

# The Brunsville Blitz

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## Welcome to Brunsville

My husband, Bill, and I are excited to make Brunsville our home. Jason Marienau, my brother, headed up the construction of our house on Prairie Rose Lane and we are extremely grateful for all of his efforts. I grew up on a farm near Brunsville (my parents are Jim and Verda Marienau) and have fond memories of Brunsville. I attended various dances and events at the Legion, participated in Memorial Day services at the Legion, dropped in at the post office every now and then to purchase stamps, and hung out once in a while at the Corner Cafe. I always appreciated the staff at the bank being so kind and patient when I would bring in my hard-earned money as a teenager. Bill and I had our wedding reception at the Legion 30 years ago this coming July. We work remotely and have been travelling for the past ten years. We look forward to meeting our new neighbors and being a part of the community.

Bill and Jamie Goldmann



Jamie and Bill Goldmann during a visit to Machu Picchu, Peru.

## Prairie Rose will soon be open for the 2021 season

Prairie Rose Golf Club did an amazing job of operating through the pandemic last season.

Following the protocols and guidelines, they were able to offer all of the usual amenities and a chance to enjoy one of Iowa's top nine-hole golf courses.

Hats off to Brandon and Sarah Phelan and their staff for pulling that off. Now, it's time for another season, one in which we hope can return to some form of "normalcy."

The course will open whenever weather permits. We all know, when you live in Iowa, just wait for a minute and the conditions will change.

For much of last season, the clubhouse offered window service because of the pandemic. That should not be the case this year as the clubhouse is scheduled to be fully open. More good news is, membership rates have not changed. As always, if you pay before May 21, you will receive discounted rates.

Following are the 2021 membership prices. Taxes are included:

Family: \$510 before May 21 and \$560 after.

Couples: \$485 before May 21 and \$535 after.

Single: \$405 before May 21 and \$455 after.

High school: \$65 before May 21 and \$100 after.

College: \$150 before May 21 and \$210 after.

Daily fees are \$14 for nine holes and \$20 for 18 holes. Cart rental is \$16 for nine holes and \$20 for 18 holes. There is a daily \$10 trail fee for those bringing their own carts to the course.

A green fee punch card is offered (buy 10 rounds, get 11) for

\$140. A punch card for cart rental only is \$160.

You must be a member to rent a space in the cart shed for \$120. The yearly trail fee is \$60.

Scheduled leagues for 2021 include men's league on Thursday evening, women's league on Wednesday evening, seniors on Wednesday morning and a 2-person best ball league beginning on July 6 on Tuesday evenings.

No tee times are to be scheduled after 6:30 p.m. for any of the leagues. Be sure to check the clubhouse or the Prairie Rose website for a calendar of tournaments and events.

The first tournament of the season is the Memorial Day 4-person scramble on Saturday, May 29 with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

There will be two tournaments in June, a Senior 2-person scramble on Tuesday, June 1 at 9 a.m. and a 2-person Ryder Cup on Saturday, June 12 at 10 a.m.

The annual Ladies Cancer (Pink) Night is Wednesday, July 14.

The Brunsville Open, an 18-hole individual stroke play event, is Sunday, July 25 with a 10 a.m. start. Nick Dreckman is the defending champion.

An 8-inch cup 4-person scramble signals the end of the tournament season on Sunday, September 19.

To reach the clubhouse, call (712) 533-6774.

Other Prairie Rose contacts are Keith Koerselman (540-0143), Justin Kellen (540-2536), Judd Herzberg (541-0648), Mark Herzberg (539-1263), Peggy Dickman (541-8096), Steve Dickman (533-6205) and Sue Irwin (539-2196).

**Deadline for the May/graduation edition is April 25**

May is our annual graduation edition. The deadline for submitting graduate photos and information is April 25.

## In Our Prayers

Denise Anthony  
Judy Bowman  
Greg Breitbarth  
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  
Kathy Renken  
Sarah Renken  
Clark Schmitz  
Mary Singer

## Birthdays

Brecca Bruscher April 1  
Mary Renken April 2  
Judy Bowman April 2  
Heidi Weiler April 2  
Myles Mickelson April 3  
Warren Oetken April 5  
Denise Ransom April 5  
Lorraine Borchers April 5  
Mary Korthas April 7  
Denise Renken Anthony April 7  
Alex White April 8  
Kelli Babcock April 10  
Grace Westhoff April 11  
Delores Westhoff April 11  
Rory Westhoff April 14  
Darwin Lubben April 15  
Becky Beitelspacher April 15  
Brooks Beitelspacher April 15  
Kenny Taylor April 15  
Brooke White April 18  
Carter Borchers April 18  
Max Westhoff April 21  
Maggie Dickman April 22  
Ruth Zembsch April 23  
Kris Westhoff April 26  
Teresa Kroll April 27  
Barry Wilken April 27  
Isabella Livermore April 27  
Ronnie Ludwigs April 29  
Danielle Martin April 30  
Brooklyn Smit April 30

## Anniversaries

Warren & Sheryl Oetken April 3  
Wayne & Julie Beitelspacher April 7  
Scott & Amy Borchers April 8  
Amelia & Justin Parker April 12  
Scott & Peggy Linstrand April 15  
Stuart & Donna Dickman April 16  
Rick & Kris Westhoff April 25

## Congratulations

William Ray Tapper was born on March 3. He weighed 8.2 lbs. and was 20 inches long. He is the son of TJ and Madi Tapper and the grandson of Gaylen and Mary Jane Tapper.



William Ray Tapper.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Peggy Dickman

## Celebrating birthdays



Left: **Doug Schurr** celebrated his February 28th birthday. Below left: **LaRae Ludwigs** (seated) celebrated her March 10 birthday with (left-right) Joan Renken, Kathy Renken, Peggy Dickman and Hank Farmer. Below right: LaRae celebrated again later the same day.



Left: **Louie Von Hagel** celebrated his March 17th birthday on March 16. Left: **Matt Krienert** and **Clint Krienert** celebrated their birthdays on March 22. Matt's birthday is March 20 and Clint's is March 15.



Photos of Doug, Louie, Matt and Clint courtesy of Gerry Sue Krienert.

## Thank you

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## Independent Riders for Children & Charities

The Independent Riders for Children & Charities (IRCC) began as two different organizations. Randy "Snowman" Luschen from Merrill, IA formed a group in 1991 called the Independent Riders for Children. They held their first Toy Run in 1992. Robert "Bobbo" Helwig & Dave Van Beek had a group in Sioux Center called Riders for Charities. They had been around since approximately the mid-1990's. Both organizations held their own rides in the beginning. In 2007 they decided to merge the groups due to their similar goals – helping kids. The first charitable cause supported by the Independent Riders for Children was Headstart in Le Mars and they remain one of the primary charities for the IRCC. Other charities which have been assisted by the IRCC are Le Mars Backpack Program, Josh's Ride, Le Mars Police Association (Shop with a Cop Program) and CSADV.

The IRCC was adversely impacted when Baldies began having their charity run on the same day the IRCC traditionally had their Toy Run. This led to some re-thinking of how we were going to re-establish the run to draw more participants. ABATE District 20 members joined the IRCC and added ideas on how to expand the draw of the Toy Run. Enter Blaine Foreman. In its early days the IRCC had either started or ended the Toy Run in Brunsville, IA. In an effort to return to the roots of the organization, Blaine was approached as the owner of The Corner to see if he would allow us to start and end the run at his establishment. Blaine joined the IRCC and provided suggestions to make the Toy Run a viable event again. He generously donated food for after the run and has been a big supporter of the IRCC. After several lean years, in 2019 we had grown back to about 40 participants and increased to roughly 75 participants in 2019.

The IRCC will be holding the 30th Annual Toy Run in 2021 and hope to keep the momentum going.



Above: Blaine Foreman and Danielle Hystad.

### The Burnout Diamond Art Story

Due to Blaine's generous support of the IRCC, Danielle Hystad decided she wanted to do something to say "Thank you" for what Blaine had done. Danielle was struggling with what to do when she spoke with Blaine's daughter, Abbey. Abbey told Danielle that Blaine enjoyed doing burnouts. Finding a good photo of a burnout turned out to be more challenging than expected. One day, Carol Hystad was looking at Blaine's FB page and saw the photo of Blaine doing a burnout. A copy of the photo was obtained and Danielle was able to have the photo converted into a Diamond Art project. Once it was received, Danielle spent many hours completing the project. It is conservatively estimated there is in excess of 33,000 gems used to complete the project. Once the gems were placed, then she had it professionally framed so it could be presented to Blaine.

Article submitted by Dan Hystad, IRCC Vice President  
Photo submitted by Carol Hystad

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### Life at the Legion

#### Upcoming events:

- April 5** Legion meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- April 11** Pancake breakfast 8:30-1
- May 3** Legion meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- May 31** Memorial Day services 10:30 a.m.

April 11th is the last pancake breakfast for the season. We did our best to social distance this past season, and encouraged carry-outs for those who did not feel comfortable eating in person. We are sincerely grateful to everyone who supported us this past year. It has been a difficult year for a all of us! Our hope is that you all stay healthy and well.  
Thank you from Post 724.

## Lenten/Easter church service schedule

Services alternate between the joint churches:

### Christ Lutheran Church:

Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 7 a.m. with communion (no breakfast served)

### St. Peter Lutheran Church:

Good Friday, April 2 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10 a.m. with communion

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Have you ever thought about helping your community?

Great News! Brunsville is looking for volunteers to join the Brunsville Economic Development Committee. To help support local business, growth, and help revamp areas within our town.

Interested? Contact Nicole Seible for more details!  
E-Mail: [n.seible10@gmail.com](mailto:n.seible10@gmail.com)

Meeting will be  
April 21, 7 p.m. at the Corner Cafe

## Sites of interest

**brunsvilleiowa.com** Get a dose of Brunsville history, view historical photos and read current and previous editions of The Blitz.

**stpeterbrunsville.com** Learn more about St. Peter Lutheran Church and view old church booklets.

**Brunsville-based pages on Facebook** Be sure to like and follow these pages: The Brunsville Blitz; Brunsville Centennial and Beyond; and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Brunsville, Iowa. Looking to promote your Facebook page in future editions? Let us know.

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## Quote 'Ems

April is the month when the green returns to the lawn, the trees and the Internal Revenue Service.

The merchant seeks wealth to gain power; the politician seeks power to gain wealth.

### Lonesome Jack says...

A Cherokee Indian was a special guest at my sister's elementary school. He talked to the children about his tribe and its traditions. He shared with them this fun fact: There are no swear words in the Cherokee language.

One boy raised his hand. "But what if you accidentally hit your thumb with a hammer?"

"That," the fellow answered, "is when we use your language."

Two dolts were walking down the railroad tracks. After a couple miles one says, "Man, all of these steps are killing me."

The other dolt replies, "It's not the steps, it's these blamed low handrails."

Well, that's alright, Donna.

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