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Former FBI special agent shares 9/11 experience



Above: Jon Moeller, retired FBI special agent and S.A.L member of Post 724, spoke at the Legion Membership Supper about 9/11.

Three days after the 20th anniversary of the attack on our nation on Sept. 11, 2001, Jon Moeller, retired FBI special agent and S.A.L member of Post 724, spoke at the Legion Membership Supper about 9/11.

Jon, who was working in Washington D.C. at the time, shared his experience and what he saw and what he had to deal with at the Pentagon. He told of having to walk through a hole in the Pentagon the size of a plane's fuselage and seeing nothing but black ash. He also told of searching through debris to recover anything from human remains to any personal items to help identify the victims.

"It was a job that no one should have to do or was prepared to do," he said.

Jon spoke of the respect there was among the workers when certain items were recovered.

Then Jon read the emotional transcript between Todd Beamer and an operator of the events happening on United Flight 93 that was hijacked. It told of the events as they unfolded before the passengers decided to not let their plane be part of another terrorist attack and crashed their plane in Pennsylvania.

We know it is not easy to relive the horrific events of those tragic days but we are extremely grateful to have Jon share them with us. We will never forget the sacrifices made by the victims, their families, and all the people who responded. As Jon said, there were "ordinary people doing extraordinary things" those days, with great pride in our country. "Let's roll" and keep America united.

Photos and information submitted by Nancy Schlichte.

See Legion events on second page.

Cross country meet at Prairie Rose golf course September 7



Get your coffee fix Enjoy some coffee in Craig

The Craig Coffee Club invites everyone for coffee on Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the former Iowa State Bank building.

Get ready for a scary and fun Halloween Saturday, October 23 Brunsville Legion, 6-8:30 p.m.

Wear a costume for a chance to win a prize!
Activities recommended for ages 1-12.
Hot dogs, chips and fruit will be served. Drinks provided.
Stop by the Haunted Jail if you dare!

Please bring a sweet treat to share.

In Memory of ...

Denny Anderson, who passed away on August 29.

In Our Prayers

Family and friends of Denny Anderson

Brett Armstrong
Judy Bowman
Donna Erickson
Denny Henrich
Jeanette Jensen
Vivian Johnson
Bonnie (Hawkins) Klein
John Lambert (Lonesome Jack)
Sheryl & Warren Oetken
Janice Renken
Sarah Renken
Clark Schmitz
Mary Singer

Birthdays

Kathi Oetken Oct. 1
Max Robertson Oct. 1 (Barry Poe's grandson)
Brian Lill Oct. 1
Conner Von Hagel Oct. 4
Nikki Eisma Oct. 5
Roman Gonzalez Oct. 5
Mark Seible Oct. 6
Tanner Harms Oct. 6
Drew Dickman Oct. 8
Andy Krienert Oct. 9
Joseph Carpenter Oct. 9
Nancy Wassenaar Oct. 12
Blaine Foreman Oct. 12
Jacy Plueger Oct. 15
Cody Oetken Oct. 16
Kelli Schlotfeldt Oct. 20
Harper Niehus Oct. 20
Bodi White Oct. 20
Max Eisma Oct. 24
Jet Bogenrief Oct. 26
Donna Taylor Oct. 27

Anniversaries

Kelli & Wayne Schlotfeldt Oct. 1
Kathi & Todd Oetken Oct. 3
Kelli & Josh Babcock Oct. 4
Joe & Kara Rollinger Oct. 4
Dave & Andrea Raasch Oct. 7
Gene & Connie Toben Oct. 7
Jackie & Kyle Schlessor Oct. 11
Amy & Josh Murray Oct. 20
Russell & Stephanie Schlotfeldt Oct. 20
Nicole & Corby McGlauffin Oct. 24
Christina & Jeff Jenns Oct. 29

Celebrating birthdays

Celebrating September birthdays are Galen Tapper, Kelly Plueger, Scott Boylan and Dan Morten. Photo courtesy of Julie Plueger.



CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Lonesome Jack

Upcoming Legion events

Oct. 2 Taylor Lancaster & Derek Conyers wedding reception
Oct. 4 Legion meeting, 7:30 p.m./S.A.L. meeting 7:00
Oct. 10 Pancake breakfast 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Oct. 23 Brunsville Halloween party 6:00-8:30
Oct. 29 Chance Klemme birthday party
Nov. 1 Legion meeting, 7:30 p.m./S.A.L. meeting 7:00
Nov. 2 City/school election
Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Nov. 13 Euchre league 7:00
Nov. 14 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1:00
Nov. 20 Poultry Party

Courtesy of Nancy Schlichte.

Recipe of the month: Pumpkin pecan pie

3 eggs, beat lightly	1 T. vanilla
1 c. sugar	1 c. pecans
1/2 c. dark syrup	1 (9") pie shell, unbaked
1 c. solid-packed pumpkin	1 tsp. pumpkin pie spece (opt.)

Combine ingredients, except pecans, and mix well. Gently stir in pecans. Bake at 375° for 55 to 60 minutes.

The above recipe was submitted by the late Jeannine Ferris Kleihauer, in memory of Wilma Harms Lenhoff. It can be found on page 216 of the Brunsville Centennial Cookbook, which was published in 2010. Centennial cookbooks are available for \$10 at the Iowa State Bank in Brunsville or from Bev Hultquist.

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- Foster abandoned or rescued cats & dogs



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Water tower work underway, past and present

Left: Brunsville's water tower is getting a fresh coat of paint. Above center: The water tower being installed in 1982. Notice the field behind the tower; the golf course wasn't open until the summer of 1993. Above right: The water tower was featured on the 1986 Diamond Jubilee button.

Do you remember?

A new style of camping came along, first tents in the trunks, car tops, cars with seats that folded down, little one-wheel trailers to campers to that slid in back of pickup trucks and trailers behind. Some trailers are so big now that you can live in them like a house year-long. Mom and Dad came from Wisconsin. One year they decided to take a trip back. We had a big tent and took that along. There was Mom and Dad, three boys and one girl, two aunts and one uncle. As we went along at night we would ask people along the way if we could camp in their yard. It was quite a trip.

Henry



Boys gather at Harrington farm

Front: Loren and Vernon Harrington and Skippy Vernon. Back: Richard Bauerly, Rodney Renken and David Johnson. Date unknown.

Courtesy of Karen Harrington.

Cookbooks and t-shirts available at Iowa Prairie Bank



Missed out on picking up a Brunsville Centennial Cookbook or t-shirt during the 2011 celebration? How about a t-shirt from the Running of the Bulls event 15 years ago?

Good news! Iowa Prairie Bank of Brunsville currently has these items to offer. The cookbooks make great gifts for showers, weddings, birthdays, graduations, housewarming parties or any occasion. They're 388 pages and only \$10. You may also catch Bev Hultquist for a copy. The adult and youth t-shirts are available in smaller sizes—and are free! Stop by Iowa Prairie Bank before supplies run out.

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The deadline for the November edition is October 25. Please see the last page for contact information.

Ron Toel: Former Brunsville boy shares stories

I lived 1/2 mile south of Brunsville. I remember when they cemented Highway 3 to Akron and when they blacktopped the road from Highway 3 to Brunsville. About a year later I got my first traffic ticket ... failure to stop at a stop sign. I was so used to just cruising around the bend and then someone struck a stop sign there.

I remember Brunsville before there were street names. It was all done by the names of the homes. Take a right at the lumberyard and a left at Grandma Bauerly's house. Go one block and the bank is on the corner, on your left.

When we got a good snow, all the Brunsville boys would grab their sleds. We would go to the top of the hill and slide down the street. The snow always seemed to melt in town before in the fields, so when the snow melted on the street, we would go to Renken's pasture and sled down the steep hill. One hazard there was we either had to tip over the sled or go over the creek bank and end up in the creek.

We would form trains and grab ahold of the person's ankles in front of us. That was more risky as one had to release the ankles before tipping the sled.

Still talking of snow and we were in school, we would play

"Fox and Geese." I doubt youngsters of today are familiar with it. One made a beat-down path in the form of a sliced pie. Where the lines intersect was base and only one person could be on base at a time. It was a form of tag.

Other games we played at school were pom-pom-pullaway and cowboys and Indians. In the fall we played football and in the spring we played baseball. Another winter game was "King of the mountain." My dad was on the school board and had a tractor with a snow bucket on it. When it snowed, he would go to school and clean the driveway. He would pile the snow in a big pile—8-10 feet tall. The name of the game was to see who could stay on top the longest. After an hour of that we were soaked and all afternoon there was lots of teeth chattering because we were cold.

On other cold days someone would go to the bathroom right before recess and unlock the bathroom window. Our teacher would always make us go out and play no matter what. So we would crawl through the window. But we had to be very quiet, or she would find us. That happened a couple of times.

Did you know ...

Brunsville had a bowling alley? It was located to the east of the Legion building. At the time, the Legion building housed an International Harvester dealer.

Quote 'Ems

Never memorize something that you can look up. —
Albert Einstein

Previously submitted by the late Ruth Zembsch

Lonesome Jack says...

How long a minute is depends on which side of the bathroom door you're on.

If your mind goes blank, don't forget to shut the sound off.

While waiting in a cold bus station, the lady next to me mentioned that she made a lot of mistakes when texting in the cold.

I nodded knowingly. That's the early signs of typhothermia.

Right, Donna.

What is your favorite feature of The Blitz?

Please contact us with your answer.

We value your feedback.

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