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'Even from Brunsville, your voice will be heard'



Mark Brown

Mark Brown, Brunsville native, was the speaker at the Memorial Day service held in the Brunsville Legion on May 27.

"Today, I am representing all services: As a salute to the Marines, I am wearing green; as a salute to the Air Force, I am wearing blue; as a salute to the Army, I am wearing black, and as a salute to the Navy, I've put on 30 pounds."

Brown is a member of Rolling Thunder, a veterans advocacy group that recently rode into Washington, DC to demonstrate for the American veterans who are unable to speak for themselves. "With more and more veterans returning from the Middle East physically and mentally wounded, more than ever their welfare becomes a concern for this group," he said. "Please check out the help available through the VA," he told veterans, "because you have earned it."

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Jongma finishes fifth in national contest

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Zach Jongma of Brunsville finished fifth in the 49th annual National SkillsUSA Motorcycle Service Technology Championships held here June 24-28.



Dirk Bak, Zach Jongma & Shane Conley

Jongma, the son of Dwayne and Mary Jongma of Brunsville, is employed at Salmen Cycle Solutions in Sioux City, where he now resides. He is a 2013 graduate of Western Iowa Tech Community College.

Contestants perform tasks representative of those encountered in a dealership's service department. Technical skills include performing scheduled maintenance tasks; use of service and parts manuals; precision measurement; brake service; chassis service and fuel delivery service inspection and repair.

Judges look for clean and organized work habits, as well as correct use of reference materials, the ability to follow directions and good technical skills.

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Nate Mosterd masters the sport mod



Bowen Rieken, Natalie Raasch, Benson Rieken & Andrea & Dave Raasch stand beside Nate Mosterd's sport mod.

As a youngster, Nate Mosterd remembers tagging along with his father, Loren, to Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, where Loren worked in the pit crew.

Now, he's following in his dad's footsteps.

Shortly after attending a race in Worthington, Minn., on Father's Day 2001, the Mosterds began building race cars. Since then, they've built seven cars, the latest a sport mod sponsored by Brunsville's Corner Cafe.

It took only several months for Nate and Loren Mosterd, along with several friends, to build a

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- *The Corner Café has a new cook! Check out page 3 to find out more info on her*
- *Check out the interview with Al Willer & Gene Dickman on pages 5 & 6*

Thinking of You

Mary Singer had knee surgery.
Leona Martin had back surgery.
Don Oetken is now living at Plymouth Manor.

Birthdays

Goodie Goodmanson June 9
Abbie Dickman July 2
Deb Campbell July 9
Rosanne Osterbuhr July 13
Janice Renken July 15
Dan Dickman July 17
Riley Oetken July 18
Sheila Fuller July 20
Ben Korthis July 22
Ryan Renken July 25
Cody Angerman July 25
Benjamin Worley July 25

SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Andrea Raasch



Madelyn Rose Leigh Sherlock

Congratulations!

Madelyn Rose Leigh was born to Jessica Sherlock on June 27. She weighed 7 lb., 12 oz. and was 18" long. She is granddaughter of Tammy & Rob Wiese & the late Bob Sherlock.

Molly & Dan Carpenter will be having a boy in October. They revealed the sex of the baby at their 4th of July party.

Kashton LeeRoy Waggoner was born to Larissa Rowe and Steve Waggoner on June 24. He weighed 8 lb. and was 19" long. He is grandson of Brian & Laurie Rowe and great-grandson of Sharon and the late Roger Utesch.

Mackenzie Katherine was born to Mike & Dawn McLaughlin on June 24. She weighed 6 lb., 8 oz. and was 19" long. Grandparents are Sharon & the late Roger Utesch.

Anniversaries

Gerry Sue & Eddie Kriener July 12
Marlyn & Mary Renken July 16
Dwayne & Mary Jongma July 26

Visitors

Kathy Renken recently welcomed two visitors from Texas.

Recipe of the Month:

No-Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Bars

Prep: 15 min. Cooling: 60 min. Yields: 60 bars (5 dozen)

Ingredients

2 c. peanut butter
3/4 c. (1 1/2 sticks) butter, softened
2 c. powdered sugar
3 c. graham cracker crumbs
2 c. Semi-Sweet Chocolate Mini Morsels

Directions

Grease 13 x 9-inch baking pan.
Beat 1 1/4 c. peanut butter & butter in large mixer bowl until creamy. Gradually beat in 1 c. powdered sugar. With hands or wooden spoon, work in remaining 1 c. powdered sugar, graham cracker crumbs & 1/2 c. morsels. Press evenly into prepared baking pan. Smooth top with spatula.
Melt remaining 3/4 c. peanut butter & remaining 1 1/2 c. morsels in medium, heavy-duty saucepan over lowest possible heat, stirring constantly, until smooth. Spread over graham cracker crust in pan. Refrigerate for at least 1 hr or until chocolate is firm. Cut into bars. Store in covered container in refrigerator. -submitted by a non-baker

QUOTE 'EMs

I got left back in the fifth grade so many times I started driving the rest of the class to school.
-Lonesome Jack

Be yourself, everyone else is taken.
-Scott Eastman

Winner of Four Seasons Garden Club Yard of the Month: Al Willer



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Pet of the Month: Karma



Owner: Barry Poe

Family Photo of the Month



Julie (Willer), Jon & Jonas Donnelly

The Donnelly Family

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Mark helped with public affairs in the Afghan office of the High Peace Council. His job was to convince the Taliban soldiers to quit fighting, leave the battlefield and return home. The council was able to convince 5,500 to quit the fight.

Brown explained the average person in Afghanistan "has a sixth grade education and their motto is, Why should we do it when we have the Americans to do it for us?"

He urged American Legion advocates to help veterans when they return home. He also urged them to speak up. "Even from Brunsville, your voice will be heard."

Brown completed his speech by donating a silk Afghan map to the American Legion.

Marlyn Renken was the presenter and Nicole Plueger was the singer. Owen Smith, current commander, introduced the laying of the wreath. Charlotte Meyer Lubben laid the wreath in honor of her late husband, Ray Lubben.

UPCOMING LEGION EVENTS

July 17 Plymouth County Legion Meeting 8pm

20 Kenzi Ludwigs & Travis Bultman Wedding Reception & Dance, DJ- Signature Sounds-Open to the Public

Aug. 3 Jim & Penny Harvey, Akron, 50th Anniversary Dance 7p-11p, Live Band 'THE SENDERS'-Open to the Public

Sept. 7 Steve & Lori Westhoff 25th Anniversary Dance-Live Band "ROUTE 66"-Open to the Public

9 Annual Legion Membership Supper

21 Andrea Berkenpas & Ryan Hawkins, Maurice, Wedding Reception & Dance DJ- Open to the Public

CORNER CAFÉ COVERAGE

New Cook Arrives at Corner

Welcome Kim Taves, new Corner Café cook, to Brunsville! Kim started working at the Corner on Wednesday, July 3. She lives in Le Mars and has four children.

Kim once worked at Uncle Albert's and Central Pub in Le Mars.

She plans on adding new items to the menu so be sure to stop in to the Corner often!



Kim Taves

Old Vaquero Saying:

Don't look back. You're not going that way.

Youth is the best time to be rich, and the best time to be poor.-Euripides

Never believe anything in politics until it has been officially denied.-Otto von Bismarck

You can't fix stupid.—Andrea Raasch

Evening Specials

Sun. Serving pizza only

Mon. Alicia's Mexican Specialties

Tues. Corner burger & fries \$6.95

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

Thurs. Biker Night!

Steak sandwich \$6; Hamburger or cheeseburger \$4;

Hotdog \$3; Pop, \$1; well drinks or regular beer \$2

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.), potato & Texas toast \$16.95

Oak Street steak w/Corner's special seasonings (12-14 oz.

Ribeye), potato & Texas toast \$16.95

Sirloin steak dinner (10-12 oz.), potato & Texas toast \$12.95

Kellen gets ace

Justin Kellen of Le Mars had a hole-in-one on No. 6 at Prairie Rose Golf Club on Sunday, June 30.

He aced the 165-yard par-3 using a 9-iron. Witnessing the magnificent shot were Greg Junck and Tom Leitru.

She's gaining on him

Beth Edmonds is gaining ground on Craig Oetken on the golf course.

Just last week, she lost to Craig by only two strokes on the first nine holes and one on the second.

Bulldogs are only unbeaten team

The Le Mars Community High School softball team is the only unbeaten team in the entire state of Iowa, including all classes. Le Mars, ranked No. 1 in Class 4A, took a 30-0 record into a regional tournament opener against Humboldt on Saturday. If the Bulldogs win that game, they need only to defeat Sioux City Bishop Heelan or Denison-Schleswig to reach the state tournament. The regional final game is set for Tuesday in Le Mars.

Much of the team's dominance has to do with the pitching of senior Molly Renken, who's been virtually unhittable all season. Renken, the daughter of Scott and Julie Renken of rural Le Mars, has a 24-0 record and has allowed only seven earned runs in 145 2/3 innings. The lefthander has struck out 236 and walked just 26 while opponents have batted only .136 against her this season. Senior Emily Ellefson leads the team with a .451 batting average while junior catcher Madison Heidebrink – the daughter of head coach Dave Heidebrink – has a hefty .446 average with six home runs and a team-high 34 RBIs. Sophomore Janessa Millbrodt (.419) and senior Ashley Phelan (.406) are also batting over .400.

Phelan has smashed five home runs while Renken (.354) has helped her own cause with three homers and 21 RBIs.

Le Mars won the Lakes Conference with a 13-0 record, well ahead of second place Estherville-Lincoln Central, which had 10-4 league mark.

NATIONAL, cont. from front pg.

Jongma earned a spot in the national meet by placing first in the 2013 IowaSkillsUSA

Championships held in Emmetsburg in April.

WITCC instructors Shane Conley and Dirk Bak were Jongma's trainers.



Zach Jongma, second from left, stands with his class

"This year's contest was no different from years past," said Conley. "It consisted of the nation's top technicians in training aggressively for recognition as the best in their field. From the judges point of view, these men and women are America's elite future motorcycle technicians."

Robby Vander Bush of Hull, Iowa (an intern at Bak BMW, Victory, KTM in Sioux City) was second in the Iowa competition while Danny Gotschall of Le Mars (employed at Sioux City Powersports) finished third.

All are WITCC graduates. This was the second time the college has competed in the SkillsUSA contest. Western Iowa Tech has won the state contest two years in a row and now has a fifth and eighth-place national finish.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, instructors and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. The nationwide organization serves more than 300,000 high school and college students and their instructors.

Prairie Rose Golf Tournaments

7/22: Brunsville Open

8/2: Couples event

8/3: Le Mars basketball outing

8/11: Ferrera's outing

8/18: Corner Café outing

9/6: Couples event

SPORT MOD, cont. from front pg.

sport mod starting with just a chassis and frame. Shawn, Dereck and Colton Kaskie, along with Chad and Doug Ten Napel, Michael Vander Weide and Mike Ritz, assisted in building the sport mod.

"We bought a chassis and frame and built it up from that," said Nate, who now lives in Orange City but grew up in Ireton. "By the end of July you will be able to see the car racing in Rock Rapids."

On the weekend after Father's Day 12 years ago, they started building their first car. Shortly thereafter, they bought a Hobby Stock from Randy Lehman and ran it for two racing seasons.

Loren Mosterd, a regular customer at The Corner, asked owners Dave and Andrea Raasch to sponsor the sport mod.

Nate Mosterd lives in Orange City with wife Kayla and children Carson and Callie. He's worked at DeJong Oil and Repair for three years.

Rapid Speedway is well into its 2013 season, but it runs through September, with racing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Sometime in the next couple of weeks, be sure to make a trip north and check out the shiny new vehicle sponsored by our own Corner Cafe.

Al Willer and Gene Dickman reveal bits of Brunsville history

Learning Brunsville's history is my favorite part of working on the Blitz. What better way to learn about our history than to interview older citizens. On Monday, July 8, I sat down with my uncle, Al Willer, and on Saturday, July 13, I spoke on the phone with former resident Gene Dickman.

How did Brunsville citizens celebrate the Fourth of July years ago?

Al: Some years there was a carnival on main street. You could play games of chance, knock things off shelves with baseballs, play high-striker, and ride the merry-go-round, Ferris wheel, and tilt-a-wheel. Maybe light some firecrackers-you could get 100 for a dime or something like that-but nothing too big. There were fewer carnivals after WWII. River Sioux had a carnival, ball game, dance and roller skating. Riverside Park had a roller coaster and vendors. They had huge crowds on the Fourth.

Gene: Kids would have sparklers and firecrackers. Fred Wilken had a cherry bomb. We'd set cans over it, light it and throw it into a culvert.

Before Brunsville Park, where did citizens go for fun?

Al: They went to the swimming pool in Le Mars (known as the pit).

Gene: They'd go to River Sioux. There were swings and stuff. The sand pit in Le Mars. Our family would drive to Minnesota. On the way we'd have a picnic in a schoolyard. Families would have picnics on their farms and invite others over. People in town would have picnics in their backyards.

Did the town hold Memorial Day activities?

Al: There weren't any activities in town until the Legion Post started here in 1955.

Gene: I was living in Merrill when the Legion was built. In '57 we built the locker plant before I moved back to Brunsville.

What were the graduation rates of the Brunsville school?

Al: Everyone I knew graduated from school. Very few went to college until WWII. If they had the money, they usually went to Western Union College (later known as Westmar) in Le Mars. Before WWII, the business college was part of Westmar. Teachers and preachers trained there.

Gene: Everyone who attended the school graduated. Classes there went through the eighth grade. Ninth grade on up was at Central. Some of the farm kids didn't continue after eighth. I hated school. I quit as a junior and joined the Navy. But I had to take an equivalency test. I had my credentials waiting for me when I got back home. Most didn't go to college. Harold Harms went to Iowa. My sister went into nurse's training in Sioux Falls.

Al has said that one big change over the years is the decline of children playing outside. What activities did kids participate in long ago?

Al: They fished, swam, played ball and built forts.

Gene: Swimming, fishing at the creek. They played ball, walked the railroad tracks, and went hiking. We'd play a game we called "chase." One kid would hide and we had to find him. Whoever found him would be the next to hide. We'd run all over town.

How long ago was the baseball field built?

Al: We put up the backstop after the Legion started in the '50s. But there was a ball field there before WWI.

Gene: We had a rickety backstop, burlap sacks filled with sand for bases and one bat among all of the kids. They used to play ball where the new addition is. That was before my time.

Did many citizens work outside town?

Al: People worked in town because they couldn't afford to drive outside of town. There were a lot of retired people here even when I was a kid. People who worked on the railroad lived here. Railroad jobs paid good. Also two elevators, a blacksmith, creamery-the creamery was located west of the big propane tank. The building was moved in from Mammen. It didn't run long here. That was before my time.

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Gene: Le Mars was the farthest most would travel. Most had cars but we didn't have a car in my family. Jack and lone Reese lived next to us. On Saturday nights we'd ride into Le Mars with them to go grocery shopping for items we couldn't get in Brunsville. I also worked for Jack for \$5 a week in his gas station. I only worked when Jack had to go somewhere, but otherwise he'd let me go swimming. Jack is the one who got me a social security card when I was 13 years old.

Are there any long-gone organizations that people have forgotten?

Al: No.
Gene: The Legion was one of the first. There were card clubs in town. They'd play pinochle. Card club members would also have picnics. Pinochle and dances were big entertainment.

Do you have details about the previous church that was located at the corner of Linn and Pine?

Al: It was built in Dalton and moved here. It was old and way smaller than the current church.
Gene: There were well over 30 in attendance on a typical Sunday. Mostly just town people who went to church. A few farmers. That's when we put pennies in the collection. Women sat on one side and men sat on the other until my uncle, Henry, sat on the women's side. He broke the ice and then they integrated. But it took a long time. Grant Church gave sermons in German.

Years ago, Jet Road was the main road leading into town. However, when the road was paved, the highway was moved a mile south. How did the town react?

Al: Originally (Jet Road) was supposed to get paved but they went straight through, cut us off.
Gene: A group from Brunsville went to Des Moines to try to convince them (to pave Jet Road). We hated to see that highway moved over a mile south.

What is Brunsville's best improvement?

Al: The elevator in the late years. The locker plant was a big draw. Depends on the years-some of the stuff was big for a while. Alvin Jelken had a fertilizer company along with a lumberyard. Earl Butz Trucking. There were other trucking companies that hauled cattle and grain: Bill Bruns, Maurice Vernon, Fred Livermore, Bill Fischer, Harold Jelken.
Gene: The water and sewer system. Before that we each had a septic system and our own wells. I'd have customers who were impressed with Brunsville. They said, "Everybody keeps their houses up." Also, the paved streets. My uncle, Henry, blacktopped the main street, past the gas station and to the school. When it was blacktopped we thought we were "big time." No more hitching posts. It was '59 or '60 when he blacktopped the streets. I'm not sure when the streets were paved and the gutters put in.

Would you like to ask Al and Gene some Brunsville history questions? If so, please let me know. Or, if you would like to share some Brunsville history, please contact me. Thank you.—Susan

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A different kind of meeting

Rob Von Hagel & Gabe Roetman enjoyed downing a few beers while sitting in a water-filled horse tank behind Von Hagel's house Tuesday, July 9.

Left: Rob and Gabe smiling for the camera.
Right: A few of the discarded beer cans just outside the tank.



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