

# The Brunsville Blitz

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## Benefiting our neighbors in need

After the January 7th house fire destroyed all the Cole family owned, a benefit was held at the Corner Café on January 25.



Clockwise from top left: Jessica & Josh Cole with family members; the couple holds the quilt given to them by the Women's Circle at Christ Lutheran Church; the mayor, city council & community members pose with the couple; Tapper presents a check from Northwest REC.



We would like to thank everyone who has helped us out after the fire. Words will never describe how thankful we are. All in one moment we went from nothing to the entire community donating things to help us restart. It has been a real eye-opener to how much a small community can come together just to help out one family who most barely knew. Thank you for making us feel at home.  
—Jessica & Josh Cole

## Remembering Wayne

Just recently we lost a member of our family, Wayne Brown. Our dad was like so many Brunsville dads who taught us those life's lessons you can't get in any school. He was born in Battle Creek, Iowa, and was mostly raised around Merrill. As the last member of Merrill's class of 1935, he deemed himself as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

When it was time to go off to WWII, it didn't take a lot of looking for him or his friends from Merrill. They went to Sioux City and joined the Marines. He spent the lion's share of his time in the Pacific fighting the Japanese. He said a lot of his life's lessons came from that time in his life.

I think his time in Brunsville was the best time of his life. He loved the American Legion, baseball, the softball team, and St. Peter Lutheran Church. With four children going through Le Mars Central, he was involved in their education and activities.

He will be missed by his family and friends. I think he lived up to his credo, to make a difference and leave the world a better place than you found it. Semper Pi!  
—Mark Brown

## Water tower update

There's not much to report at the current time, they are just waiting for all the electronics to be installed.

## Bicycle riders set to roll into Brunsville Sat., Feb. 21!

The annual "Do Not Freeze" (DNF) Ride is sponsored by Bike Central of Le Mars.

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## In Our Prayers

Joan Renken is recovering with a broken ankle at Brentwood.

Gabe Roetman

Mert Oltmanns

Don Beitelspacher

Tom Jones

Bill Schlichte

## Birthdays through 3/12

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

Rob Von Hagel Feb. 12

Tim Rollinger Feb. 14

Peggy Dickman Feb. 17

Keaton Koerselman Feb. 18

Dick Harms Feb. 19

Colan Borchers Feb. 19

Jerret Westhoff Feb. 23

Elliot Kroll Feb. 27

Lincoln Renken Feb. 28

Angela Von Hagel Feb. 28

Mary Jane Tapper Feb. 28

Laura Willer Feb. 28

Lisa Willer Feb. 28

Rod Renken March 3

Nancy Willer March 9

Susan Willer March 9

Mitch Renken March 11

Brenda Galles March 11

Mary Jongma March 11

Lisa Lehner March 12



Kelly Beitelspacher holds his twin granddaughters.

Twin girls, **Mallory Ann & Lillian Marie**, were born Jan. 26. Mallory was 6 lbs., 8 oz. & 19" long and Lillian was 6 lb., 4 oz. & 18" long. Their parents are Joe & Kimberly (Bertram) Beitelspacher. Grandparents are Kelly & Denise Beitelspacher and Sandy Norby. Great grandparents are Don & Betty Beitelspacher & Colette Wilcox.

## Births



**Edward Dale Mosterd** was born Jan. 27. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. His parents are Nate & Kayla Mosterd, his brother is Carson & his sister is Callie. His grandparents are Loren & Ranee Mosterd & Jim & Janice Harmon.



**Addison Mae Babcock** was born Feb. 2 at 7:41pm. She weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. & was 20-1/2" long. Her parents are Josh & Kelli Babcock and her sister is Brooklyn. Grandparents are Nancy & Jerry Schlichte and Marv & Debby Babcock.

## SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH:

Gerry Sue Krienert

## Thank you

**Dan O D.** thanks all of his friends & fans for watching him on YouTube.

## Mayor Steve Dickman's annual report from Minnesota Twins fantasy baseball camp in Florida, operated by his brother, Stan Dickman

I did not participate this year as neither of Stan's boys could make it, so I was an employee this year. I had a great time being part of the food service team. I got in a round of really bad golf the Friday before camp started. I also must be getting older as I was in my room most every night by 9:00 p.m. I got up every day at 5:15, so that probably was why I was in early. I had a few of the former Twins ask Stan if they could draft me when they had a guy get hurt, so that made me feel pretty good. It was really nice to be in Florida for 10 days in January. The trip home on Sunday the 18th was something. I got off the plane from Florida in Chicago & the first thing I heard was, "Hey, Reno." The cruisers (Osterbuhr, Hansen, Puhl, and Dave & Andrea) were on the same flight back to Sioux City as myself. Small world.

*From a copy of the Twins Fantasy Camp newsletter:*

The 2015 edition will be remembered as the most competitive in camp history. This year's camp was again a sell-out & featured eight camp teams—any of which could have been playing for the camp championship on Saturday afternoon. The Twins camp again boasted the finest Pro Staff among the MLB team fantasy camps—with many of the club's legends in attendance. While we missed annual Pro Staff member, Ron Coomer, who was busy with the annual Cubs Fest this year, we welcomed two new members to this year's staff. Joining us in 2015 were former Twin All-Star candidate, Steve Braun & former California Angel pitcher & current Twins AA pitching coach, Stew Cliburn. Both were hailed by campers as great additions to the team.

The 2015 camp will also be remembered for attracting a camper from the other side of the world. Bud Bromley of Australia made the trip to Florida to participate, & was rewarded for his trek by being a member of the Camp Championship team Warriors. In total, 16 states & the District of Columbia were represented at this year's camp. Campers from Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, California, Georgia & Florida participated.

## Cruisin'



In early January **Brunsville-area friends** enjoyed a Carnival Cruise. Ports of call included Belize, Cozumel, Honduras & the Cayman Islands.

## Life at the Legion

We welcome back **Nancy Schlichte** as manager.

- 3/2 Legion meeting
- 3/7 Euchre
- 3/8 Pancake breakfast
- 3/16 is Sioux rural water banquet
- 4/6 Legion meeting
- 4/11 Euchre
- 4/12 Pancake breakfast

### *Congratulations to...*

**Nick Johnson** on winning the Ruger AR 556 rifle, the Sons of the American Legion's latest raffle.

**Wayne & Julie Jones Beitelspacher** on being awarded the Monsanto Fund's "America's Farmers Grow Communities" \$2500 grant for Plymouth County. Congratulations to the Le Mars LEEP on being the recipient of their award!

## Visit the Merrill Public Library

Coffee & the newspaper are available Mondays & Wednesdays 1:30-5 & Friday 9-noon. Bring a friend to chat with & enjoy a cup of coffee.

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

Phone: 712-938-2503 [merrillowa.info/](http://merrillowa.info/)  
[merrilllibrary@mtcnet.net](mailto:merrilllibrary@mtcnet.net)

## Quote 'Ems

Lonesome Jack says...

Ah, marriage. I was standing in front of the bathroom mirror one evening admiring my reflection when I asked my wife of 30 years, will you still love me when I'm old, fat and balding? She said yes, I do!

I'm a chocolate lover but I can quit any time, but I'm not a quitter.

Hi, Donna.

Bye. —Lonesome Jack

## CORNER CAFÉ COVERAGE

**Guest bartending has started again!  
Be sure to sign up!**

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

### **Evening Specials**

**Mon. Homemade pizza—new!**

**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

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## Cowboy Joe

Cowboy Joe was telling his fellow cowboys back on the ranch about his first visit to a big-city church.

"When I got there, they had me park my old truck in the corral," Joe began.

"You mean the parking lot," interrupted Charlie, a worldlier fellow.

"I walked up the trail to the door," Joe continued.

"The sidewalk to the door," Charlie corrected him.

"Inside the door, I was met by this dude," Joe went on.

"That would be the usher," Charlie explained.

"Well, the usher led me down the chute," Joe said.

"You mean the aisle," Charlie said.

"Then, he led me to a stall and told me to sit there,"

Joe continued.

"Pew," Charlie retorted.

"Yeah," recalled Joe. "That's what the pretty lady said when I sat down beside her."

—contributed by Bill Osterbuhr

**Valentine's Sweetheart Special Fri., 2/13 & 2/14**  
Surf & Turf: 10-12 oz. Rib-eye, 4 large fantail shrimp, choice of potato, lettuce salad, Texas toast & glass of champagne, \$21.95

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

### **Open for lunch 11-2 Thursdays & Fridays**

Try our Deluxe burger & fries OR:

**Thurs., 2/12:** Lasagna, salad & bread

**Thurs., 2/19:** Creamed chicken on biscuits, & vegetable

**Thurs., 2/26:** 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



## Maggie studies overseas

Maggie, a Drake University sophomore, is studying in London, England for the spring semester through Central College in Pella, Iowa. Along with her Central College classes, Maggie is also taking a class at the London College of Fashion and has an internship at This is London, a family owned publication that highlights activities and events happening in the London metro area.

Maggie will be in London studying until May 2nd. She hopes to do some traveling in Europe while she's there.

Also, Maggie was named to the fall 2014 Drake President's list for academic achievement.  
—Stu Dickman



Maggie Dickman toured Wembley Stadium on Wed., Feb. 4 as part of her internship. Left, the world famous structure; right, the press room.

## Erica Westhoff heads to Nashville

From January 20th until the end of April, Erica Westhoff, daughter of Rick & Kris Westhoff, is interning with the Nashville Sports Council (NSC) in Nashville, Tennessee. She will graduate from the University of South Dakota in May with a major in Sports Management & a minor in Business Administration.

To fulfill her major requirements, Erica needed to do a full time internship with a sports organization. Erica applied to over 20 internships outside the Midwest & chose the Nashville Sports Council. "It is a good resume builder and I wanted to experience sports outside the Midwest," she says. Erica says, "I really enjoy planning sports events. I knew by my interview the NSC would be a perfect fit for me."

Erica will help organize & execute the following events:

17th Annual Pepsi Celebration of Champions—This event will recognize the most accomplished amateur & professional sports icons in Middle Tennessee. Erica will mail all nomination letters & invite nominees to the ceremony. She is also helping to organize & execute the event on March 4th at the Bridgestone Arena.

2015 SEC Men's Basketball Championship—March 11-15 Erica will be busy organizing & executing the FanFare activities outside the Bridgestone Arena for the basketball tournament. The FanFare includes activities for children to participate in basketball drills before & after the games.

2015 Country Music Marathon—This will be Erica's biggest responsibility. On April 25th the NSC hosts a full marathon, half marathon & 5K in downtown Nashville which includes over 35,000 runners. Erica will be in charge of all 45 water stations & 30 stage managers, for a total of about 300 volunteers. Organizations volunteer to work the water stations. Erica explains: "It is my job to make sure the water station captains understand the rules & are set up on time for the race. I am the main contact for all water station & stage manager volunteers." Stage managers are also in charge of getting the band at each mile mark set up on time & playing through the whole race.

Erica adds, "I want to thank everyone, especially my family, for their love & support. I am truly grateful!"

—submitted by Kris Westhoff

Rick, Erica & Kris drove to Nashville on January 13th & moved Erica into her temporary home. Right across from their hotel was the Titans football team stadium. They visited The Country Music Hall of Fame, the Johnny Cash Museum, the Grand Old Opry, Jack Daniels Distillery & Erica's workplace. Every night they would walk to Broadway. "Nashville was a fun & relaxing," Kris says.

**Photos top to bottom:** Erica sitting at her desk; Erica in front of the building she works in; Rick, Erica, Elvis statue & Kris on Broadway; Erica, Jack Daniels statue & Rick at the Jack Daniels Distillery; Rick gets a sandwich from the Bacon truck (he wanted something he grows at home); Kris, Erica & Rick at the Legend, their favorite & one of many bars on Broadway; Rick, Erica & Kris in front of Elvis' house at Graceland.



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