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Legion events draw many



Left: Veterans Day

Veterans and their spouses were invited to a Veterans Day Appreciation Open House on November 11. The evening full of fellowship, appetizers and a small thank-you gift was hosted by Jamie and Bill Goldmann. Thank you to all who have served our county.



Bottom left: Poultry Party

The Annual Poultry Party returned after a year absence due to the pandemic last year. Bingo, chance cards, showdown and a raffle for chances to win turkeys and hams were enjoyed by many. A special thanks to Lynch Livestock for donating the hams and to Scooter's Natural Meats for processing the hams. We are so grateful to everyone who supported this fundraiser. We appreciate you all.



Upcoming Legion events

- Dec. 4 Craig Co-op Christmas party
- Dec. 6 Legion meeting, 7:30 p.m./S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Dec. 11 Euchre league 7:00
- Dec. 12 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1:00 (**Santa present 10 a.m.-12**)

- Jan. 3 Legion meeting, 7:30 p.m./S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Jan. 8 Euchre league 7:00
- Jan. 9 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1:00

Photos and information submitted by Nancy Schlichte

Santa Claus is on the way to Brunsville

Santa will be at the Legion pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to noon.



Trunk-or-treat held October 30 in Craig

A beautiful day for Trunk-or-Treat in Craig! It was another great turnout! A special thanks to Lisa Erickson for all her hard work in making this event a success every year! Thanks also to the businesses that contribute generously!

Photos and information submitted by Julie Plueger.



In Memory of ...

Arlene Peters, who passed away on October 29.

John Lambert, who passed away on November 4. Also known as Lonesome Jack, John was a consistent contributor to The Blitz.

Judy Ellis, who passed away on Nov. 16. Judy is Tom Jones' sister.

In Our Prayers

Brett Armstrong

Judy Bowman

Family and friends of Judy Ellis

Donna Erickson

Denny Henrich

Jeanette Jensen

Vivian Johnson

Bonnie (Hawkins) Klein

Family and friends of John Lambert (Lonesome Jack)

Sheryl and Warren Oetken

Family and friends of Arlene Peters

Janice Renken

Sarah Renken

Clark Schmitz

Mary Singer

Birthdays

Kevin White Dec. 5

Reed Henrich Dec. 6

Mary Singer Dec. 7

Scott Linstrand Dec. 8

Breanna Martin Dec. 8

Rhett Schlessler Dec. 8

Mark Brown Dec. 9

Peggy Linstrand Dec. 12

Jordan Bogenrief Dec. 14

Jessica Wendt Dec. 16

Joe Herzberg Dec. 16

Barry Poe Dec. 17

Jay Wiese Dec. 18

Katelyn Geil Dec. 18

Joe Rollinger Dec. 19

Jade Goodmanson Dec. 19

Mckinley Johnson Dec. 20

Lucas Schlichte Dec. 23

Emily Von Hagel Dec. 26

Clark Schmitz Dec. 27

Max Utesch Jr. Dec. 27

Zachary Jongma Dec. 27

Deb Herzberg Dec. 27

Kenny Kriener Dec. 28

Doris Taylor Dec. 29

Jay Toel Dec. 29

Gene Beitelspacher Dec. 29

Dean Beitelspacher Dec. 29

Loren Weiler Dec. 29

Mary Vandermolen Dec. 29

Tami Dittman Dec. 31

Wanda Oltmanns Dec. 31

Jeffrey Cords Dec. 31

Anniversaries

Rob & Angela Von Hagel Dec. 15

Jim & Verda Marienau Dec. 20

Kelly & Denise Beitelspacher Dec. 31

Kristen & Luke Faber Dec. 31

Remembering John Lambert (Lonesome Jack)



They told me to go fly a kite—so I did.
— Lonesome Jack, October 2018 Blitz edition

John had a refreshing sense of humor he loved to share with Blitz readers. He took great pride in determining which quotes he would share each month.

"What do you think of these?" he would ask as he handed me the latest batch of quotes.

"They're perfect," I'd say.

And I was right. Readers raved over John's quotes. I hope you enjoyed them as much as I have. — Susan

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Carol Schmitz

Thank you

We want to thank the people of Brunsville for everything you did for us while we lived there. Brunsville is truly a great place to live. It's nice to live somewhere you know most of the people and how they come together in good times and bad times to support each other. We had great fun being part of the Centennial, Halloween and Christmas parties. We made a lot of new friends and remember the ones who have passed on. I know Al Willer is waiting up there for me, to tell me about all the clouds. We will miss all of you. At least Darv is close by so he can still see some of you. We wish all the best for everyone there, and hope everyone has a great and blessed holiday season.

Mary Singer

Darv Ladenthin

**The deadline for each edition is
the 25th the month before.**

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.

Be sure to like **The Brunsville Blitz, Brunsville Centennial and Beyond** and **St. Peter Lutheran Church, Brunsville, Iowa** on Facebook.

Turning buried objects into treasures

After locating buried treasures using his metal detector at the old Brunsville school site in October, Bob Turner still had work to do. He took the objects home to clean, did his research, and on November 13 he brought the freshly cleaned treasures to Bill and Janice Renken, owners of the old school site.

Bob's finds included a child's ring, .38 shell, scholar award, lapel pin, railroad post stamp, Japanese coin, Roosevelt quarter, five dimes (four mercury, one Roosevelt), three nickels (including one from 1937 and one from 1925) and 18 wheat pennies (the oldest from 1909).

Bob considers finding buried treasure a hobby and refuses any form of payment for his work.

"The thing that really gets my juices going is metal detecting," he said.

One of Bob's previous projects included searching for treasures at the old school site a half mile south of the home of Bill and Janice's daughter Debra Ahlers, also located in Plymouth County. Included in his finds were wheat pennies, shells and an 1882 Seated dime.



Above: Bill Renken (seated), Bob Turner and Janice Renken. Above right: Bob Turner's finds from the old Brunsville school site. Right: Debra and John Ahlers with Bob's finds from the old school site a half mile south of their home.

Recipe of the month: Cranberry cake with hot butter sauce

2 T. butter, melted	3 tsp. baking powder
1 c. sugar	1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla	1 c. milk
2 c. sifted cake flour	2 c. raw cranberries

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add vanilla. In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add flour mixture and milk alternately to butter mixture; mix thoroughly. Fold in cranberries. In greased and floured 8- or 9-inch square pan, pour batter. While cake is hot, cut into squares and top with hot butter sauce. Delicious!

Hot butter sauce:
1/2 c. butter 1/2 c. half & half
1 c. sugar

In medium saucepan, melt butter and blend in sugar. Stir in cream and simmer 3-4 minutes, stirring occasionally.

The above recipe was submitted by the late Betty Beitelspacher. It can be found on page 163 of the Brunsville Centennial Cookbook, which was published in 2010. Centennial cookbooks are available for \$10 at the Iowa Prairie Bank in Brunsville.

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Christmas Acres celebrates 25 years

Christmas Acres is open until January 1, weather permitting. You can view the beautiful lights at 18481 Impala Avenue (southwest of Brunsville).

Get your coffee fix and chat a while

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

Remember to check out Craig's new sign while in town.

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, house-warming parties or any occasion. The adult and youth t-shirts are available in small and medium—and are free! Stop by Iowa Prairie Bank before supplies run out.

SkyView Smoky Mountain Lodge

New cabins for rent (2-3 bedrooms)

Close to the Smoky Mountain National Park; Gatlinburg, Tennessee; and Pigeon Forge, home of Dolly and Dollywood.

Book early — 919-345-9667

2021 Pioneer Village Christmas Century Hall, Plymouth Co. Fairgrounds Dec. 4 & 5, 11 & 12

Entertainment coordinators: Bill & Janice Renken
Assisted by JoEllen Cronin & Monte Erickson
Sound: Monte Erickson & Tom Mullally
Photos: Jim Rohlf

Sat., Dec. 4

6:00 p.m. *Sertoma Lighted Christmas Parade*

6:00 State Line Drifter Band. Brent Thompson (drums); Scott Hall (lead guitar & vocal); Anna Rose (lead vocals & guitar); Dave Wermera (lead vocal & lead guitar); Jim Viet (bass); Terry Durr (rhythm guitar); Nancy Rogers (vocal)

7:00 Denice Kolker's piano students of Merrill

7:30 Marlyn Renken, Max Eisma & Henry Renken, "Deck of Cards." Henry Renken will recite the Pledge of Allegiance

8:00 State Line Drifters Band will finish the night

Sun., Dec. 5

5:30-6:00 p.m. Central Academy Dance Team under direction of Beth Ruden and Amy Davis

6:00 Monte, Lisa, Lucas & Eric Erickson (keyboard, guitar & vocal) of St. John's Lutheran Church, Craig Rose Heeren (vocal) of St. John's Lutheran Church, Le Mars

7:00 Stanton Lucky Clovers 4-H Club. Leaders: & Nancy Zubrod & Jennifer Bockelmann. Sam Zubrod, Honor Band. Mr. Paul Niebuhr for his private lessons

7:30 Allyn Anderson, "Message of Christmas"

8:00 Monte Erickson & sons Lucas & Eric

Sat., Dec. 11

5:30 p.m. Elaine Peacock (vocal) accompanied by Isabel Trobaugh of Elk Point, SD

6:00 Beverly Peterson & Tom Mullally (drums & vocal)

6:30 Doris Ropte & grandchildren (vocal with CD)

7:00 Mrs. Inez Hoogeveen's piano & vocal students, who have gone far under her leadership

Sun., Dec. 12

5:30 Leonard & Julie Brazzil (DJ & vocal) of Remsen

6:00 Carl Johnson (guitar & vocal) accompanied by Sherri Sitzman of St. John's Lutheran Church, Craig

6:30 Jonathan Foster (guitar & vocal) of Plymouth County Historical Museum

7:00 Le Mars Community Middle School Vocal under direction of Mrs. Nancy Ewing

Remember the reason for the season: "Christmas is Jesus."
Thank you for all the beautiful messages and music.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

If you like, you may take down trees and decorations.

Thanks again,
Monte Erickson
Janice & Bill Renken
JoEllen Cronin
Tom Mullally

Ron Toel: Former Brunsville boy shares stories

There was an old barn, kind of by itself, that was empty. Who owned it, I have not a clue. The boys used to choose up sides and play cops and robbers in that barn. The "cops" would count to 100 while the "robbers" hid in the barn. Then the cops would pursue. Because of all the hiding spots, the robbers usually "killed off" all the cops.

The county shed where the road grader was kept was north of the old church. Sometimes in the winter the man who operated the grader would go around behind his building and put the blade down and scrape all the grass off a square. He would make an edge around it. He was good with that blade. It would take him more than a half day to do that. Then he would fill it with water. That night it would freeze and—voila!—we had ice skating. We did just as the Olympians did, but we spent a lot of time on our behinds. We played hockey too! We did not know the rules or have the wall to crash our opponent against, but that did not stop us from some fun times.

Quote 'Ems

You can stand tall without standing on someone.
You can be a victor without having victims. —
Harriet Woods

It is not easy to find happiness in ourselves, and it is
not possible to find it elsewhere. — Agnes Repplier

A youth was questioning a lonely old man, "What is
life's heaviest burden?" he asked.

The old fellow answered sadly, "To have nothing to
carry." — Anonymous

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