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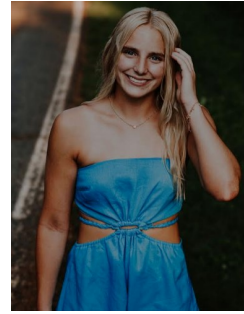
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Congratulations, graduates!



Myrna Bowen will graduate from Le Mars Community High School in May. She plans to attend Iowa State in the fall. She is the daughter of Derek and Yvette Bowen and the granddaughter of Sylvia Bowen and Vern and Karen Harrington.



Jaelyn Marienau will graduate from Le Mars Community High School on May 18. She will attend Morningside University to study nursing and play basketball for the Mustangs. She is the daughter of Jason and Jen Marienau and the granddaughter of Rich and Pat Madsen and Jim and Verda Marienau.



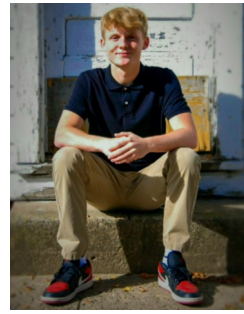
Abbie Dickman will graduate from Creighton University on May 15 with an OTD in occupational therapy. She is the daughter of Stu and Donna Dickman and the granddaughter of the late Gene and Cheryl Dickman and Gus and Obe Wimmer.



Jamison Marienau will graduate from Iowa Lakes Community College on May 9 with degrees in ag business and ag production. He is coming back to farm with his family. He is the son of Jason and Jen Marienau and the grandson of Rich and Pat Madsen and Jim and Verda Marienau.



Elliot Kroll graduated from Hinton Community High School. He will be honored at an open house on May 24 at the Brunsville Legion Hall. Elliot is employed at Ritz Sales & Service in Akron. He is the son of Theresa and Corey Berg and Josh Kroll, and the grandson of Jerry and Nancy Schlichte and Rhonda Kroll.



Bowen Rieken will graduate from Le Mars Community High School and attend WITCC for first-year general courses to start a career in information technology. He is the son of B.J. and Tami Rieken and the grandson of Denny Rieken, Cheri Russ and Gisela Dittman.



Karoline Kroll will graduate from the University of Iowa on May 17 with a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science. She will attend the Accelerated Bachelor of Science Nursing Program at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Iowa City and graduate in May of 2026 with her BSN and RN. She is the daughter of Theresa and Corey Berg and Josh Kroll, and the granddaughter of Jerry and Nancy Schlichte and Rhonda Kroll.



Emily Von Hagel will graduate from Le Mars Community High School in May. She is the daughter of Rob and Angela Von Hagel and the granddaughter of Reed and Vicki Henrich, Pam Von Hagel of Akron and Mary Landis of Le Mars.

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In Memory of ...

Henrietta "Hank" Farmer, who passed away on April 16.

In Our Prayers

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Donna Erickson
Family and friends of Hank Farmer
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Denny Henrich
Kelly Hughes
Jeanette Jensen
Vivian Johnson
Stan Meyer
Warren Oetken
Janice Plueger
Kelly Plueger
Bill Renken
Janice Renken
Joan Renken
Rod Renken
Clark Schmitz
Kim Sherlock
Brooklyn Smit
Max Utesch
Paul Utesch
Peggy Wilken

Birthdays

Wayne Beitelspacher May 1
Bill Osterbuhr May 2
Tom Jones May 2
Mike Vander Molen May 4
Denton Ohlrichs May 5
Dave Raasch May 6
Lois Varenhorst May 8
Royce Stonesifer May 8
Brooklyn Babcock May 9
Wayne Schlotfeldt May 10
Brantley Niehus May 10
Dylan Fuller May 10
Gisela Dittman May 11
Meadow Fuller May 14
Gary Palmer May 14
Peter Hasselquist May 14
Josh Fuller May 15
Keith Koerselman May 16
Mark Herzberg May 20
Carol Schlotfeldt May 21
Roger Krienerf May 22
Bev Hultquist May 25
Amelia Carpenter May 25
Doug Carlsen May 26
Izzy Plueger May 27
Victoria McHale Haas May 30
Gabby White May 30
Jim Marienau May 31

Anniversaries

Brittany & Alec Mousel May 4
Darwin & Judy Lubben May 7
Mark & Connie Seible May 7
T.J. & Madi Tapper May 18
Clark & Carol Schmitz May 19
Andrea & Dave Raasch May 24



Above: Nancy Schlichte is all smiles. Photo courtesy of Stu Dickman.

Nancy Schlichte to retire

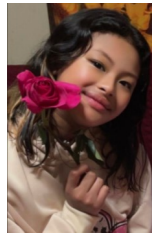
Nancy Schlichte celebrated 25 years of working for Iowa State Bank, formerly Iowa Prairie Bank, on March 14. She celebrated her 65th birthday on March 20 and her last day of work will be on May 30.

Iowa State Bank will hold an open house on Friday, May 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to stop in and congratulate her.

The bank thanks Nancy for her many years of service. She will be missed by all!

Article details contributed by Jerry Schlichte and Stu Dickman.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Nancy Schlichte



Myiesha Suzuki wins first prize

Myiesha Suzuki won first place in the Kids Poster Contest sponsored by Northwest Bank. She represents Le Mars on behalf of her school. Winners were announced on April 28 and her prize is an electric scooter. To view Myiesha's winning poster, check out Northwest Bank's Facebook or Instagram page. Congratulations, Myiesha!

Submitted by Mercy Refalopei.



Life at the Legion

Left: A young man drew the winning raffle names for the two kids' ride-on tractors (bottom left) on April 13. Congratulations to the winners, **Stan Dickman and Lane Marienau**.

The winner of the gun raffle was **Mic Ruhland** (not shown).

Upcoming events

May 5 Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
May 26 Memorial Day service, 10:30 a.m.
June 2 Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
June 11 Craig Co-op annual meeting
June 14 Private dinner

Schedule courtesy of Nichole Tonner.

Brunsville's Memorial Day service is on Mon., May 26 at 10:30 a.m.

The Midwest Honor Flight is scheduled for June 3.

Garden Club funds to fix shelter house floor

The Four Seasons Garden Club is closing out their account. The money will be given to the city to fix the cracks in the shelter house floor on April 29. A big thank you to the Garden Club members.

Celebrating birthdays

Right: **Theresa Walsh and Russ Mitchell** celebrated their birthdays together. Theresa's birthday is on April 10 and Russ' is on April 7. Far right: **Lea Acres and Judy Schoen** celebrated their April 15th birthdays on April 17.



Photo above left: Courtesy of Patty Hill. Photo above right: Courtesy of Tapper.

Steve Dickman is Twins Camp Hall of Fame Inductee

Story contributed

Brunsville's mayor, Steve "Reno" Dickman, was honored in January at the Minnesota Twins Fantasy Camp in Fort Myers, Florida. The Twins Camp annually hosts approximately 120 campers and 25 former Major League Baseball stars that serve as the camp's Pro Staff (and has included Baseball Hall of Fame members Harmon Killebrew, Rod Carew, Bert Blyleven, Tony Oliva and Jim Kaat). Steve has participated in four camps as a player and worked on the camp staff with brother Stan for the past 17 years. Stan has been the Twins Camp's Executive Director since 2008.

The Twins Camp Hall of Fame currently consists of 65 campers, eight Pro Staff members and six Support Staff members. Reno has been a key member of the camp's foodservice team, delivering over 2500 meals during camp week each year. He is joined on the foodservice team by Internationally Certified Chef George Serra and Stan's son Alex. Steve's work with the Brunsville Legion Post each year has certainly been put to good use at Twins Camp.

In recognizing Steve's contributions, Stan commented, "It's hard for me to believe that here in 2025, we are delivering our 16th Official Minnesota Twins Camp. One of the keys to the continued success of the camp is a result of the incredible team that delivers on our promise to provide a real Major League experience to our camper-customers. It's not an exaggeration for me to say that Reno has been one of the major contributors to our success and his work is appreciated by not only me, but by his co-workers and certainly our campers and Pro Staff members. Thank you, Reno – we couldn't do this without you!"

In receiving his award, which is an engraved wooden plaque fashioned in a replica of a baseball field's home plate, Steve commented, "Coming to Florida each January and being part of this experience has been wonderful. It not only allows Peg and me to escape the Iowa cold for a couple of weeks, but it's provided us the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people." At that point, Reno turned and looked back at Stan and asked the 220-plus people in attendance, who they thought might be the real brains behind the operation?

Steve was joined this year in the camp's largest inductee class ever, by Pro Staff member and 1987 World Series Champion catcher Tim Laudner and 10 campers who have attended at least 10 Twins Camps.



Top left: Steve Dickman. Top right: Tim Laudner. Above: Steve and Tim with the 10 campers who attended at least 10 Twins Camps.

In closing, Stan thanked the new inductees and all of the Camp Hall of Fame members in attendance for their continued support of the Twins Camp, which has become one of the best and most successful in all of Major League Baseball. "It's the continued and unwavering support of this group that is the very nucleus of the Twins Camp success," he said.

Easter Egg Hunt in the Brunsville Park on Sat., April 12



Kelsi Wright and Neil Niehus, parents of Brantley, Harper and Noah Niehus, shared the photos above. Their nephew, Jaydyn Niehus, also attended.

This year's winners

Tricycles: Emmy Lill, Agnes Bouma | **Bikes for 4-7 year olds:** Grace Joines, Declan Massey | **Bikes for 8-10 year olds:** Jaydn Niehus, Hadley Grasner | **Scooters:** William Renken, Camden Bouma, Cohen Bouma, Hallie Faber, Brantley Niehus, Eliza Sitzman, Camden Switalski | **Mom basket:** Ashley Langel | **Dad basket:** Logan Niehus

Thank you to all the volunteers, Iowa State Bank and Walmart for a successful event the kids enjoyed.

Photos courtesy of Kelsi Wright, Jamie Goldmann and Angie Smit.

2025 Tour of Historic Homes

Sat., May 3, 12-4 p.m.

Four historic Le Mars homes

\$15 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under.

Purchase in advance at City Hall, 40 Central Ave. SE,
or the Plymouth County Historical Museum, 335 1st Ave. SW.

Art Pahl-Peter Boe Accordion Fest

May 4, 2 p.m. in the "Old Central" Gym
at the Plymouth County Historical Museum

Le Mars Farmers Market open every Saturday starting on May 10

Olson Cultural Center, downtown Le Mars, 9a.m. - noon
Open through September

Senior Recognition and Blessing for Bowen Rieken

Sun., May 11, 8:30 a.m., St. Peter Lutheran Church

Quote 'Ems

The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows. — Sydney Harris

You may never know what results come of your action, but if you do nothing there will be no result. — Mahatma Gandhi

Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else. — Judy Garland

Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm. — Winston Churchill

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for. — John A. Shedd

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Answers to last month's Town trivia

1. Brunsville's train depot was torn down in 1950. **False. It was torn down in 1955.**

2. St. Peter Lutheran Church was built on ground that held several fruit trees. **False. There were grain bins on the ground.**

3. Brunsville's zip code, 51008, went into effect in 1963. **True. The zip code went into effect on July 1, 1963.**

4. Beginning in the 1960s, square dancing lessons were given at the Brunsville Legion. **True.**

5. The chain link fence that surrounded Brunsville's ball field was removed from along Highway 75 in Hinton. **True.**

6. One of the many attractions during Brunsville celebrations was a tame donkey that kids could ride. **True.**

7. The earliest school in Brunsville was held in the town hall building, west of the Legion. It was sponsored by St. Peter Lutheran Church for grades first through 12. **True. And the town hall building still stands — next to the old jail building.**

Thank you for playing!

Shelter house available to rent

The Brunsville Park shelter house is available to rent for \$50. Call Gisela at 712-540-3159.

Let's "break into the bank"

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