

# The Brunsville Blitz

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## Let playtime begin!

Thanks to many volunteers, all the new playground has been installed and is ready to be enjoyed.



Above: The mulch is in place and the playscape is ready for kids to enjoy.



Left: Volunteers stand on the park bridge after eating lunch on September 13. Some of the volunteers are not shown. Above: The new swing set was installed on August 23 and officially available to enjoy on September 21.

Volunteers of all ages helped install the playscape at the Brunsville Park during the second workday on September 13. Work began at 6:30 a.m. and was completed around noon when a delicious lunch was served. How amazing it was to see members of the Brunsville community pull together to accomplish a long-awaited task! Thank you to all the volunteers

who helped install the new playground equipment and to those who prepared and served the lunches. A special thank you goes to Trista Rollins and Mary Korthas for co-writing the Missouri River Historical Development (MRHD) grant for the equipment. The park looks fantastic and will be enjoyed by children for many years to come.

## Brunsville Park shelter house to receive updates

The doors and windows of the Brunsville Park shelter house are scheduled for replacement thanks to a Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County grant applied for by Mary Korthas. The grant will be officially awarded during a ceremony on October 21. Further information regarding this project will be provided in the November edition.

## You're invited to our annual Halloween Party

Saturday, October 18, 6-8 p.m.  
at the Brunsville Legion

Meal provided  
Costume contest & carnival-style games  
FUN • FUN • FUN

*Bring a treat to share*

## In Our Prayers

Donna Erickson  
Vernon Harrington  
Suzanne Heeren  
Kelly Hughes  
Jim Jackson  
Jeanette Jensen  
Vivian Johnson  
Stan Meyer  
Dan Morton  
Warren Oetken  
Deb (Albright) Pick  
Janice Plueger  
Bill Renken  
Janice Renken  
Joan Renken  
Rod Renken  
Clark Schmitz  
Kim Sherlock  
Sandy Utesch Sievers  
Brooklyn Smit  
Max Utesch — in Happy Siesta  
Paul Utesch  
Peggy Wilken

## Birthdays

Kathi Oetken Oct. 1  
Max Robertson Oct. 1  
Brian Lill Oct. 1  
Conner Von Hagel Oct. 4  
Nikki Eisma Oct. 5  
Roman Gonzalez Oct. 5  
Mark Seible Oct. 6  
Tanner Harms Oct. 6  
Drew Dickman Oct. 8  
Andy Krienert Oct. 9  
Joseph Carpenter Oct. 9  
Nancy Wassenaar Oct. 12  
Blaine Foreman Oct. 12  
Jacy Plueger Oct. 15  
Cody Oetken Oct. 16  
Kelli Schlotfeldt Oct. 20  
Harper Niehus Oct. 20  
Bodi White Oct. 20  
Max Eisma Oct. 24  
Jet Bogenrief Oct. 26  
Donna Taylor Oct. 27

## Anniversaries

Kelli & Wayne Schlotfeldt Oct. 1  
Kathi & Todd Oetken Oct. 3  
Kelli & Josh Babcock Oct. 4  
Gerald & Delores Westhoff Oct. 4  
Roger & Sharon Weishaar Oct. 4  
Dave & Andrea Raasch Oct. 7  
Gene & Connie Toben Oct. 7  
Jackie & Kyle Schlessler Oct. 11  
Nick & Niki Westergaard Oct. 19  
Amy & Josh Murray Oct. 20  
Russell & Stephanie Schlotfeldt Oct. 20  
Nicole & Corby McGlaufflin Oct. 24  
Christina & Jeff Jennis Oct. 29



Above: Dave Kilker paints the south and east sides of the jail. Below left: Mold showed on the north side. Below right: The city hall building scraped and partially painted.



## Jail building gets upgrade

After a couple years of consideration, Dave Kilker decided to give the old jail building a fresh coat of paint on September 15. The weather was perfect for painting that day.

"It was something to do," Dave remarked, noting he already had the necessary paint on hand. The north side of the building had mold issues and Dave acquired and applied the correct paint to that side. Upon completion, he said he was considering painting the old city hall building. Shortly after, Dave used a power washer to remove most of the old paint from that building and apply new paint to a small section on the front. He also filled the gap at the bottom of the front door with a new board to prevent critters from entering. Thank you, Dave, for taking the initiative!

## Congratulations

Vicar Grace and Max Baumgartel are parents of a son, William Max, born on Thursday, September 25 at 10:15 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

## CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Don Hoonhorst



## Taking a coffee break

Bill Renken enjoys coffee with friends in front of his house on September 9. The group gathered at 7 a.m.

L-R: Bill Renken, Kenny Taylor, Tapper, Jay Toel, Marlyn Renken.

Submitted by Janice Renken.

## Interested in volunteering or finding a companion?

We are in urgent need for volunteers and the animals are in need of fur-ever homes.

Please contact us today!



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## Cross country meet at Prairie Rose Golf Course on September 9 draws many to Brunsville



### Send well wishes to soldiers



The Grant Clever Clovers 4-H Club has been helping with the Brunsville Legion pancake breakfasts. We are doing a service project for the local deployed soldiers. This hits close to home as one of those soldiers, Konnor Calhoun, is a past member of our 4-H club.

During the Plymouth County Fair, we set up a table with notecards (shown in the photo above) and asked fairgoers to write a positive note for these soldiers. We collected over 100 awesome notes. We mailed those notes to Konnor for him to read and share with his fellow soldiers. We will be setting this display up at the upcoming Legion pancake breakfasts and asking those who attend the breakfasts to write a note to Konnor and his fellow soldiers.

Konnor and his twin brother Kade were helpers at many Legion pancake breakfasts.

Submitted by Pat Lehner.

### Attend the next council meeting

The next Brunsville City Council meeting will be held at the Legion on October 13 at 5:15. p.m.

### Vote for the next mayor, council members

Brunsville residents will have the opportunity to vote for the next mayor and council members on November 4. Chad Cody is the only candidate for mayor and Nichole Tonner and Kenny Kriener are the only candidates for the council. The mayor serves a two-year term and council members serve a four-year term.

### Museum's Great Garage & Bake Sale set for October 15-19

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, 5-7 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, 1-3 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.

### Upcoming Legion events

- 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. (see front page for more information)
- 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 Goldmann.

## Recipe of the month: Peanut Butter Bars

1/2 c. oleo or butter  
1/2 c. sugar (white)  
1/3 c. peanut butter  
1 c. oatmeal  
6 oz. chocolate chips  
1/2 c. brown sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 tsp. soda  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
1 c. flour

Melt oleo or butter and add sugars and egg; mix; then add peanut butter. Blend and add remaining ingredients. Sprinkle with chocolate chips. Put in 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20–25 minutes.

Frosting – About 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar, mixed with 1/2 c. peanut butter. Add milk to consistency desired.

*These were the bars provided at the first park workday in Brunsville on August 23. Submitted by Verda Marienau.*

## 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.**

## Let's get cookin' Centennial cookbooks for sale

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possible without you.**

## Quote 'Ems

- Confidence is 10% work and 90% delusion. — Tina Fey
- When you're good at something, you'll tell everyone. When you're great at something, they'll tell you. — Walter Payton
- If a book about failures doesn't sell, is it a success? — Jerry Seinfeld
- Never miss a good chance to shut up. — Will Rogers
- Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are. — Will Ferrell
- I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book. — Groucho Marx
- Every day I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not there, I go to work. — Robert Orben
- There is nothing so annoying as to have two people go right on talking when you're interrupting. — Mark Twain
- Life isn't a fairy tale. If you lose a shoe at midnight, you're drunk. — Darynda Jones
- If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito. — Reba McEntire
- When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a dog so that someone in the house is happy to see you. — Nora Ephron
- I always arrive late at the office, but I make up for it by leaving early. — Charles Lamb

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