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Autumn colors

The autumn colors in Brunsville have been breathtaking. These photos were taken in mid-October when the weather was still warm. The first snowfall of the season was on October 19, leaving behind just a dusting of snow.



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Christmas Acres opens soon

Christmas Acres will open for its 24th season on November 21. You can view the beautiful lights of Christmas Acres at 18481 Impala Avenue (southwest of Brunsville).

Call 541-0577 or 533-6176 for more information.

In Memory of...

Bernadette Pangersis, who passed away on September 28. Bernadette is the mother of Denise Palmer and a former Brunsville resident.
Thomas Morley, who passed away on October 18. Thomas is the father of Andrea Raasch.
Cindy Schlichte, who passed away on October 23.

In Our Prayers

Judy Bowman
Greg Breitbarth
Jeanette Jensen
Vivian Johnson
Bonnie (Hawkins) Klein, sister of Tammy Popken
Tom Langel
The family & friends of Thomas Morley
John Lambert (Lonesome Jack)
The family & friends of Cindy Schlichte
Sheryl Oetken
The family & friends of Bernadette Pangersis
Janice Renken
Rod Renken
Clark Schmitz
Mary Singer

Birthdays

Shirley Jelken Nov. 1
Charlotte Lubben Nov. 3
Arlene Peters Nov. 3
Barry Cornish Nov. 5
Brayden Bruscher Nov. 5
Laura Robertson Nov. 6 (Barry Poe's daughter)
Kim Willer Nov. 7
Kelly Beitelspacher Nov. 7
Kevin Borchers Nov. 7
William Renken Nov. 7
Joey McFarlane Nov. 8
Terry Ludwigs Nov. 8
Michelle Jones Nov. 9
Christine (Joeng Un) Cho Nov. 10
Hank Farmer Nov. 12
Luella Robertson Nov. 12 (Barry Poe's granddaughter)
Tyler Oetken Nov. 17
Steve Sherlock Nov. 17
Deloris Harms Nov. 18
Chance Anthony Nov. 19
Eddie Krienert Nov. 20
Ty Eisma Nov. 20
Brynn Wendt Nov. 22
Denise Palmer Nov. 22
Gerry Sue Krienert Nov. 23
Gregg Junck Nov. 23
Sarah Renken Nov. 24
Cliff Peters Nov. 29
Jim Martin Nov. 29
Mary Vandermolen Nov. 29

Anniversaries

Jim & Leona Martin Nov. 1
Rebecca & Jordan Vittetoe Nov. 14
Loren & Karen Oetken Nov. 23
Steve & Glenda McHale Nov. 28
Rodney & Sarah Renken Nov. 30

Congratulations

Right: **Nicole Peschong and Corby McGlauflin** were married on Saturday, October 24 at St. Michael Catholic Parish in Sioux City. Their reception followed at Stoney Creek. Corby is the son of Becki and Mike McGlauflin and the grandson of Joan and the late Erv Renken.

Joe and Kara Rollinger are expecting a baby in May.



Nicole and Corby McGlauflin.

Celebrating birthdays



Above and below: I celebrated my 40th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 3rd with several of my girlfriends over great laughs, cocktails and delicious food! I then finished off the celebration with my actual birthday on Monday, October 5th with my boys, my mom Mary and Gisella at the Corner Cafe for Alicia's Mexican. My favorite! Forty and Fabulous isn't all that bad. Thanks for all the birthday wishes. Cheers to getting older with grace ... I hope. —**Nikki Eisma**



Above: **Brian Lill** celebrated his birthday on September 22. His birthday is October 1.



Above: **Del Kellen and Blaine Foreman** celebrated their October birthdays together on October 6. Photo courtesy of Patty Hill.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Sharon Utesch

A sincere thanks to the fine folks at Prairie Rose

BY BARRY POE

BRUNSVILLE, Iowa – I think we can all agree that 2020 can't end soon enough.

For obvious reasons, for the most part, it's been a year to forget.

And now, to cap it off, winter has arrived before Halloween. Yuck!

But for all of the bad stuff that's taken place this calendar year, one of the bright spots was that we as golfers were once again able to enjoy one of the finest nine-hole courses in the state of Iowa.

Yes, Prairie Rose Golf Course rolled up its sleeves and tackled the pandemic head on. There may have been some restrictions, such as limited admittance to the club house and funky foam inside the cups.

But through it all, Brandon and Sarah Phelan and their staff came through with flying colors.

As usual, the course was in magnificent condition, from early spring until the snow came down. Leagues went off without a hitch, there were more people out playing than I've seen in the 10 years I've lived in this great community.

Sometimes we forget how much it takes to maintain a golf course to its high standards. And, believe me, Prairie Rose has a solid reputation throughout Northwest Iowa.

The countless hours of work, the ever-changing weather conditions you have to deal with. The customers that must be catered to.

Those are a few examples of things that some may take for granted.

So, allow me, if you will, to act as the voice for the Brunsville golfing community in saying thank you.

Thank you to all of those I see out mowing the fairways on a daily basis, the clubhouse staff and our excellent decision-making board.

For some of us, golf is a way of life. Our time to forget about the world and spend a couple hours a day doing something we love.

And, without Prairie Rose that wouldn't be possible.

You've heard me mention this many times before, but we as a community our size are extremely fortunate to have access to such a top-notch facility.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Here's to hoping 2021 brings brighter fortunes for everyone.

Life at the Legion

We would like to thank everyone who attended last month's breakfast. We continue to social distance as mandated by the state for your protection as well as our own. Remember carry-outs are also available.

Upcoming events:

- Nov. 2 Legion meeting 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Nov. 3 General election
- Nov. 8 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1:00
- Nov. 14 Euchre League 7:00
- Nov. 21 Poultry Party — Doors open at 6:00/Games start at 7:00
- Dec. 7 Legion meeting 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Dec. 12 Euchre 7:00
- Dec. 13 Pancake breakfast

Eight ways to get a good night's sleep:

Go to bed and get up at the same time every day.

Keep your bedroom dark, quiet and cool.

Deal with your worries before going to bed; write them down and note possible solutions.

Exercise regularly, but not within six hours of bedtime.

Avoid caffeine, nicotine and other stimulants for four to five hours before your bedtime.

Eat a light, early dinner.

Sleep on a comfortable, supportive mattress.

Avoid sleeping pills; they can worsen insomnia.

Courtesy of Ruth Zembsch

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Deadline to submit information to be published is the 25th the month before.

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Glimpses of Brunsville's past

From the October 3, 1957 edition
of the Le Mars Globe-Post:

Brunsville To Go On Dial Telephones

K. L. Rasmus said that the next step in the modernization program will consist of extensive re-building in the area west of LeMars, during which a new dial telephone system is to be installed in Brunsville, similar to Struble. Mr. Rasmus is local manager of the Central Telephone Company.

In order to get dial phones subscribers do not have to live exactly in Brunsville as included in that area will be all phones starting at a line a mile west of West-Le Mars as far as the system goes, in a few case, about a mile west of the Prairie Creek road. The work has started now and it is expected that it will be completed during the early months of 1958.

Nemmers Brothers of Le Mars have begun the erection of a telephone building at Brunsville.

Residents in this area will simply dial the LeMars operator in order to get a LeMars number. They can get anybody on the Brunsville exchange simply by dialing directly. The same system is now in use at Struble, and may eventually lead to dial operation at LeMars, too.

When a person is called on a dial phone there is not the usual annoyance of having somebody elses ring resounding through the house. By the use of an ingenious system of bell ringing frequencies to which only the selected phone is sensitive, that phone will ring and no others, even if there is a maximum of ten phones on a party line. In Brunsville party lines will only have two phones on them at the moment. Eight metallic circuits (copper) will connect LeMars and Brunsville. By the use of phantom circuits this will permit six conversations to be carried on simultaneously between LeMars and Brunsville.

There are 240 telephone subscribers in the area which will be reworked.

Eight hundred and fifty new poles will be set up either as new equipment or to replace old posts.

Mr. Rasmus said that the LeMars system will not be extended outward by the reconstruction program. He said that telephone companies do not find it economic to try to invade the territory of established companies. In one case a LeMars phone subscriber also has an Akron telephone in his house. He is thus paying for two telephone services, and most phone subscribers think one telephone is enough. The fact that many towns have their own telephone systems sometimes makes it necessary for a farmer on the Kingsley line, for example, to use long distance in order to reach his next door neighbor.



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Quote 'Ems

From the moment I picked your book up until I laid it down, I convulsed with laughter. Someday I intend on reading it.—Groucho Marx

I called an insurance company to get a quote. They gave me one of Oscar Wilde's best.—Jarod Kintz

You know what charm is: a way of getting the answer yes without having asked any clear question.—Albert Camus, The Fall

At the end of the day, let there be no excuses, no explanations, no regrets.—Steve Maraboli, Life, the Truth, and Being Free

Above quotes courtesy of Ruth Zembsch

Lonesome Jack says...

Article from The Akron Hometown newspaper 100 years ago dated October 4, 1900: Mail will be delivered free to everybody along the rural route who will erect a mailbox on the road so as to be accessible to the carrier.

How about that?

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils? My, my.

Ata way, Donna.

Till next time.

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