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Ashley Mason stands in front of the Channel Seeds sign.

Channel Seeds has a new boss

Ashley Mason, who recently moved into the south side of the duplex on Locust Street, is the new District Sales Manager for Sioux and Plymouth County Channel Seeds. She grew up in Canton, Illinois, attended Western Illinois University and went on to earn her master's degree at University of Florida. You may know one of her employees, Keith Koerselman.

Mason, who has a sparkling personality, is looking forward to meeting new people in the community, getting involved with community events and growing the Channel business.

Thanks to Andrea Raasch for interviewing Ashley.

Enjoy Brunsville's Annual Halloween Party, "Halloween Fall Fest"

Sat., Oct. 18, 5:30-8 inside the Brunsville Legion



Children 12 & under plus adults are invited

Enjoy a meal, play games and be sure to wear a costume! No judging will be done-everyone will be a winner! Kids will receive candy and a prize!

Donations of cookies & bars are welcome. Please bring them to the Legion by 5PM the day of the event.



Peering into Brunsville's past
Check out this article found on Iowa Old Press
(www.iowaoldpress.com):
LeMars Semi-Weekly Sentinel, November 8, 1910
MEN BREAK INTO BANKS AT BRUNSVILLE
POST OFFICE THERE IS ROBBED
Burglars Blow Open Door of Safety Vault With
Explosives But Fail to Get Any Cash—Smashed Safe
in Grocery Store



Photos provided.

When Otto J. Vollmar, the cashier of the Farmers Bank at the new town of Brunsville on the Hawarden cutoff, went on Sunday to picket out the family cow and happened to look up at the bank windows, something struck him as being wrong. He noticed the blind over the door was down, and he had left it up the night previous when he left the building. He also noticed the shade on the big window was drawn down, and it had been left by him partially up. He went to investigate and quickly perceived that robbers had been at work. He gave an alarm and that was the first intimation the few inhabitants of the village had of the fact that burglars had been in their midst, while they placidly slept. An investigation showed that an attempt had been made to blow the safe in the Farmers bank, entrance had been made into the Bank of Brunsville, and the general store run by Ed Johnson, in which is the post office. It had been ransacked and stamps and money taken.

At the Farmers bank the door of the safety vault had been blown off by a charge of nitro-glycerin or dynamite, but the cannon ball safe had evidently foiled the robbers. The big plate window in the building was smashed. It measured 110x190 inches, and also the glass in the front door was broken and other damage done to the interior of the building.

The Farmers Bank is allied with the LeMars Savings Bank of this city, and all the damage done is fully covered by insurance. Men were out on Sunday under the direction of a builder and boarded up the broken windows.

See HISTORY on last pg.

In Our Prayers

Kathy Powell

Birthdays

Kandi Lara Sept. 13
Sandy Borchers Sept. 13
Brian Borchers Sept. 21
Mike Borchers Sept. 27
Kathi Oetken Oct. 1
Conner Von Hagel Oct. 4
Nikki Eisma Oct. 5
Drew Dickman Oct. 8
Andy Kriener Oct. 9
Jacy Plueger Oct. 15
Cody Oetken Oct. 16
Kelli Schlotfeldt Oct. 20
Ottie Kleihauer Oct. 23
Max Eisma Oct. 24
Donna Taylor Oct. 27
Shirley McNaughton Nov. 2
Charlotte Lubben Nov. 3
Arlene Peters Nov. 3
Kevin Borchers Nov. 7
Kim Willer Nov. 7
Kelly Beitelspacher Nov. 7
Joey McFarlane Nov. 8
Michelle Jones Nov. 9
Christine (Joeng Un) Cho Nov. 10
Betty Lambert Nov. 14

Anniversaries

Kelli & Wayne Schlotfeldt-Oct. 1
Kathi & Todd Oetken-Oct. 3
Kelli & Josh Babcock-Oct. 4
Linda & Max Utesch Jr.-Oct. 14
John & Betty Lambert Nov. 14



Joe & Lisa Lehner Benefit Sept. 14

Thank You

On behalf of Joe and I, we would like to extend our sincere thanks for all the thoughts, prayers and generosity that you have shared with us as we recover from the house fire that we experienced recently. Words cannot begin to express our sense of appreciation for the kindness, generosity and assistance that you and so many have offered.

Thank you to Dave and Andrea Raasch for holding a benefit in our honor. The money that was raised will go towards our new home.

Joe and Lisa Lehner



Ellyson Jean Gabel

Congratulations

Ellyson Jean was born to **Adam & Haylee Gabel** on Sept. 16. She weighed 8 lbs, 14 oz. and was 20" long. She was welcomed home by brother Rahlyn & sister Bristol. Her grandparents are Ernest & Deb Gabel.

Dave Small was KLEM's Citizen of the Day Sept. 18.
Susan Willer was KLEM's Citizen of the Day Sept. 19.
Joe & Kara Lauters were married Oct. 4 in Le Mars.

Travels

Roger & Deb Kriener went to Custer State Park the last weekend in September to watch the buffalo round-up. They were two of 15,000 people to watch the 1500 buffalo. Three hundred of the buffalo were also sold. "Everyone should see it at least once," Roger said.

Recipe of the Month: Great Pumpkin Dessert

1 15 oz. can pumpkin puree
1 12 oz. can of evaporated milk
3 eggs
1 c. white sugar
4 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1 pkg. yellow cake mix
3/4 c. butter
1-1/2 c. chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9x13" pan.

In a large bowl combine pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar & spice. Mix well & pour into pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix over top. Drizzle with melted butter. Top with walnuts. Bake for 1 hour or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean.

—submitted by *Gerry Sue Kriener*

Visitors

Gary Noble of Memphis, TN & Craig, IA native, visited cousins **Denny & Lloyd Borchers**. Noble's company has done flooring work for Elvis Presley & Jerry Lee Lewis.

Colin Williams, who is stationed in West Virginia and on leave from the Navy, visited **Great Aunt Gerry Sue & Great Uncle Eddie Kriener**.



L-R: Gary Noble, Denny Borchers & Lloyd Borchers.



L-R: Rhonda Williams, Matt Kriener, Gerry Sue Kriener, Colin Williams & Mark Williams.



Just inside southeast door.



One of the north rooms.



North side of east room.



South side of east room.



Inside the Scooters building

This is just a sampling of the many rooms.

—photos courtesy of Andrea Raasch



Northwest room.



South side.

Life at the Legion

- 10/11 Euchre, 7PM. Please stop by early to sign up & pay dues
- 10/12 Pancake breakfasts start (2nd Sun. of each month)
- 10/18 Halloween party 5:30-8
- 11/3 Legion meeting
- 11/8 Euchre, 7PM
- 11/9 Pancake breakfast
- 11/22 Poultry party, 7PM

POST OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Fri. 9AM-1PM
 Sat. 8-10AM
 Lobby open 7AM-8PM Mon.-Fri.

Last golf event of the season

The golf season is nearing an end and those of us who are fortunate enough to take advantage of one of the finest nine-hole courses in the state would sincerely like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and board at Prairie Rose Golf Club for another fantastic season.

But before the season officially ends, there is one more event on the schedule.

A "3 golf club tournament," a nine-hole event for two-person teams, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 12 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members, plus a \$5 fee for half a cart. Call Brandon in the clubhouse at 533-6774 to enter.

SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Dan Dickman

CORNER CAFÉ COVERAGE

We open at 4PM on Sundays

Specials

- Mon. KJ's Mexican
- Tues. Corner burger & fries \$7.50
- Wed. 8 pc. broasted chicken & fries \$11.99
- Thurs. Chef's choice
- Fri. 8-10 oz. prime rib, salad, & potato OR 16 oz. king cut prime rib & potato—each market price
- Sat. Ribeye steak (12-14 oz.), potato & Texas toast, OR Oak Street steak w/Corner's special seasonings (12-14 oz. Ribeye), potato & Texas toast OR Sirloin steak dinner (10-12 oz.), potato & Texas toast—each market price

Open for lunch

11-1 Thursdays & Fridays

Offering a different special every day!

Try our Deluxe burger & fries OR:

Thurs., Oct. 16: Chili dog & homemade chips

Thurs., Oct. 23: Hot beef sandwich with mashed potatoes & gravy

Thurs., Oct. 30: Scalloped potatoes & ham

Fridays in Oct.: All-you-can-eat chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy & salad

Salad bar coming soon!

HISTORY, cont. from front page

At the Bank of Brunsville apparently no attempt was made to blow the safe. The front door was smashed in to effect an entrance and the drawers in the counters and desk were searched and the contents scattered. This bank is in charge of C. B. Elsen and Frank Liverman, and is connected with the German-American Savings Bank of this city.

Ed Johnson, proprietor of the general store, in which is located the post office, was the heaviest loser in the amount stolen and damage done. In this store the robbers blew the safe, an ordinary common square one, utterly wrecking it, and broke all the glass in the building. They succeeded in getting about ten dollars and fifty dollars worth of stamps which were in the safe, and also took seven or eight dollars out of a slot machine which they broke open.

The loss at this place, including the damage to the building, is estimated about \$500.

The safe blowing at the bank is supposed to have taken place about twenty minutes to two Sunday morning, from the fact that the clock on the Farmers Bank stopped at 1:42. B. H. Luken, a resident, heard a noise during the night, but paid no attention to it as he had no idea of the time and thought the noise was merely a shot from the gun of an early duck hunter, which is a common sound thereabouts these fall mornings, and it was not until long after broad daylight that the robberies were discovered.

The sheriff's office was notified, and P. E. Arendt and his deputy, N. Gearke, went out to investigate. There was not much of a clue to work upon. A chisel, crowbar and a sledge were taken from Frank Toel's blacksmith shop and used by the robbers to make entrance into the buildings.

It is supposed that three or more men were implicated in the job; probably more as it is thought the gang pulled off a double stunt, entering both banks at the same time, but this is only conjecture.

The thieves were supposed to have come in from Sioux City on a freight, either on the Great Northern or the Hawarden cutoff, and got out of town the same way.

A suspicious looking character had been seen hanging around Craig and Struble the past few days, who is supposed to be a member of the gang, and it is believed a plan was on foot to blow the bank at Craig that evening. There was a big dance at Craig that night and people were up late, and it is presumed the robbers then made a break for Brunsville.

Quote 'Ems

Nothing makes temptation so easy to resist as being short on cash.

I feel weird about attending my class reunion. There are fifty pounds more of me that never went to school.

Never try to teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time and annoys the pig.

Hi, Mrs. C.

—Lonesome Jack

Your turn!

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