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Halloween party is a smashing hit



A large crowd attended the annual Halloween party in the Legion on Saturday, October 18. Many dressed in Halloween costumes and played a number of entertaining games. Winners of the costume contest are shown in the photo in the top left corner: the most creative costume winner was Sophia Brown, the scariest costume winner was Jorden Comstock and cutest costume winner was Corbin Johnson. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Halloween party and to those who sponsored the event.

Photos submitted by Angie Smit and Nancy Schlichte.



Autumn colors around Brunsville



Top row L-R: On Oak Street next to the post office, in the backyard at the corner of Jet and Chestnut, behind the post office, at the corner of Jet and Chestnut, on Chestnut. Bottom row L-R: On Chestnut behind the church, at the corner of Pine and Locust, at the entrance to the park on Linn, on the west side of the park.



In Our Prayers

Janiece Bohlke
 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
 Lois Varenhorst
 Peggy Wilken

Birthdays

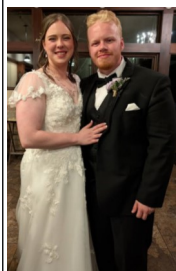
Dylan Carlsen Nov. 2
 Charlotte Meyer Nov. 3
 Barry Cornish Nov. 5
 Brayden Bruscher Nov. 5
 Patty Hill Nov. 5
 Laura Robertson Nov. 6
 Kim Willer Nov. 7
 Kelly Beitelspacher Nov. 7
 Kevin Borchers Nov. 7
 William Renken Nov. 7
 Joey McFarlane Nov. 8
 Terry Ludwigs Nov. 8
 Michelle Jones Nov. 9
 Christine (Joeng Un) Cho Nov. 10
 Luella Robertson Nov. 12
 Tyler Oetken Nov. 17
 Steve Sherlock Nov. 17
 Jensen Schlessler Nov. 17
 Deloris Harms Nov. 18
 Chance Anthony Nov. 19
 Eddie Kriener Nov. 20
 Ty Eisma Nov. 20
 Robert Plueger Nov. 20 — celebrating
 80 years!
 Brynn Wendt Nov. 22
 Denise Palmer Nov. 22
 Gerry Sue Kriener Nov. 23
 Sarah Renken Nov. 24
 Karen Schoenrock Nov. 24 — celebrating
 80 years!
 Riley Kroll Nov. 28
 Jim Martin Nov. 29
 Mary Vandermolen Nov. 29

Grant awarded for shelterhouse improvements

During an award ceremony on October 21, the Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County presented a grant to **Mary Korthas** (on left in photo) for upgrading the windows and doors on the Brunsville Park shelterhouse. Mary worked diligently to perfect the grant for approval. Thank you for all your time and effort, Mary!



CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mary Korthas

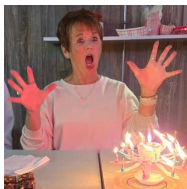


Congratulations

Vern and Karen Harrington attended the October 3rd wedding of their grandson Brodie Harrington, son of Brian and Audra Oja of Minneapolis, to Katherine Duffy, daughter of Tim and Garah Duffy of Chicago. The wedding was held at the Craftwood Peak in Manitou Springs, Colorado.

— Submitted by Karen Harrington.

Celebrating birthdays



Left: **Sharon Weishaar** celebrated her birthday at the Corner in Brunsville Tuesday evening, September 9th with nine other ladies — and Gisela! Her birthday was actually September 6th and she was super excited that day to get a Cyclone win over the Hawkeyes as her birthday gift! On to the next party! Submitted by Deb Herzberg.



Right: **Delores Harms** celebrated her 95th birthday early. Far right: Front: Bev Hultquist, Delores Harms, Carol Schmidt. Back: Nancy Schlichte, Gisela Dittman, Verda Marienau, Beth Rollinger, Mary Korthas, Karen Harrington. Photos submitted by Karen Harrington.



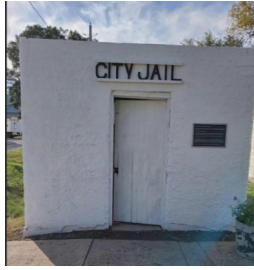
Left: **Ron and Don Johnson** celebrated their shared birthday on October 24.

Anniversaries

Jim & Leona Martin Nov. 1
 Rebecca & Jordan Vittetoe Nov. 14
 Loren & Karen Oetken Nov. 23
 Steve & Glenda McHale Nov. 28
 Rodney & Sarah Renken Nov. 30

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.



Kilker continues old building upgrades

Dave Kilker is making a difference in our community by sprucing up the old jail and city hall buildings. He painted the old jail building, crafted a new "City Jail" sign and installed it above the entrance. He painted a large section of the city hall building, complete with a new "City Hall" sign above the door. The black window frames on the city hall building add a sharp touch to the old structure. He's done working on the buildings for now, but he'll resume the work next year. Thank you, Dave, for taking the lead in giving our old buildings a much-needed makeover.

Photos submitted by Dave Kilker.

Above left: The old city jail building has a new sign. Above right: Dave Kilker stands in front of the old city hall building with its new sign.

Cross country meet at Prairie Rose Golf Course on October 16 draws many to Brunsville



Vote on November 4

Be sure 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 Krienert are the only candidates for council. Terms are four years.

Thank you to Steve and Kathy

This year Steve Dickman will complete his term as mayor and Kathy Renken will complete her term as city council member. We thank you both for your dedication, effort and contributions you have made throughout the years. Your hard work has truly made a positive impact, and it is greatly appreciated.

Attend the next council meeting

The next Brunsville City Council meeting will be held at the Legion on November 10 at 5:15. p.m.

You're invited to Euchre Night

Register by 6:45 p.m., cards at 7 p.m.

Prizes depend on the number of players
\$5 entry, cash bar, you do not need a partner

Sat., Nov. 8	Sat., Feb. 7
Sat., Dec. 13	Sat., March 14
Sat., Jan. 10	Sat., April 11

Upcoming Legion events

- 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
- Dec. 1** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- Dec. 6** Craig Co-op Christmas party
- Dec. 8** City council meeting, 5:15
- Dec. 13** Euchre
- Dec. 14** Pancake breakfast with Santa
- Jan. 5** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- Jan. 10** Euchre
- Jan. 11** Pancake breakfast
- Jan. 12** City council meeting

Schedule courtesy of Nichole Tonner and Jamie Goldmann.

Brunsville Legion Pancake Breakfasts

All you can eat • Carryout available

Brunsville Legion Hall, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

\$11 adults • \$5 children 5 to 9

Children 4 & under eat for free

Sun., Nov. 9	Sun., Feb. 8
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The Brunsville Legion Poultry Party

Saturday, Nov. 22

Cash bar opens at 5, games begin at 7

Bingo—Chance Boards—Showdown—Raffle Tickets
Ham, turkey and door prizes!
Hot dogs and taverns available for purchase

Recipe of the month: Old-Fashioned Pumpkin Cookies

2 1/2 c. all-purpose flour 1 1/2 c. granulated sugar
 1 tsp. baking soda 1/2 c. butter (1 stick), softened
 1 tsp. baking powder 1 c. 100% pure pumpkin
 1 tsp. ground cinnamon 1 lg. egg
 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 1/2 tsp. salt

GLAZE:

Combine in a small bowl with wire whisk until smooth.
 2 c. sifted powdered sugar 1 T. melted butter
 3 T. milk 1 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease baking sheets. Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in medium bowl. Beat sugar and butter in large mixer bowl until well blended. Beat in pumpkin, egg and vanilla extract until smooth. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Drop by rounded teaspoon onto baking sheets. Bake for 14 to 18 minutes, or until edges are firm. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely. Drizzle glaze over cookies.

The above recipe was submitted by Carol Schmitz and can be found on page 98 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.

Turn back your clock

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m.
 on Sunday, November 2.

The deadline for submissions is the 25th the month before publication. Thank you for your submissions, donations and support.

**We're struggling to find volunteers
 — can you help us?**

**We're also in need of supplies and
 fur-ever homes for the animals.**

Please contact us today!



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Quote 'Ems

Some say fall is the season when the leaves change. I say it's the season when my sweat pants never change. – Katie Nicole Felton

Autumn is a season followed immediately by looking forward to spring. – Doug Larson

Autumn is the hardest season. The leaves are all falling, and they're falling like they're falling in love with the ground. – Andrea Gibson

Falling for autumn and not getting up. – Unknown

November, when the holiday spirit hits you, but your wallet disagrees! – Chloe Wells

November: the month where my diet goes on a vacation while my appetite gets a promotion! –James Martinez

Why does November always feel like an awkward middle child of the seasons? – Riley Smith

November is like that friend who shows up uninvited and eats all your snacks! – Hannah Lee

Who needs a gym membership when you can lift a turkey every November? – Patrick Evans

Finally, in November, I can justify my cookie consumption as 'holiday prep!' – Laura Harris

Dear diet, it was nice knowing you. Until January! – Andrew Scott

Anyone on a diet this November must really love drama! – Oliver Johnson

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