



## Get glowing: It's time to show holiday spirit

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas—all around the town. Decorations are going up, but the Brainard Community Club hopes to see even more as the group will sponsor its first Christmas lighting contest this year.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories—most creative, religious theme and best overall display. Winners in the first two categories will each receive a \$25 gift certificate, while the prize for the best overall display will be a \$50 gift certificate. Those certificates will come from Husker Bar and the Brainard Bar this year, although if the contest is held in future years, prizes will be purchased from other local businesses.

This year, the contest is limited to the immediate Brainard area. If there is interest and the contest is held in the future, there is a possibility it could be expanded in size. Judging will take place sometime between Dec. 20 and Dec. 30. Those participating in the contest should have their lights on those evenings until about 10 p.m. Winners will be announced in the next issue of The Clipper.

### Funds from recent drive to be distributed

The Community Club will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. at City Hall. Among the items to be discussed will be disbursement of funds raised during a Community Fund Drive held earlier this year. About \$2,180 was raised in that effort, thanks to donations from area residents. Anyone with ideas about how the funds should be distributed can contact an officer of the club (Debbie Behne, Annette Snyder, Lynn Hummel or Denise Robeson) before Dec. 13 or attend the meeting.

### Three vets receive Quilts of Valor

Three veterans received Quilts of Valor on Nov. 14 at American Legion meeting: Milo Pelan and Alvin Rerucha from World War II and Tom Pesek from Vietnam. The quilts were presented by Eileen Krumbach of Shelby.

### Next Bloodmobile is Feb. 6

The next bloodmobile in Brainard is set for Feb. 6, from noon to 5:30 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.

Other upcoming bloodmobiles will be held in Brainard on April 10 and June 12. Those events are also set for noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Klein Center. To make an appointment, call local organizer Denise Bruner or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

# Brainard website to be updated

The brainardnebraska.com website will be updated in February.

Those involved in local organizations are asked to review the section on the website that pertains to their group and note changes in officers and anything else listed. Information should be emailed to sharonbruner@mac.com by Jan. 31, 2018.

# 108 names reserved on memorial; June 1 is deadline for applications

About 108 names will be listed thus far 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 Brainard Legion by June 1, 2018; it is hoped the project will be finished by the fall of 2018.

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.

For more information and 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.

# Maria Pytlik earns a top spot in band

Maria Pytlik competed for a spot in the 2017 Nebraska Music Educators Association All-State clinic and concert band. The statewide competition attracts the best players in the state and lasts three days at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. It ends with a concert at the Lied Center. Out of 25 trumpets selected for the concert band, Maria, a sophomore, earned third chair and was performing first chair music.

# Seniors to hear Christmas music

Holy Trinity Seniors will be entertained with Christmas music by the East Butler music department on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 8:10 a.m. in the gym. Those attending should use the activity entrance on the north side of the building. Coffee and rolls will follow in the multi-purpose room. Everyone is invited to attend including family members of the students.

# Brainard Bar open for business

The Brainard Bar is open for business. Current hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. although that could be changing in the near future; the business is closed on Mondays. More information is available on the Brainard Bar's Facebook page.

## *Happy Birthday!* *Happy Anniversary!*

Dec. 1 - Ted and Nancy Steager  
Dec. 3 - Steve and Lynn Hummel  
Dec. 3 - Yvonne Rezac  
Dec. 4 - Mitchell Janak  
Dec. 4 - Brian Foral  
Dec. 5 - Leon Jakub  
Dec. 6 - Deb Dael  
Dec. 6 - Baily Sullivan  
Dec. 6 - Megan Beckman  
Dec. 7 - Bernetta Divis  
Dec. 7 - Lisa Steager  
Dec. 7 - Leonard Dvorak  
Dec. 10 - Doug Glasshoff  
Dec. 11 - Alissa Hummel  
Dec. 11 - Chad & Steph Novacek  
Dec. 14 - Robert R. Pytlik  
Dec. 14 - Joyce Jelinek  
Dec. 14 - Sonnie Fate  
Dec. 15 - Martha Sabata  
Dec. 17 - Mae Pernicek  
Dec. 17 - Geri Jakub  
Dec. 19 - Al Bongers  
Dec. 27 - Ben and Donna Steager  
Jan. 1 - Vern & Kathy Dvorak  
Jan. 2 - Todd Pelan  
Jan. 7 - Randy Robeson  
Jan. 10 - Jan Kriz  
Jan. 10 - Sally Vandenberg  
Jan. 13 - Andrew Zysset  
Jan. 13 - Tim Pelan  
Jan. 15 - Clayton Kastl  
Jan. 23 - Don Ingwersen  
Jan. 24 - Jenny Ingwersen  
Jan. 29 - Dan Zysset  
Jan. 30 - Justin and Julia Dvorak  
Feb. 6 - Emily Havlovic  
Feb. 6 - Lynn Hummel  
Feb. 7 - Dianne Makovicka  
Feb. 8 - Ray and Gail Stolze  
Feb. 13 - Steve Rezac  
Feb. 15 - Fred and Sue Bougger  
Feb. 16 - Karen Dvorak  
Feb. 17 - Taylor Schommer  
Feb. 17 - Keaton Lynn Novacek  
Feb. 18 - Lucas Zitek  
Feb. 19 - Michael Janak  
Feb. 19 - Jerry Meister  
Feb. 19 - Char Greguras  
Feb. 20 - Vickie Hines  
Feb. 22 - Reid Glasshoff  
Feb. 22 - Kallie Zitek  
Feb. 22 - Steve Hines  
Feb. 24 - Blaire Glasshoff

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