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**Memorial Day
May 26**



Thank you to all who helped make the Brunsville Legion's Memorial Day service and lunch a success.



**Tri-State Cruisers Car Show
May 21, Downtown Brunsville**



In Memory of ...

Judy Bowman, who passed away on May 23.

In Our Prayers

Family and friends of **Judy Bowman**

Donna Erickson
Suzanne Heeren
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

Gerald Westhoff June 1
Glenda McHale June 2
Denisse Camarena June 2
Brady Marienau June 3
Scott Renken June 3
Susan Plueger June 7
Kathy Renken June 8
Marshal Joseph Jones June 8
Royce Stonesifer June 8
Dave Hill June 9
Paul Jenn June 9
Keith Wilken June 10
Janice Plueger June 10
Scott Plueger June 10
Leona Martin June 11
Flanagan June 12
Karen Gagnon June 13
Dangerous Dan June 15
Donna Dickman June 16
Jamie Goldmann June 16
Mayra Camarena June 17
Grifynn Rollinger June 17
Kashton Waggoner June 24
MacKenzie McLaughlin June 24
Stu Dickman June 25
London Renken June 25
Nick Westergard June 26
Mona Schiltz June 27
Kristyna Dittman June 27
Madelyn Leigh Sherlock June 27
Chase Stoeber June 27
Jaclyn Westhoff June 28
Lennan Steichen June 29
Emily Nelson June 30

Congratulations

Samuel Bowen graduated from Iowa State University on May 17. He plans to stay and work toward his master's degree. Samuel is the son of Derek and Yvette Bowen and the grandson of Sylvia Bowen and Vern and Karen Harrington.



Gene Beitelspacher presented a Legion Post 724 scholarship to his granddaughter, **Elise Schwartz**, of West Des Moines. Elise graduated from Waukee High School and will be attending Iowa State University. Her parents are Wayne and Erin Schwartz of West Des Moines and her grandparents are Gene and Linda Beitelspacher and Millie Langel of Le Mars. Submitted by Linda Beitelspacher.



Natalie Raasch earned a place on the dean's list with a 3.87 GPA for the 2025 spring semester at the School of Agriculture and Aviation at Morningside University. She is pursuing a major in agricultural education.



Champions of the Prairie Rose Memorial Day tournament on Saturday, May 24, were, from left: **Al Robinson, Barry Poe, Lee Tyler, Dan Gray.**

After 32 years, **Kelly Beitelspacher** is retiring from Premium Feed & Grain. His last day will be May 30.

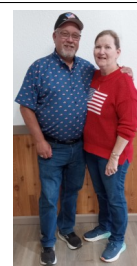
CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:

Kelly Beitelspacher

Birthday celebrations



Left: **Bev Hultquist** celebrated her May 25th birthday with the coffee ladies on May 23. Photo courtesy of Mary Korthas. Right: **Doug Carlsen** and his wife Karen spent part of Doug's May 26th birthday at the Brunsville Legion's Memorial Day service.



Anniversaries

Vern & Karen Harrington June 1
Lane & Lindsey Marienau June 4
Mike & Dana Christen June 7
Bill & Janice Renken June 10
Bill & Rosanne Osterbuhr June 10

Thank you

The family of Bowen Rieken would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate his high school graduation. Thanks for all the well wishes and cards. A special thank you to Michelle Jones, Kathy Renken and Gerry Sue Krienert.



Brunsville selected for \$15,000 grant

The Missouri River Historical Development, Inc. (MRHD) awarded the City of Brunsville Community Rec. Fund \$15,000 for playground equipment during the Target Grant Awards Ceremony on May 22 at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. Trista Rollins and Mary Korthas were in attendance.

A percentage of revenue from the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Sioux City is allocated to MRHD for community development. Brunsville was one of 33 applicants out of 75 that received a grant.

The money will be used to purchase new playground equipment tentatively planned to be installed by late July or early August.

Above: Trista Rollins holds the Target Grant check.

Photo courtesy of Mary Korthas.

Brunsville resident gets acting bug



Left: Standing on the stage after a performance are L-R: Bob Hill, Susan Willer, Chris Vonwille.

Although he has never acted before, Chris Vonwille successfully played the part of Paul Scycamore in "You Can't Take It with You" at the Le Mars Community Theatre on May 2-7. Chris thoroughly enjoyed performing and would like to get back on stage. If you haven't attended a show at the theatre, you're missing out; talent abounds.

Iowa Museum Week 2025 kicks off

The Plymouth County Historical Museum is pleased to announce Iowa Museum Week, which will run from Sunday, June 8, through Thursday, June 12. Three events, sponsored by American Bank in Le Mars, will take place.

The first event is scheduled for Sunday, June 8, at 2 p.m. It will mark the launch of the "Nepal—Up Close & Personal" exhibit and will feature guest speaker Dr. Mona Bomgaars. The second event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, with the relaunch of the "Dress Parade for Spring" exhibition. The final event of the week is the "Chamber After Hours" which is scheduled for Thursday, June 12 at 5 p.m. Enjoy a reception and conversation with Dr. Mona Bomgaars. Libations and hors d'oeuvres will be served while attendees learn even more about Nepal. All events are complimentary and will take place on the fourth floor of the Plymouth County Historical Museum.

Upcoming Legion events

- June 2** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- June 3** Midwest Honor Flight
- June 11** Craig Co-op annual meeting
- June 14** Albert Schultz dinner
- July 7** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- Aug. 4** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- Sept. 8** Legion membership dinner
- Sept. 30** Wedding

Schedule courtesy of Nichole Tonner.

Bookstore to open on June 12

Second Chapter Gently Used Books at 104 Central Avenue NE in Le Mars will be open for business beginning Thursday, June 12, 2025. Regular operating hours will be Thursdays, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bookstore will accept donations of gently used books during operating hours or call 712-305-2233 to inquire about donation times outside of regular operating hours.

The bookstore is operated by volunteers of the Friends of the Le Mars Public Library, and proceeds from bookstore operations are used to benefit programming at the Le Mars Public Library. Anyone interested in volunteering can email secondchapterlemars@gmail.com.

The bookstore Facebook page can be found by searching for Second Chapter Le Mars. Please follow the page for ongoing information.

Join us for a free Day of Play June 5, 4:30-7 p.m.

Tractor rides, farm animals, bounce house, corn boxes, ice cream & more!

The Corn Dog Company Food Truck (food & beverages available for purchase at your own expense)

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10th Annual Tractor/Community Ride

Sun., June 8, 2 p.m. at the Craig shelter house

Line-up starts at 1:30 in front of the Craig shelter house. At 2:00 we will drive to Brunsville then back to the Craig shelter house for a picnic. Meat, chips and water will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own beverages. A salad or dessert is welcome for the picnic.

To register, call or text Kris Westhoff, 712-540-2753

Join us for church in Brunsville park

Sunday, June 22, 10:30 a.m.

All are invited to the joint outdoor worship service of St. Peter Lutheran Church and Christ Lutheran Church at the Brunsville Park on Sunday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow. Bring your own lawn chair.

Recipe of the month: Banana Split Cake

1 1/2 c. graham cracker crumbs
2 1/2 T. sugar
1/3 c. melted butter
2 eggs
2 1/4 c. powdered sugar
1 c. butter, softened
1 tsp. vanilla
3-5 bananas
1 can crushed pineapple, drained
3 pt. frozen strawberries
1 sm. ctn. Cool Whip

Mix cracker crumbs, sugar and butter. Press into 9x13-inch pan and bake at 375° for 8 minutes; cool. Beat eggs, sugar, butter and vanilla for 12 minutes. Spread over cooled crust and chill for 5 hours. Layer with bananas and top with layers of pineapple, strawberries and Cool Whip. Refrigerate. Yield: 15 servings.

Fresh strawberries could be substituted for frozen strawberries. Also could use fresh whipping cream instead of Cool Whip.

The above recipe was submitted by Donna Ratcliff and can be found on page 145 of the Brunsville Centennial Cookbook that was published in 2010. Centennial cookbooks hold 388 pages of delicious recipes and are available for \$10 at Iowa State Bank in Brunsville.

Shelter house available to rent

The Brunsville Park shelter house is available to rent for only \$50. To reserve, call Gisela at 712-540-3159.

Let's "break into the bank"

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

Missed previous editions of The Blitz?

Check out brunsvilleniowa.com

We need volunteers!

Can you help? Please contact us to sign up.

**Our shelter is full of animals
awaiting a loving home.**



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Quote 'Ems

The road to success is always under construction. — Lily Tomlin

Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game. — Babe Ruth

If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place. — Nora Roberts

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door. — Milton Berle

There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind. — C.S. Lewis

The best way to predict your future is to create it. — Abraham Lincoln

Don't underestimate the power of your dreams. — Corinna Kong

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened. — Dr. Seuss

There may be days when you'll say to yourself, "I can't. I literally can't even." But you can! You can even! — Katie Couric

It's a dog-eat-dog world, Sammy, and I'm wearing Milk Bone underwear. — Norm (George Wendt) on "Cheers"

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