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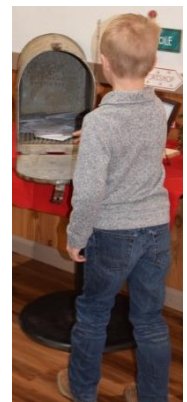
Brunsville, Iowa

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Santa attends Dec. 11 Legion pancake breakfast

A large crowd enjoyed Santa's visit and a delicious breakfast. Kids had the opportunity to make crafts and write letters to Santa.



Photos and Legion information courtesy of Nancy Schlichte.

Upcoming Legion events

Jan. 2 Legion meeting 7:30; S.A.L. meeting 7:00
Jan. 8 Pancake breakfast 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Jan.14 Euchre 7:00

Feb. 6 Legion meeting 7:30; S.A.L. meeting 7:00
Feb. 11 Open Euchre 7:00
Feb. 12 Pancake breakfast 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Brunsville Legion would like to thank everyone for your support this last year. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Centennial and Running of the Bulls souvenirs available

Stop by Iowa State Bank of Brunsville for a Brunsville Centennial Cookbook, Centennial T-shirt or Running of the Bulls T-shirt. The 388-page cookbooks are only \$10 and the t-shirts are free.

The Merrill Public Library

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You're invited to



**SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH
at the Brunsville Legion**

Food and fun for the entire family! Come cheer on your team!

**Town teams will compete to win a traveling trophy
by answering Family Feud questions.**

Stay tuned! More details to come.

In Memory of ...

Sharman (Jelken) Otten, who passed away on December 8. Sharman was living in Wilhelmshaven, Germany and was a previous resident of Brunsville. A funeral service will be held on Dec. 27 in Germany and a memorial service will be held in Brunsville on a future date. Condolences to the family can be sent to P.O. Box 404, Slater, Iowa 50244.

In Our Prayers

Judy Bowman
Declynn Cody
Donna Erickson
Matt Evans
Denny Henrich
Jeanette Jensen
Vivian Johnson
Stan Meyer
Sheryl and Warren Oetken
The family of Sharman Otten
Janice Renken
Joan Renken
Rod Renken
Clark Schmitz
Peggy Wilken

Birthdays

Bill Renken Jan. 1
Lynn Chenoweth Jan. 1
Crystal Lubben Jan. 2
Noah Niehus Jan. 5
Judy Lubben Jan. 7
Knox Wendt Jan. 8
Susan (Dickman) Braun Jan. 8
Jacob Weiler Jan. 8
Penny Angerman Recker Jan. 9
Henrik, James & Thomas Hasselquist Jan. 9
Myiesha Suzuki Jan. 9
Nick Dickman Jan. 10
Chris Bruscher Jan. 10
Carol Schmitz Jan. 11
Cooper Wendt Jan. 11
Max Utesch IV Jan. 11
Molly Carpenter Jan. 12
Mary Poe Jan. 13
Raelynn Poe Jan. 13
Taylor Oetken Jan. 13
Samuel Kruse Jan. 13
Landen Olson Jan. 14
Cheri Rus Jan. 15
Mercy Suzuki Jan. 15
Jim Bolton Jan. 17
Madison Weiler Jan. 20
Kacey Jo Schlichte Jan. 24
Joyce Willer Jan. 25
Peggy Wilken Jan. 25
Tammy Miller Jan. 25
Dwayne Jongma Jan. 25
Anna Chenoweth Jan. 26
Tina Renken Jan. 26

Congratulations

Karen and Vernon Harrington were inducted into the Plymouth County 4-H Hall of Fame this year. Karen has been volunteering for 41 years and Vernon for 36 years. The couple also raised daughters Bethene and Audra in the Plymouth County 4-H program. The award was presented during the Iowa State Fair in August.



Celebrating a birthday

Left: **Noah Niehus** turns 1 year old on January 5. His parents are Neil Niehus and Kelsi Wright and his siblings are Brantley and Harper Niehus. Grandparents are Phil and Janet Niehus and Grandma Dawn Wright. Courtesy of Kelsi Wright.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:

Kelly Beitelspacher

Recipe of the Month: Baked Potato Soup

4 lg. baking potatoes	6 c. milk
2/3 c. butter	1 c. sour cream
2/3 c. all-purpose flour	1/4 c. thinly-sliced green onions
3/4 tsp. salt	10 bacon strips, cooked & crumbled
1/4 tsp. white pepper	1 c. (4 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese

Bake potatoes at 350° for 65 to 75 minutes, or until tender; cool completely. Peel and cube potatoes. In large saucepan, melt butter. Stir in flour, salt and pepper until smooth. Gradually add milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes, or until thickened. Remove from heat; whisk in sour cream. Add potatoes and green onions. Garnish with bacon and cheese.

The recipe above was submitted by Julie Hughes of Westfield and can be found on page 332 of the Brunsville Centennial Cookbook, which was published in 2010. Centennial cookbooks are available for \$10 at Iowa State Bank in Brunsville.

Hate missing events because you forgot about them?

Add upcoming events listed in each Blitz to your calendar as soon as you learn about them. Problem solved.

Mallory & Lillian Beitelspacher Jan. 26
Alisha Schlichte Jan. 27
Denny Borchers Jan. 27
Edward Mosterd Jan. 27
Michelle Plueger Jan. 28

Anniversaries

Steve & Peggy Dickman Jan. 8
Greg & Jeanne Lammers Jan. 31

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

Attending Citizens Academy: Worth the wait

By Susan Willer

I heard about Citizens Academy in an odd way. It was the fall of 1999 when I was living in Sioux City and had a little extra time on my hands. I decided to volunteer and randomly settled on an alcoholic treatment center. I don't remember the name of the place or the name of the woman in charge that I met with, but while discussing ways I could help, she sidetracked and shared how much she enjoyed attending Citizens Academy with the Sioux City Police Department. I perked up. Learn more about how the law enforcement operates? A chance to ride along with officers? Shoot guns? I was intrigued. I returned home and called the police department. They added me to their waiting list. I never did volunteer with the alcoholic rehab place.

In the spring of 2000 I attended Citizens Academy in Sioux City. We toured the police station, sat with dispatchers, rode with an officer and met the K-9 unit. We learned CPR and defense tactics. We reenacted traffic stop scenarios. We drove the skid pan and obstacle course. We viewed crime scene slides (yes, with dead bodies). We observed two of our classmates downing drinks before trying to pass the sobriety test. We watched two of the biggest students attempt to handcuff a much smaller student (they couldn't). We voluntarily tased ourselves (using low voltage, of course). And we shot those guns.

We graduated after 12 weeks of Wednesday classes but I didn't want the class to end. So, when I moved back to Plymouth County, one of the first things I did was check to see if the local police department offered the class. It didn't.

However, that changed a few years ago. The class was offered -- but only to Le Mars residents. So close! I contacted the department. Yes, they were considering expanding the class offering to Plymouth County residents. I could wait a little longer.

In 2021 I was excited to learn the class would be offered to Plymouth County residents. However, I was cast in a play that was going live around the same time so I didn't apply. After all those years of waiting, what was another year?

Finally, in the fall of 2022 I attended Citizens Academy with the Le Mars Police Department and Plymouth County Sheriff's Office. Every Tuesday and Thursday evening for four weeks beginning in October I devoured the class. We toured the police station, jail and dispatch center. We watched the K-9s run obstacle courses and sniff out drugs. We learned about the use of force, Constitutional law and drug enforcement. We watched traffic stop videos and viewed crime scene slides. We observed volunteers trying to pass the sobriety test. Instead of tasing ourselves, we watched new officers getting tased (it's a requirement). And yes, we shot the guns.

Although many of the topics were the same in both classes, some things had changed over time, including the introduction of body cameras and increased need for school security. What didn't change? The chill from viewing the crime scene slides. Knowing I'm not cut out to be on the force. And having a blast.

Interested in taking the class? It's free, completely voluntary and offered every fall. I would suggest watching for application requests toward the end of summer or contacting the police department directly. After waiting 22 years to attend the class a second time, all I can say is, the class is worth the wait.



Above: Susan Willer participates in firearms training during Citizens Academy. Photo courtesy of the Le Mars Police Department.

Enjoy coffee and conversation

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

Interested in publishing photos? Want to add a birthday or anniversary to the list? Please contact us. **The deadline to submit info is always the 25th the month before.**

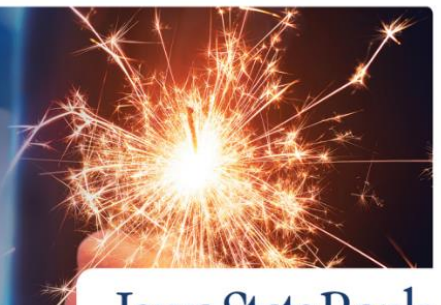
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Blast from Brunsville's past: Mrs. Jelken's class



Above: Ron Livermore, Charles Willer, Bill Renken, Larry Plueger, Carol (Gronemeyer) Willer, Darrell Oltmanns, Janice (Plueger) Smith, Dorothy Beach. Teacher Shirley Jelken.

Drinking may cause deficiencies

Alcohol impairs the body's ability to absorb, metabolize and use vitamins A, E and D. In addition, alcoholics tend to eat less, which may lead to deficiencies in vitamins C and K, as well as calcium, magnesium, iron and zinc. If you consume more than two alcoholic beverages a day, consider taking a multivitamin, multimineral supplement.

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, page 353.

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Quote 'Ems

If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way. — Martin Luther King Jr.

Love lights more fires than hate extinguishes. — Ella Wheeler Wilcox

The only people who never fail are those who never try. — Ilka Chase

Too many people are ready to carry the stool when the piano needs to be moved. — Anonymous

It takes two to make a quarrel, but only one to end it. — Spanish proverb

On the road between the homes of friends, grass does not grow. — Norwegian proverb

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Wish list

Dry puppy food	Soft kitten food	Paper towels
Dry dog food	Dry kitten food	Laundry detergent
Large dog harnesses	Soft cat food	Liquid hand soap
Elevated dog beds	Dry cat food	Copy paper
Large dog beds	Scoopable cat litter	13 gall. garbage bags
XL dog kennels	Small litter boxes	Pet shampoo
Blankets	Litter scoops	Pet conditioner
Dog toys	Cat toys	Rugs
Dog treats	Cat treats	Towels
Chicken jerky treats	Small cat beds	Bleach
Dog collars	Large wire kennels	
Large dog puzzles		

Please contact us if you're interested in adopting, volunteering, donating, helping plan fundraising activities and events, or fostering abandoned or rescued cats and dogs.



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