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Sharing a memory: Sledding down the street in Brunsville



Above: Snow was piled high at the corner of Pine and Chestnut streets in 1975. Courtesy of Carol Schlotfeldt.

After my dad died, my mother, Katherine Willer, moved to Brunsville at the age of 65. Her house was at the top of the hill by St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Whenever I heard Brunsville had snow, I would call to check on her. After a two-day snowstorm I called but she didn't answer. I became concerned.

Finally after half an hour she breathlessly answered.

"Where were you?" I asked.

"Well, the town blocked off the streets so the kids could sleigh ride," she replied. "I've been riding with them. It's great!"

She explained they would start at the top of the hill by the church and ride down Pine Street about two blocks, almost reaching the site of the previous church building at the corner of Pine and Linn streets.

"But it's a long walk back up!" she said. "I need to rest."

Mom grew up in Akron, Iowa along the river where young people would ice skate. She was proud of being able to play "Crack the Whip" with the boys. Quite a lady!

—submitted by Carol Schlotfeldt

The St. Peter Lutheran Church congregation in the mid-80s



Above: The congregation from the "Growing in Grace ... at St. Peter Lutheran Church" booklet published in 1985. How many people do you recognize?

See page 3 for a photo of the old Lutheran church building that no longer stands.

In Memory of...

James (Jim) Arlin Brown, who passed away on January 8 at his home in Peyton, Colorado. He was a former Brunsville resident and the son of the late Wayne and Dorothy Brown.

Clarice M. Bainbridge, who passed away on January 22. She is the mother of Scott Bainbridge.

In Our Prayers

Family and friends of **Clarice M. Bainbridge**

Judy Bowman

Greg Breitbarth

Family and friends of **James (Jim) Arlin Brown**

Donna Erickson

Jeanette Jensen

Vivian Johnson

Bonnie (Hawkins) Klein, sister of Tammy Popken

Kylee Lang, who is deployed in Kuwait

John Lambert (Lonesome Jack)

Sheryl & Warren Oetken

Janice Renken

Rod & Sarah Renken

Clark Schmitz

Steve Sherlock

Mary Singer

Birthdays

Eric Lubben Feb. 2

Michaela Burkard Feb. 2

Zachary Burkard Feb. 2

Addison Babcock Feb. 2

Vernon Harrington Feb. 3

Brenten Bruscher Feb. 3

Karen Oetken Feb. 5

Chris Waterbury Feb. 7

Steve McHale Feb. 8

B.J. Rieken Feb. 8

Bowen Rieken Feb. 8

Joslyn & Jayde Sieburg Feb. 9

Gwenith Montgomery Feb. 9

Brystol & Rahlyd Gabel Feb. 10

Rob Von Hagel Feb. 12

Tim Rollinger Feb. 14

Peggy Dickman Feb. 17

Dave Burkard 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 Livermore Feb. 28

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:

Ronnie Ludwigs

Congratulations

Vincent Kruse was born on August 21 to Liz and Devin Kruse. His siblings are Allison, Miles and Sam.

Mary Renken retired from her position at DHS after 28 years. Her last day was April 30.

Celebrating birthdays



Michelle Taylor (above left) and **Theresa Westra** (above right) celebrated their December 29 birthdays. Photos courtesy of Patty Hill.



On December 29 **Dave Kilker** (above left) celebrated his December 30th birthday and **Gisela Dittman and her daughter, Tami Dittman** (above right) celebrated Tami's December 31st birthday. Photos courtesy of Patty Hill.



Left: **Connie Gries** celebrated her 60th birthday on January 13.

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Come to Craig for coffee



Every Saturday at 9 a.m. Ernie Moeller opens the former Iowa State Bank building in Craig for coffee. The building was donated to the city and is used as the community center. The town welcomes everyone for coffee and any other events including the chili cook-off on January 30 at 6 p.m.

Photos courtesy of Gerry Sue Kriener.

The former and current St. Peter Lutheran Church buildings



Above: The previous church building was located at the corner of Pine and Linn streets, just south of Iowa Prairie Bank.

Below: The current church building is located two blocks east of the previous church location. This photo was published in the "Growing in Grace ... at St. Peter Lutheran Church" booklet in 1985. Since then the two red front doors have been replaced and the bushes removed.



Life at the Legion

Feb. 1 Legion meeting. 7:30; S.A.L. meeting. 7:00

Feb. 14 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1

March 1 Legion meeting. 7:30; S.A.L. meeting. 7:00

March 14 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1

April 5 Legion meeting. 7:30; S.A.L. meeting. 7:00

April 11 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1

Thank you

A special thank you to **Lori Wilken** for her Christmas decorations at the park and to **Wayne Schloffeldt** for decorating the bridge.

For the love of Brunsville

To learn more about Brunsville history and read previous editions of The Blitz, go to brunsvilleiowa.com.

To learn more about St. Peter Lutheran Church and view old church booklets, go to stpeterbrunsville.com.

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Answers to last month's Are you a Brunsville expert?

1. Brunsville had a municipal orchestra. **True.**
2. Brunsville was home to an opera house. **True.**
3. A mule contest was held during the Ladies' Aid Picnic on June 10, 1918. **True.**
4. A peanut race for men was held during the Ladies' Aid Picnic on June 10, 1918. **False, but there was a peanut race for women.**
5. The town hall building was used as a schoolhouse before the school was built. **True.**
6. Work began on the Brunsville school in the fall of 1920. **False. Work began in 1922.**
7. In 1928 there was a small fire in the former St. Peter Lutheran church building. **False, but there was a small fire in the furnace room of the Brunsville school on November 12, 1928.**
8. The Brunsville School closed in 1971. **False. The decision to close the school was made on June 15, 1970. The Le Mars Community School Board ruled the school would not open in the fall of 1970.**
9. The Corner Café had a bowling league. **True.**
10. Brunsville was home to a cement business. **True.**
11. The second parade of the 1961 Brunsville Jubilee was rained out. **False. Although there were intermittent showers, the parade was still a go.**
12. Approximately 500 votes were cast for the Brunsville Jubilee queen. **False. There were over 1,100 votes cast.**

Thank you for playing!

Thank you for your support of The Brunsville Blitz. Deadline to submit information to be published is the 25th the month before.

America's other drinking problem

- Soft drinks account for 25 percent of all sugar consumption in the United States.
- A child who drinks four colas per day is taking in the equivalent caffeine in two cups of regular coffee.
- Some lemon furniture polishes contain more actual lemon than commercial lemonade drink mixes do.

Source: Who Knew? Why You Should Always Store Eggs Small Side Down and Thousands of Other Tips, Secrets and Quick Fixes to Make Your Life Easier, Your Home Cleaner and Your Food Taste Better—All While Saving Time and Money, Jeanne Bossolina Lubin and Bruce Lubin, 2006.

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Quote 'Ems

Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them.—Antoine de Saint-Exupery, *The Little Prince*, 1943.

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way in which its animals are treated. — unknown

"A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it, is committing another mistake." — Confucius.

Above quotes courtesy of Ruth Zembsch

Lonesome Jack says...

Why are married women heavier than single women? Single woman goes home, sees what's in the fridge and goes to bed. Married woman goes home, sees what's in bed and goes to the fridge.

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

Pregnancy test: Maybe baby.

Hmm, hmm. Hi, Donna.

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