

# The Brunsville Blitz

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## Good times with Santa and Mrs. Claus

The annual Christmas party brought happiness to the Brunsville Legion. Attendees enjoyed chicken noodle soup, chili, cookies, and other snacks. The kids received bags of candy, played with balloons on the dance floor, and even sang! Event-goers could also enjoy a hay ride around town. Donna Taylor, event coordinator, would like to thank Greg & Jeanne Lammers for providing hay rides, Kelly Beitelspacher of Premium Feed and Grain for sponsoring Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Clauses for their time and cheer, Betty Beitelspacher for the chicken noodle soup, Candy for reserving the Legion, Steve Dickman for the generous contribution, everyone who made cookies, G.D., Mary Korthas, LaRae Ludwigs, Peggy Wilken, Don Beitelspacher, Darv Ladenthin, Mary Singer, Karen and Vernon Harrington, and everyone else who helped make the Christmas party a success. And thank you, Donna, for decorating, making the chili and heading up the event!

## Restoration of Brunsville Depot bench brings back memories



The restored bench sits along the south wall of the dance floor in the Brunsville Legion

Thanks to the Four Season Garden Club, Steve Dickman and Vernon Harrington, the bench from Brunsville's long-gone train depot is restored. It now sits along the south wall of the dance floor inside the Brunsville Legion.

Vernon Harrington and his brother, Loren, rode the train from Brunsville to Merrill with their grandma Annie Siebens.

Al Willer never rode the train but recalls Albert Osterbuhr retrieving mail from the train for post mistress Dolly Richards. The train would leave Sioux City, stop in numerous towns along the way including James, Hinton, Merrill, Brunsville, and other towns along the way up to nearby Huron, SD. It would then come back the same day. "If you had a relative in the

Gene Dickman and cousin Harold Harms rode the train to Merrill where they would go swimming. The passenger train came through Brunsville at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. He doesn't recall how much it cost to ride the train but he did receive a quarter for a basket of cobs that post mistress Richards would take into her garage behind the office. The train didn't have many passengers except during World War II when it was loaded with army soldiers. One day Gene found an army cap along the tracks. He was pretty excited about his find.

When the railroad ties were pulled up, Gene recalls, they were taken to Mexico.



Pepper is January's Pet of the Month

## Pepper is back!

You've heard of survivor man, well, how about survivor cat? Tim & Beth Rollinger's cat, Pepper, was missing for five weeks and one day, but has been miraculously returned. Pepper left on his usual rounds on a Sunday morning but did not return until five weeks later. Thanks to Pastor Ben and Faith Worley, he is back home. He had shown up at the front door of Christ Lutheran Church and Pastor and Faith brought him in, fed him and called the Rollingers. Pepper had lost half his body weight and has a bad-looking eye but otherwise seems to be in good shape. He will probably be back to his old tricks in no time at all! Hopefully he will think twice about jumping in someone's car for a ride he did not intend to take.—Beth Rollinger

## *In Our Prayers*

The family of Ceil Borchers

Ray Lubben

Flanagan for the loss of his dad, James

Barry Poe for the loss of his dad, Max

## *Birthdays* 1/13 through 2/10 *(plus belated)*

**Jay Toel** Dec. 29

**Molly Carpenter** Jan. 5

**Mary Poe** Jan. 13

**Taylor Oetken** Jan. 13

**Joyce Willer** Jan. 25

**Peggy Wilken** Jan. 25

**Tammy Wiese** Jan. 25

**Anna Chenoweth** Jan. 26

**Alisha Schlichte** Jan. 27

**Denny Borchers** Jan. 27

**Michelle Plueger** Jan. 28

**Eric Lubben** Feb. 2

**Vernon Harrington** Feb. 3

**Steve McHale** Feb. 8

**B.J. Rieken** Feb. 8

**Bowen Rieken** Feb. 8

## *Anniversaries* through 2/10

**Greg & Jeanne Lammers** Jan. 31

### **Recipe of the Month: Pecan Turtle Cake**

Prepare a German chocolate cake mix according to package directions. Bake 1/2 the batter in a greased 9x13 pan for 15 min. Melt together 3/4 c. margarine, 1/2 c. evaporated milk & 14 oz. bag caramels while the cake is baking. Pour over hot cake & sprinkle with 1 c. chocolate chips & 1 c. pecan pieces. Pour the rest of the cake batter over the above & bake another 15-20 min.

Frosting:

Mix 1 (3 oz.) instant butter pecan pudding & 1 c. milk together & add 1 (8 oz.) Cool Whip. Frost cake when cooled & refrigerate.

- submitted by Mary Singer

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Brian & Nikki Eisma with son, Max.

G.D. was very glad to meet Max Eisma. "He's adorable!" she says.

## *Congratulations!*

**Scott and Kerri Hoffman** are expecting a son at the end of March. The Hoffmans have two daughters. Scott is owner of Scooter's in Brunsville.

**Steve & Glenda McHale** are first prize winners and **Dan & Molly Carpenter** are second prize winners of the Brunsville Four Season Garden Club's Holiday Lighting Contest.

## **TRAVELS**

**Reno** is going to Fort Myers, Florida to help **brother Stan** with his Minnesota Twins Fantasy Camp Jan. 5-13.

**Stu Dickman and daughter Maggie**, who is a senior at Gehlen Catholic, will be going to Honduras on a mission trip on March 21, returning on March 31. Their project will be to supply fresh water for the small mountain village of Las Uvas. They will be part of a team that includes approximately 15 student missionaries and 10 adult missionaries. Gehlen always sends their team during the week leading up to Easter with one of the highlights being a live reenactment of Jesus' stations of the cross that takes place on Good Friday in the village of Esquias. They look forward to sharing their experiences with the Blitz upon their return and ask for prayers of support for this endeavor.

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# Brunsville Sons of The American Legion receives charter



The Sons of The American Legion Heeren-McHale-Wilken Post #724 of Brunsville squadron received its charter from state Legion officials. Charter members attending the meeting were (seated) -- Mike Vander Molen, chaplain; Barry Cornish, vice commander; Ronald Ludwigs, commander; Stan Meyer, adjutant & Glenn Moller, sergeant-at-arms. Standing -- Pat Hansen, John Willer, Todd Osterbuhr, Michael Beitelspacher, Jerry Puhl, Darwin Lubben, finance officer, Jason Marienau, Jay Willer & Ed Clark.

## Corner Café Coverage

GOOD NEWS! When asked how he is doing after his heart attack, Corner Dave replied, "I'm doing fine."

The Corner has reopened! Check out our new climate-controlled bar!

### Free education and fun right here in Brunsville!

The Coffee Club invites YOU to join them for lots of education & lots of laughter.  
8 a.m. weekdays at the Corner Café (Women meet Tuesdays & Fridays)

### Words of Wisdom from Dangerous Denise

People need to learn that their actions do affect other people. So be careful what you say & do, it's not always just about you!

### Words of Wisdom from Dangerous Dan

We always think we know what we want when in truth there is nothing we are less likely to know.

A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad.

*-Theodore Roosevelt*

*Hey, Todd!*

*Romance is in the air! Valentine's Day is coming soon! Lots of people get married that day-hint, hint!*

## Evening Specials

Note change in Thursday menu!

**Sun.** Serving Pizza only

**Mon.** Alicia's Mexican Specialties

**Tues.** Corner burger & fries \$6.95

**Wed.** 8 pc. broasted chicken & fries \$10.99

**Thurs. Alternating between: Spaghetti, garlic bread & salad OR Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes & gravy & vegetable \$7.95**

**Fri.** 8-10 oz. Prime Rib, salad, & potato \$13.95; 16 oz. King Cut Prime Rib & potato \$15.95

**Sat.** Ribeye Steak (12-14 oz.) with potato & Texas toast \$16.95

Oak Street Steak w/Corner's special seasonings (12-14 oz. Ribeye) w/potato & Texas toast \$16.95

Sirloin Steak Dinner (10-12 oz.) with Potato & Texas Toast \$12.95

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## Blast from Brunsville's past

### Opera House

**Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel, Feb. 27, 1914**  
**BRUNSVILLE: (Special Correspondence)**

A dance was held in the Brunsville Opera House Tuesday evening. A nice little crowd enjoyed this pleasant pastime. Brown's Orchestra, of Sioux City, furnished the music. The (*sic*) will be the last dance before Easter.

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*The Opera House also served as the dance hall behind the old bank.*

## Next Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, February 10, 8:30-1 ~ Brunsville Legion**

### Quote Me!

If you would like to spoil the day for a grouch, give him a smile.—Anonymous

*The world always looks brighter from behind a smile.—Anonymous*

*Start every day with a smile and get it over with.—W.C. Fields*

Family  
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of the  
Month



Gisela  
Dittman  
(G.D.),  
Doris  
Taylor  
&  
family

### Everyone is invited to contribute to the Blitz!

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