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Legion poultry party Sat., November 18



Veterans Appreciation Event held November 10

On November 10 Jamie and Bill Goldmann hosted the third annual appreciation event to honor the veterans of Post 724. The event was held at the Brunsville Legion.

A chicken dinner was served and followed by cupcakes and ice cream. Each veteran received a photo book, a bag of coffee and a small bag of sweets.

A heartfelt thank you to the following donors for helping to make the event possible: Premium Feed & Grain (sponsor of the photo book), Rocky Mountain Resorts, Iowa State Bank, Sam's Club, Farmers Cooperative of Craig, Prairie Rose Golf Club, Carl and Janice McIntyre, Debby Vierra, Bellissimo Coffeeworks, Wells Visitor Center & Ice Cream Parlor and Palmer's Olde Tyme Candy Shoppe.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the event.

Plans for the 4th Annual Veterans Appreciation Event are underway.



Above: Veterans and their guests enjoy the event while sitting at tables set up on the Brunsville dance floor. Left: The cover to the photo book the veterans received. Below left: The photo book, opened.

Courtesy of Jamie Goldmann.

Upcoming Legion events

Dec. 2 Craig Co-op Christmas party
Dec. 4 Legion meeting 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
Dec. 9 Euchre 7:00
Dec. 10 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1:00 (Santa present 10-11)
Nancy Schlichte Retirement Party 6:00-9:00
Dec. 22 Jim and Verda Marienau's 60th wedding anniversary open house
Dec. 29 Hannah Kessenich & Matt Toben's wedding dance 8-11 p.m.

Jan. 8 Legion meeting 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
Jan. 13 Euchre
Jan. 14 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1:00
Jan. 15 Iowa caucus
Feb. 5 Legion meeting 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
Feb. 10 Euchre
Feb. 11 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1:00

Courtesy of Jeri Wright.

Santa Claus to visit Brunsville

Kids are invited to share their list with Santa, who will be at the Legion pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 10 from 10 to 11:00 a.m. A silent auction will be held with proceeds going to support kids' community activities.

Nancy Schlichte Retirement Party Sun., December 10, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Legion

Help us celebrate the retirement of our dedicated, long-time manager, Nancy Schlichte. Please bring a snack or appetizer to share. Cash bar will be available.

In Memory of ...

Cliff Koerselman, who passed away on November 17.

In Our Prayers

Judy Bowman
Donna Erickson
Kylie Gaul, granddaughter of Jackie and Paul Utesch
Denny Henrich
Jeanette Jensen
Vivian Johnson
Paula Lawrensen
Stan Meyer
Warren Oetken
Tammy Popken
Janice Renken
Joan Renken
Rod Renken
Clark Schmitz
Paul Utesch
Peggy Wilken
Joyce Willer

Birthdays

Kevin White Dec. 5
Denny Plueger Dec. 5
Reed Henrich Dec. 6
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 Rollingier Dec. 19
Jade Goodmanson Dec. 19
Mckinley Johnson Dec. 20
Roger Weishaar Dec. 22
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 Krienert Dec. 28
Doris Taylor Dec. 29
Michelle Taylor Dec. 29
Jay Toel Dec. 29
Gene Beitelspacher Dec. 29
Dean Beitelspacher Dec. 29
Loren Weiler Dec. 29
Mary Vandermolen Dec. 29
Theresa Westra Dec. 29
Tami Dittman Dec. 31
Wanda Oltmanns Dec. 31
Jeffrey Cords Dec. 31

New sign arrives at Brunsville Park



The Brunsville Park has a new sign thanks to leftover Garden Club funds. Located at the park's driveway entrance, it reads "Brunsville Park" and includes "Four Seasons Garden Club" in smaller letters below. A special thanks to Lori Wilken for all her work.

CITIZENS OF THE MONTH:

Jamie & Bill
Goldmann

Congratulations

Hensley Mae Harms was born on November 8. Her parents are Mike and Nicole Harms and her siblings are Tanner and Harper Harms. Grandparents are Mark and Connie Seible, Tammy Kauzlarich, and Doug Harms.



Expecting

Cole and Jill Oltmanns are expecting a baby in March of 2024. Photo courtesy of Molly Renken.

Confirmed

Isabelle (Izzy) Plueger was confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church on October 29. She is the daughter of Kelly and Julie Plueger. Photo courtesy of Gerry Sue Krienert.



Celebrating a birthday

Hank Farmer celebrated her November 12th birthday at Lally's with the Brunsville Coffee Club on November 9.

Triple-birthday celebration

Eddie Krienert (Nov. 20), Gerry Sue Krienert (Nov. 23) and Brynn Wendt (Nov. 22) celebrated their birthdays together. Courtesy of Gerry Sue Krienert.



Happy 60th Anniversary!

Jim and Verda Marienau will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house on Friday, December 22 at the Brunsville Legion from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please join them in celebrating this milestone. No gifts please. Your presence would be a blessing.

Submitted by Jamie Goldmann

Anniversaries

Rob & Angela Von Hagel Dec. 15
Jim & Verda Marienau Dec. 20
Kelly & Denise Beitelspacher Dec. 31
Kristen & Luke Faber Dec. 31

Thank you

Thank you to Mayor Dickman for setting up and taking down the flags around town in observance of Veterans Day.

2023 Pioneer Village Christmas Century Hall, Plymouth Co. Fairgrounds Dec. 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 5:30-8 p.m.

Entertainment coordinators: Bill & Janice Renken & Terry Durr
Assisted by JoEllen Cronin & Rose Heeren
Sound by Monte Erickson. Photos by Jim Rohlf

Sat., Dec. 2

6:00 p.m. *Sertoma Lighted Christmas Parade* — downtown
Le Mars

6:30 Elaine Peacock (vocal) accompanied by Isabel Trobaugh
of Elk Point, SD

7:00 Terry Durr, Nancy Rogers and Elaine Peacock (guitar and
vocal)

7:30 Monte, Lisa, Lucas & Eric Erickson of St. John's Lutheran
Church of Craig, IA

Sun., Dec. 3

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

6:10 Denice Kolker's piano students of Merrill

6:30 Bert Heithold (accordion) of South Sioux City; Terry Durr of
Le Mars

7:00 Stanton Lucky Clovers 4-H Club. Leaders: Nancy Zubrod &
Jennifer Bockelmann

7:30 Lucas & Eric Erickson of St. John's Lutheran Church of Craig

Sat., Dec. 9

5:30 p.m. Tom Mullally (vocal)

6:00 Diane Nusbaum (vocal), Exhibit Coordinator for Plymouth
County Historical Museum

6:30 Post 724 Heeren-McHale-Wilkens, Marlyn & Henry Renken
will honor all service men and women

7:00 Mrs. Inez Hoogeveen's piano & vocal students

Sun., Dec. 10

5:30 Cindy Susemihl's piano students

6:00 Doris Ropte (vocal)

6:30 Allyn Anderson, "Message of Christmas"

6:30 Carl Johnson & Rose Heeren (guitar & vocal) accompanied
by Shari Sitzmann

7:30 Terry Durr; Nancy Rogers; Monte, Lisa, Lucas & Eric Erickson

Thank you for all the beautiful messages and music.

Remember the reason for the Christmas season is Jesus.

You may take your trees down if you would like.

Thanks again,

Janice & Bill Renken, Terry Durr, Monte Erickson, Rose Heeren,
JoEllen Cronin, Tom Mullally

◆◆◆ Akron's Cafe ◆◆◆

Closed Dec. 24, 25 & 31-Jan. 2
Reopening with normal hours on Jan. 3

Monday: Closed

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Breakfast 7 a.m. - Noon
Lunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Breakfast only

225 Reed St., Akron, IA
712-568-6300



AKRON'S CAFÉ

Christmas in Craig Craig City Hall Fri., December 15, 5:30-7:30pm

Santa will be there with toys for every child!
Enjoy some hot apple cider and holiday snacks too!

Christmas Acres is open through Dec. 31 28 years of bringing Christmas to the country 18481 Impala Ave (southwest of Brunsville)

Weather permitting. Donations go to the Wet-Nose
Rescue and Le Mars Fire and Rescue. Call 541-0577.

Looking for holiday gifts?

Stop by Iowa State Bank of Brunsville
for a Brunsville Centennial Cookbook or T-shirt.
The 388-page cookbooks are only \$10 and
the T-shirts are free. Both make great holiday gifts!

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.

All are invited to our Annual Christmas Open House Sat., December 2, 1-3 p.m.

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Calling all animal lovers: Wet-Nose is in desperate need of volunteers.

Can you walk dogs? Help clean?
Please consider donating your time. One shift
a week or even a couple shifts a month would
help immensely.

Please help make a difference
and contact us today.



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Recipe of the month: Holiday Potato Dish

5 lb. unpared potatoes, cooked & drained
1 c. chopped onion
1/4 c. butter
1 (10 3/4 oz.) can cream of celery soup
1 (16 oz.) ctn. sour cream
1 c. shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 c. crushed corn flakes
3 T. melted butter

Remove skins and shred potatoes. Sauté onion in 1/4 cup butter. Remove from heat and stir in soup and sour cream. Pour over potatoes and cheese; mix well. Put mixture in 9x13-inch greased baking dish, cover and refrigerate overnight. Sprinkle with corn flakes, drizzle with butter. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

The above recipe was submitted by Peggy Dickman and can be found on page 354 of the Brunsville Centennial Cookbook, which was published in 2010. Centennial cookbooks are available for \$10 at Iowa State Bank in Brunsville.

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 follow **The Brunsville Blitz, Brunsville Centennial and Beyond** and **St. Peter Lutheran Church, Brunsville, Iowa** on Facebook.

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Come to Craig

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

Quote 'Ems

The way people treat you is a reflection of who they are. It is not a reflection of you.

Every storm runs out of rain. — Maya Angelou

Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid. — Albert Einstein

The smallest deed is better than the grandest intention. — John Burroughs

The world is changed by your example, not your opinion. — Paulo Coelho

You can also commit injustice by doing nothing. — Marcus Aurelius

The world will ask you who you are, and if you do not know, the world will tell you. — Carl Jung

Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear. — George Addair

Do not do what you would undo if caught. — Leah Arendt

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Merry Christmas
❄️
Happy New Year

Holiday OPEN HOUSE
Join us as we celebrate the holiday season on Friday, December 15 from 8:30AM to 3:00PM at our annual holiday open house!

Holiday Hours
Monday, December 25 - CLOSED
Monday, January 1 - CLOSED

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