 1
Benjamin Morehead Aug. 1
Andrea Raasch Aug. 4
Seth Oetken Aug. 11
Mitchell Morehead Aug. 11
Harold Gross Aug. 14
Faith Worley Aug. 18
Rob Wiese Aug. 18
Heather Von Hagel Aug. 25
Joan Renken Aug. 28
Trent Osterbuhr Aug. 29

Anniversary

Josh & Sheila Fuller Aug. 12

We Want to Know!

What are your pets' names?

They're family too!

Tell G.D. or Susan & we'll include names in the next edition!

Did you know there are ghosts in kick ball?

- Lori Wilken

The St. Louis Zoo is the only zoo you don't have to pay to get in. (Everything else costs.)

Seattle, WA has a new state flower: Mildew.

OLD TIME MOVIE TRIVIA

1. How many Marx brothers were there?
2. Name 2 brothers who made the Saint movies in the 40's.
3. Name 3 gentlemen who played Charlie Chan in the movies.
4. Name 2 sisters who appeared in 30's & 40's movies.
5. The last "Road to" movie with Bing Crosby & Bob Hope included what woman star?
6. Name the 3 movie titles in which Leo Gorcey & Huntz Hall played teenage gang members always in trouble.
7. How many movies were Richard Burton & Elizabeth Taylor in together?

Answers on next page.

Travels

Bev, Kathy, Kim & Gerry Sue visited **Cheri Rieken** at Lake Ozark, MO June 21-June 25. They had a great time.

Benson Rieken, his aunt Rebecca & cousin Melody visited his **grandma Cheri** in MO.

Gene Dickman spent a week in Aurora, NE with daughters **Susan Braun & Stacie Faber**. He had a great time spending time with family and having coffee with the locals.

They went fishing! **Reno Dickman, Stan Korthas, Steve Sherrill, Gaylen Tapper, Dave Borchers, Dave Jurgensen, Rick Westhoff, Mark, Joe & Judd Herzberg, Darwin Herbst, & Gary Van Wyhe** went to Lake Erie at Port Clinton, OH. They left July 20, stayed overnight in IL and arrived Sat. morning. They returned home July 26. Dickman, Korthas, Sherrill, Tapper, Borchers and Jurgensen go every year. Friday night the area experienced high winds so they only caught about half their limit every day. Tapper caught the biggest fish: It was a 30 1/2" walleye. Sherrill drank the most beer.

Proud Grandparents

Madison Rae Weiler was baptized by **Pastor Ben Worley** at St. Peter's Church on June 30. Sponsors were **Beau Hultquist & Dawn Weiler**. Grandparents are **Bev Hultquist & Loran & Doris Weiler**.

Brenda (Alicia's waitress at the Corner) is a proud new grandma to **Eli James Hathaway**.

Congratulations!

Steve Renken & wife Shannon welcomed daughter London on June 25. They also have a son, Lincoln, who is 6 years old.

Sandra (Renken) Johnson & husband Nick are expecting in February. They have a daughter, Mckinley, who is 18 months old.

Jerrod Plueger & Denae Bauer were married June 23.

Molly Jongma & Dan Carpenter were married July 14. They recently moved to Brunsville. Welcome!

Krystal Plueger & Joe Stonesifer were married July 28.

Don Beitelspacher was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Plymouth County Fair.

Bring On the Birds!

Recipe for Hummingbird Syrup

1 c. sugar

4 c. water

Stir until dissolved.

NO RED FOOD COLORING.



With Much More Than Just Luck

Callie Mae Tournillon, granddaughter of Marlyn & Mary Renken, daughter of Suzy (Renken) & Jeff Tournillon, recently competed in an Irish Dance competition in Chicago, IL, and placed 1st in the Irish Reel Dance.

Callie has had the opportunity to perform in front of thousands all over the Chicagoland area, including on the field at US Cellular Field, where the White Sox play. This Summer, Callie will travel to Milwaukee, WI, to compete in 4 more competitions.

Callie began taking Irish dancing lessons a year ago at Trinity School of Irish Dance. And yes, she is wearing a wig.



ATTENTION!

All men who are interested in joining the Sons of the American Legion with the Brunsville Legion Post 724 are highly encouraged to attend the upcoming meeting for more information. This is open to ALL interested parties. At least 10 new members must sign up to create the Sons of the American Legion. There is a decline in members because they are older and dying. Men who haven't served in the military are able to join through their parents' discharge.

The Sons' mission is to gather support for veterans and their families, encourage patriotism and Americanism, and promote programs that benefit the youth of our country.

Brunsville Legion Meeting

Mon., Aug. 6 at 8PM

You may also check out the following for more information: <http://www.legion.org/sons/faq>.

Poker Run & Fund Raiser benefiting Rhonda & Krystal Leach

Aug. 25 at Panhead Bar & Grill in Marcus

Sign-up 10am-Noon \$20/Rider, \$5/Passenger

Rhonda was diagnosed June 27th with stage 4 lung & bone cancer. One week later her daughter, Krystal, was hit by a train after visiting her in the hospital.

Contact Cliff: 541-5520 or Doug: 540-0635 Donations-First Trust & Savings, Marcus

ANSWERS TO OLD MOVIE TRIVIA: 1. Six: Groucho, Chico, Harpo, Zeppo, Gummo & an infant son who died. 2. George Sanders & Tom Conway. 3. Warner Oland, Sidney Toler, Roland Winters. 4. Constance Bennett & Joan Bennett. 5. Joan Collins. 6. The Bowery Boys, Dead End Kids & The East Side Kids. 7. Ten.

Corner Café Coverage

Words of Wisdom from Dangerous Denise

Nobody's perfect. We all have at least 1 crack!

Words of Wisdom from Dangerous Dan

I don't have a short temper.

I just have a quick reaction to bullshit.

Old Vaquero Saying

There is no shame in not knowing; the shame lies in not finding out.

To Pardon, or Not to Pardon

Fact or Fiction: Did Billy the Kid Kill 21 Men?

Actually Bill single handedly killed 4 men & participated in 5 shootings, for a total of 9 men.

When 2 cars collide, I would call that a crash. An accident would be more like if you pooped your pants.

-Another Deep Thought by Todd Osterbuhr

BIKER NIGHT EVERY THURSDAY THROUGH SUMMER

Enjoy Rick's Fantastic Burgers, Steaks & Brats!

Sit inside or out

Corner Café Evening Specials

Mon. Alicia's Mexican Specialties

Tues. Corner Burger & Fries \$6.95

Wed. 8 pc. Broasted Chicken & Fries \$10.99

Thurs. Chef's Choice \$???? (See Above!)

Fri. & Sat. 8-10 oz. Prime Rib, Salad, & Potato \$13.95

16 oz. King Cut Prime Rib & Potato \$15.95

Extra Plate \$2

Sports Spotlight

Meet Two Members of the Le Mars All*Stars-(11u)

Anthony Lamoreux and Riley Oetken enjoyed their time playing at the Northwest Little League field located by El Fredo's in Sioux City. Anthony will be starting 5th grade at Clark School this fall while Riley will be starting 6th grade. They took time from their busy schedules to share what life is like being part of the Le Mars All*Stars.

So what is it like? "Awesome!" Anthony, who plays left field beams. Second baseman Riley replies, "Pretty good. If we won more games it would be better."

The best thing about being a member? "Meeting new friends," Anthony says. "Hanging out," Riley notes.

Any advice for future All*Stars? "Never give up," Anthony replies, then adds, "Do what the coaches tell you." Riley sums it up in 3 words: "Work your best."



Anthony Lamoreux & Riley Oetken hang out on the Brunsville Park bridge.

Members: 1 Anthony Lamoreux, 2 Alec Dreckman, 3 Cade Webner, 4 Alex Irwin, 5 Aisea Toki, 6 Connor Ouradnik, 8 Jakob Bixenman, 11 Riley Oetken, 20 James Kellen, 21 Laken Macal, 22 Caden Kneip, 23 Gabe Eckstaine.

Coaches: Rick Kneip, Scott Boylan, Tom Kellen

GO, MOLLY!

Molly Renken played a key role for the Le Mars Community High School softball team that finished 28-10 and came within a game of the state tournament.

Renken, a junior, had an 18-8 pitching record with a 1.78 ERA, striking out 176 batters.

The Bulldogs reached a regional final, losing a 2-1 battle to Sioux City Bishop Heelan. Le Mars finished in a three-way tie for the Lakes Conference title with Emmetsburg and Estherville-Lincoln Central, each posting 11-3 league marks.

GO, COLAN!

Sophomore Colan Borchers had a stellar season on the mound for the Le Mars High School baseball team. Borchers finished with a 6-3 record and 56 strikeouts.

The Bulldogs won their second straight Lakes Conference championship and came within a game of the state tournament, losing to Sioux City Bishop Heelan in a substate final at Lewis and Clark Park.

'Chipping Away At Cancer' is a Success

Warm temperatures didn't keep 44 golfers from "Chipping Away at Cancer" by playing in a golf tournament fundraiser at the Prairie Rose Golf Course, in Brunsville.

Kenzie Ludwigs and Sarah Geddes, two Plymouth County residents, organized the four-person, best ball tournament on Saturday, July 14.

Geddes said she lost her mother to cancer about two years ago and she and Ludwigs know a lot of people affected by cancer.

"We raised about \$2,000 for Rally for the Cure and the American Cancer Society," Geddes said. "We had a great turnout and a lot of fun."

Eleven foursomes played in the 18-hole tournament.

The winning team with the lowest tournament score of 63 included Clark Schmitz, Mick and Shane Muth and Craig Oetken, according to Geddes.

There was support for the fundraiser from businesses.

"We had hole sponsors and would like to thank businesses from the surrounding areas for being sponsors and providing door prizes," she said.

Plans will be made for a second "Chipping Away At Cancer" tournament next summer, Geddes said.

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See next page for more info on Prairie Rose Golf.

From War to Wedded Bliss: Ottie Kleihauer Offers Glimpse into His Life



Left: Ottie as army corporal. Above: Jeannine & Ottie today. Right: Ottie signed his photo, To Mother with Love, Otto.



Serving His Country

When he was 20 years old, Ottie Kleihauer served as corporal in World War II, traveling to Germany, Belgium and France. And he is not without a story or two.

While at sea, Kleihauer ran into his brother-in-law, who was serving in the Navy. The two were on separate ships but the ships were stopped so that the two could converse.

Kleihauer was able to lead a man to Christianity. As German buzz bombs exploded nearby, a fellow soldier cried out, "How can I be saved?" Kleihauer responded, "Turn to God." The soldier declared, "If God will save me, I will be a good church worker after this." God did spare him and he kept his promise.

Once the war was over in '45, Kleihauer felt like he had changed. He also didn't have a car. He had a tough time locating one because tires were rationed.

Finding Love

Fast forward to 1990. While at a dance at the Brunsville Legion, Ray and the late Dorothy Lubben introduced Kleihauer to a woman named Jeannine. He asked her to dance.

"He was a good dancer," Jeannine remembers. "He taught me a lot about dancing."

The two got more acquainted on a Good Neighbors Club cruise and on December 13, 1991, they were married. Jeannine had to move to the farm because Kleihauer was not done farming. Then approximately nine years ago, the couple moved to Brunsville.

Prairie Rose Golf Club Tournament Schedule

Sat., Aug. 4 Le Mars Basketball Fundraiser Tournament, 3-Person Best Ball, 9AM Shotgun Start

Sat., Aug. 11 Brunsville Open, 18 Holes, Men's & Women's Divisions, 8AM Shotgun Start

Sun., Aug. 12 Perera's Golf Tournament, 10AM (Contact Perera's to sign up)

Sun., Aug. 19 Corner Café Golf Tournament (Contact Corner Café to sign up)

Fri., Aug. 24 Couples Outing, 9 Holes, 6PM Shotgun Start

Sat., Sept. 15 3-Person Scramble, 8" Cup, 18 Holes, 9AM

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Greetings Brunsville, Time for an Update from AFGNMARK:

In Afghanistan, we are going through a period called Ramazan which is spelled 'Ramadan' in other Islamic countries. This is a time for a cleansing of body and soul by not eating or drinking when the sun is up. The dates for Ramazan run from 20 July to 18 August.

People who have made it through the day begin their night eating by breaking their fast by eating dates and then into their meal. In the morning, people have to get up, eat and drink before the sun comes up.

At the end of Ramazan, there is a festival called Eid al-Fitr. This follows Ramazan with the first full moon after August 18. The Afghans describe Eid al-Fitr as Christmas. For three days people can eat drink and exchange gifts.

Although Ramazan is the biggest religious holiday in the area, the fighting has not slowed down a bit. Every Sunday morning I go to the front of ISAF Headquarters for the weekly honoring of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Lately we have been averaging 11 American families getting the worst news they can imagine. For the last two weeks, one of the casualties was a woman.

At this time we have had 5,026 insurgents leave the battlefield opting for peace and the future of Afghanistan. Afghanistan has the opportunity to be a lot of things, but one thing it will never be is Brunsville.
-submitted by Mark Brown

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Recipe of the Month: Cucumber & Onions

4 cucumbers

1 purple onion

Salt

Cut up cucumbers & onion & place
in bowl. Add salt. Cover bowl with
plate & set in refrigerator 3-4 hours.

Drain.

Dressing:

1 c. mayonnaise

1/2 c. sugar

2 T. vinegar

Pour over cucumbers & onions.

Enjoy!

- submitted by *The Old Clucks*

Family Photo of the Month



The Lubben Family (2004)

CORRECTION: Michaela Burkard is one of the Brunsville Centennial princesses. She was listed as Centennial Queen in the June edition. Nichole Plueger is Centennial Queen. My apologies!

Hey, You! Please Contribute! The more news, the better!

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