

# The Brunsville Blitz

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## Nancy Schlichte retires from Legion manager job

By Jamie Goldmann

On Sunday, December 10, the community celebrated Nancy Schlichte's retirement from her position as Brunsville Legion manager. Thousands of people have benefited from Nancy's dedication and attention to detail at Legion events over the years. We greatly say thank you Nancy, and wish you well in the future.



Above: Nancy with the Post 724 Legion members and Post 724 Sons of the American Legion members.

### Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who attended my Legion retirement party or thought of me as I retired from the Legion. I have enjoyed working with the Legion members and all the people who held their events at the Legion. It was my pleasure to help make your event happen. I will miss seeing you all.

Thanks again,  
Nancy



Above: Nancy with her retirement cake.

Photos courtesy of Jamie Goldmann.

## Santa arrives in town for December pancake breakfast



Santa Claus made his annual appearance at the Legion during the December 10 pancake breakfast. Along with sharing their wish lists with Santa, kids got busy working on Christmas decorations. A silent auction offered a wide

selection of tempting items. A big thank you to all of the volunteers who made the well-enjoyed event possible.

Photos courtesy of Jamie Goldmann and Andrea Raasch.

## Legion gun raffle winners announced

Two winners of the Sons of the American Legion gun raffle have been announced. Dan Clary won the first raffle at the Poultry Party. He chose the Springfield Hellcat. Kathy Renken (left) won the raffle board at the December breakfast. She chose the \$500.00 option.



Kathy Renken says thank you to the Sons of the American Legion.

## Upcoming Legion events

- 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
- Feb. 16 Casino Night for Prairie Rose
- March 4 Legion meeting 7:30/S.A.L. meeting 7:00
- March 9 Euchre
- March 10 Pancake breakfast 8:30-1:00
- March 16 Town Feud
- March 24 Pancake breakfast to benefit Veterans Honor Flight

Courtesy of Jeri Wright.

## In Our Prayers

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

## Birthdays

Bill Renken 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 and 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 — Barry's mom  
 Raelynn Poe Jan. 13 — Barry's granddaughter  
 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 Kauzlarich Jan. 25  
 Dwayne Jongma Jan. 25  
 Tina Renken Jan. 26  
 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

### Possible celebrity sighting



A young girl wears shades while enjoying pancakes at the Legion on December 10. Perhaps the Legion pancake breakfasts are so sought after they're drawing celebrities to Brunsville.

Please contact us if you'd like to add names to the prayer, birthday or anniversary list.

## Travels



Above left: The Taylor family enjoys time at Alpaquita Ranch. Above right: Gisela leads her alpaca at the ranch.

**Blitz Newshound Gisela Dittman** stepped outside her comfort zone to visit her sister, Doris Taylor, who lives just outside of McAllen, Texas. On December 11 Gisela rode down to Texas with Michelle, Scott, Brooke, Zach and Hendrix Taylor. They visited the Alpaquita Ranch, where everyone received their own alpaca and the kids got busy with activities. They also toured Andrew Jackson's home, took a trolley tour in Rio Grande City and enjoyed time on the beach. Gisela even helped Doris with yard work — picking up fallen palm leaves. "Doris kept us busy the entire week," Gisela says. The group returned to Iowa on December 19. Sitting on Doris' property is the Delta Lake Hotel, an old hotel where Sammy Davis Jr., Al Capone and other movie stars would sometimes stay. Frogs and owls now occupy the hotel as the building is no longer usable or open to the public. Doris provides tours by appointment only.

### CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:

Ronnie Ludwigs

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

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 One shift a week or even a couple shifts a month  
 would help immensely.  
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## Prairie Rose Golf Club to hold annual Casino Night fundraiser

By Barry Poe

The annual Prairie Rose Casino Night fundraiser will be held on Friday, February 16 at the Brunsville Legion.

The event raises needed funds for Prairie Rose Golf Club as it strives to continue to be one of the area's top golf destinations.

Along with the usual games and activities, there will be chances for those in attendance to bid on excellent silent auction items. Raffle drawings will also be held.

Tickets are \$150, which covers the admission of two people, as well as a meal and drinks. Tickets are available

from Prairie Rose board members and will not be sold at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Home Plate of Granville, Iowa, will provide the catered meal.

Prairie Rose Golf Club board members are Keith Koerselman (712) 540-0143, Justin Kellen (712) 540-2536, Judd Herzberg (712) 541-0648, Peggy Dickman (712) 541-8096, Steve Dickman (712) 533-6205, Sue Irwin (712) 539-2196 and Travis Bultman (712) 651-1880.

### Town Feud to be held on Saturday, March 16 at the Legion

Town Feud uses questions from the Family Feud game, but instead of families competing, local towns compete. More details to come in the February and March Blitz editions.

## Video of Ruble, Iowa, worth the watch

By Susan Willer

Located along Highway 3 between Brunsville and Akron sits the tiny town of Ruble. A one-room schoolhouse, a store with an adjoining machine shop, and a private residence are all that remain. But there's a lot of history packed into that tiny town. "Ruble, Iowa: An American Ghost Town," a recently released documentary by John Karr, shares that history.

Karr, also known as Rural Adventurer, narrates the 19-minute documentary. His opening statement, "Somehow both in plain sight and hidden away rest the relics of the past," sums up the town perfectly. He takes us back to 1900 when the land Ruble rests on was purchased from Civil War

veteran John C. Ruble. He shares a true love story with a plot fit for fiction, a tale of true grit to keep the Marbach store in business, photos from the final auction and more.

The store's previous owners, Bill and Ruth Lamoureux, moved the remaining house into Ruble to live out their retirement. Their daughter, Mary Lamoureux, currently lives in the house and is Ruble's only resident. Mary is described as a "beloved soul" in the community, and if you've met Mary, you'll agree the description is on point.

The documentary is well done and I highly recommend it. Click on the link you received in your email or visit The Brunsville Blitz Facebook page to watch the video.

## Recipe of the month: Beef Stew

2 lb. stew beef	1 chopped onion
2 c. diced tomatoes	6 carrots
1 T. sugar	3 potatoes
1/2 c. chopped celery	1 c. water
3 T. tapioca	1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 slice bread, broken	1 pkg. beef stew mix

Mix all together. Bake 3 to 4 hours at 325°.

*The above recipe was submitted in memory of Clara (Jelken) Kriener and can be found on page 336 of the Brunsville Centennial Cookbook, which was published in 2010. Centennial cookbooks are available for \$10 at Iowa State Bank in Brunsville.*

### 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.

### Hate missing out on 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.

### Cookbooks and shirts available at the bank

Stop by Iowa State Bank in 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 gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and more.

## Akron's Cafe

**Closed Dec. 31-Jan. 2**

**Reopening with normal hours on Jan. 3**

**Mondays: Closed**

**Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Breakfast served all day

Lunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Sundays: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Breakfast only

225 Reed St., Akron, IA

712-568-6300





## Blast from Brunsville's past

Left: Ball players from the 1963 Brunsville Babe Ruth team that finished runner-up in the Brunsville tournament. Front row, from left, are Frank Hiles, Dale Plueger, Jim Phipps, Rod LaBahn, Randall Jelken, Jack McHale, Jim Klemme. Middle row, manager Darrell Oltmanns, Dean Strub, Gale Nore, Jim Brown, Barry Jessen, Tim Crowley, manager Wayne Crowley. Back row, Lenny Brooks, Terry Marienau, Phil Strub, Jim Strub.

Source: August 14, 1963 edition of the Le Mars Daily Sentinel, page 7.

A special thank you to Gwen Oltmanns for suggesting publication of the photo.



## Mini history lesson: The beginnings of St. Peter Lutheran Church

Left: The St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church building that no longer stands.

In the summer of 1917 the St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church congregation approved the purchase of the Methodist Church of Dalton. The building was moved from Dalton to the corner of Pine and Lynn streets in Brunsville, just south of where Iowa State Bank sits now. The parsonage, which was the house next door to the east, was built in the summer of 1922, the same year the Brunsville school was built.

In 1955 ground was broken for the current church building located at the corner of Pine and Chestnut streets. It was dedicated in 1956 and is now known as St. Peter Lutheran Church.

More details can be found at [stpeterbrunsville.com](http://stpeterbrunsville.com).

### For the love of Brunsville

- To learn more about Brunsville history and read previous editions of The Blitz, go to [brunsvilleiowa.com](http://brunsvilleiowa.com).
- To learn more about St. Peter Lutheran Church and view old church booklets, go to [stpeterbrunsville.com](http://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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## Quote 'Ems

We have two lives and the second begins when we realize we only have one. — Confucius

It is better to stand and fight. If you run, you will only die tired. — Viking proverb

If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write something worth reading or do something worth writing. — Benjamin Franklin

Sometimes the poor are praised for being thrifty. But to recommend thrift to the poor is both grotesque and insulting. It is like advising a man who is starving to eat less. For a town or country laborer to practice thrift would be absolutely immoral. Man should not be ready to show that he can live like a badly-fed animal. — Oscar Wilde

A toxic environment is more likely to change you than you change it. Get out of it.

When you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher fence.

Master your mind because a thought can ruin your whole day.

You own everything that happened to you. Tell your stories. If people wanted you to write warmly about them, they should have behaved better. — Anne Lamott

People will throw stones at you. Don't throw them back. Collect them and build an empire.

Procrastination is the arrogant assumption that God owes you another chance to do tomorrow what He gave you a chance to do today. — Bishop Rosie O'neal

A salary is the drug they give you to forget your dreams. — Kevin O'Leary

Dead people receive more flowers than living ones because regret is stronger than gratitude.

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