

# The Brunsville Blitz

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## New swing set installed at Brunsville Park



Finally, heat and humidity gave way to more pleasant weather on Saturday, August 23 when a group of volunteers gathered in the park to install the new swing set. Tasks completed by the volunteers included removal of old materials, measurement taking for pole placement, hole digging, swing set relocation, swing set assembly and cement pouring. The addition of swings took place the following day after the concrete dried.

**Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare and install the new swing set on August 23. We had a fantastic turnout and many enjoyed the time working together. It's the cooperation of our residents that make our town outstanding!**



Bottom right: Mary Korthis and Trista Rollins co-wrote the Missouri River Historical Development (MRHD) grant for the playground equipment.

## Volunteers needed for playground equipment install part 2

Volunteers are needed to help set up the playscape on Saturday, September 13 at 8:30 a.m. Please help if you can!

## Seats open for mayor, two council members

City election time is quickly approaching. This November you'll be asked to vote on the seats of mayor and two council members. Interested in running? Nomination papers are available from City Clerk Nancy Harms for the November election. For more information, contact Steve Dickman, 533-6205.

## Bank presents check for park renovations

On August 25 Iowa State Bank presented a \$5,000 check to the City of Brunsville for park renovations.



Above: Mary Korthis and Stu Dickman.

Submitted by Stu Dickman.

## Attend the next council meeting

The next Brunsville City Council meeting will be held at the Legion on September 8 at 5:15. p.m.

## *In Memory of ...*

**John Joseph Oltmanns, who passed away on August 18.** His parents are Cole and Jill, grandparents are Mark and Deb Oltmanns and great-grandparents are Wanda Oltmanns and the late Wendell Oltmanns.

**Pete Rohlfs, who passed away on August 20.**

## *In Our Prayers*

**Donna Erickson  
Vernon Harrington  
Suzanne Heeren  
Kelly Hughes  
Jim Jackson  
Jeanette Jensen  
Vivian Johnson  
Stan Meyer  
Dan Morton  
Warren Oetken  
Family & friends of John Joseph Oltmanns  
Deb (Albrecht) Pick  
Janice Plueger  
Bill Renken  
Janice Renken  
Joan Renken  
Rod Renken  
Family & friends of Pete Rohlfs  
Clark Schmitz  
Kim Sherlock  
Sandy Utesch Sievers  
Brooklyn Smit  
Max Utesch — in Happy Siesta  
Paul Utesch  
Peggy Wilken**

## *Birthdays*

**Logan Robbins** Sept. 1  
**Mike Willer** Sept. 1  
**Jackie Schlessor** Sept. 1  
**Nicole Plueger** Sept. 2  
**Neil Niehus** Sept. 3  
**Stan Korthas** Sept. 4  
**Leonard Schlotfeldt** Sept. 4  
**Sharon Weishaar** Sept. 6  
**Autumn Fuller** Sept. 7  
**Heather Reister** Sept. 8  
**Carson Stark** Sept. 8  
**Syler Johnson** Sept. 10  
**Amy Lubben** Sept. 11  
**Olivia Roetman** Sept. 11  
**Verda Marienau** Sept. 12  
**Kyla & Kara Van Ginkel** Sept. 12  
**Sandy Borchers** Sept. 13  
**Kandi Lara** Sept. 13  
**Craig Oetken** Sept. 15  
**Ellyson Gabel** Sept. 16  
**Ava Olson** Sept. 17  
**Todd Oetken** Sept. 18  
**Gaylen Tapper** Sept. 19  
**Dylan Taylor** Sept. 20  
**Mitch Taylor** Sept. 20

**Kelly Plueger** Sept. 20  
**Rick Westhoff** Sept. 20  
**Reno Dickman** Sept. 21  
**Bryan Borchers** Sept. 21  
**Lori Wilken** Sept. 22  
**Jason Marienau** Sept. 23  
**Russ Plueger** Sept. 24  
**Benjamin Weiler** Sept. 26  
**Mike Borchers** Sept. 27  
**Marlyn Renken** Sept. 28  
**Nathaniel Tonner** Sept. 28  
**Kelsi Wright** Sept. 29

## *Anniversaries*

**Ken & Donna Taylor** Sept. 2  
**Alisha & Devin Jones** Sept. 2  
**Brett & Brittany Hutton** Sept. 12  
**Kevin & Keri Borchers** Sept. 14  
**Kelsi Wright & Neil Niehus** Sept. 14  
**Jackie & Jarrett Sherlock** Sept. 18  
**Jason & Katie Lammers** Sept. 19  
**Ryan & Sara Renken** Sept. 20  
**Jerry & Nancy Schlichte** Sept. 20  
**Stan & Mary Korthas** Sept. 27



## **Celebrating Joan**

**Joan Renken** celebrated her August 28th birthday more than once:

Top left: The Coffee Club celebrated at Lally's on August 22. L-R: Gisela Dittman, Joan Renken, Karen Harrington, Gerry Sue Kriener, Joyce Willer, Mary Korthas, Bev Hultquist. Not shown: Nancy Schlichte.

Top right: Joan celebrated with her extended family on Sunday, August 24. Right: Joan poses with her kids on August 24. Front row: Scott and Joan. Back row: Jodi Wiese, Vicki Borchers, Becki McGlaufflin. The August 24 photos were submitted by Becki McGlaufflin.



**CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:** Karen Harrington

## **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.

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

## **Snow on the Mountain**

While my girlfriend Ramona's mother, Ginger Sitzman, lived in California, she thought she was seeing snow on the higher hills, but was told it was a plant called Snow on the Mountain. She loved these plants and thought they were magnificent. Ginger returned to this area and at Christmas Mona's son Grant surprised Ginger with Snow on the Mountain seeds he ordered from Ireland. The plant isn't a perennial, but each flower contains seeds that are enclosed in a small pod. When they dry, the pods pop with a noise and send seeds out. This action gave Ramona a fright one night when she was in her kitchen not knowing this would happen. The seeds will survive winter and show their beauty in various places in the summer. The plant is a very beautiful addition to a garden of any size.



*Article and photos submitted by Michelle Jones.*



## Many attend Adam Gabel memorial ride

Many people turned out for the Adam Gabel memorial ride on Saturday, August 23. The event was organized by Adam's dad, Ernie Gabel.



## Upcoming Legion events

**Sept. 8** Legion membership dinner

**Sept. 20** Calamanco wedding

**Oct. 6** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00

**Oct. 11** Euchre

**Oct. 12** Pancake breakfast

**Oct. 18** Kids Halloween party, 6-8 p.m.

**Nov. 3** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00

**Nov. 4** Election

**Nov. 8** Euchre

**Nov. 9** Pancake breakfast

**Nov. 11** Veterans Appreciation Event for Post 724 Members

**Nov. 22** Poultry party

Schedule courtesy of Nichole Tonner and Jamie Goldman.

## Museum's Great Garage & Bake Sale set for October

The Plymouth County Historical Museum will hold the Great Garage & Bake Sale from Wednesday, October 15, through Sunday, October 19, in the Old Central Gym. The bake sale will be held on Friday and Saturday. This year the sale will include Mini Susie's Food Truck from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday of the sale.

### Event hours:

Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Early Bird Shopping, \$5 Entry Fee

Thursday & Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Half-Price Sale

Sunday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Everything is Free

The Museum is also accepting donations for the sale. Items can be dropped off Tuesday through Sunday, 1-5 p.m., until Sunday, October 12. Bake sale items can be dropped off on Thursday, October 16.

For more information, call the Museum, 712-546-7002.

**Thank you for your donations and support of The Brunsville Blitz!**  
**The paper wouldn't be possible without you.**

## We are in urgent need of volunteers!

**Our biggest need is volunteers to help us care for animals awaiting a loving home.**

**Can you help?**  
**Please contact us today.**



1331 Hawkeye Ave SW, Le Mars  
(712)540-5919

wetnoserescue@outlook.com or  
aaeyes2011@gmail.com

## Don't miss out on events

Add upcoming events listed in each Blitz to your calendar as soon as you learn about them.

## Missed previous editions of The Blitz?

Check out [brunsvilleiowa.com](http://brunsvilleiowa.com).

## Recipe of the month: Autumn Fruit Salad

2 med. Granny Smith apples  
1 c. halved seedless red grapes  
1 (11 oz.) can mandarin orange segments, drained  
1 1/2 c. mini marshmallows  
1 (8 oz.) ctn. vanilla low-fat yogurt  
Zest of 1 lime  
2 T. chopped nuts

Core and wedge apples, cut apples into small pieces. Combine apples, grapes and mandarin oranges in medium bowl. Add marshmallows, yogurt and lime zest; mix gently. Sprinkle nuts over top. Cover; refrigerate until ready to serve. Yield: 12 servings.

*The above recipe was submitted by Kelly and Denise Beifelspacher and can be found on page 285 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.*

## Sugar shock

Around the 1880s, Americans consumed just less than nine pounds of sugar per person per year. Today we consume, on average, more than 20 teaspoons of sugar every day — which comes to 153 pounds per year.

The only health problem sugar causes in and of itself is dental cavities. However, it supplies no nutrients other than calories (in the form of simple carbohydrates). Consuming too much sugar can mean that you don't eat enough nutrient-rich foods, and it can lead to obesity — which can lead to a significant number of very serious health problems.

Source: Who Knew? Why You Should Always Store Eggs Small Side Down and Thousands of Other Tips, Secrets and Quick Fixes to Make Your Life Easier, Your Home Cleaner and Your Food Taste Better—All While Saving Time and Money, Jeanne Bossolina Lubin and Bruce Lubin, 2006, page 170.

## All are welcome to “break into the bank”

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

**The deadline for submissions is the 25th the month before publication.  
Thank you for your submissions.**

## Quote ‘Ems

- You'll be amazed at what you attract after you start believing in what you deserve. — Prosperity Saying
- Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that. — Norman Vincent Peale
- Most people work just hard enough not to get fired and get paid just enough money not to quit. — George Carlin
- It's amazing how fast later comes when you buy now! — Milton Berle
- Money is the opposite of the weather. Nobody talks about it, but everybody does something about it. — Rebecca Johnson
- Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks. — Steven Wright
- There is a very easy way to return from a casino with a small fortune: go there with a large one. — Jack Yelton
- A bargain is something you can't use at a price you can't resist. — Franklin Jones
- Inflation is when you pay fifteen dollars for the ten-dollar haircut you used to get for five dollars when you had hair. — Sam Ewing
- There were times my pants were so thin I could sit on a dime and tell if it was heads or tails. — Spencer Tracy
- If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it. — Author Unknown
- I'm so poor I can't even pay attention. — Ron Kittle

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