

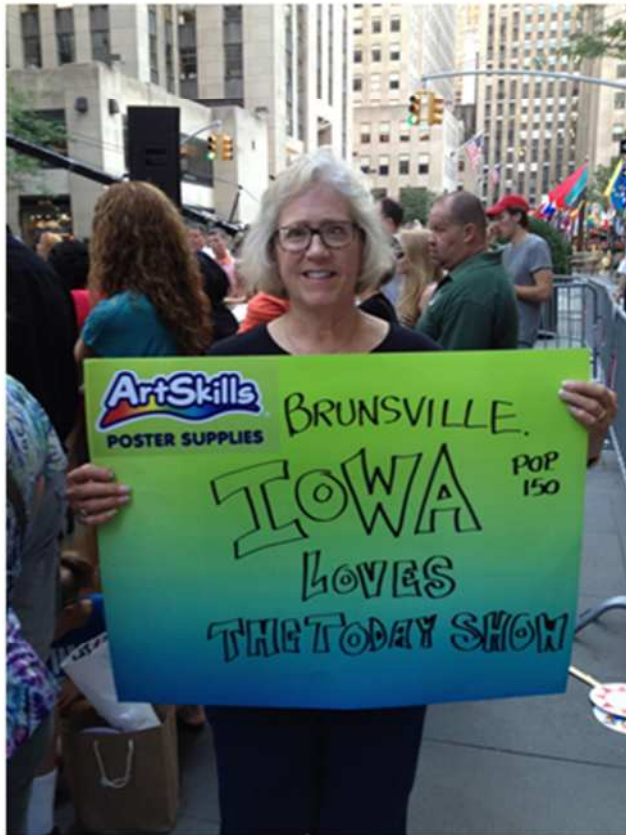
The Brunsville Blitz

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Brunsville earns fame on the 'Today' show thanks to Mary Korthas



Mary Korthas stands on the set of NBC's "Today" show with the beautiful sign she created. She and Stan traveled to New York in July.

Reminiscing with Gene & Al

Upon readers' request, Gene Dickman and Al Willer provide more details on Brunsville's history

The Bruns family

Gene: The Bill Bruns family owned the land that the town was built on, thus the name Brunsville. The Bruns family had two sons, Bill and Johnny. Bill and Hanna had a barn and milk cows on the north edge of town. They sold milk and Mr. Bruns would cut all the hay off of empty lots in town. They lived in the house that Steve and Peggy Dickman live in.

Putting out the fire of '31

Al: During the fire they used a two-wheel chemical hose cart that was pulled by hand. It was pressurized, like the fire extinguishers we have now. There was no water supply outside of the wells so they had to use chemicals. Had to get there quick, though. Le Mars drove out and they sprayed the buildings on the south side of the street to prevent them from burning. After the fire, the town got a Model T fire truck with ladders. Later, when Charlie Plueger was fire chief, we got a fire truck from Le Mars. Back then every able-bodied man in town was on the fire department. They all learned to operate the truck and pump.

The old church, once located on the lot south of Iowa Prairie State Bank

Gene: The old church was moved in from West Le Mars. I don't remember any weddings, but some funerals. During church service women would sit on the west side and men on the east side. Ladies' Aid met in the basement, also Bible school and some Sunday school classes. Mission Fest was an all-day event held on a Sunday and included church, Sunday school, a picnic-style lunch, fun and games.

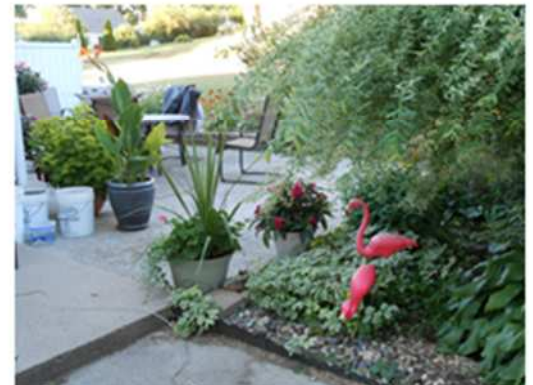
There was an outhouse on the northeast side of the lot.

Al: There was a coal bin where the round concrete is now.

SEE GENE AND AL, PG. 3



Winner of
Four Seasons
Garden Club
Yard of the
Month:
Peggy Dickman



In Memory of...

Nancy Vande (Renken) Zandschulp, who passed away July 27.

Don Oetken, who passed away on Tuesday, August 6.

In Our Prayers

Peggy Wilken

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—Mary Korhas' dad
Faith Worley Aug. 18
Rob Wiese Aug. 18
Heather Von Hagel Aug. 25
Joan Renken Aug. 28
Myrt Olson Aug. 28
Trent Osterbuhr Aug. 29
Gene Pegler Aug. 31
Logan Robbins Sept. 1
Mike Willer Sept. 1
Nicole Plueger Sept. 2
Stan Korhas Sept. 4
Autumn Fuller Sept. 7
Heather Reister Sept. 8
Amy Lubben Sept. 11
Verda Marienau Sept. 12
Craig Oetken Sept. 15
Steve Sherrill Sept. 17
Todd Oetken Sept. 18
Gaylen Tapper Sept. 19
Reno Dickman Sept. 21
Lori Wilken Sept. 22
Gene Dickman Sept. 23
Wayne Brown Sept. 23
Jason Marienau Sept. 23
Marlyn Renken Sept. 28
Dixie Oetken Sept. 29

Anniversaries

Josh & Sheila Fuller Aug. 12
Mike & Kim Willer 8/31
Griz & Mona Schiltz 9/5
Kevin & Keri Borchers 9/14
Stan & Mary Korhas Sept. 27

SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Erv Renken

Congratulations

Vernon & Karen Harrington recently returned from The York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Tampa Bay, Florida where Vernon received the York Rite's most coveted Masonic Honor, the "Order of the Purple Cross."

As a recipient of this honor, Vernon will become an Associate Regent of the Sovereign College. This honor is awarded solely to York Rite Masons who have served the Craft beyond the regular call of duty, including those Companion Knights who have performed valuable service on behalf of our great nation of humanity.

Chad Miller, grandson of Don & Betty Beitelspacher, enjoyed time with President & Michelle Obama.

Justin Kellen & family entered 12 cars into the derby at the Plymouth County Fair.

Derek TenNapel, son of Amy & Dave Ten Napel, was Plymouth County Fair King, & **Daniel Ahlers**, son of Deb & John Ahlers, was Fair Prince.

Peggy Dickman made a hole-in-one on the par-3 No. 6 hole at Prairie Rose Golf Club. Peg was playing with husband Steve and Gaylen Tapper and used a 9-wood on the 118-yard hole.

Mick Muth repeated as men's club champion at Prairie Rose Golf Club. Muth shot 78 to claim top honors in the Brunsville Open while Bryce Arnold finished second with 82.

TRAVELS

Reno, Stan Dickman, Steve Sherrill, Tapper, Dave Borchers & Dave Jergonson took a fishing trip to Port Clinton at Lake Erie July 20-26. They caught 132 walleye.

Recipe of the Month: Easy Angel Food/Pineapple Cake

Take a box of Angel Food Mix (just the contents of the box, no need to follow the directions on the box) & combine it with a 20 oz. can of crushed pineapple in its own juice (no need to use a mixer, just stir it with a spoon). When you do this, something magical happens. The mixture starts to froth & turns into an amazingly airy, fluffy bowl of deliciousness right before your eyes. Once it's all mixed up, grease a 9"x13" pan & simply pour it into the cake pan & bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

-submitted by Janice Plueger

Pet of the Month



Ma

Owner: Peggy Dickman



Vernon Harrington



Chad Miller, third from left, poses with the President & Michelle Obama

Quote 'Ems

Extra! Extra! News bulletin: Police arrest a naked man with a concealed weapon.

One reason you can't take it with you is that it goes before you do.

Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.

- Lonesome Jack

It's not what you get out of life, it's what you share.

I may be slow, but I'm pretty stupid.

- Scott Eastman

GENE AND AL, cont. from front pg.

The old hotel, once located in the building just west of the Corner Café

Al: Mary Bruns built the hotel to house the railroad workers who were building the railroad. It was a full hotel with a dining room and rented rooms. During WWI it was turned into a saloon. It was sold to Billy Bruns, who turned it into a beer joint. He lived upstairs.

Gene: I don't go back to 1925, but I can recall memories of the 30's. Louie Bruns was owner then. The family lived upstairs. Louie had a pool table and a room for card playing. A Kato beer sign hung out over the sidewalk.

Reese Service Station

Gene: Jack was one of the nicest persons you could ever work for. I can only speak for the time I worked for him. He had three pumps: one for kerosene, center pump for regular, west pump for a higher test gas. Oil was in a bulk tank that we pumped out in a 2 qt. container with a flexible hose to add to cars. In the wintertime he had a wood and coal stove for heat. A table and benches at the north end for cards, cribbage, pitch and pinochle. He had a gas truck to deliver gas, kerosene and bottle gas. In the summer he would take off the gas tank and put on a wooden gravel box. That is when I would work a full day. The two end pumps, gas and kerosene, were pumped up by hand. The center pump was electric. Gas prices—and I'm not sure—but I think kerosene was 9¢ per gallon, regular gas was .19¢, and oil was .20¢ a qt. We changed oil on a wooden ramp we drove on. You could not stand up straight under it to remove the oil drain plug. I worked for \$6 a week. Some would say I was overpaid. It was the Saturday night meeting place to listen to the Hit Parade ten most popular tunes. We fixed flat tires with patches on the inner tubes, big patches on tires that had a crack in them and would pinch the tube and cause a leak. *[See photo of the service station on next page.]*

Brawlin'

Al: Alcohol was involved in most of the fights at the bar and the dances. If they were sober, they wouldn't be scrappin'. The fights were usually between the same families. The biggest fights were at the dances after midnight.

The only robber I have sympathy for

Al: A guy who lived west of town robbed a bank in Sioux County. The sheriff had a good description of him and his car and told two vigilantes, George Popken and a guy by the last name of Friche, to stop all cars driving south down the road toward Brunsville. They stopped just one car and talked to the driver, who happened to be a friend of theirs. After their chat, their friend went home. The sheriff later asked if they stopped any cars and they said, yes, only one, a friend of ours. After hearing a description of their friend and his car, the sheriff told them that their friend was the robber. The friendly robber put the money in a corn planter box and killed himself.

Old time bank security

Al: The bank in town was never robbed but was broken into at least three times. One of the times thieves tried to get into the safe they messed around enough that they set off tear gas. They got Floyd Dickman's army rifle but they threw it into the ditch before they got to Le Mars. Might have got a little cash from the drawer. During the bank holiday in '29 or after Johnson Friche sat upstairs in the post office with a rifle watching the bank but he never had any difficulty. Most people didn't know he was there.

LEGION EVENTS

9/7 Steve & Lori Westhoff 25th Anniversary Dance-Live Band "ROUTE 66"-Open to the Public

9/9 Annual Legion Membership Supper

9/21 Andrea Berkarpas & Ryan Hawkins, Mauffe, Wedding Reception & Dance DJ- Open to the Public

CORNER CAFÉ COVERAGE

Evening Specials

Sun. Serving pizza only

Mon. Alicia's Mexican Specialties

Tues. Corner burger & fries \$5.95

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

Thurs. Beer Night!

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

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

Fri. 8-10 oz. prime rib, saled, & 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

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

LE MARS, Iowa – **Jacob Lamoreux** of the Le Mars Bulldogs was named Most Valuable Player for the Large School West team in the 2013 Iowa Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Series.

Lamoreux, an outfielder, had 6 hits in 13 trips to the plate in the four-game series, leading the Large School West to the championship. He collected a home run, triple, five RBIs and two runs scored in the series, played at West Des Moines Valley High School and Principal Park in Des Moines, home of the Iowa Cubs.

Lamoreux, the grandson of Brunsville resident Darv Ladenthin, was also named to the Iowa Baseball Coaches Association first team Super State squad. Jacob plans to play baseball at Morningside College, where he is enrolled for the fall semester.

AKRON, Iowa – **Bethany Eastman**, daughter of Brunsville resident Scott Eastman, was the starting first baseman for Akron-Westfield’s Class 1A state championship softball team.

Akron-Westfield, coached by Todd Colt, downed New London 5-4 in the championship game at Harlan Rogers Complex in Fort Dodge.

From Gene Dickman’s Photo Album

Reece Service Station

(Once located on the corner of Jet Road & Elm St.)



Gene writes: The gas station I worked in for \$6 a week.

B R U N S V I L L E S C H O O L



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- 1st row:** Marvin Siebens, Orval Livermore, Gene Dickman, Alvin Willer, Orval Grasz, Johnny Siebens
- 2nd row:** Herman Wilken, Elmer Plueger, Don Dickman, Melvin Stephsen, Johnny Bruns, Lester Grasz, Harold Harms, Jim McKitreit
- 3rd row:** Bonnie Schultz, Dorthy Vernon, Betty Schultz, Mildred Popken, VerJean Harms, Leona Popken, Inez Diediker, Katherine McHale, Darlene Siebens
- Teacher:** Ms. Flossie Early

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