

# The Brunsville Blitz

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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 o Brunsville o Craig o Ireton  
Le Mars o Merrill o Ruble o 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.

## Stop forgetting events

Add upcoming events to your calendar now so you remember them.



Photos courtesy of Kristin Koerselman.

## Casino Night at Legion draws crowd

The Prairie Rose Casino Night was held on Friday, February 17 at the Brunsville Legion Hall. A meal, games and an auction were held as the golf course's main fundraiser for the year.

"The board would like to thank the community for their support at the casino night. A great turnout and a fun night for all who attended. The golf board will be holding an early bird membership sign-up in late March. Hope to see everyone on the golf course this summer! Thanks again." Keith Koerselman.

## Legion schedule:

March 4	Rod Renken's 80th birthday open house 2-4
March 6	Legion meeting 7:30; S.A.L. meeting 7:00
March 11	Euchre 7:00
March 12	Pancake breakfast 8:30-1:00
March 17	Cole Oltmanns rehearsal dinner
March 18	Town Feud 6:00 meal/7:00 game
March 20	Southern Sioux Rural Water
April 3	Legion meeting 7:30; S.A.L. meeting 7:00
April 8	Euchre 7:00
April 15	Phyllis Newman's 60th birthday party
April 16	Pancake breakfast 8:30-1:00

## 'We did not freeze'

### Annual "Do Not Freeze" Ride draws cyclists to Brunsville

What was it like participating in this year's bicycle ride? Two cyclists share their experiences:

The twelfth annual "Do Not Freeze" Ride (DNF Ride) was held on Saturday, February 11 with weather that was better than expected. Fourteen riders left Bike Central in Le Mars with above average enthusiasm as this is one of the first cycling events in 2023. The Corner was much appreciated mid-ride. Stopped for food and socializing as well as warming up before the trek back to Le Mars. — Mark Sturgeon.

Once again, we had a great time in Brunsville. I had to call it  
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Photos courtesy of Martha Fagg and Mark Sturgeon.

## In Our Prayers

Judy Bowman  
Donna Erickson  
Matt Evans  
Denny Henrich  
Jeanette Jensen  
Vivian Johnson  
Stan Meyer  
Sheryl and Warren Oetken  
Janice Renken  
Joan Renken  
Rod Renken  
Clark Schmitz  
Peggy Wilken

## Birthdays

Bryson Smit March 1  
Rod Renken March 3  
Trice Weishaar March 3 — 1 year old  
Lakota Christen March 4  
Jackie Rieken March 5  
Adam Gabel March 8  
Nancy Willer March 9  
Susan Willer March 9  
LaRae Ludwigs March 10  
Mitch Renken March 11  
Brenda Galles March 11  
Benson Rieken March 13  
Scooter Magooter Rollinger March 13  
Kate Kruse March 14  
Clint Krienert March 15  
Jason "Big Nugg" Kruger March 17  
Chesney Keleher March 17  
Avari Jones March 18  
Carly Olson March 18  
Natalie Raasch March 19  
Sheryl Oetken March 19  
Loren Oetken March 19  
McKinley Angerman March 19  
Laura Jones March 20  
Nancy Schlichte March 20  
Jim Heeren March 20  
Matt Krienert March 20  
Jenn Smith March 22  
Bailey Babcock March 22  
Kaleb McFarlane March 23  
Todd Osterbuhr March 24  
Cindy Krienert March 24  
Austin Hoffman March 25  
Jen Marienau March 26  
Ivy Jo Anthony March 28  
Chris Schlichte March 29  
Christy Stremick March 29  
Lillia Kellen March 29  
Josh Babcock March 30  
Janna Sitzmann March 30  
Angie Smit March 30

## Anniversaries

Crystal & Jon Hasselquist March 2  
Stuart & Donna Dickman March 16  
Tom & Michelle Jones March 17  
Keith & Kristin Koerselman March 19  
Vernon & Janna Sitzmann March 31

## Congratulations

### Drew Dickman recognized



Drew Dickman

Peoria, IL - On Tuesday, January 24, Drew Dickman was recognized as a graduate of Caterpillar, Inc.'s Leadership and Technical Development Program. The program consists of completing three, one-year rotations at various Caterpillar facilities. Drew had the opportunity to work in Decatur, Illinois; Peoria, Illinois; and San Diego, California, the last three years. His permanent position will be at Caterpillar's Solar Turbines division in San Diego as a Quality and Process Engineer. Drew is a 2019 graduate of Iowa State University and is the son of Stu and Donna Dickman and a grandson of the late Gene and Cheryl Dickman of Brunsville and the late August and Lioba Wimmer of Danbury, Iowa.

Submitted by Stu Dickman.



Above: Kinsley Elizabeth Janke.

Left: **Kinsley Elizabeth Janke** was born on January 25 at 7:18 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz. and was 19" long. She is the daughter of Breanna Martin and Lukas Janke of Watertown, SD. Kinsley is the granddaughter of Jim and Leona Martin and Jeff and Michelle Janke.

Right: **Elijah Michael Brooks** was born on January 29 at 3:32 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. and was 19" long. He is the son of Cassandra and Kolin Brooks and the grandson of Jim and Leona Martin and Brad and Sheryl Brooks.

Courtesy of Breanna Martin.



Above: Kolin, Cassandra and Elijah Michael Brooks.

**CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:** Bill Goldmann

## Celebrating birthdays



Left: **Johnny Cochran** (born February 4), **Marty Laughton** (born January 27) and **Chad Oltmanns** (born January 30) celebrated their birthdays on January 31.

Right: **Joel Ludwigs** celebrated his birthday on Valentine's Day. He turned 55.

Courtesy of Patty Hill.



L-R: Tanner Smith of Seney; Brandon Neyens of Union Township; Matt Nelson of Luton, Iowa; Aaron Hartman of Big Springs, SD; Nathan Weber of Struble; and Keaton Koerselman of Craig.

## Snowmobile crew arrives in Brunsville

The first Grant Township snowmobile poker run came to Brunsville and other surrounding places on February 25. The group hopes the event is bigger each year.

Courtesy of Kristin Koerselman.



## Bill Goldman shares US currency's historical significance

By Susan Willer

It was no surprise that the room at the Plymouth County Historical Museum reserved for the February 18 meeting of the Northwest Iowa Genealogical Society was full of attendees. The program following the meeting was highly anticipated. Brunsville's own Bill Goldman was to share his knowledge of historical currency during a program titled "The Story of America as told through currency." And he did not disappoint.

Since the age of nine, Bill has collected historical currency. "Currency isn't just money; it holds a lot of history," he said. How true it is, as we learned from his presentation.

On hand was an abundant selection from Bill's U.S. currency collection. "Anything could be money," he said. The first currency made in America was wampum, small polished beads made from quahog clam shells. Wampum was used in New England for over thirty years. A lot of the silver and copper coins used during the same time were from Europe.

"The need to create currency was often a result of some type of disaster," Bill explained. And it was usually a war. One example he gave was the Revolutionary War, which began in 1775. The colonies printed their own currency to fund the war, which was a big deal because in 1764 the British Parliament passed the Currency Act in an attempt to gain control of colonial currency.

Referring to the printing of our currency, Bill asked the group, "How does this all affect us personally?"

"If currency hadn't been issued," he continued. "we'd be British."



Above left: Attendees view Bill's collection following his program. Above right: Bill Goldman.

Our stabilized monetary system was also a result of a disaster. The financial crisis of 1907 led to the formation of the Federal Reserve in 1913.

The backs of notes said they were redeemable in gold, a buffer against financial crisis. "But

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the "hills, chills and lots of thrills" ride. We did not freeze. Especially when we arrived in Brunsville at the Corner Café and Bar. No chills after arrival. We were warmed up by the hospitality of Gisela and Blaine. They were wonderful. And you hear there's no such thing as a free lunch. We were treated to a free lunch. A barbecue sandwich and chips. The ride was about 25 miles, depending on where you rode from. Roads were clear of ice and snow. A slight chilly wind from the south. Beautiful day. — Martha Fagg.

### Get your souvenirs

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we learned differently in 1929," Bill said. In a panic, people removed their money from their banks and very little currency remained. Thirty percent of banks closed including First National Bank of Le Mars. It was located inside the building that houses Pizza Ranch at the corner of Central Avenue and Plymouth Street.

Interestingly enough, local banks were able to issue currency, including banks in Le Mars. Bank employees would cut sheets of six bills into individual bills and some of the edges weren't cut straight. Bill held up a \$20 bill issued by First National Bank of Le Mars in 1934. The top edge was curvy.

### Quote 'Ems

You can make waves or be a wave rider. You can never do both at the same time. — Mark Motonaga

Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose. — Bill Gates

The only place you find success before work is in the dictionary. — Mary V. Smith

Power is the ability not to have to please. — Elizabeth Janeway

## 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.

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May 4 & 5

Submissions due by April 21

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Address

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Hours you will be open

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The story behind Bill's \$5 silver certificate featuring the image of Chief Running Antelope of the Sioux Nation was quite fascinating. It was the only time a Native American image was used on our currency. Unfortunately, the image caused controversy because the chief was shown wearing a Pawnee headdress. His Sioux headdress was too tall to fit in the image.

Bill's collection included currency from King Philip's War in 1675 to Desert Storm in 1990. Among the many notable pieces were a fifteen-shilling note printed by Benjamin Franklin and a "widow's mite," which was similar to the coin given by the poor widow at the well that Jesus spoke of.

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