

The Clipper

Happy
Thanksgiving!

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Sons of American Legion formed locally

The Sons of the American Legion Rejda Squadron 273 received its charter at the November 14 meeting of Rejda Post 273. Tim Hecke, senior vice commander of the Sons of the American Legion of Nebraska, presented the charter to Commander Adam Miller. Also attending was David Rippe, national executive committeeman from Nebraska. Following the presentation of the charter, the Rejda Squadron 273 took the oath of office. Officers for the new squadron are: Adam Miller, com-

mander; Cory Kudlacek, vice commander; Kevin Behne, adjutant; Don Raskey, finance officer; and Larry Ratkovec, chaplain.

The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) was established in 1932 as a program of the American Legion. The purpose is to help carry on the patriotic and community activities of the American Legion. Sons and grandsons of all U.S. veterans are eligible to join. Informational meetings were held in March and June to see if there was interest in

forming a local SAL squadron. An application for the charter was completed and sent in for approval in September.

The Rejda Squadron now has 25 members with other applications pending. Dues have been set at \$30 for regular members, \$20 for dual (SAL and Legion), and \$18 for junior members (age 18 or younger).

Contact any of the above listed squadron officers or Legion members Tom Pesek, Dean Kriz or Jim Polivka for information or application forms.

Jody Gans dies Nov. 6

Brainard lost a longtime business leader with the death of Jody Gans on Nov. 6.

Jody grew up in Dwight, graduated from East Butler, then obtained her associate's degree in accounting. She worked in Lincoln, San Francisco and Anchorage before returning to this area to help her parents, Jim and Josie Belsan, operate their business, Husker Bar.

Soon after, she met her future husband, Rich (who preceded her in death). After the couple married in 1978, they bought and renovated the old Brainard fire hall into Husker Bar II, which they operated since 1979.

"Rich and Jody were inseparable from the day they met and lived life to the fullest. This was reflected in the longevity of Husker Bar II and its loyal staff, and it has been a community gathering place for decades." This came from Jody's celebration of life, which concluded at Husker Bar II.

Survivors include her children, Patrick and Cindy, their spouses; two grandchildren and sisters Gail and Sandy.

7th Annual
Christmas
**DECORATING
CONTEST**

Judging
December
15th-30th

Sponsored by:
The Brainard
Community Club

4 Prizes to be awarded

Poster designed by Annette Snyder

News on Cleveland Street project

Those trying to travel on Cleveland Street earlier this week might have wondered what was going on to cause it to be closed.

Cleveland Street was closed because a culvert that passed under it collapsed and needed to be replaced since it caused flooding by Evergreen Apartments when it rained. While the street was closed, it was decided to complete a water system upgrade that was needed, according to village officials.

Oak Creek Township sets meeting time

Oak Creek Township will meet the third Wednesday of the month at the Brainard Legion. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. during winter months (November through February).

Next Bloodmobile set for Dec. 5

The next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held in Brainard on Dec. 5 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Klein Center. Dates and times are always subject to change.

To make an appointment, call local organizer Denise Bruner. Donors are encouraged to eat a snack or meal and drink liquids such as water and juice before arriving. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

FCSLA holds dinner meeting

Brainard's FCCLA Branch W16 held its sixth annual dinner meeting on November 12 in the Holy Trinity Klein Center. Members and guests gathered for a social time prior to the 12:30 p.m. meal catered by Marcia Bohuslavsky.

The officers were re-elected: Mary Lou Meister, president/secretary; Joyce Rezac, vice president; and Carolyn Dvorak, treasurer. Scholarship winners Kolbe Pytlik and Marian Pytlik, along with their parents, were honored guests.

Motions were made and carried to donate \$500 each to the repair funds of the Brainard Swimming Pool and Holy Trinity.

Autumn Brunch successful

Many thanks to all who attended and assisted with the October 29 Autumn Brunch hosted by the Brainard Community Club and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCCLA).

A total of 82 people attended the meal, which included soufflés, hash browns, fruit cups, fresh bakery and coffee.

Freewill donations for the event netted approximately \$1,300. The FCCLA goal was met and will be matched by the FCCLA Life organization.

A quilt donated by the Holy Trinity Quilters was raffled for the benefit of the Community Club. Colleen Nygren won the quilt.

Activities of the Community Club include two summer social events (concerts), scholarships, Christmas lighting contest, assisting with Memorial Day events as well as assisting with needs of community members.

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Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

Nov. 10 - Kate Janak
Nov. 11 - Maria Sue Pytlik
Nov. 14 - Steve Makovicka
Nov. 16 - Mary Lou Meister
Nov. 16 - Elly Kliment
Nov. 17 - Mark Sullivan
Nov. 18 - Father Matthew Eickhoff
Nov. 18 - Robert and Amy Rezac
Nov. 19 - Patty Pytlik
Nov. 19 - Alois Rerucha
Nov. 22 - Lyle and Kathy Janak
Nov. 22 - Larry and LaVonne Behne
Nov. 24 - Brianne Steager
Nov. 30 - Annette Snyder
Nov. 30 - Kevin Behne
Dec. 1 - Ted and Nancy Steager
Dec. 3 - Steve and Lynn Hummel
Dec. 3 - Yvonne Rezac
Dec. 4 - Tylee Edwards
Dec. 4 - Mitchell Janak
Dec. 4 - Brian Foral
Dec. 5 - Leon Jakub
Dec. 6 - Deb Dauel
Dec. 6 - Baily Sullivan
Dec. 6 - Megan Beckman
Dec. 7 - Lisa Steager
Dec. 7 - Leonard Dvorak
Dec. 10 - Doug Glasshoff
Dec. 11 - Alissa Hummel
Dec. 11 - Chad and Steph Novacek
Dec. 14 - Robert R. Pytlik
Dec. 14 - Joyce Jelinek
Dec. 14 - Sonnie Fate
Dec. 17 - Mae Pernicek
Dec. 17 - Geri Jakub
Dec. 28 - Max Miriovsky
Dec. 29 - Emma Swanda
Jan. 2 - Todd Pelan
Jan. 5 - Julie Romshek
Jan. 7 - Randy Robeson
Jan. 10 - Jan Kriz
Jan. 13 - Andrew Zysset
Jan. 13 - Tim Pelan
Jan. 15 - Clayton Kastl
Feb. 6 - Lynn Hummel
Feb. 7 - Dianne Makovicka
Feb. 8 - Ray and Gail Stolze
Feb. 13 - Steve Rezac
Feb. 15 - Fred and Sue Bougger