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Relaxing at Brunsville's beautiful park



Close left: The new slightly sloped sidewalk along the shelter house is in place.

Photos by Bowen Rieken.



Garden Club holds picnic in park

The Four Seasons Garden Club members held a picnic in the Brunsville Park on Tuesday, June 23 and were joined by a couple guests. They enjoyed broasted chicken and an unexpected celebratory cake from the Schlotfeldt family, which they are thankful for. Front row: Gerry Sue Krienert, Karen Harrington, Hank Farmer, Joyce Willer. Back row: Bev Hultquist, Joan Renken, Kathy Renken, Janice Renken, Cindy Kreinert. Photo courtesy of Gerry Sue Krienert.

Deadline to submit information to be published is the 25th the month before. See back page for submission details.

In Memory of...

Kim Johnson, who passed away
June 16.

In Our Prayers

Judy Bowman
Greg Breitbarth
Donna Cornish
Connie Gries
The family and friends of **Kim Johnson**
Bonnie (Hawkins) Klein, sister of
Tammy Popken
Martha & Tom Morley
John Lambert (Lonesome Jack)
Janice Renken
Sarah & Rod Renken
Clark Schmitz
Mary Singer
Kris Westhoff

Birthdays

Abbie Dickman July 2
Jerry Schlichte July 5
Chloe Willer July 7
Riley Schlichte July 7
Julie Bogenrief July 10
Donna Erickson July 10
Rosanne Osterbuhr July 13
Janice Renken July 15
Dan Dickman July 17
Danella Bolton July 17
Riley Oetken July 18
Ben Kuecker July 18
Sheila Fuller July 20
Ben Korthis July 22
Kat Smit July 24
Ryan Renken July 25
Cody Angerman July 25
Benjamin Worley July 25
Annabelle Lubben July 25
Emilia Lubben July 27
Amanda Jastram July 28
Everly Livermore July 30

Anniversaries

Jill & Vijay Permeswaran July 11
Gerry Sue & Eddie Krienert July 12
Jodi & Josh Goodman July 14
Molly & Dan Carpenter July 14
Marlyn & Mary Renken July 16
John & Kristina Westhoff July 19
Allison & Bryan Borchers July 25
Ann & Alex Crosgrove July 25
Kat & Angie Smit July 25
Dwayne & Mary Jongma July 26
Abigail & Russel Schroeder July 28
Holly & David Frankovic July 29



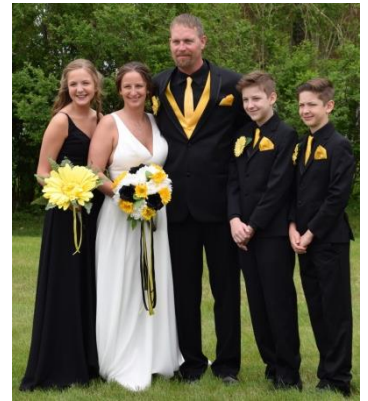
Rich Taylor.

Celebrating the life of Richard Lee Taylor Jr.

A celebration of life will be held for Rich Taylor on Saturday, August 29 from 3-5 at the Corner Café. Rich passed away with his wife by his side on Monday, March 30 in Texas. He was born on August 26, 1944 and formerly lived in Brunsville. Photo courtesy of Scott Taylor.

Congratulations

Theresa Kroll and Corey Berg were united in marriage on May 30, 2020 in Brunsville. A reception was held at the Legion Club. Despite a number of changes due to the Covid 19 pandemic the day turned out fabulous! Pictured are Karoline Kroll, Theresa Berg, Corey Berg, Riley Kroll and Elliot Kroll. Photo and information courtesy of Nancy Schlichte.



The Coffee Club celebrated **Kathy Renken's** June 8th birthday on Friday, June 12 at the Corner Café. Front row: Kathy Renken, Donna Erickson. Back row: Gisela Dittman, Gerry Sue Krienert, Deb Small, Hank Farmer. Photo courtesy of Gerry Sue Krienert.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Kathy Renken



Gone fishing

Pikedale Lodge near Walker, MN was camp June 7-12 for **Reno Dickman, Stan Dickman, Gary Van Wyhe, Orrin Van Wyhe, Steve Sherrill and Mark Herzberg**. The fishing expedition yielded a few fish, some card playing and a lot of socializing. They battled the wind every day but they caught enough to have a fish fry one night. Reno and Sherrill won the euchre tournament. As always, they enjoyed spending time together and solving the world's problems over a few beers. Photos and information courtesy of Deb Herzberg.



An anonymous thank you

A Brunsville resident says thank you to the person who picked up her flag that had blown away. It was washed, folded and placed in her mailbox.

Corner Café Coverage

Thursday bike nights are a success



Photos courtesy of Breanna Martin.



We've updated the patio—stop by and enjoy a refreshing beverage and delicious food.

Evening specials

- Sun.** Blaine Boy (loose meat) \$2.50
- Mon.** Alicia's Mexican Specialties 5-8:30 p.m.
- Tues.** Corner burger & fries \$7.50
- Wed.** Whole chicken (no substitutions) with fries or mashed potatoes & gravy \$15.99
- Thurs.** Bike night (weather permitting)
- Fri.** Prime rib with potato & salad
- Sat.** Prime rib with potato & salad

Business is booming at Prairie Rose

by Barry Poe

Through all the problems caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the game of golf has been a constant outlet.

Golf courses throughout the country have been bustling, including our very own Prairie Rose here in Brunsville.

On any given day, you'll find folks galore taking advantage of the opportunity to get in a round of golf. That's great for our town and more importantly, it provides everyone relief from all of the bad things happening in the world right now.

As we've stated many times before, we're very fortunate in Brunsville to have in my opinion one of the best nine-hole golf courses in the state of Iowa.

Brandon and Sarah Phelan and their staff do such a tremendous job of day-to-day operations, both on the course and in the clubhouse. Yes, the clubhouse has recently reopened after several months of doing business through a window.

Memberships are at an all-time high and by the looks of things a lot of people are paying daily green fees just to get a chance to play Prairie Rose.

When the new cart shed was constructed last fall, the hope was that it would be at least half full when the golf season started. Well, there are currently no new spaces for cart storage, since the new shed is completely full of carts.

Partly because of the uncertainty created by the pandemic, only two tournaments are planned this season.

The first is the annual Brunsville Open, an 18-hole stroke play event slated for Sunday July 26 with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. This tournament always draws many top players from the area. In fact, the last two winners are from the Sioux City area.

Word has spread just how good Prairie Rose is, which again is a big plus for the course and our town in general.

The second tournament is the 8-inch cup 4-person scramble, to be held Sept. 20. That is always a fun tournament as the season winds to a close.

For any information regarding tee times and entry fees, call the clubhouse at 712-533-6774.

When you're out on the course, remember to treat it with respect and if you run into Brandon, please tell him thank you for all of his hard work and dedication.

The Merrill Public Library is open for pickups

Monday 3:30-4:30, Tuesday 5-6, Wednesday 4:30-5:30
Thursday 5-6, Friday 10-11, Saturday 11-12

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608 Main St., 712-938-2503, merrilllibrary@mtcnet.net
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Answers from last month's town trivia

1. From whom did Brunsville get its name? *Mrs. Mary Bruns. Brunsville sits on the land she once owned.*
2. What year was Brunsville incorporated? *1911.*
3. Who was known as the First Lady of Brunsville? *The late Katherine Dickman.*
4. Where did the previous town church stand? *At the corner of Linn and Pine.*
5. Where was the previous town church building moved from? *Dalton (West Le Mars).*
6. Which Brunsville road was originally slated to be a paved portion of Highway 3? *Jet Road.*
7. What tragic town event occurred in 1931? *The fire in July that destroyed all buildings on the north side of main street except the Farmers Bank building.*
8. Where was the school located? *On Jet Road, across the street from the shelter house.*
9. What year was the city hall building constructed? *1917.*
10. What business previously occupied the Legion building? *International Harvester dealer and garage.*
11. What business was once located at the corner of Elm Street and Jet Road? *Reese Oil Service.*
12. What long-gone town did some early settlers of Brunsville and Craig originate from? *Mammen.*
13. Where was the long-gone town located? *Northwest of Brunsville. It was just west of where Christ Lutheran Church is today.*
14. Who won the beard contest during Brunsville's Diamond Jubilee? *Don Oetken was the winner. Mike Willer was runner-up.*
15. What creatures kept the early town settlers up at night? *Frogs.*

Thank you for playing!

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When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."—Fred Rogers

The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof.—Barbara Kingsolver

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.—Aristotle

Anything is much more believable, if it happens in the past.—Richard Lester

Above quotes courtesy of Warren Oetken

Lonesome Jack says...

An elderly couple had just learned how to send text messages. The wife was a romantic type and the husband was more of a no-nonsense guy. One afternoon the wife decided to send her husband a text. She wrote, "If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are crying, send me your tears. If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. I love you." Her husband texted back, "I'm on the toilet. Please advise."

I love to text. Where else can you say so much for free? How about it, Donna?

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