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Meet Laura and Amanda, new town residents

My name is Laura Willer. I am the granddaughter of the infamous Alvin Willer. I grew up in Akron. I attended Akron-Westfield High School and graduated in 2008. After graduation I went on to attend college at South Dakota State University and earned a degree in psychology with minors in women's studies, religion, and sociology. Two years after graduation I became a certified personal trainer and completed my training for this through the National Academy of Sports Medicine. My own weight-loss journey and love of fitness and helping others is what inspired me to become a personal trainer. I am in the process of completing another certification in weight loss.

Since moving back to the area, I started my new job as a personal trainer! So, if you need one don't be afraid to get in contact with me. :)

I like to work out, read, play with my kids or—as some people know them—dogs, watch a good TV show, do puzzles, and be a good auntie to my nieces and nephews.

My goal is to become a full-time personal trainer!

Why do I like living in Brunsville? I like the small-town atmosphere. Everyone is very friendly and willing to help if you have any problems.

And yes James, John, and Paul Willer are my uncles, but don't hold that against me. Ha ha.

And maybe I should mention that my parents are Jay and Nancy Willer. :) —submitted by Laura Willer SEE NEW RESIDENTS, PG. 3



Amanda & Laura with Shay, Jerzee & Bear.



The cast and staff of Calendar Girls

Front row (sitting): Susan Willer, Angela Buman, Jill Young, Janelle Bixenman, Ruth Strub, Donna Rasmussen. Back row: Kim Ross (lights), George New, Kristy Pecks (stage manager), Dan Casey, Kathy Stelzer, Eileen Sohl, Margaret Britton, Danna Schuster, Tina Laskie, Mark Strub, Mark Stelzer, Kat List (stage assistant). Not pictured: Audrey Scholten.

Calendar Girls was quite a show

BY BARRY POE

First of all, let me just say this isn't an unbiased review, but rather kudos to the entire cast of "Calendar Girls," the recently completed production at the Le Mars Community Theatre.

The weeklong event included Brunsville's own Susan Willer, who just happens to be the most important person in my life. Susan made her acting debut (unless you count the play she performed in grade school) as Celia in the production and by all accounts was a smashing success.

The same can be said for the whole cast, which not only was magnificent the entire week (they even added an extra day because every show was sold out) but also had a lot of fun doing so.

In case you missed it, the play is based on a true story of 11 WI members who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for the Leukemia Research Fund.

When Annie's (played by Jill Young) husband John (Dan Casey) dies of leukemia, she and best friend Chris (Janelle Bixenman) resolve to raise money for a new settee in the local hospital waiting room. They manage to persuade four fellow WI members – Celia, Cora (Angela Buman), Jessie (Donna Rasmussen) and Ruth (Beth Strub) to pose nude with them for an "alternative" calendar, with a little help from hospital porter and amateur photographer Lawrence (Mark Strub).

The news of the women's charitable venture spreads like wildfire and hordes of press soon descend on the small village of Knapeley in the Yorkshire Dales. The calendar is a success, but Chris and Annie's friendship is put to the test under the strain of their new-found fame.

Directed by Danna Schuster, the play drew rave reviews from local media and plenty of laughter throughout the week from appreciative audiences.

The rest of the cast included Kathy Stelzer as Marie. Kathy, I might add, learned a killer British accent. Eileen Sohl played Brenda Hulse, George New was Rod (Chris's husband), Danna Schuster and Audrey Scholten alternated as Lady Cravenshire, Tina Laskie was Elaine and Mark Stelzer played Liam.

If you missed it, shame on you. If not, it surely left you in stitches.

You're invited!

The Brunsville Park Potluck is Sun., Aug. 30 at 5PM

New deadline for any info published in the Blitz is the 25th the month before. Please be sure to provide full information.

In Our Prayers

Michelle Taylor
Lillian Ludwigs
Orval Siebens

Birthdays

Abbie Dickman July 2
Deb Campbell July 9
Julie Bogenrief July 10
Donna Erickson July 10
Rosanne Osterbuhr July 13
Janice Renken July 15
Dan Dickman July 17
Riley Oetken July 18
Sheila Fuller July 20
Ben Korthas July 22
Ryan Renken July 25
Cody Angerman July 25
Benjamin Worley July 25
Amanda Jastram July 28
David Small August 1
Darv Ladenthin August 1
Benjamin Morehead Aug. 1
Andrea Raasch Aug. 4
Seth Oetken Aug. 11
Mitchell Morehead Aug. 11
Harold Gross Aug. 14
Beau Hultquist Aug. 16
Faith Worley Aug. 18
Rob Wiese Aug. 18
Heather Von Hagel Aug. 25
Joan Renken Aug. 28
Myrt Olson Aug. 28
Trent Osterbuhr Aug. 29
Gene Pegler Aug. 31

Anniversaries

Gerry Sue & Eddie Krienert July 12
Marlyn & Mary Renken July 16
Dwayne & Mary Jongma July 26
Josh & Sheila Fuller Aug. 12
Mike & Kim Willer Aug. 31

The next Yard-of-the-Month winner will be determined during the Tues., July 14 meeting of the Garden Club.

Citizen of the Month

Kim Sherlock

Bike run comes through Brunsville

Rooster's Harley-Davidson of Sioux City held a poker run that came through town June 27. The event brought in 50 riders.

California residents enjoy time with family

On July 6 **Matt & Melissa Ellis** of Orange County, California visited her father LeRoy Rozell of Clemons, Iowa & their aunts & uncles, Janice & Bill Renken & Gerald & Deloris Westhoff. Matt is also Tom Jones' nephew. The couple was also visited by Steve Westhoff, Denise Anthony & son Chase. They celebrated three graduations.

Congratulations!



Chloe with great-grandma Betty, dad Kyle & great-grandma Joyce.

Chloe Ann Willer was born July 7 at 8:48 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. & was 19 inches long. Parents are Kyle Willer & Destiny Sidney of Sioux City; grandparents are Mike & Kim Willer; great-grandparents are Joyce Willer & Betty Beitelspacher.



Riley Ann Schlichte was born July 7 at 10:01 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs., 6.5 oz. & was 19-3/4 inches long. Parents are Nick & Sami Schlichte; grandparents are Bill & Beth Schlichte and Rocket & Susan Ten Napel.

On March 26 **Alex Adams**, son of Joe & Beth Adams of Council Bluffs, earned the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award. Alex is a member of the MidAmerica Council, Trailblazer District, Troop 3. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held June 28 at Epworth United Methodist Church. Alex reaffirmed his belief in the ideals of Scouting by participating & accepting the Eagle Charge.



Photos courtesy of Rob Peters Photography



For his Eagle Project, Alex did research & made upgrades at a local cemetery that has not been taken care of in years. Alex researched the cemetery & those buried there with help from Western Iowa Pioneer Cemetery Association (WIPCA) & Pottawattamie County Genealogical Society, Bob Anderson.

In order to help the cemetery get back to its pioneer roots by encouraging the new growth of native vegetation, Chad Graeve with Hitchcock Nature Center coordinated a prescribed burn. Scouts & adults from Troop 3 attended the prescribed burn & learned the purpose, procedure & safety of the process. On another day, the Troop Scouts helped clear the overgrowth & level out the ground around the steps.

Alex is a Class of 2015 graduate from Thomas Jefferson High School. He has enrolled & signed up for classes to attend Iowa Western Community College this fall. —submitted by Karen Harrington & Beth Adams



A joyful family get-together.



Garden Club members at June meeting

Front row: Hank Farmer, Joan Renken, Deb Campbell, Cindy Kruse, Liz Kruse, Andrea Raasch. Back row: Janice Renken, Lori Wilken, Susan Willer, Gisela Dittman, Joyce Willer, Kathy Renken, Karen Harrington. Member Carol Schlotfeldt took the photo.

Life at the Legion

Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 6 & 7 City-wide rummage sale

Wedding receptions & dances:

Aug. 29 Chris Schlichte & Kathy Busch

Sept 5 Travis Hicks & Kayla Rieken

Sept. 12 Brittany Bierman & Brett Hutton

Sept. 19 Jason Lammers & Katie VanderPlaatt

Visit the Merrill Public Library

All children ages 4-10 are invited to the 2015 Summer Reading Program

Monday nights in July (July 6, 13, 20 & 27) 6:30-8:30

Every Hero Has a Story is this year's theme

Many activities & crafts. Prizes given to children who attend & participate in the Reading Incentive Program. Several local heroes will join us. Pre-register by calling 938-2503, emailing us at merrilllibrary@mtcnet.net or stop by the library & fill out a pre-registration form.

7/6 Merrill Ambulance **7/13** Leader Dogs for the Blind (meet two Labrador puppies who are training to be leaders) **7/20** Local lifeguards **7/27** Ending our program with crafts, stories & prizes

Advocate for the library within the community! The library is looking for a person from the rural community to become a member of the Library Board of Trustees. This is a volunteer position which enables you to advocate for the library in the community. If you are interested, please contact the City Clerk Margaret Marienau at 938-2514 or stop by City Hall.

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

Ph: 712-938-2503 merrillowa.info/ merrilllibrary@mtcnet.net

As a member you can download audiobooks & ebooks at no charge!

Host your next event at the Legion

Need a place to host your event? We can help! Call the Legion & leave a message or call Nancy, Legion manager, at 533-6013 or 540-4989.

Did you know "blitz" is German for "lightning"?

NEW RESIDENTS continued from front page

My name is Amanda Jastram. I grew up in Dell Rapids, SD, a small town of about 3,700 located 20 minutes north of Sioux Falls, SD. I grew up in a family of five and the oldest of three kids. I have a sister and a brother. I graduated from Dell Rapids Public High School in 2007. After high school, I went off to South Dakota State University and got my bachelor of science degree in human development and family studies with a minor in gerontology. I graduated in December of 2012. Having three dogs in the house keeps things lively.

I just recently started my new job at The Pride Group in Le Mars as a supported community living assistant. I like it so far. My dream is to work with people who have a disability, so this job I feel is perfect for me.

My hobbies and interests include working out, playing catch, and playing with electronics. I love anything pertaining to technology. I am good at helping people out with computers. I love making videos with pictures and music. I've been tinkering with computers since I was five, thanks to my dad giving me the task of erasing old floppy disks or a diskette. How many of you remember what those are?

The first goal I had moving to Iowa was finding a church I liked and becoming a member. Luckily because my best friend grew up around here, I got to experience the church she and her family attended and liked it. Now I am officially a member of Christ Lutheran Church. A second goal once I get more settled in is to get my CNA license. A third goal is to get to know more people around town.

Why do I like living in Brunsville? Hmm, good question. Well, since I've only really lived here since May 15th, I can say that I love the "super" small town feel. I can officially say I have never lived in a town smaller than 2,000 people until now. I love that pretty much everything is walking distance. Everybody that I've met so far is very friendly. I like that it's close to a Wal-Mart or Hy-Vee, but not too close.

Also, for anyone who likes fresh local honey, I am the daughter of beekeepers. This honey has absolutely nothing added to it, strictly pure. Please let me know if you would like some. Check out the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DellCityHoney>. —submitted by Amanda Jastram

CORNER CAFÉ COVERAGE

Evening Specials

Mon. Homemade pizza

Tues. Corner burger & fries \$7.50

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

Thurs. Biker night—Chef's choice

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

Also open for lunch Thursdays & Fridays

Try our Deluxe burger & fries OR:

Thurs., 7/16: Taco bar, \$6.95

Thurs., 7/23: Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy & vegetable, \$6.95

Thurs., 7/30: Pulled pork sandwich, potato salad & baked beans

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

Water costs money—don't waste it!

Water leaks for three months at 60 psi:

Dia. of stream	Gallons	Cubic feet	Cubic meters
1/16"	74,000	9,850	280
1/8"	296,000	39,400	1,115
3/16"	666,000	89,031	2,521
1/4"	1,181,500	158,000	4,475

One of the first indications of a water leak is an unexplained increase in the usage amount and dollar amount on your monthly water bill.

To check for a leaky toilet:

1. Remove tank lid.
2. Add some food coloring or a dye tablet to turn the water a different color. Put tank lid back on.
3. After 30 minutes, look in the bowl. Colored water designates a leak.

How to conserve water:

1. Install a 1.6 gall. toilet
2. Buy a water-efficient washing machine
3. Repair leaks
4. Reduce water use in the yard or garden
5. Wash full loads of clothes
6. Shorten shower time
7. Reduce faucet use

Unrepaired leaks can be costly

Water Loss in Gallons		
Leak this Size	Loss Per Day	Loss Per Month
●	120	3,600
●	360	10,800
●	693	20,790
●	1,200	36,000
●	1,920	57,600
●	3,096	92,880
●	4,296	128,880
●	6,640	199,200
●	6,984	209,520
●	8,424	252,720
●	9,888	296,640
●	11,324	339,720
●	12,720	381,600
●	14,952	448,560

submitted by Tapper

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Learn a bit of history

The Northwest Iowa Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting Sat., July 18 at the Le Mars Public Library at 10:00 A.M. The program & meeting are free & open to the public. Fran Myhre from Sioux City assisted by Luann Ouellette Vermillion, S.D. will present the program about the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Identifying signs of a stroke

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

Smile *Ask the individual to SMILE.

Talk *Ask the person to TALK & SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE Coherently (try "Chicken Soup").

Raise *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately & describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his/her tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone shares this with 10 people you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

I have done my part. Will you?

—submitted by Lynn Chenoweth

Quote 'Ems

Lonesome Jack says...

I told my girlfriend that it looked like she was drawing her eyebrows too high. She always looked surprised.

The amount of sleep required by the average person is five minutes more.

If con is the opposite of pro then isn't Congress the opposite of progress?

Look out! The political ads are coming.

NEXT MONTH: Photos
from The Brunsville Bash

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*****Deadline is the 25th the month before.*****

Contact G.D., write Susan at P.O. Box 187, Brunsville, IA 51008 or email susanwiller@hotmail.com (be sure I respond to know I've received your email). You may also contact Barry Poe.

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