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Brunsville native plays key role in life-saving event

By Stan Dickman

On Monday, January 9, the 2023 Minnesota Twins Fantasy Camp in Fort Myers, Florida was kicking off on a beautiful, sun-soaked morning as campers enthusiastically prepared for the first game of camp. On Field #6, Twins greats Frank Viola, Jeff Reardon, Al Newman, Gene Larkin and Mark Salas were setting their line-ups to begin a run at this year's Camp Championship. Optimism was high and the excitement palpable.

In the second inning of this first game, a 62-year-old rookie camper, Jamie Green of the Twin Cities, approached the plate, marking his first "official" at bat at Twins Camp. In a matter of minutes, Jamie would face the toughest battle of his life. Following a check swing strike, Jamie suffered a cardiac event. The most serious type of event – often referred to as a "widow-maker" attack.

He dropped in the batter's box and immediately Dr. Barry Karon, a cardiologist from the Mayo Clinic, and Brunsville native Dr. Mark Brooks went into action. When they arrived at the plate, Jamie had no pulse and Mark began CPR, while Dr. Karon measured his pulse. Twins trainer Asja Morello responded as well and was ready to utilize the life-giving automated ex-



Above: Jamie with John and Bert Blyleven. Courtesy of Stan Dickman.

ternal defibrillator device that was on hand. Mark's wife Susan, a nurse certified in CPR, also rushed to the scene and provided coaching to Mark as he provided a CPR pulse for Jamie. The four were eventually joined by Aaron Egan, a grounds crew worker who had recently relocated to Florida from Texas, and a former EMS himself. Aaron was able to continue CPR until an ambulance and a medical crew from a local hospital were able to respond. **Continued on third page.**

Upcoming Legion events

- Feb. 6 Legion meeting 7:30; S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- Feb. 11 Euchre 7:00
- Feb. 12 Pancake breakfast 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Feb. 12 Super Bowl party 3:00 p.m.
- Feb. 17 Prairie Rose Golf Casino Night 6:30 p.m.
- March 6 Legion meeting 7:30; S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- March 11 Euchre 7:00 p.m.
- March 12 Pancake breakfast 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- March 17 Cole Oltmanns
- March 18 Taverns, Treats & Town Feud 6:00 meal/7:00 p.m. game

Let us help you host your upcoming events. Dates available in 2023 for weddings, graduations, reunions or any type of party. Call the Legion at 712-533-6124 and leave a message or call Nancy at 712-540-4989. We would be happy to have you! Courtesy of Nancy Schlichte.

Join us for a Super Bowl party at the Legion

Sun., Feb. 12, beginning at 3 p.m.

Cards, snacks and fun
Courtesy of the S.A.L. members

You're invited to



Saturday, March 18
at the Brunsville Legion

6-7 p.m. Free-will donation meal of taverns, chips and a variety of treats. Everyone is invited to bring a treat to share. Money raised will be used for Brunsville Park improvements.

7 p.m. Feud games begin. Town teams compete by answering Family Feud questions. This year we're bumping up the number of teams from six to eight:

Akron ◦ Brunsville ◦ Craig ◦ Ireton
Le Mars ◦ Merrill ◦ Ruble ◦ Struble

Traveling trophy awarded to the winning town

Must sign up by March 1 to play. To register for a team, call Barry Poe at (712) 533-6447.

In Memory of ...

Margaret Pecks, who passed away on January 10. Margaret taught at the Brunsville school from 1961 through 1970.

Dave Hoffman, who passed away on January 20.

In Our Prayers

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

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
Verda Koerselman Feb. 7
Steve McHale Feb. 8
B.J. Rieken Feb. 8
Bowen Rieken Feb. 8
Joslyn & Jayde Sieburg Feb. 9
Gwenith Montgomery Feb. 9
Bryistol & Rahlyd Gabel Feb. 10
Payton Bruscher Feb. 11
Harper Harms Feb. 11
Rob Von Hagel Feb. 12
Tim Rollinger Feb. 14
Rett Willer Feb. 14
Peggy Dickman Feb. 17
Dave Burkard Feb. 17
Keaton Koerselman Feb. 18
Dick Harms Feb. 19
Colan Borchers Feb. 19
Connie Seible Feb. 21
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

Celebrating birthdays

Right and below: **Carol Schmitz** celebrated her birthday with the Town Feud Committee on January 11. Photos courtesy of Jamie Goldmann.



Left: **Dwayne Jongma** celebrated his 65th birthday at the Corner Café on January 24. His birthday is January 25. Courtesy of Judy Schoen.

CITIZENS OF THE MONTH:

Trista Rollins, Kat Smit & Angie Smit

*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.***

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.

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.

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.

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

Front page story continued

Jamie was rushed to the nearby Gulf Coast Medical facility where he again coded. The medical staff at Gulf Coast was once again able to revive him and Jamie was rushed into surgery where he received a pair of stints. Jamie's story has a happy ending as he continued to make remarkable progress and is expected to make a full recovery following the required rehab work. He remains in great spirits and is thankful indeed to have had the remarkable group of people nearby when he suffered his attack.

The Minnesota Twins Fantasy Camp is led by another Brunsville native, Stan Dickman. Stan's brother Steve "Reno" along with Stan's son Alex, and wife Marsha work camp week in Fort Myers each year.

"The Good Lord was certainly looking out for Jamie and the Twins Camp," commented Stan. "To have the type of medical personnel near enough to respond within seconds no doubt saved his life. The doctors at Gulf Coast told Jamie's brother, John (also a camper), that less than 5% of those suffering this type of event will survive. When you also consider that this new groundskeeper from Texas was also on the scene, it strikes you as almost miraculous."

Dr. Brooks added, "The fact that Jamie was here at camp may have been his saving grace. Add to that, that he was

in the batter's box where 25-30 people are watching him, and we could respond immediately, makes it even more incredible. Had Dr. Karon and I not been able to get to him as quickly as we did, his chances of surviving an episode this serious are certainly questionable. We're just so thankful that Jamie is doing well and on the road to recovery."

Jamie, his sons, and brothers John and Tim, thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and heartwarming support the family received during a very difficult time. They also wanted to thank the medical staff at Gulf Coast Medical Center for the exceptional care that Jamie has received.

It's been a long trip from those summer baseball games on the baseball diamond in Brunsville that filled so many days for kids growing up in this special little town in the '50s and '60s. But the life lessons that were honed in Brunsville continue to serve well.

The Minnesota Twins Fantasy Camp is held each year during the first full week of January in Fort Myers, Florida. Stan Dickman has served as the Camp's Executive Director since 2008, and the Dickman family has delivered 14 "Official" Twins Camps, with the last 12 being "sell-outs."

Attention Brunsville residents

Please keep the area around your meter clear of snow. The city needs access. Thank you.

Recipe of the Month: Chili Soup

1 lg. onion, chopped	2 cans tomato soup
1 can kidney beans, drained	4 c. water
1 qt. tomato juice	1 T. chili powder
2 c. potatoes, diced	Salt & pepper, to taste
1 1/2 lb. hamburger	

In a large kettle, brown meat and onions until no longer pink. Add potatoes and brown slightly. Add all other ingredients and simmer 45 minutes to 1 hour.

The above recipe was submitted by Janet Renken and can be found on page 328 of the Brunsville Centennial Cookbook, which was published in 2010. Centennial cookbooks are available for \$10 at Iowa State Bank in Brunsville.

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Lovin' on volunteers at Wet-Nose Rescue Special Valentine's Open House Saturday, Feb. 11, 2-5 p.m.

Open to the public

Check out the sweet deals at the new Anderson Gift Shop

Pizza and more for all!

Sign up to volunteer at the shelter ◦ Help recruit volunteers ◦ Meet the tireless volunteers ◦ Meet the sweet cats and dogs ◦ Adopt ◦ Foster

Can you provide any wish-list items?

Hard puppy food	Soft kitten food
Dry kitten food	Laundry detergent
Antibacterial hand soap	Paper towels
Scoopable cat litter	13 gall. garbage bags
XL wire kennels	Large & small cat litter pans
Metal litter scoops	Rugs
Chicken jerky treats	Dog & cat beds

Help wanted: Employee at the new Wet-Nose animal shelter. Government program: age/income guidelines. 18 hours per week. Call 712-539-0223.



1331 Hawkeye Ave SW, Le Mars
In the old airport hangar south of the former Hobby Haven
(712)540-5919, aaeyes2011@gmail.com

Frosted Brunsville beauty



The photo of the church was taken on January 13. All other photos were taken on January 22.

Quote 'Ems

The Rule of Nature

Rivers do not drink their own water;
Trees do not eat their own fruit;
The sun does not shine upon itself and
Flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves
Thus, living for others is a rule of nature.
We are all born to help each other.
No matter how difficult it is, life is better when we are happy;
But life is much better when others are happy because of
you. — Pope Francis

Four things I've learned as I've gotten older

1. One can't make real friends with fake people.
2. One sits back and observes, and realizes that not everything needs a reaction.
3. One realized they need to trust their intuition; if something does not feel right, do not waste time trying to deny it.
4. The older one gets, the less they need to be included, understood or accepted.

Our Heavenly Father is the only one to never have a God.

Above quotes submitted by Ron Toel

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