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Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus Visit Brunsville Sat., Dec. 14, Brunsville Legion

An overwhelmingly large crowd gathered to see Santa and Mrs. Claus! After a meal of taverns, chips, cookies, bars, punch and hot chocolate, the children shared their must-haves with Santa and were given bags of candy. Sleigh rides were available but not for long! It was an uncomfortably cold night.

Thank You

Thank you to event coordinator Donna Taylor, event committee members, financial donors, food and dessert providers, the Legion, those who took photos during the event, all who attended the event, all who helped clean up afterwards and all others who helped in any other way.



Majority of above photos courtesy of Laurie Cords.

Home for Now

Private First Class Cody Oetken, son of Craig Oetken and Lisa Oetken, returned home from Dec. 15-Jan. 5, visiting friends and relatives in the Brunsville and Le Mars area.

Oetken, a PFC in the Marine Corps, began basic training on June 24 at Camp Pendleton (Calif.) and is currently stationed at Twentynine Palms in the California desert. He will spend a year there for schooling before being sent to the next station at a site to be determined.

Cody said when people ask where he's from he tells them where they make Blue Bunny Ice Cream. Working as an assistant for his recruiter earned him both a promotion and additional time to come home.

"I miss home a lot," he says. "The rain, the countryside and my family."



Cody Oetken. Photo courtesy of Tami Dittman.

In Memory of...

Linda Utesch, who passed away Dec. 23. Our prayers are with her husband, Buddy, and family.

Thinking of You

Bowen Rieken broke his arm in 2 places.

In Good Spirits

Al Willer, who is staying at Akron Care Center, is back to his cheerful self.

Birthdays including a few

missed in Nov. & Dec.

Jim Martin Nov. 29

Zachary Jongma Dec. 27

Loren Weiler Dec. 29

Bill Renken Jan. 1

Lynn Chenoweth Jan. 1

Crystal Lubben Jan. 2

Judy Lubben Jan. 7

Scott Eastman Jan. 7

Susan Dickman Braun Jan. 8

Penny Angerman Recker Jan. 9

Nick Dickman Jan. 10

Carol Harms Schmitz Jan. 11

Cooper Wendt Jan. 11, 4 years old

Max Utesch IV Jan. 11

Molly Carpenter Jan. 12

Mary Poe Jan. 13, Barry's mom

Taylor Oetken Jan. 13

Madison Weiler Jan. 20, 2 years old

Lori Westhoff Jan. 23

Joyce Willer Jan. 25

Peggy Wilken Jan. 25

Tammy Wiese Jan. 25

Dwayne Jongma Jan. 25

Anna Chenoweth Jan. 26

Tina Renken Jan. 26

Alisha Schlichte Jan. 27

Denny Borchers Jan. 27

Michelle Plueger Jan. 28

Anniversaries

Steve & Peggy Dickman Jan 8

Greg & Jeanne Lammers Jan. 31

SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Mr. Mike Flanagan

Congratulations to the Winners of Brunsville's Four Season Garden Club Lighting Contest

1st Prize: The Zeka family
2nd Prize: The Burkard family



Bowen Rieken

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Kudos

To **Janice & Bill Renken** for their work at the Pioneer Village.

Congratulations!

Jill Ahlers, granddaughter of Janice & Bill Renken, graduated with a nursing degree from Iowa State.

FOUND in BRUNSVILLE: Young tabby with black collar. If yours, please contact Susan Willer, 533-6424.



YES!

Patrick Jones is back from Afghanistan. More details to come in the next edition.

Visitors

Beau Hultquist of Mankato, MN, was in town Dec. 23-29 to visit his mom, Bev. Beau works at the Mayo Clinic. **Heidi (Hultquist) Weiler**, her husband, Loren, & their daughter, Madison, of Ankeny, IA, also visited Bev over Christmas.

Travels

Mike Flanagan visited family in Kansas over the holidays.

Gerry Sue & Matt Krienert drove to Lake Wales, FL to visit brother Bob Von Goor. Matt, Bob & stepson Cody went to the Outback Bowl.

On Dec. 20 **Jim & Verda Marienau** celebrated their 50th anniversary at Disney World in Orlando with their family.



The Marienau family at Disney World. Photo submitted by Verda Marienau.

Legion Notes

There has been a change in management at the Legion.

At the end of 2013, Candy Marsh Eades resigned from the position of Legion manager. Candy, the Legion appreciates your work and wishes you well!

Let's welcome Penny Lehman, new Legion manager. In response to a request for more information about herself, Penny provided the following:

First of all, I have been in Brunsville now for about 7 years. I am not much of a "city person" so I enjoy the small town atmosphere and being in a farming community. Everyone has been very friendly and helpful.

I have 3 wonderful daughters who are home with me. Cerra is 19, Shannon is 11, and Rhiannon is 9. In our spare time you can probably find us riding horses, or off to a saddle club rodeo event somewhere.

I also work in our family business dispatching trucks for Lehman trucking and Hirschbach Transportation Services. I have been considering finding another job part time for awhile now, and this position just seemed to be a fit. There won't be any interference of my other job and most importantly, I am able to work my schedule for both of them so that it won't take away from my kids either.

I would like to thank the Legion members for the opportunity, and also thank Candy Eades for all of her help in preparing me for this position. In just a few hours with her, I can see how organized she is, and I just hope that in time, I can be as big as an asset to the post as she has been.

Thank you! and please keep in mind the January events:

1/11 - Euchre

1/12 - Pancake Breakfast

1/21 - Republican Caucus at 7PM

-Penny Lehman

February events:

2/3 Legion Meeting

2/8 Euchre Club

2/9 Pancake Breakfast →

FREE VISION SCREENING

for kids 6 mo. to 5 years in the Brunsville Legion
during the Pancake Breakfast, Feb. 9

Kim Willer, chairperson of Iowa KidSight, will be
present

Made possible by the Sioux City Noon Lions

Parents must complete a consent form prior to screening

Kudos

The Sons of the Fathers of the American Legion donated \$300 from the Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed to the Christian Needs Center.

CORNER CAFÉ COVERAGE

Dart league starts Jan. 9!

Specials

Sun. Different feature each week

Mon. Alicia's Mexican Specialties

Tues. Corner burger & fries \$6.95

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

Thurs. Spaghetti OR chicken fried steak

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

CARDS at the CORNER

Come play cards
the 2nd Sunday of the month:

Jan. 12 & Feb. 9

Cards start at 1p.m.

Open 12-7 (or until close)

*Different menu item
featured each Sunday*

Basketball teams enjoying success

The high school basketball season has basically reached the halfway point and so far it's been a banner campaign for boys and girls squads at Le Mars Gehlen Catholic and the Le Mars Community boys.

Le Mars Gehlen's boys are ranked No. 1 in Iowa Class 1A by the Associated Press with an 11-0 overall record. Additions of students from Granville Spalding Catholic have helped the Jays' cause.

Balance, however, has been the key for Gehlen with five players – Ryan Stoll, Alex Kellen, Colton Kneip, Solomon Freking and Jarod Steffes 00 averaging 9.7 points per game or better. Blake Wiltgen recently returned to the lineup after a football injury and had 24 points and 13 rebounds in the team's latest victory over Hinton on Saturday.

Through Saturday, its closest games have been 17-point spreads.

The Gehlen girls, meanwhile are No. 13 in Class 1A with an 8-2 record. Their losses are to South O'Brien, 61-56, early in the season, and Hinton, ranked No. 5 in Class 2A.

The Le Mars Bulldogs scored a signature victory last week, downing longtime rival Sioux City Bishop Heelan 72-61. It was just the second win over Heelan since 1982, although the teams didn't play each other for a 10-year period. The Bulldogs are 6-2 with losses to Hull Western Christian, ranked No. 1 in Class 2A, and Sioux Center, ranked No. 8 in Class 2A.

Jake Irwin, son of head coach Dave Irwin (a legendary Prairie Rose golfer) leads the team with an 18.5 scoring average. Junior Tyler Borchers, grandson of Brunsville residents Erv and Joan Renken, is right behind at 17.5 points per game.



Teeny tiny history lesson
**The old
blacksmith
shop**



The blacksmith shop, once located on corner of Pine & Elm Streets, was owned by Alex Klemme, grandfather of Richard & Virgil Borchers. Fred Toel built the shop and was Brunsville's first blacksmith. Otto Marienau ran the business prior to Klemme.

Quote 'ems

Families are like brownies: mostly sweet with a few nuts mixed in.

An injury is much sooner forgotten than an insult.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. — Dr. Seuss
-submitted by Ruth Zembsch

Seen on a church sign: It is unlikely there will be a reduction in the wages of sin.

If it looks cloudy out, maybe your windows need washing.

Look for tomorrow but live for today. *-submitted by Lonesome Jack*

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