

Donate Blood In Memory of **Donna Steager**



Donna was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, who spent the majority of her life in Butler County. For over 40 years Donna shared her time and talents in ensuring the blood drives in Brainard ran smoothly and efficiently. When she was not helping with the blood drive, she could be found involved in other activities throughout town. Her enthusiasm could be felt by anyone who knew her. Donna's passing has been felt by the entire community, but especially those who knew her the best. Please consider joining us in donating blood, in memory of our beloved, Donna.

Blood Drive
In Memory of Donna Steager
Klein Center
120 East Brainard
Brainard, NE

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

For an appointment, please call Denise Bruner, 402-545-3761.



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First time event introduces girls to possible career choices

"Ignite the Fire" was the theme of a Sept. 9 event aimed at girls in grades 5-12. Genesis Personal Development Center was the sponsor and East Butler Public School was the location.

The goal was to introduce young girls and women to a variety of professions and to inspire them to achieve their goals. Seventeen women, most of them East Butler graduates, came to share information and provide demonstrations about their careers.

The day's events included a panel discussion, one consisting of adults and one consisting of high school seniors. Each panel spoke about a variety of topics including future goals, dating, and social media. The girls were then given the opportunity to visit with the professionals,

where they learned about some of the occupations available to them.

Officer Marla Schnell gave a demonstration on self-defense for the adults and youth. After the demonstration, the girls practiced what they had learned.

The girls also had the chance to do some crafts and play games. Lots of positive feedback came from the 20 girls who attended the event. "It was very informative and a lot of fun," said organizer Sherri Nielsen.

Genesis Personal Development Center is a non-profit located in David City and serves survivors of domestic, sexual and dating abuse and provides prevention education to youth. "Our goal is to host other events in Polk and Butler counties in the future," said Nielsen.

Q125 distributes remaining funds

The final meeting of the Q125 committee was held recently and the remaining funds were distributed.

In the final meeting, the following donations were voted and approved:

- \$1,500 to pool repair in preparation for next summer (2024) when the pool will celebrate its 50th anniversary.
- \$5,000 to a shelter that is planned for covering the stage in city park.
- \$2,200 to a museum planned by Norman and Denise Bruner.
- \$1,800 for repainting the Brainard sign at the intersection of Highway 92.
- And \$1,000 "seed" money for the 150th anniversary of Brainard in 2028.

These organizations and projects have already received funds from Q125:

Christmas decorations; Active People, Healthy Brainard, which funded disc golf, gaga ball and, improvements to the city park; repair and painting of the Brainard sign by the swimming pool; Veteran's Memorial in Evergreen Park; cemetery register; labor and ma-

terials for straightening monuments in the Old Brainard Cemetery; musical entertainment by Leo Lonnie; community entertainment in 2004 through 2008; purchase of computer, printer, and scanner for Tech Center; purchase of plants from Great Plains Nursery for the downtown islands in 2010; sign at 92 intersection; and purchase of Sony machine to transfer VHS tapes to DVDs.

The three day Q125 celebration was held July 4, 5, and 6, 2003 and featured a variety of entertainment, a parade, sporting events, and other activities such as an alumni reunion, bridal style show, carnival, meals, auction, raffle, flea market, craft show, Czech dancers, fireworks show, and band concerts.

The downtown islands were refurbished, downtown and business windows were decorated, yards were cleaned and flowers were planted as part of the patriotic theme.

"Thank you to the many people who worked on Q125, purchased mementoes and everyone who attended

and enjoyed all of the activities," said committee members. "We have many happy memories of those three days and the years of preparation."

Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 17 - Constitution Day
Sept. 17 - Isaiah Novacek
Sept. 19 - Linus Behne
Sept. 19 - Hazel Behne
Sept. 19 - Henry Behne
Sept. 22 - Tom Jelinek
Sept. 29 - Lyle & Karen Dvorak
Oct. 1 - Denise Havlovic
Oct. 9 - Nancy Steager
Oct. 9 - Micaiah Vrbka
Oct. 14 - Jonathan R. Pytlik
Oct. 18 - Art Pelan
Oct. 19 - Danielle Behne
Oct. 19 - Steve Hummel
Oct. 19 - Rachelle Zysset
Oct. 20 - Marcia Bohuslavsky
Oct. 23 - Deb Pelan
Oct. 26 - Nyla Witzel
Oct. 26 - Dwayne and Kathy Pelan
Oct. 28 - Shari Havlovic
Oct. 28 - Kim Bongers
Oct. 30 - Kirstin Bailey

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