

# The Brunsville Blitz

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## Second annual Soup Off held at Christ Lutheran Church

Members of Christ Lutheran Church and St. Peter Lutheran Church gathered at Christ Lutheran on Sunday, February 22, for a lively soup competition and silent auction. Guests sampled 10 delicious soups, cast their votes for their favorite and browsed 28 items featured in the auction. Around 40 people attended the event.

Shawn Delfs earned first place with her cheeseburger soup, Wayne Beitel-spacher took second with his cream of broccoli cheese and Jacque Utesch claimed third with her classic chicken noodle.

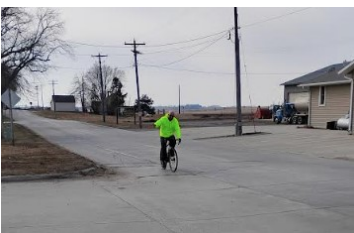
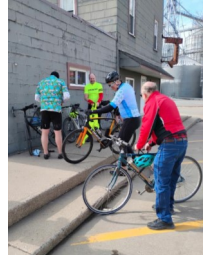
The event was organized by Vicar Grace Baumgartel, who leads worship at both congregations each Sunday.



Above: Shawn Delfs, Wayne Beitel-spacher and Jacque Utesch.



## Bike Central's Do Not Freeze Ride rolled into Brunsville on February 14



Cyclists taking part in Bike Central's annual "Do Not Freeze Ride" rolled into Brunsville on Saturday, February 14, enjoying unseasonably warm weather along the

way. They paused at the Corner for lunch before continuing their ride back to Le Mars.

## In Memory of ...

Sandra Ludwigs, who passed away on January 27.  
Scott Lauters, who passed away on January 28.  
Gene Pageler, who passed away on January 30.  
Paul Botker, who passed away on February 7. Paul is Peggy Dickman's brother.

## In Our Prayers

Family & friends of Paul Botker  
Donna Erickson  
Vernon Harrington  
Suzanne Heeren  
Kelly Hughes  
Bev Hultquist  
Jim Jackson  
Jeanette Jensen  
Vivian Johnson  
Family & friends of Scott Lauters  
Family & friends of Sandra Ludwigs  
Terry Ludwigs  
Jim Martin  
Stan Meyer  
Dan Morton  
Family & friends of Gene Pageler  
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  
Lois Varenhorst  
Peggy Wilken

## Birthdays

Bryson Smit March 1  
Kenny Johme March 2  
Rod Renken March 3  
Trice Weishaar March 3  
LaRae Ludwigs March 3  
Lakota Christen March 4  
Jackie Rieken March 5  
Vicar Grace Baumgartel March 6  
Adam Gabel March 8  
Nancy Willer March 9  
Susan Willer March 9  
Mitch Renken March 11  
Brenda Galles March 11  
Benson Rieken March 13  
Scooter Magooter Rollinger March 13  
Kate Kruse March 14  
Clint Kriener March 15  
Jason "Big Nugg" Kruger March 17  
Chesney Keleher March 17  
Avari Jones March 18  
Carly Olson March 18  
Natalie Raasch March 19  
Loren Oetken March 19

McKinley Angerman March 19  
Laura Jones March 20  
Nancy Schlichte March 20  
Jim Heeren March 20  
Matt Kriener March 20  
Jenn Smith March 22  
Bailey Babcock March 22  
Todd Osterbuhr March 24  
Cindy Kriener March 24  
Austin Hoffman March 25  
Don Hoonhorst March 25  
Jen Marienau March 26  
Ivy Jo Anthony March 28  
Chris Schlichte March 29  
Christy Stremick March 29  
Lillia Kellen March 29  
Josh Babcock March 30  
Janna Sitzmann March 30  
Angie Smit March 30  
Zeda Finney March 30

## Anniversaries

Crystal & Jon Hasselquist March 2  
Tom & Michelle Jones March 17  
Keith & Kristin Koerselman March 19  
Vernon & Janna Sitzmann March 31

## Congratulations

**Bowen Rieken** was named to the Western Iowa Tech Scholar's List for the fall 2025 semester. This recognition is awarded to students who earn a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.99.

## CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:

### Joan Renken

Joan has been graciously hosting coffee for the ladies each week. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Celebrating birthdays



Left: **Gina Milbrodt** celebrated her birthday on February 17. Photo courtesy of Gerry Sue Kriener.



Right: **Dylan Taylor** celebrated his 29th birthday with family and friends on February 20.

## Shelter house available to rent

The Brunsville Park shelter house is available to rent for \$50. Call Gisela at 712-540-3159.

## 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 in Craig.

## Interested in submitting information or photos?

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

The cookbooks have sold out at the bank. Get to cookin', people!

# Life at the Legion

## Upcoming events

- March 2** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- March 7** Legion birthday dinner
- March 8** Pancake breakfast
- March 9** City council meeting
- March 14** Euchre
- March 16** Southern Sioux Rural Water
- April 6** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- April 11** Midwest Honor Flight fundraiser
- April 12** Pancake breakfast
- April 13** City council meeting
- April 18** Euchre

Submitted by Nichole Tonner.



Above left: **Isabella Pacheco** was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Sons of the American Legion. She will be attending USD in Vermillion this fall. She is pictured with Darwin Lubben and Jay Willer. Above center: **Del Kellen** won the Henry Big Boy in 44mag. Above right: **Nancy Willer** won the raffle for the 22 Ruger but chose the cash instead. She is pictured with Darwin Lubben and Jay Willer.

## St. Peter Lutheran and Christ Lutheran Lenten schedule

**March 4** at Christ Lutheran  
**March 11** at St. Peter  
**March 18** at Christ Lutheran

**March 25** at St. Peter  
**April 2** (Maundy Thursday) at St. Peter with communion  
**April 3** (Good Friday) at Christ Lutheran

All services  
at 7 p.m.

**STOP IN & PICK UP YOUR BRACKET • MARCH 16**  
 Brackets will be available at ISB-Brunsville Branch after 10AM on March 16.

**SUBMIT BRACKET ON OR BEFORE:**  
**Men's Tournament Bracket • March 19**  
**Women's Tournament Bracket • March 20**

Bracket must be handed in at ISB-Ireton before 10AM to be eligible for PRIZES.

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**Be in the know!**  
**Attend the next council meeting**  
 The next Brunsville City Council meeting will be held at the Legion on March 9 at 5:15 p.m.

**Don't miss out on events!**  
 Remember to mark your calendar with events found in each Blitz.

**We're very busy and need more volunteers!**  
**Want to volunteer, adopt or donate?**  
**Contact us today!**

**Wet Nose Rescue**  
 Plymouth County Animal Shelter & Adoption

1331 Hawkeye Ave SW, Le Mars • (712)540-5919  
 wetnoserescue@outlook.com  
 caeyes2011@gmail.com

## Recipe of the month: Cheesy Potatoes

1 can cream of chicken soup  
1/2 c. margarine or butter, melted  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1/2 c. onion, chopped  
2 c. shredded cheese (Colby or Cheddar)  
2 lb. frozen shredded hash browns, thawed

Combine soup, margarine (butter, that has been melted), salt, pepper, onions and cheese into a bowl. Mix in hash browns (thawed) and pour the mixture into a sprayed 9x13-inch pan or casserole dish. Put it in the oven at 375° for 45 minutes (leave it uncovered). Take it out once it gets brown and bubbly. Leave it to cool.

*The above recipe was submitted by the late Betty Lambert and can be found on page 354 of the Brunsville Centennial Cookbook that was published in 2010.*

## Answers to February's Town trivia

1. The first meeting was held in 1916 to organize a Sunday school in Brunsville. **False. The first meeting was held in 1913.**
2. Tools from Frank Toel's blacksmith shop were stolen by robbers who used them to break into other businesses in town. **True.**
3. Tug-of-war contests took place at the ball diamond during the Diamond Jubilee in 1985. **False. Yes, there were tug-of-war contests, but the jubilee was held in 1986.**

*Thank you for playing!*

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- ◆ To learn more about Brunsville history and read previous editions of The Blitz, go to [brunsvilleiowa.com](http://brunsvilleiowa.com).
- ◆ To learn more about St. Peter Lutheran Church and view old church booklets, go to [stpeterbrunsville.com](http://stpeterbrunsville.com).
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## Get published

The deadline for each Blitz edition is always the 25th the month before.

## Quote 'Ems

Spring is the time of the year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade. — Charles Dickens

In the spring I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours. — Mark Twain

Isn't it amazing how much stuff we get done the day before vacation? — Zig Zigar

Hard work never killed anybody, but why take a chance? — Edgar Bergen

The brain is a wonderful organ; it starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get into the office. — Robert Frost

No one ever died from sleeping in an unmade bed. — Erma Bombeck

It is a scientific fact that your body will not absorb cholesterol if you take it from another person's plate. — Dave Barry

If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun. — Katharine Hepburn

There's never enough time to do all the nothing you want. — Bill Watterson

People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do: I stare out the window and wait for spring. — Rogers Hornsby

The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything ... or nothing — Lady Nancy Astor

Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely. — Karen Kaiser Clark

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