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No Freezing Allowed on Bike Ride to Brunsville

The temperature topped out at only 35 degrees on Saturday, February 22, but that didn't stop bicyclists from rolling into Brunsville that morning. Sponsored by Bike Central of Le Mars, the DNF Ride, or "Do Not Freeze!" Ride, included approximately 25 cyclists from Le Mars and beyond including Hinton, Kingsley, Cherokee, Des Moines and Jefferson, SD.



Participants of Bike Central's DNF Ride relax outside the Corner Café.

Participants started peddling from the store located on Central Avenue and convened late morning at Brunsville's Corner Café, which co-owner Andrea Raasch had opened specially for them. Riders enjoyed spending time at the restaurant for a couple hours before heading back to Le Mars.

The ride was brainchild of Kevin Richards, owner of Bike Central, who, like many others, was tired of being cooped up inside during an exceptionally cold winter.

Mark Strub, store manager, gave more than one reason why Brunsville was chosen as the event's destination.

"It's an easy ride, the hospitality, and we've enjoyed going to the Corner and thought the other riders would enjoy it," he said. "So far, no one's complained about how easy the ride is."

Bike Central's idea is definitely on the right track. Even before heading back to Le Mars one of the riders told Mark, "Thanks for doing this."

Bike Central promotes cycling and sells and services bikes and bike accessories. They hope to make the DNF Ride an annual event.

Thank you to Andrea and the Corner Cafe for your hospitality during Bike Central's DNF (Do Not Freeze!) Ride on Feb. 22nd!

All of the participants were very complimentary of the atmosphere, food and drink and wanted to extend their appreciation to the Corner Cafe and Brunsville for helping make DNF at great event!

—Mark Strub, Kevin Richards and Monte Brent of Bike Central in Le Mars

Gear up for Golf

The Annual Members & Friends meeting will be **Mon., March 10th, 7:00PM** in the "updated" clubhouse. Golf board members will be collecting early bird memberships for the 2014 season.

\$1 Brats & \$1 Drinks

With paid membership, you'll be entered into drawings for clubhouse gift certificates. Members receive 2 free rounds of golf at the Akron, Hawarden & Beresford courses (cart rental is required for each round).

Early bird rates are on the last page.

Good Times with the Garden Club

Everyone is welcome to attend the Garden Club's first meeting of the year **Tues., March 11, 7 p.m.** at St. Peter Lutheran Church.

The Club raises money for town improvement projects.

In Memory of...

Ruth Hitt, Dave & Andrea Raasch's aunt, who passed away Feb. 27.

Jerlois Renken, who passed away March 1. Jerlois's family members include Jim & Verda Marienau, Kathy Renken, Erv & Joan Renken, Arlene & Cliff Peters & Vic & Lee Renken.

Prayers

Appreciated for...

Aldine M., Kathy Renken's sister

Delores Westhoff, who had knee surgery

Birthdays

Rod Renken March 3

Nancy Willer March 9

Susan Willer March 9

Mitch Renken March 11

Brenda Galles March 11

Mary Jongma March 11 AGE???

Lisa Lehner March 12

Benson Rieken March 13

Scooter Magoofer Rollinger (Joe's dog) March 13

Kate Kruse March 14

John Lambert March 15

Doris Brooks March 16

Avari Jones March 18

Natalie Raasch March 19

Sheryl Oetken March 19

Laura Jones March 20

Nancy Schlichte March 20

Jim Heeren March 20

Jenn Smith March 22

Todd Osterbuhr March 24

Cindy Krienerf March 24

Jen Marienau March 26

Chris Schlichte March 29

Christy Stremick March 29

Josh Babcock March 30

Janna Sitzmann March 30

Anniversaries

Stuart & Donna Dickman March 16

Tom & Michelle Jones March 17

Crazy Joe & Lisa Lehner March 18

Steve & Lori Westhoff March 19

Vernon & Janna Sitzmann March 31

Congratulations!

Freshman **Maggie Dickman** was named to the Drake University President's List for the fall 2013 semester for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. Maggie is daughter of Stu & Donna Dickman.

Celebrations

Birthday & Retirement Party at the Legion



Wanda & Wendell Oltmanns.



Wendell & Wanda stand amongst family members, Mark & Deb Oltmanns and their children, Devon, Cole, Desi, Sally & Brent from Windom, Minn.

Saturday, Feb. 15 was Wendell's birthday celebration & Wanda's retirement party from Farm Service Agency of Le Mars. Wanda worked there almost 30 years. They estimated 150-200 people wished them well.

Thank you to everyone for their cards, gifts, best wishes and for attending our retirement and birthday party. Special thanks to the Brunsville Legion for the use of their hall & our family for hosting the party. All is greatly appreciated. —Wendell & Wanda Oltmanns



Retirement Party at the Corner

Bev Hultquist & Plymouth County Treasurer's office employees celebrate Treasurer Linda Dobson's retirement at the Corner Café.

SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

G.D.

Back in the Day: John Lambert Recalls the Blacksmith Shop & Lumberyard

I remember the blacksmith shop quite well. I used to take things up to get them fixed. I really liked to see Alex use the forge. He would heat the iron until it was white hot and then pound it into any shape he wanted.

Also, there used to be lumberyard across the street to the south. It was quite large and the office was separate. Alvin Jelken used to run it for several years. I used to buy lumber and bolts from there when I started farming. He had bolts, screws, shells for guns and tools. I bought quite a bit of lumber from there. Later years they tore it down. He used to have a hardware store there also and during the earlier years also sold coal that would come in by railbox car. He had some coal bins by the track and he would hire 2 or 3 guys to unload the car and fill the bins. They would have to scoop and carry the coal to the bins. It would take a couple of days to unload it.

Alvin had a small scale by the office that he would weigh small amounts on, approximately 100 pounds or so.

CORNER CAFÉ COVERAGE

Every Friday through Lent

5p.m.-9p.m. or while supplies last:

All-you-can-eat fish with au gratin potatoes & cole slaw

Specials

Sun. Different feature each week

Mon. ****To be determined**** →

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

All-you-can-eat fish special (see above)

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

Lanny Tillery of Alicia's Taco Dome wishes to thank all the valuable customers for their support the last 3 years. "It has been a pleasure to serve you."

You Could Win \$100!

Just show off your skills as a guest bartender!
Tend bar for 3 fun-packed hours on Tuesdays
during the months of March & April
If you earn the most sales, you win the \$100!
You must be of legal age, of course :)

Prairie Rose Golf Club

**2014 Early Bird Rates
(same as the last 2 years)**

Family: \$475

Couples: \$450

Single: \$375

College student: \$135

High school: \$60

Legion Notes

The Legion will be sponsoring the
Tri-State Drive-In Cruisers
on **Wed., May 14.**

Enjoy brats & hotdogs grilled up
by The Sons of The American
Legion again this year!

For the Web surfers

*Brunsville Centennial and
Beyond is on Facebook.
Be sure to "like" the page!*

*Current & past editions
of The Brunsville Blitz can be
found at
www.brunsvilleiowa.com.
You will also find current &
historical photos & information.*

Cue the Quotes

In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man. If you
want anything done, ask a woman.

—Margaret Thatcher

To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make
you something else is the greatest accomplishment.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

I vaguely remember my schooldays. They were what
was going on in the background while I was trying to
listen to the Beatles.

—Douglas Adams, *The Salmon of Doubt*

Quotes above submitted by Ruth Zembsch

Amazing Home Remedies

Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting
someone else to hold them while you chop.

A mousetrap placed on top of your alarm clock will
prevent you from rolling over & going back to sleep after
you hit the snooze button.

If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical
problem.

—submitted by Lonesome Jack

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