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Local veterans honored at appreciation event

The fifth annual Veterans Appreciation Event was held on Veterans Day, November 11. The evening began with Eleanor Tonner leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Brunsville Post 724 veterans and their guests were treated to a plated steak meal, a patriotic gift and a message shared by a staff member from the Midwest Honor Flight. A surprise thank-you processional set to patriotic music ended the evening. Family, friends, neighbors and community members honored our veterans with signs, cheering and waving USA flags.

Thank you to the listed generous donors who helped make this event happen: Scott and Michelle Taylor, Sons of the Legion, Premium Feed & Grain, Rocky Mountain Resorts, Farmers Co-operative of Craig, Iowa State Bank, Prairie Rose Golf Club, Carl and Janice McIntyre, Walmart, Debby Vierra, Sam's Club, Wells Visitor Center & Ice Cream Parlor, Palmer's Olde Tyme Candy Shoppe and Family Table Restaurant. Thank you also to the large number of volunteers who assisted with the event. Hats off to our community for joining in the celebration for our veterans. The overwhelming support and turnout were very meaningful to our veterans. Thank you again to all our veterans for their service to our country and for all they do for our community. — Submitted by Jamie Goldmann.



Above: Local residents surprised veterans with a thank-you processional set to music. Below left: Eleanor Tonner led the Pledge of Allegiance. Below right: Gifts for the veterans.



Photos of the residents and gift bags submitted by Jamie Goldmann. Photo of Eleanor submitted by Nichole Tonner.



Poultry party attendees pack Legion

The annual poultry party drew a large crowd on Saturday, November 22 at the Brunsville Legion. Attendees enjoyed hot dogs, taverns and drinks and played games for a chance to win ham and turkey prizes. Thanks to all who made the event a success. Photos courtesy of Nichole Tonner.

Upcoming Legion events

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
Feb. 2 Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
Feb. 7 Euchre
Feb. 8 Pancake breakfast
Feb. 9 City council meeting
Feb. 27 Prairie Rose Casino Night

Schedule courtesy of Nichole Tonner.

Santa Claus will be in Brunsville for the pancake breakfast on December 14.

In Memory of ...

Dale Hennings, who passed away on November 3.
Paul Utesch, who passed away on November 15.

In Our Prayers

Janiece Bohlke
Donna Erickson
Vernon Harrington
Suzanne Heeren
Family & friends of Dale Hennings
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
Family & friends of Paul Utesch
Lois Varenhorst
Peggy Wilken

CITIZEN OF
THE MONTH:
Brandon Phelan

Birthdays

Kevin White Dec. 5
Denny Plueger Dec. 5
Reed Henrich Dec. 6
Scott Linstrand Dec. 8
Breanna Martin Dec. 8
Rheff Schlessler Dec. 8
Mark Brown Dec. 9
Peggy Linstrand Dec. 12
Jordan Bogenrief Dec. 14
Jessica Wendt Dec. 16
Joe Herzberg Dec. 16
Barry Poe Dec. 17
Jay Wiese Dec. 18
Katelyn Geil Dec. 18
Joe Rollinger Dec. 19
Jade Goodmanson Dec. 19
Mckinley Johnson Dec. 20
Roger Weishaar Dec. 22
Lucas Schlichte Dec. 23
Emily Von Hagel Dec. 26
Clark Schmitz Dec. 27
Max Utesch Jr. Dec. 27
Zachary Jongma Dec. 27
Deb Herzberg Dec. 27
Kenny Krienert Dec. 28
Doris Taylor Dec. 29
Michelle Taylor Dec. 29
Jay Toel Dec. 29

Gene Beitelspacher Dec. 29 — celebrating 80 years!
Dean Beitelspacher Dec. 29 — celebrating 80 years!
Loren Weiler Dec. 29
Mary Vander Molen Dec. 29
Theresa Westra Dec. 29
Tami Dittman Dec. 31
Wanda Oltmanns Dec. 31
Jeffrey Cords Dec. 31

Anniversaries

Rob & Angela Von Hagel Dec. 15
Jim & Verda Marienau Dec. 20
Vicar Grace & Max Baumgartel Dec. 30
Kelly & Denise Beitelspacher Dec. 31
Kristen & Luke Faber Dec. 31

Congratulations



Bill and Janice Renken have four new great-grandchildren this year:

Top left: **Jeff Tanner Anthony**, son of Tanner and Paige Anthony, was born on June 6. Bottom left: **Rishaan Taver Permeswaran**, son of Jill and Vijay Permeswaran, was born on September 3. Top right: **Josie Ann Vittetoe**, daughter of Rebecca and Jordan Vittetoe, was born on September 28. Bottom right: **Wesley William Foler**, son of Kristen and Luke Fober, was born on November 5.

Courtesy of Janice Renken and Debra Ahlers.



Tapper wins

Tapper was the winner of the Sons of the American Legion gun drawing. He chose the Henry American Beauty. Photo and info courtesy of Jay Willer.

Celebrating a birthday

Gerry Sue Krienert and her granddaughter **Brynn** celebrate Brynn's birthday. Courtesy of Gerry Sue Krienert.



Welcome to Brunsville

Former Sioux Falls resident **Teresa Fetters** moved to Brunsville in February. Her passions are cooking and crafting and she enjoys living here. Photo courtesy of Chris Vonwille.



Will there be a Town Feud in 2026?

The answer depends on whether or not enough people form a committee. Some of the original committee members are not able to participate and a full committee is needed to pull off the event. We need volunteers to attend meetings, work the event and clean up. The event date is not set. Interested in joining the committee? Please contact one of the Blitz staff members by December 20 using one of the methods listed on the back page.



SW corner



Hops



Elevator



West of clubhouse

Enjoy the beauty of Brunsville all year long

We've selected five aerial photos of Brunsville for you to choose from and we'll provide your selection on a 10" wide by 8" high glossy print. Funds will be applied toward the cost of Brunsville Park upgrades.

To order, please follow the steps below:

1. Note the selection(s) you'd like (SW corner, Hops, Elevator, West of clubhouse and/or SE golf) and the number of prints of each selection.
2. Provide payment of \$25 per print. Please write your check to Brunsville Park.
3. Send to The Brunsville Blitz, P.O. Box 187, Brunsville 51008. Make sure your contact information is included.

The deadline for the first order is Monday, December 15. We'll contact you when your prints are finished.



SE golf

Work done on Prairie Rose Lane



Street work was recently completed in the circular area of the Prairie Rose Lane cul-de-sac. Photos courtesy of Jamie Goldmann.

Christmas season to be celebrated at Plymouth County Historical Museum

The Plymouth County Historical Museum is pleased to announce a magical Christmas Season at the Museum. We are taking over what used to be Pioneer Village Christmas and moving activities to the Museum. The Museum believes it is important to preserve history and traditions.

The List of Activities:

Friday, November 7 – Transportation of the Christmas Tree Trailer (with police escort) from the Plymouth County Fairgrounds to the Old Central Gym at the Museum.

Saturday, November 8 – Nativity Exhibit opens in the Fourth Floor Study Hall, open throughout the season.

Tues./Wed., November 18/19 – Tree decorating by the local community.

Saturday, November 29 – Christmas in Hometown Le Mars, Festival of Trees Opens in the Gym. Activities include the Nativity Exhibit and the Floyd Valley Railroad Club Open House in their exhibit in the basement of the Museum. In addition, there is trolley transport to and from downtown Le Mars from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat./Sun., December 6/7 & 13/14 – Festival of Trees with hospitality (cookies & hot libations served by Rotary Club) and entertainment in the Old Central Gym. Lions Club will be popping fresh popcorn and the Kiwanis Club will serve popcorn balls. The Nativity Exhibit and the Floyd Valley Railroad Club are open.

Sunday, December 14 – Piano Recital in the Study Hall featuring the students of Miriam Hector.

Wednesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve Gala. Walk the red carpet in the Old Central Gym. The night includes catered hors d'oeuvres (savory & sweet), raffled items, a live band, a "ball drop" and libations available in a cash bar setting.

Please check Facebook and Instagram for all event details.



Join us as we celebrate the holiday season at our annual **Holiday Open House** on Friday, December 12 from 9:00AM - Noon

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HOLIDAY HOURS:

Wednesday, December 24 - Closing at Noon
Thursday, December 25 - Closed • Thursday, January 1 - Closed

Recipe of the month: Christmas Apple Cake

Cake:

1/2 cup margarine	1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
2 cups sugar	3/4 tsp. nutmeg
2 eggs	1/2 tsp. salt
2 cups flour	4 cups peeled and chopped apples
2 tsp. baking soda	1 cup chopped nuts

Cream margarine and sugar together in a large mixing bowl. Add eggs, beating after each addition. Stir in dry ingredients. Add apples and nuts. Pour into greased 9x13" pan. Bake at 325° for 1 hour.

Topping:

1 cup sugar	1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 cup butter	1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup evaporated milk	

In a saucepan, bring to a boil all topping ingredients to form a sauce. Serve sauce warm over individual pieces of warm cake.

Courtesy of Ruth Farley, Presbyterian Church Cookbook.

Attend the next council meeting

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

Let's get cookin'

Stop by Iowa State Bank of Brunsville for Brunsville Centennial cookbooks. They contain 388 pages of delicious recipes submitted by local people you may know. They make wonderful Christmas gifts and are only \$10.

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.

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

Welcome December: the month where all diets go to die. — Unknown

The only thing more overwhelming than December's darkness is December's to-do list. — Unknown

Winter is nature's way of saying, 'Up yours.' — Robert Byrne

Nothing's as mean as giving a little child something useful for Christmas. — Kin Hubbard

Got all my Christmas shopping done. Now to shop for other people. — Conan O'Brien

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day. — Phyllis Diller

Getting an inch of snow is like winning 10 cents in the lottery. — Bill Watterson

Every mile is two in the winter. — George Herbert

The light made the snowballs look yellow. Or at least I hoped that was the cause. — Gary D. Schmidt

December is just January's warm-up act. And January's got a lot of resolution pressure. — Unknown

Noses are red. Fingers are blue. I'm tired of winter. How about you? — Unknown

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