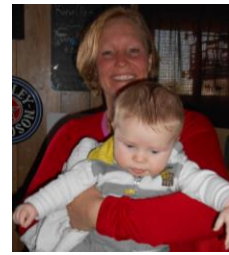


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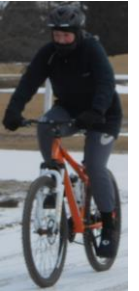
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Theresa Brent holds the youngest rider, Kona Brent.



Chilling out on the "Do Not Freeze" Ride



Despite the unexpected snow that delayed the start of the ride, 31 cyclists participated in the annual DNF Ride hosted by Bike Central. Cyclists started at 9:20 a.m. and the first riders rolled into town about 10:20.

Kevin Richards, owner of Bike Central, said, "When the snow started at 8:30, I thought, "This isn't good." But he found the event brought a good turnout.

Bike Central employee Mark Strub said the roads in open areas weren't bad but the roads in Le Mars were slick. He wiped out in Le Mars but that didn't stop him. In fact, rain, snow or shine, bikers were set on coming to Brunsville. "People want a reason to get outdoors," Strub said.

Two routes to the Corner Café began and ended at Bike Central in Le Mars—one included K42 and the other included Jet Road (aravell).



Along with Le Mars, riders came from places including Yankton, Des Moines and Minnesota. One of the riders, Andre Skob, is originally from Denmark. He's lived in the U.S. since August of 1998 and is a project engineer for Wells. "I ride quite often," he says. The week before he'd participated in a fat bike ride in Minneapolis.

Cyclists had only positive comments about the ride.

"It was a good ride to end a stressful week," said Curt Driggs, an avid cyclist.

"My toes are cold but still attached," Lyle Stinton said. The DNF Ride was Stinton's first ride—ever. He's glad he participated because it was fun and exciting. He plans on coming back next year.

Jeff Mertes rode in the annual BRR Ride of Perry, Iowa in early February. When asked if the BRR Ride or the DNF Ride was easier, he replied, "There was a pretty good head wind coming into Brunsville."

Kona Brent, the event's youngest rider at only four months old, didn't have much to say about the ride. His mom, Theresa, said he slept the entire way in a trailer pulled behind the bike of his dad, Monte.

"I would like this event to grow every year," Richards said. His goal is for 60-70 people to attend. "The event is kind of like a homecoming or reunion; you see some of the people only once or twice a year."

Richards and Strub credit Andrea Raasch, co-owner of the Corner Café, for being so accommodating. "We certainly appreciate them being open when they normally aren't at this time," Strub said.

Saying goodbye to a phenomenal pastor

Pastor Ben Worley's last service will be a joint service at Christ Lutheran Church on March 15 at 9 a.m. with cake & coffee to follow. We are very sad to see him go.

Brunsville Garage Sale set for April 24 & 25 (time to be determined)

Anyone interested in a booth may call Beth or Vicki at Iowa Prairie Bank. (Going forward the garage sale will be the last weekend in April.)

Going rural

Mayor Dickman says rural water is coming sometime in March.

Mail Call

The post office lobby now closes at 6 p.m. (Window hours remain the same: 9-1 Mon.-Fri. & 8-10 Sat.)

In Our Prayers

Joan Renken—now at home.
Don Beitelspacher
Craig Oetken
Mary Jongma
Al Willer
Charlotte Lubben—at Plymouth Manor
for rehab.

Birthdays thru 4/13

Brystol & Rahlyd Gabel (twins) Feb. 10
Chris Waterbury "Last week"
Rod Renken March 3
Jackie Rieken March 5
Adam Gabel March 8
Nancy Willer March 9
Susan Willer March 9
Mitch Renken March 11
Brenda Galles March 11
Mary Jongma March 11
Lisa Lehner March 12
Benson Rieken March 13
 Scooter Magooer Rollinger March 13
Kate Kruse March 14
John Lambert March 15
Clint Krienert March 15
Doris Brooks March 16
Jason "Big Nugg" Kruger March 17
Avari Jones March 18
Carly Olson March 18
Natalie Raasch March 19
Sheryl Oetken March 19
Laura Jones March 20
Nancy Schlichte March 20
Jim Heeren March 20
Matt Krienert March 20
Jenn Smith March 22
Todd Osterbuhr March 24
Cindy Krienert March 24
Jen Marienau March 26
Chris Schlichte March 29
Christy Stremick March 29
Josh Babcock March 30
Janna Sitzmann March 30
Brecca Bruscher April 1
Mary Renken April 2
Judy Bowman April 2
Warren Oetken April 5
Denise Ransom April 5
Lorraine Borchers April 5
Mary Korthas April 7
Denise Renken Anthony April 7
Kelli Babcock April 10
Grace Westhoff April 13
Delores Westhoff April 13

Anniversaries thru 4/13

Chris & Tonya Bruscher March 14
Stuart & Donna Dickman March 16
Tom & Michelle Jones March 17
Crazy Joe & Lisa Lehner March 18
Steve & Lori Westhoff March 19
Keith & Kristin Koerselman March 19
Vernon & Janna Sitzmann March 31
Warren & Sheryl Oetken April 3
Wayne & Julie Beitelspacher April 7



Cole after graduation on the Walk of Honor at the National Infantry Museum



Desirae, Cole, Mark & Deb at the Turning Blue Ceremony



Mike Vander Molen, Cole & Cara Van Dam



Desire, Mark, Cole, Wanda & Deb at the National Infantry Museum

Cole Oltmanns' graduation from basic training at Ft. Benning, GA Feb. 12 & 13

Congratulations

On Feb. 9 twin girls **Joslyn & Jayde** were born to Carmen & Tom Sieburg of Yutan, Neb. Joslyn weighed 4 lbs., 12 oz. & Jayde weighed 4 lbs., 13 oz. They have three sisters & one brother. Grandparents are Tom & Kathy Langel.



Joslyn & Jayde Sieburg

Mitch & Dylan Taylor made the dean's list at Iowa State during their first semester. They are sons of Kim & Doug Taylor & grandsons of Kathy Renken.

Sara Arends & Roman Eastman were married in Orange City March 7. Roman is Scott Eastman's son.



The team from left to right: Megan Kellen, Drew Dickman, Jozef Lamfers, David Puhl and Nathan Klein.

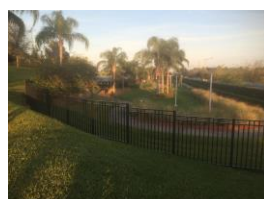
Drew Dickman, son of Stu & Donna Dickman, and his Gehlen Catholic cohorts won the 16-team KCAU Quiz Bowl Tournament for the second year in a row. Tune in to KCAU channel 9 at 11:00 AM on Sundays to view the matches.

HERO of the month Flanagan

Great news!

Audrianna Lyons was declared cancer-free at her checkup after battling cancer for one-and-a-half years. She is the two-year-old daughter of Cerina Lyons, granddaughter of Robert & Charissa Schiltz & great granddaughter of Griz & Mona

SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH: Leona Martin



This is what we're missing in Florida.

Travels

Tap & Mary Jane Tapper went to Orlando, FL for the NRECA National Convention Feb. 21-27. Tap, who is starting his third year as a board member, was elected by members to the NRECA board of

Reno, Peggy, Nick & Dan Dickman went to Las Vegas & the Grand Canyon Feb. 17-27 to celebrate Peggy's Feb. 17th birthday. They had a great family vacation.

Bullseye!



Clark Schmitz, Leona Martin & Tapper. —
photo submitted by Tapper

The Corner Café sent two teams to participate in the Midwest Regional Dart Tournament at the Sioux City Convention Center Feb. 6. The team of Shawn Marienau, Buddy Delfs & Jim Martin played well, but finished just outside the money. The team of Tap Tapper, Leona Martin & Clark Schmitz happened to play well, winning five straight matches to win first place. The prize included three plaques & \$250.

Benefitting local causes

In December the members of SAL Post 724 Heeren-McHale-Wilkens donated funds to some worthy local causes. Members voted and approved unanimously to donate \$200 to the Christian Needs Center in Le Mars to help provide food to many deserving Plymouth County residents, and to donate locally to assist a resident in his medical treatments.



Adjutant Stan Meyers (left) & Commander Barry Cornish (right) provided local Brunsville resident Joel Bogenrief with two \$50 gift cards to help with his recent medical treatments.

— Reported by Scott Eastman, Treasurer SAL post 724

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.

Story Time is March 14 at 10:30

Library hours: Mon. & Wed. 1:30-5; Tues. & Thurs. 6-8; Fri. & Sat. 9-12

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

Prairie Rose to hold membership meeting Monday, March 9

Prairie Rose Golf Club will hold its annual meeting for members and guests at 7 p.m. Monday in the clubhouse.

The good news is, membership prices will not change from last year.

Mick Muth will once again be the course superintendent and Brandon Phelan will manage the clubhouse. Now all that needs to happen is for the weather to clear up enough to take the course.

There will be \$2 drinks and \$1 brats available at Monday's meeting. Members are encouraged to pay their 2015 dues at that time. Discounts will be offered to all members who pay before May 15. There will also be drawings for prizes throughout the evening.

New board president Keith Koerselman would like to thank outgoing board members Dave Bruggeman, Don Bietelspacher and Jason Marineau and welcomes new members Bruce Roling, Al Wendt and Wayne Kruse.

PRAIRIE ROSE GOLF CLUB RATES (Pay membership before May 15 for discount. All rates listed include tax.)

Family membership: \$508.25 (before May 15) or \$535 (after)
Couples membership \$481.50 (before) or \$508.25 (after)
Single membership \$401.25 (before) or \$428 (after)
High school membership \$64.20 (before) or \$80.25 (after)
College membership: \$144.45 (before) or \$160.50 (after)
Cart space (must be a member to rent a space): shed rent \$107
Trail fee: \$53.50
Daily rates: 9 holes golf, \$12; 18 holes golf, \$17
Cart rental: 9 holes, \$14; 18 holes, \$18

CORNER CAFÉ COVERAGE

Sign up to be guest bartender!

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. All-you-can-eat fish through Lent OR 8-10 oz. prime rib, salad, & potato, OR 16 oz. king cut prime rib & potato, each mkt 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

Life at the Legion

Mon., April 6 Legion meeting

Sat., April 11 Euchre

Sun., April 12 Pancake breakfast

Fri. & Sat., April 24 & 25 Brunsville garage sale—
see front pg. for details

Everyone is welcome to attend our St. Patrick's Day party thrown by guest bartenders Kris & Rick Westhoff

HERE, FISHY, FISHY, FISHY

Through Lent we're offering all-you-can-eat fish with au gratin potatoes & cole slaw

Open for lunch 11-2 Thursdays & Fridays

Try our Deluxe burger & fries OR:

Thurs., 3/12: Lasagna, salad & bread

Thurs., 3/19: Creamed chicken on biscuits, & vegetable

Thurs., 3/26: Hot beef sandwich w/mashed potatoes & gravy

Fridays: All-you-can-eat fish (through Lent) OR chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy & salad



Harry Gray



Asher Durand's "Summer Afternoon"

Artistic talent and lineage highlighted during next genealogy meeting

The Northwest Iowa Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting Sat., March 21 at the Le Mars Public Library at 1:30 P.M.

Harry Gray will be providing the program about his lineage to Asher Durand who was a member of the Hudson River School, which was the first true artistic fraternity. Harry has shared his artistic talent on many projects in Le Mars.

This 12th issuance in the **American Treasures** series features details of paintings by four renowned Hudson River School artists. The painting on the stamp is *Summer Afternoon* (1865) by Asher B. Durand, from the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The Durands were members of the Huguenots, which were the French Protestants who were under oppression in the 1600's. As an ancestor of these artistic men, Harry will be showing examples of his art work at the meeting along with his lineage to the elder Durands. The program & meeting are free and open to the public.

—submitted by Karen Harrington



Progress on the Scooters Meats building

—photos courtesy of Andrea Raasch



It's all about the calves

On February 25 Dr. Zachary Westhoff, son of Rick & Kris Westhoff & Le Mars Veterinary Clinic vet, spoke to 35 people at the Brunsville Legion about calf health. The goal of the informative meeting was to show farmers how to better raise calves & was organized by Steve McHale with Farmer's Coop of Craig. Coffee & donuts were served in the morning & lunch was served in the afternoon.



Dr. Zach Westhoff

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New council member

Jim Goodmanson was appointed by city council to complete **Rob Von Hagel's** term. Thanks, Rob, for a job well done!

Quote 'Ems

Lonesome Jack says...

Think spring! Bob's Drive Inn is open—spring can't be far away.

Snoopy says, "There's no sense in doing a lot of barking if you don't really have anything to say."

The doctor was poking around on my uncle's back & asked, "Just where does it hurt?"

Uncle said, "To tell you the truth, Doc, it hurts most in church."

Hi, Donna.

—Lonesome Jack

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