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Congratulations, graduates!



Avari Jones will graduate from Le Mars Community High School and attend Morningside University for art education. She was selected for Morningside University's Siouxland Proud, Mside Bound program. Avari is the daughter of Laura Jones and the granddaughter of Tom and Michelle Jones.



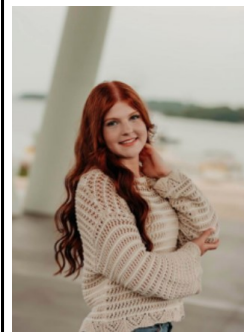
Jordan Bogenrief will graduate from Le Mars Community High School and attend Iowa Lakes Community College for business. She is the daughter of Julie Bogenrief and Darren Kruid and Joel and Laura Bogenrief; and the granddaughter of Donna Erickson, Leyla and Jim Schrunk and Tim and Madlyn Bogenrief.



Isabella Pacheco will graduate from Woodbury Central Community School and attend the University of South Dakota. She plans to go into the medical field. She is the daughter of Lisa and Dustin Livermore and the granddaughter of Jay and Nancy Willer and Mark and Shelly Livermore.



Emerson Frances Gravenish will graduate from Akron-Westfield Community School and attend Southeast Tech in Sioux Falls for business administration. She is the daughter of Troy and Emilee Gravenish and the granddaughter of the late Ed Searls and Mike and Judy Gravenish.



Torey Peterson will graduate from Sheldon Community High School and attend Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) to complete her generals, and then transfer to a four-year college in Sioux Falls to pursue a career in the healthcare field. Torey is the daughter of Shane and Corey Peterson and the granddaughter of Steve and Glenda McHale.

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CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES!

Attend the next council meeting

The next Brunsville City Council meeting will be held at the Legion on May 11 at 5:15. p.m.

Brunsville's Memorial Day service will be held on Monday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the Legion. Lunch to follow.

In Memory of ...

Paula Lawrensen, who passed away on March 27. She was 97 years young.
Patty Schultz, who passed away on March 29.

In Our Prayers

Donna Erickson
Vernon Harrington
Suzanne Heeren
Kelly Hughes
Bev Hultquist
Jim Jackson
Vivian Johnson
Family & friends of Paula Lawrensen
Terry Ludwigs
Troy Ludwigs
Jim Martin
Stan Meyer
Dan Morton
Deb (Albright) Pick
Janice Plueger
Bill Renken
Janice Renken
Joan Renken
Rod Renken
Clark Schmitz
Family & friends of Patty Schultz
Kim Sherlock
Sandy Utesch Sievers
Brooklyn Smit
Max Utesch — in Happy Siesta
Lois Varenhorst
Peggy Wilken

Birthdays

Wayne Beitelspacher May 1
Bill Osterbuhr May 2
Tom Jones May 2
Mike Vander Molen May 4
Denton Ohlrichs May 5
Dave Raasch May 6
Lois Varenhorst May 8
Royce Stonesifer May 8
Brooklyn Babcock May 9
Wayne Schloffeldt May 10
Brantley Niehus May 10 — This is his golden birthday, which happens to fall on Mother's Day — exactly ten years after the Mother's Day hospital trip when he was born.
Dylan Fuller May 10
Gisela Dittman May 11
Meadow Fuller May 14
Gary Palmer May 14
Peter Hasselquist May 14
Josh Fuller May 15
Keith Koerselman May 16
Mark Herzberg May 20
Nevaeh Hodgson May 20 — She turns 21!
Carol Schloffeldt May 21
Roger Kriener May 22
Bev Hultquist May 25
Amelia Carpenter May 25

Doug Carlsen May 26
Izzy Plueger May 27
Victoria McHale Haas May 30
Gabby White May 30
Jim Marienau May 31

Anniversaries

Brittany & Alec Mousel May 4
Darwin & Judy Lubben May 7
Mark & Connie Seible May 7
T.J. & Madi Tapper May 18
Clark & Carol Schmitz May 19
Andrea & Dave Raasch May 24

Congratulations



Left: **Harper Niehus** received her First Communion on April 19 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Le Mars. It was a special day filled with so much love, family and friends. She is the daughter of Neil Niehus and Kelsi Wright and the sister of Brantley and Noah Niehus.
Submitted by Kelsi Wright.



Right: **Izzy Plueger** received her Iowa degree at Ames on April 21 and will serve as the 2026–2027 Le Mars FFA Chapter president. Congratulations, Izzy!
Submitted by Julie Plueger.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:

Colleen Hoppe

Colleen's last day as postmistress in the Brunsville Post Office arriving soon

Thank you for your exceptional work as postmistress. Your courtesy, patience and dedication have meant so much to this community. Everyone appreciates you more than you know, and we're going to miss you.

The Curtain Rises Again!

Le Mars Community Theatre Reopens Its Doors May 1

After a 10-month restoration following a July 2025 ceiling collapse, the Le Mars Community Theatre will celebrate its grand reopening on May 1, 2026, unveiling a brand-new ceiling, state-of-the-art lighting and freshly painted walls. The theatre credits community support for its comeback and promises a more immersive audience experience. The 2026 season launches with *Blithe Spirit* (May 1–6), followed by *My Fair Lady* in August and *Jekyll & Hyde* in November. Tickets for *Blithe Spirit* go on sale April 13 for \$20 online, by phone or at the box office at 105 1st Street NE, open weekdays from 9–11 a.m.

Accordion Festival set for May 3

The Plymouth County Historical Museum will host the 22nd Annual Art Pahl–Peter Boe Accordion Festival on Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m. in the historic "Old Central" Gym in Le Mars. The event celebrates regional accordion music and honors musicians Art Pahl and Peter Boe, with admission offered by free-will donation. For details, contact the museum at 712.546.7002 or pchmuseum@gmail.com.

Easter Egg Hunt in the Brunsville Park on Saturday, April 4



Winners (in no particular order)

Big girls bike - Harlow Eisma • Big boys bike - Lucas Schlichte • Little girls bike - Karsyn Jones • Little boys bike - Stetson Niehus • Toddler boys bike - Dallas Schlichte • Toddler girls bike - Sawyer Niehus • Butterfly toy - Harper Niehus, Grace Joines, Addison Babcock • Chef/egg set - Mackenzie Wynia, Kendra Zenk, Jaya Krohn

Thank you

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Angie and Katherine Smit, Jamie Goldmann, Brooklyn Smit, and Nancy Schlichte and her granddaughter for contributing their time and energy. We're also grateful to Iowa State Bank for donating

Photos and info submitted by Angie Smit.

candy, to Nancy for filling all the eggs and to Walmart for generously contributing \$100 toward the bikes. Every one of you helped make this event brighter and more memorable for our community.

Life at the Legion

Congratulations to Jim Burnett of Le Mars.

He was the winner of the SAL gun raffle held on April 12. He chose the \$400 cash instead of the gun.

Upcoming events

- May 4** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- May 11** City council/town hall meeting
- May 23** Bogenrief graduation
- May 25** Memorial Day celebration luncheon
- June 1** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- June 2** Election day
- June 8** City council/town hall meeting
- July 4** Kessenich wedding
- July 6** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- July 13** City council/town hall meeting
- Aug. 3** Legion meeting, 7:30/S.A.L. meeting, 7:00
- Aug. 8** Anniversary party
- Aug. 10** City council/town hall meeting

Schedule submitted by Nichole Tonner.

Thank you

The Sons of the American Legion thank everyone who attended the April 11th Pork Chop Supper Fundraiser for the Midwest Honor Flight. They're grateful for the fantastic turnout.

Let's cruise!

The Tri-State Drive-In Cruisers will hold a car show downtown Brunsville on Wednesday, May 21.

Love bacon? Get a case of it and support a great cause!

Bacon fundraiser benefits shelter house

Purchase a case of twelve 1 lb. packages of Brunsville sliced bacon for \$75. Proceeds benefit renovation of the Brunsville Park shelter house. To place an order, please text Reno Dickman at 712-540-4429 and he will coordinate delivery. Thank you for your support.

Shop our sale during the Le Mars city-wide garage sale May 7-9, in the storage unit at 636 14th St. SW

Donate to the sale by bringing items to our main location at 1331 Hawkeye Ave SW

Want to volunteer or adopt? Contact us today!



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 wetnoserescue@outlook.com
 caeyes2011@gmail.com

Recipe of the month: Almond Bars

Crust:

1 cup oleo or butter
1 cup brown sugar
½ tsp. soda
2 ½ cups quick or regular oatmeal
2 cups flour

Mix all ingredients to crumb consistency. Press half of the mixture in a 9 x 13 pan.

Filling:

4 egg yolks
2 cups sugar
4 tsp. Almond extract
8 Tablespoons milk
6 Tablespoons flour

Beat filling ingredients and pour on crust.

Pat remaining crumb mixture on top. Bake for 30-35 minutes at 325 degrees.

Submitted by Karen Harrington.

Quote 'Ems

The only real treasure is in your head. Memories are better than diamonds and nobody can steal them from you. — Rodman Philbrick

Memory is the diary that we all carry about with us. — Oscar Wilde

People leave. Memories stay. — Unknown

Never let your memories be greater than your dreams. — Douglas Ivester

Make peace with your past so it won't destroy your present. — Regina Brett

Collect moments. Not things. — Karen Salmansohn

Remembering is easy. It's forgetting that's hard. — Brodie Ashton

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. — Ludwig Jacobowski

Get cookin'!

More cookbooks available

Once again, Brunsville Centennial Cookbooks are available at Iowa State Bank of Brunsville. The 388-page cookbooks are only \$10.

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.

Meet the deadline

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

Discover more online

- ◆ To learn more about Brunsville history and read previous editions of The Blitz, go to brunsvilleiowa.com.
- ◆ To learn more about St. Peter Lutheran Church and view old church booklets, go to stpeterbrunsville.com.
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Just for laughs

A priest and a rabbi are eating their lunch at a restaurant when the priest starts to tease his old friend.

"This baked ham is delicious, so much better than your egg salad sandwich," says the priest. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?"

The rabbi replies, "At your wedding."

— The Catholic Post

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