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**Santa Claus
comes to
town
Sat., Dec. 20**



Photos courtesy of Laurie Cords



Photo courtesy of Andrea Raasch

THANK YOU

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all who donated their time, talent, supplies and baked goodies to help make this year's Brunsville Area Kids' Christmas Party a HUGE success.

We couldn't have done it without all of you!!

The Committee

Fire battled on frigid night



The east back side of the house the day after the fire.



The northeast side of the house.

A fire damaged the house at 305 Pine Street approximately 10:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7. Le Mars, Akron and Merrill fire crews responded to the call. Jessica and Josh Cole and their three daughters ages eight, seven and one were not home at the time of the fire; they were staying with relatives because there had been electrical problems. The family lost everything.

The temperature at the time of the fire was 2 degrees and including wind chill was closer to 8 below.

The following day brought a ground blizzard warning and by early afternoon boards had already been put in place over the holes left from

A benefit for the Cole family will be held at the Corner Café at 4 p.m. on January 25. Food and entertainment will be provided for a free will donation. Immediate needs including household items, clothes and toys can be dropped off at the Corner Café.

In Memory of...

Wayne Brown

Jim VanDerMolen, Kris Westhoff's
& Mike VanDerMolen's brother

JoAnn Williams, Gerry Sue
Krienert's sister

In Our Prayers

Mary Renken

Chance Anthony

Birthdays through 2/11

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

Chris Bruscher Jan. 10

Jeff Olson Jan. 10

Carol Schmitz Jan. 11

Cooper Wendt Jan. 11

Max Utesch IV Jan. 11

Molly Carpenter Jan. 12

Tonya Bruscher Jan. 12

Mary Poe Jan. 13, Barry's mom

Taylor Oetken Jan. 13

Landen Olson Jan. 14

Madison Weiler Jan. 20

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

Eric Lubben Feb. 2

Michaela Burkard Feb. 2

Zachary Burkard Feb. 2

Vernon Harrington Feb. 3

Steve McHale Feb. 8

B.J. Rieken Feb. 8

Bowen Rieken Feb. 8

Charles Stremick Feb. 10

Anniversaries

Steve & Peggy Dickman Jan. 8

Greg & Jeanne Lammers Jan. 31

SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH:

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed, forever dear.

-- Author Unknown

Many thanks

I have had Type I diabetes for 22 years, which has been quite a juggle for me because I liked to be active and physical and independent.

Since being diagnosed at 14, I have had multiple eye surgeries in both eyes, three fistula arm surgeries, kidney failure and a kidney and pancreas transplant.

Going from countless needles, hospital visits and more pills than a pharmacy carries, I'm looking forward to life without blood spikes (highs and lows), less needles and fewer pills. You take anti-rejection pills every 12 hours for the rest of your life, but I think most would agree that's an awesome alternative to poor health.

There was a super team of surgeons, doctors, nurses, pharmacists and—let's not forget—the most important family, friends, church, community and coworkers that made this all possible!

I have a beautiful wife Julie, a seven-year-old daughter Jordan and a two-year-old son Jet that I'm looking forward to being around for, and keeping up with—or at least trying to.

Thank you so much! What makes this community so great is the thoughtful people who help and care about each other.

My family and I have been on an amazing journey the last three years and it has been one of the best things that has happened to us.

Our family (the in-laws and out-laws) have been awesome support from taking care of our kids while we were gone to helping in any way they could, healthwise and mentally. That's what this community felt like to us! The church and the members with their prayers and gifts mean more to us than you'll ever know. Thank you neighbors for your awesome cards, gifts and concern for my family—all of you will never be forgotten. Thank you for the food, the snow removal and making us part of your family.

If there's anything I can do for anyone, I'd be honored to help.

You mean a lot to us,

The Bogenriefs

I want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, emails, Facebook posts, balloon bouquet & gifts that made my 75th birthday so special. I enjoyed hearing from each of you.

God bless you all,

Bill Renken

Many, many thanks for your prayers for **Betty Lambert**. She is improving!

Thank you, **Angela Von Hagel**, for all your work as city water billing clerk. We welcome **Julie Bogenrief** as the new clerk.

Congratulations

Nick & Sammy Schlichte will soon become parents.

Chris Schlichte is engaged to Kathy Busch.

Kudos

Nicole Plueger sang the national anthem at the USD basketball game against Omaha.

Help us wish this Homecoming Queen a Happy 80th Birthday!

The family of **Shirlee Wells** will be celebrating with her on her birthday, February 1, 2015. They invite extended family & friends to send birthday wishes in care of her daughter

Cheri Rus

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Lake Ozark, MO 65049



Shirlee Wells



Clockwise from left: **Jet, Joel, Jordan & Julie.** Joel recently had a kidney & pancreas transplant.



Front: Brecca, Brayden, Dax. Back: Chris, Tonya.

Meet the Bruscher family

Many of you have never met the Bruscher family, who moved into their home on Jet Road in the fall of 2013. Living next door to them, I rarely see them myself. But they're not hiding—they're just super busy.

Tonya has a 24/7 job: She's a stay-at-home mom of three kids, five-year-old Brayden, two-year-old Dax and nine-month-old Brecca. Chris is the only diesel mechanic at Holzman Trucking so he works long hours. The young couple has very little time to venture out to meet new people, but they're glad they made the move from Le Mars

to Brunsville.

"It's peaceful, like living in the country," Tonya says. "We can walk anywhere." When it comes to letting her kids play outside, she feels Brunsville is a safer place than Le Mars. Chris, too, appreciates the quiet.

The Le Mars graduates met through their mutual friend Jake during the Plymouth County Fair. Tonya was 14, Chris 15.

Both Chris and Tonya have competed in the fair's Tough Truck contest. Tonya won third place three years ago.

Chris, a self-taught mechanic, loves working on vehicles. After helping out since he was 17, Chris started working full time at Holzman two years ago. Tonya worked in the ER at Floyd Valley Hospital until resigning in December of 2013. One of her previous coworkers was Carly Olson, Brunsville's postmaster. Tonya would like to go back to school to earn her EMS degree.

To gain more living space the couple would like to eventually buy a house in or near Brunsville.

The Merrill Public Library invites you to visit

Welcome to the Brunsville residents who are now considered part of the Merrill Public Library family. Make sure you "check out" the books we have and other services available to you. We are looking forward to meeting you.

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

Phone: 712-938-2503 merrilliowa.info/ merrilllibrary@mtcnet.net

Discover your roots

The Northwest Iowa Genealogical Society will be meeting Saturday Jan. 17th at the Le Mars Public Library at 1:30 P.M.

The program will be presented by Ruth Barker who has volunteered on the steering committee of the Plymouth County Barn Quilt committee. The Northwest Iowa REC has partnered with the committee in helping to hang the 8' x 8' quilts on large buildings. Ruth Barker has kept a collection of photos of the barn quilts in Plymouth County. The barn quilt project brings attention to farming and the importance of agriculture, encourages owners to improve barns and farm buildings and brings individuals and groups together on a project to promote Plymouth County.

The public is invited to attend the event.

Questions: Karen Harrington 712-533-6221 or giblem@frontiernet.net

Barn quilts tie together Plymouth



Norman and Ruth Barker's family were instrumental in constructing this barn quilt entitled "State Fair". The barn is located at 12418 K 22 rural Ireton.

CORNER CAFÉ COVERAGE

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

Evening Specials

Mon. Mexican is back! Ray Anna's Mexican Specialties

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

Remember to bring items to the Corner for the Cole family who lost everything in the Jan. 7 fire.

Sign up to be a guest bartender!

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

Open for lunch 11-2 Thursdays & Fridays

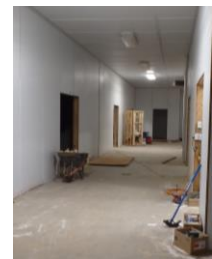
Try our Deluxe burger & fries OR:

Thurs., 1/15: Lasagna, salad & bread

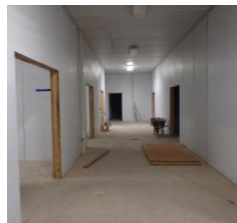
Thurs., 1/22: Creamed chicken on biscuits, & vegetable

Thurs., 1/29 Hot beef sandwich w/mashed potatoes & gravy

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



Progress on the Scooters Meats building



Photos courtesy of Andrea Raasch

BULLDOGS BREAK LONG DROUGHT AT HEELAN

by Barry Poe

The Le Mars Bulldogs picked up a rare boys basketball victory at Sioux City Bishop Heelan last week, dominating the Crusaders 60-33 at Heelan's famed "Pit." Tyler Paulson made four three-pointers and scored 25 points while Tyler Borchers added 14 points and Tanner Hillbrands 14 points.

Borchers, a senior headed to Morningside College, also heaved in a 92-foot shot at the end of the first quarter. The shot covered nearly the length of the court and most assuredly deserved to be on the nightly ESPN "Play of the Day" highlights.

It marked the first win for Le Mars at Heelan since the 1981 season. The Bulldogs are off to a 6-1 start to the 2014-15 season.

CEF Christmas party Dec 9



The party included reading from the Bible, creating ornaments and bell bracelets, enjoying a birthday cake for Jesus and singing "Away in the Manger" and "Come On, Ring Those Bells."

Photos courtesy of Laurie Cords

Life at the Legion

Saturdays at 7:30AM Exercise class led by Ty Ten Napel. Free-will donation.

1/12 Legion meeting (rescheduled from the 5th)

2/1 Legion meeting

2/8 Pancake breakfast

2/14 Euchre

Quote 'Ems

The path of least resistance is what makes men and rivers crooked.
Calories exist only if you count them.

Diet is a matter of wishful shrinking.

Hi, Donna.

Happy New Year to all and many more!

—Lonesome Jack

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