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Meet Nick, Shayla and Gavin

When former Hinton residents Nick and Shayla Becker began house hunting, their search began in Sioux City. But after viewing over 30 houses, they switched realtors.

"How about a house in Brunsville?" their new realtor asked.

Brunsville immediately impressed them. Not only did they discover the town had a park and golf course, but they saw kids riding along in a golf cart. "And a little girl riding her bike down the street," Shayla says.

They were also instantly impressed with the house on Chestnut Street—the first house the new realtor showed them—and signed papers that very day. Before they closed on the house, they brought their friends to town to peer through the windows of their future house and pose for photos by the realtor sign.

The couple and their four-month-old son Gavin moved into their house in mid-August.

Nick works at the ethanol plant outside of Merrill. Shayla just started working as a teller at Pinnacle Bank in Hinton. She is taking classes at WITCC and after completion plans on attending Bellevue or Buena Vista where she will major in criminal justice and minor in human services. Her goal is to finish school by the time Gavin starts preschool.

Just a side note: Shayla loves to cook.

Nick and Shayla find that everyone here is friendly and waves. They are eager to meet new people and get involved in local activities. Nick plans on joining a league at the golf course.

The couple would also like to build a garage, perhaps not only to store their vehicle, but Nick's future golf cart.

You're invited to enjoy St. Peter Lutheran Church's Sunday School Christmas program on Sun., Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

Brunsville will tap into rural water

Residents of Brunsville,

The city council has voted to bring Southern Sioux Rural Water to Brunsville. September of this year we found out that we had a problem with our well. Rob Von Hagel had noticed this while checking the pump house during his daily visit. He called Good-Land Pump from Ireton and they found the problem and were able to get us back on line. They did tell us that we needed to replace our well. I asked if they could give us an estimate as to how long their fix would last and they said anywhere from five minutes to maybe five years. The council then decided to research our options for an immediate fix. We could find a new location for a new well and upgrade our outdated facilities and spend approximately \$70,000-\$95,000 for a new well. The biggest drawback being that our water quality would not improve and we could look forward to replacing the well again in 20 to 25 years. Southern Sioux gave us an estimate of \$205,000 that would bring the water to our tower with a new building to house the equipment needed for the change-over. The city council and I think we will be better off in the long run having Southern Sioux provide our water needs. We do not have a full time person to oversee the water operation and state regulations keep getting more strict. We want to supply our citizens with the highest quality water possible. Now that said, water rates will rise, but be assured that we will try to keep rates as low as possible. We will also be switching from a quarterly billing to a monthly billing. Hopefully this will help in budgeting your monthly expenditures. The increase in rates will be used to update and repair our infrastructure (water mains and etc.) as Southern Sioux will bill the City at a bulk rate and we will be responsible for billing the users of Brunsville. We also plan on replacing all of our water meters since we have numerous meters not working properly. If you have any questions about all of this, please feel free to contact me, and if I can't answer them I will try to get the answers. Things have gone quickly with this project due to the urgency of it, so I hope everyone understands that the bottom line is quality water with no interruptions.

Sincerely,

Steve Dickman, Mayor

The project is expected to be completed the first of the year or shortly after.

Library access changes for residents

Citizens of Brunsville need to get a library card from Merrill to access any library in the county. Representatives from the Merrill Public Library attended the Dec. 8 council meeting and are very happy to have Brunsville contract with them.

Merrill Public Library hours:

Mon. & Wed. 1:30-5; Tues. & Thurs. 6-8; Fri. & Sat. 9-noon

Phone: 712-938-2503



Santa Claus to visit Brunsville

The annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20, 5:30-8 in the Brunsville Legion. Santa Claus will arrive at 6 p.m. Enjoy a free-will-donation meal of taverns, baked beans, chips, dessert & drink.

Donations of cookies & bars are requested.



In Our Prayers

The family of **Ottie Kleihauer**
The family of **Jeanne Varenhorst**
Henry Renken
Keith Korseman
Chris Jackson (the late Polly Harms' grandson)

Birthdays through 1/13

Gregg Junck Nov. 23 (belated)
Reed Henrich Dec. 6
Mary Singer Dec. 7
Scott Linstrand Dec. 8
Mark Brown Dec. 9
Breanna Martin Dec. 10
Peggy Linstrand Dec. 12
Harold Harms Dec. 12
Jessica Wendt Dec. 16
Barry Poe Dec. 17
Jay Wiese Dec. 18
Joe Rollinger Dec. 19
Jade Goodmanson Dec. 19
Mckinley Johnson Dec. 20
Emily Von Hagel Dec. 26
Clark Schmitz Dec. 27
Max Utesch Jr. Dec. 27
Zachary Jongma Dec. 27
Kenny Krienerl Dec. 28
Doris Taylor Dec. 29
Jay Toel Dec. 29
Tami Dittman Dec. 31
Jeffrey Cords Dec. 31
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
Jeff Olson Jan. 10
Carol Schmitz Jan. 11
Cooper Wendt Jan. 11
Max Utesch IV Jan. 11
Molly Carpenter Jan. 12
Mary Poe Jan. 13, Barry's mom
Taylor Oetken Jan. 13
Landen Olson Jan. 14

Anniversaries through 1/14

Joe & Lisa Lehner Dec. 10
Rob & Angela Von Hagel Dec. 15
Jim & Verda Marienau Dec. 20
Kelly & Denise Beitelspacher Dec. 31
Steve & Peggy Dickman Jan 8

Winners of the Garden Club Christmas Lighting Contest

1st place (\$25):

Beth & Tim Rollinger, Chestnut St.

2nd place (\$15):

Mary & Stan Korthas, Pine St.



Poultry Party packs the Legion Sat., Nov. 22



The Sons of the Legion drew for the Henry Rifle at the Poultry Party & the winner was Walt Kern. There are still a few tickets left for the other rifle and they can be purchased at the pancake breakfast or you can contact one of the members of the Sons.

Members of Plymouth County Last Man's clubs attend banquet

Wayne Brown and **Gene Dickman** of the World War II Last Man's Club and **Jim Marienau** of the Plymouth County Vietnam Era Last Man's Club attended the annual banquet on Saturday, Nov. 8.

SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Randy Lehman

Travels

In Oct. **Charlotte Lubben** went on the Smoky Mountains trip sponsored by the American Bank. They went to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, the Smoky Mountain Opry show in Pigeon Forge, the Comedy Barn and Dollywood. They stopped in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and visited the Biltmore House, which is the largest house in the U.S. with 240 rooms. She saw Christ in the Smokies Museum, the Billy Graham Library/Museum, the NarroWay Theater, Old Friends Horse Retirement Farm in Kentucky, the Creation Museum & the Lincoln Presidential Museum. In all, she went through six states, only stopping in three. "It was a great trip," Charlotte says.

On November 17 Charlotte also went to Branson to see seven great shows.

Keep' up with the Garden Club



Completing the Garden Club tree at Pioneer Village: **Bill Renken**, **Joyce Willer**, **Janice Renken** & **Karen Harrington**. Not pictured: **Rodney Tammen**.



Wreaths on the sign courtesy of the Garden Club.



Brunsville's Four Season Garden Club enjoys a Christmas party at Archie's on Dec. 2.



New members: **Donna Erickson**, **Ashley Mason** & **Andrea Raasch**. Far right: President **Lori Wilken**.

Recipe of the Month:

Mrs. Flentje's Christmas (Sugar) Cookies

(Mrs. Flentje was Rev. Flentje's wife at the old Brunsville church.)

3/4 lb. lard (= 1 c. solid packed + 1 tbsp.)

3/4 lb. butter

3/4 lb. sugar (= 1 c. + 1/4)

2 oz. of whiskey or brandy

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

2 lb. or 8 c. flour + another 1/2 c. if needed

Dough must be dry. Let stand 4-5 days. Knead down again. Divide dough into 8 pieces. Form into small rolls, then into a square or as big as a silver dollar & about 5" long. Chill & cut into slices. Bake at 350 degrees until slightly brown (8-10 minutes). While still warm, dip into sugar & cinnamon.

—Submitted by Janice & Bill Renken in honor of Hilda Renken.



Santa Claus visits the town of Craig

Sat., Dec. 6



CORNER CAFÉ COVERAGE

Several families connect at the Corner on Thanksgiving eve.



Above: Karen & Conrad Calsbeek, Le Mars; Leona & Jim Martin, Le Mars; Pam Davis & Rory (sister), Sergeant Bluff & South Sioux City; Becky & Kris Lutt (sister), Canton, GA; Brittany Mickelson (daughter), Denver, CO; Matt Mickelson (son), Sergeant Bluff. Everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving at Leona & Jim's house.



Above: Scott Renken, Mitch Renken, Lance Van Wyhe, Arlette Van Wyhe, Molly Renken & Jill Renken. The Van Wyhes are originally from Ireton & currently live in Park Rapids, MN. They were visiting Lance's parents, Don & Dorothy Van Wyhe, & Arlette's dad, Ed Wiemold, in Cherokee. Lance used to play for the Craig Cubs.



On Wed., Nov. 26, Mike Flanagan's family caught Mike by surprise & brought Thanksgiving dinner with them. Above: Tom & Margaret (Maggy) Flerlage; Amelia Flanagan, St. Marys, KS; Kasey Rae Flanagan (NP), Emmett, KS. Later Jeff, Marla, Kevin, Mitch & Darin Flanagan of Emmett, KS joined them at Mike's house.

We'll be open Christmas Eve 12-5

Also New Year's Eve at 9 p.m.

with Karaoke Connection (Kim & Steve Sherlock)

We're serving prime rib & free champagne at midnight

Enjoy the game with us! We're now open Sundays 4-9.

Evening Specials

Mon. KJ's Mexican

Tues. Corner burger & fries \$7.50

Wed. 8 pc. broasted chicken & fries \$11.99

Thurs. Chef's choice

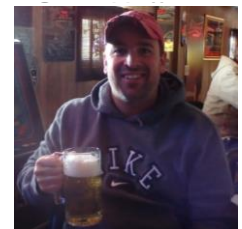
Fri. 8-10 oz. prime rib, salad, & potato OR 16 oz. king cut prime rib & potato—each market price

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

Sign up to be a guest bartender!

A portion of the winnings go to a charity of your choice.

Winning Guest Bartender of the Year:



Scott holds his "2014 Guest Bartender of the Year" mug.

Open for lunch 11-2 Thursdays & Fridays

Try our Deluxe burger & fries OR:

Thurs., 12/18: Creamed chicken on biscuits & vegetable

Thurs., 1/8: Tater tot casserole & roll

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

Closed 12/25 & 1/1.

Life at the Legion

Get in shape! An exercise class will be led by Ty Ten Napel **every Saturday morning at 7:30.** Free-will donation.

12/20 Christmas party including Santa Claus, 5:30-8. Santa appears at 6. Meal is a free-will donation.

1/5 Legion meeting

1/10 Euchre

1/11 Pancake breakfast



Progress on the Scooters Meats building



Quote 'Ems

Give me some golf clubs, fresh air & a beautiful partner, & you can keep the clubs and fresh air.

Anything is good if it has chocolate in it.

I have a large seashell collection. It is so large I keep it on beaches all over the world.

Merry Christmas to all—Hi, Donna.

—Lonesome Jack

Building St. Peter Lutheran Church



The church, located on the corner of Chestnut & Pine, held dedication services on May 27, 1956.

2014 Pioneer Village Christmas

“Jesus is the Reason for the Season”

Century Hall, fairgrounds

Last day, Sun. Dec. 14

5:30 p.m. Clark Kindergarten Class, teachers Kay Schipper & Tonya Schroeder

6 p.m. Robert Hwang & Derek Hwang from Dakota Dunes, SD accompanied by their mother, Kathy

6:30 p.m. Doris Ropte & Arin Groetken from Le Mars, vocal

7 p.m. Le Mars Community Middle School Choir under direction of Mrs. Nancy Ewing

7:30 p.m. Le Mars Community Middle School Band under direction of Mrs. Mary Kay Benton

An Iowa Poem

It's winter here in Iowa and the gentle breeze blows
Seventy miles an hour at twenty-five degrees below.
Oh, how I love Iowa when the snow is up to my butt.
I take a deep breath of winter air and my nose gets frozen shut.
Yes, the weather here is delightful, so, I think I'll stick around.
I could never leave this wonderful state because my feet are frozen to the ground.

—Contributed by Lynn Chenoweth, who left Iowa before winter began.

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