

# The Clipper

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## Four file for EB school board, one for township

Four persons have filed for three open seats on the East Butler Board of Education. Those who have filed are: Dylan Spatz, North Ward; Sarah Strizek, Middle Ward; Jocelyn Sloan and Ryan Pekarek, South Ward.

"These races will not appear on the primary election ballot as the number of candidates filing for office did not exceed twice the number of vacancies," said Butler County Clerk Vicki Truksa. "These candidates are declared nominated and will advance to the general election," she said.

The deadlines have passed to file for the East Butler board.

In another contest, Jerome Kudlacek has filed for one of three open

### Community Club dues: \$5

Community Club dues for 2018 are \$5 and may be included with donations sent in to the Community Fund Drive. Please indicate that \$5 of the donation is for membership in the Brainard Community Club.

The Community Club will meet on Wednesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at the Brainard Bar. Plans for three outdoor concerts this summer will be discussed.

seats on Oak Creek Township. No candidates have yet filed for three open seats on the Brainard Village Board. Those running for township or village board face these filing deadlines: July 16, 2018 for incumbents; and August 1, 2018 for non incumbents.

There is a filing fee of \$6 for village board and \$10.80 for the township board.

Filing for any of these offices can be completed at the Butler County Courthouse. For more information, contact the county clerk's office.

## Community Fund Drive underway; contributions accepted until May 15

Letters have been mailed to area residents seeking contributions to the 58th Annual Community Fund Drive for charitable causes. Like last year, the 2018 fund drive will raise money by cash donations only. Donations are currently being accepted and can be mailed to Brainard Community Fund Drive, %Community Club, PO Box 94, Brainard, NE 68626; or delivered to First Nebraska Bank during business hours. Checks should be made out to Community Fund Drive with contributions to be accepted through May 15.

Donations to the fund drive in 2017 totaled \$2,180. Those proceeds were donated as follows: \$500 to the Brainard Emergency Fund, \$300 to the local Bloodmobile and \$250 to each of the following: Blue Valley Community Action, Genesis Personal Development Center, Red Cross and the Brainard Fire Department.

### Next Bloodmobile is June 12

The next bloodmobile in Brainard is set for June 12, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Klein Center. Donors are encouraged to eat a snack or meal and drink liquids such as water and juice before arriving. To make an appointment, call local organizer Denise Bruner.

## Community survey due May 1

A community survey seeking opinions on community strengths and weaknesses has been mailed.

Such a survey has been sent out periodically through the years, most recently in 2012, to find out how local residents feel about a variety of topics and also to seek out ideas about businesses and/or services that might be needed.

"It is important to learn what the residents of Brainard and the surround-

ing rural area think about their community and how well the community satisfies their needs," according to the survey's cover letter. "This questionnaire, prepared by the Brainard Economic Development Council (BEDC), is designed to do just that so that the strengths, as well as the weaknesses, of Brainard can be determined."

The survey is similar to others conducted in 1990, 1996, 2004 and 2012. In those earlier surveys, the most needed

projects identified were a new baseball/softball field, a car repair shop and a car wash—all needs which were accomplished. In 2012, a need cited was to clean up unkempt areas of town.

Anyone in the Brainard area who did not receive a survey can contact Kevin Behne or Greg Havlovic, members of the BEDC. Surveys should be completed and returned by May 1. Drop-off locations are Brainard City Hall and First Nebraska Bank.

# Nearly 200 names on vets' memorial

Nearly 200 "bricks" have been purchased thus far with only 250 available on a Veterans Memorial project, sponsored by Brainard American Legion Rejda Post 273 to honor family members and friends who have honorably served in the U.S. armed forces. Applications must be in to the Legion by June 1, 2018. It is hoped that all 250 bricks will be sold before the project begins, said organizers.

A \$2,000 grant has been received from the Butler County Area Foundation to help with concrete work around the memorial. A project contract has been negotiated with Wilbert Memorials to provide the black granite panels, do the engraving and erect the memorial. A local contractor will be selected to construct a concrete foundation for the memorial, a concrete pad around it and a sidewalk leading to it. Project completion is planned for this fall.

The memorial, to be located on the north side of Evergreen Park, will feature three black granite panels, with the names and service information of each veteran laser cut into the granite. Each four by eight inch space ("brick") will cost \$150 and can include up to three lines with a maximum of 15 characters per line. The \$150 price is good until the order is sent in for laser work; after that time, the prices increases to \$250 per brick, although it is hoped all bricks will be sold before the order is submitted. For more information and/or an application, contact Tom Pesek, 402-545-4381; Clarence Greguras, 402-545-2432; Dave Kastl, 402-641-6723; Fred Benesch, 402-539-2078; or Dean Kriz, 402-367-9045.

# Lots of info to be presented at April 26 meeting

The Holy Trinity Seniors will meet on Thursday, April 26, at the Klein Center for an informational meeting, including several presentations. The first will be made by the staff at First Nebraska Bank on senior fraud and what can be done for protection. Next, Diana McDonald from the Butler County Senior Center will explain their available services. Becky Romshek from Aging Partners will tell about assistance she can provide through her office.

The final guest will be Val Tvrdy, registered nurse/public health nurse from Four Corners Health Department, who will present information on ways to manage stress as one ages. Stress hormones provide energy in the short term, but too much stress over too many years can throw a person's system off-balance. Overloads of stress hormones have been linked to many health problems, including heart disease, high blood pressure and weakened immune function. For older people already at heightened risk for these illnesses, managing stress is particularly important. Some ways to handle stressors include exercise, meditation and laughter. Area residents are invited to attend. Lunch will be served.

# Three musical events planned for this summer

The Brainard Community Club plans to host three musical events in the city park this summer. All are free and open to the public.

Kicking off the schedule will be the North Bend Area Community Band, which will perform Saturday, June 16, at 7 p.m. On Saturday, July 7, Evening in the Park will once again feature local talent. Anyone interested in performing should contact one of the officers: Denise Robeson, Lynn Hummel, Annette Snyder or Debbie Behne. The third event is planned for Saturday, Aug. 4, with Leo Lonnie; more details to be announced at a later date.

## Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

April 1 - Tracy Spatz  
April 1 - Julie Novacek  
April 1 - Greg Janak  
April 2 - Ashley Zysset  
April 4 - Bern Kozisek  
April 7 - Twila Petrzilka  
April 10 - Alan & Tammy Tejral  
April 10 - Jeff Ingwersen  
April 11 - Jerry & Phyllis Swanda  
April 11 - Andy & Crystal Behne  
April 13 - Marian Pytlik  
April 13 - Kevin Havlovic  
April 15 - Kailyn Hummel  
April 15 - Steph Novacek  
April 17 - Bev Struebing  
April 17 - Ed Witzel  
April 19 - LaVern Fortik  
April 20 - Niki & Trevor Svoboda  
April 20 - Bryce Havlovic  
April 20 - Norm Bruner  
April 22 - Deb Jarus  
April 23 - Rick Novacek  
April 25 - Bruce & Joyce Rezac  
April 26 - Bruce Rezac  
April 26 - Art & Jodi Pelan  
April 26 - John A. Bongers  
April 28 - Brett Struebing  
April 29 - Scott Foral  
April 29 - Jenna Zysset  
April 30 - Jerry & Sandy Bongers  
April 30 - Ross Benes  
May 2 - LuJane Kotera  
May 7 - Don Kost  
May 13 - Haley Rezac  
May 15 - Joanna Ingwersen  
May 15 - Jared Zysset  
May 20 - Gary Pelan  
May 21 - Art & Alma Svoboda  
May 22 - Paige Glasshoff  
May 23 - Lee & Jean Coufal  
May 24 - Kyler Hummel  
May 26 - Jill Reinsch  
May 27 - Martha Prochaska  
May 28 - Adaline Sullivan  
May 29 - Dallan Dvorak  
May 31 - Marc Spatz  
May 31 - Lyle Dvorak  
May 31 - Alex Rezac  
June 1 - Jim Bruner  
June 2 - Sue Benes  
June 4 - John Bruner  
June 4 - Kristen Shalon  
June 6 - Leon & Geri Jakub

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