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FCSLA donates to swimming pool fund

A check for \$1,000 was recently presented to the Village of Brainard from Branch W16 of the First National Catholic Women's Association (FCSLA) earmarked for the swimming pool renovation fund.

"Our Brainard branch has been an active organization in Brainard since 1896 when Monsignor Alois Klein introduced the Czech Catholic fraternal group with the name of Catholic Workman (Katolicky Delnik #16) St. Ivan's branch," according to officers of the local group.

"On November 1, 2004, our branch merged with the

fraternal organization First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association connected with FCSLA life insurance and annuities."

Currently, Branch W16 has 152 members. "Our branch has been active in church and community activities, donating to and participating with the Holy Trinity PCCW and many other church events and projects, and to the Brainard community including the Brainard Community Club, the parks, street islands, the fire department, swimming pool, the American Legion and many other local needs," added the officers, who are Mary Lou Meister, president/secretary; Joyce Rezac, vice president; and Carolyn Dvorak, treasurer.

Brainard softball program receives grant

The Brainard softball program recently completed some updates to their field, including a new concession stand, cement work, and new bathrooms. With the recent construction, trees were removed in order to finish the building. The softball program coordinators applied for a grant to plant new trees at the field through the Ten Free Trees grant.

As part of the grant, East Butler Elementary and the Brainard softball program partnered with Great Plains Nursery and The Arbor Day Foundation to plant five new trees at the softball field. East Butler

Elementary is a K-12 Tree Campus school and to extend the program, elementary students helped in the planting process. Students researched, planted, staked, watered, and mulched the trees in a fun-filled afternoon. With the help of Dave Foral, who dug the holes and donated mulch for the planting, the fourth grade students worked as a team to plant trees.

The Brainard softball program will continue its efforts at the park by continuing to plant smaller trees around the field and finish cement work. "It was really a team effort out there!" said organizers.

Oak Creek sends appreciation

Oak Creek township board members and county supervisors appreciate landowners who mowed their ditches in July and September, complying with the regulations of Nebraska Statute 39-1811. This improves the safety of local roads, due to increased visibility, and decreases drifting snow.

Autumn Brunch set for Oct. 27

An Autumn Bruch will be held Sunday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Brainard American Legion. The menu will include souffles, hash browns, fruit cup and homemade bakery. Meals are offered carry-out or dine-in for a freewill donation.

"This fundraiser helps pay for events hosted by the Brainard Community Club all year," said organizers. "It's the only fundraiser for the Community Club. Please come show your support!"

The event is sponsored by the FCSLA for the benefit of the Brainard Community Club.

Community Club dues are due

Members of the Brainard Community Club are reminded that dues can now be paid for membership in the group. Dues are \$5 per person and can be paid at the upcoming Autumn Brunch or by contacting a club officer: Annette Snyder, Kim Rhynalds, Denise Robeson or Lynn Hummel.

Submit news:

brainardnews@hotmail.com

Calendar raffle nearly sold out

Rejda Squadron 273 of the Sons of the American Legion is now wrapping up its current fundraising project—a firearms calendar raffle. Sales of calendars began on Sept. 11 and the 400 calendars have been selling quickly. Anyone interested in purchasing a calendar should contact a SAL member immediately. Twelve winners will be named throughout the year with each informed on the first of the month in 2025. Proceeds of Sons of the American Legion projects go to support the local Legion Post 273.

Veterans Day program + pancakes

A Veterans Day program will be held at East Butler on Nov. 11 at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to the event.

A pancake supper follows from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Legion building in Brainard, sponsored by the local Legion and Sons of the American Legion. The public is also invited to this fundraiser.

100 years ago in local history . . .

Brainard High fielded a football team for the first time in the fall of 1924. The team was coached by Coach Dolgner and finished with a 1-5 record. Brainard lost to David City 33-0, David City 24-0, Seward Lutheran 106-0, Ulysses 65-0, defeated Prague 24-0 and lost the final game to Schuyler 90-0.

A second game with Prague went unfinished when the team withdrew on advice of the captain and coach after having “concluded the referee was partial to Prague,” according to the Dec. 4, 1924, issue of the Brainard Clipper.

Football was discontinued after the 1924 season and did not return to the scene until the East Butler district was formed and football was added in East Butler’s inaugural year of 1961-62.

Next Bloodmobile Dec. 3 in Brainard

The next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Brainard on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Klein Center. Call 402-545-2081 or go to www.redcross.org to schedule an appointment. Dates and times are always subject to change. 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. Individuals who are 17 years of age (or 16 with parental consent in some areas), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

Volunteers sought for Brainard’s 150th

The village is looking for volunteers for the town’s sesquicentennial celebration, or Brainard’s 150th year. “This celebration will take place in 2028, but the time to start planning is now,” said village officials. A committee will be formed in the next couple of months. Those interested in helping are asked to call 402-545-2701.

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Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 1 - Denise Havlovic
Oct. 9 - Nancy Steager
Oct. 9 - Micaiah Uhrmacher
Oct. 14 - Jonathan R. Pytlik
Oct. 18 - Art Pelan
Oct. 19 - Danielle Behne
Oct. 19 - Steve Hummel
Oct. 19 - Rachele Zysset
Oct. 20 - Marcia Bohuslavsky
Oct. 23 - Deb Pelan
Oct. 26 - Nyla Witzel
Oct. 26 - Dwayne & Kathy Pelan
Oct. 28 - Shari Havlovic
Oct. 28 - Kim Bongers
Oct. 30 - Jett Bailey
Nov. 1 - Jasper Patocka
Nov. 1 - JS Swanda
Nov. 2 - Carynn Bongers
Nov. 2 - MariBeth Kabourek
Nov. 3 - Derek Hines
Nov. 3 - Vern Dvorak
Nov. 3 - Marty Helman
Nov. 3 - Joe and Elly Kliment
Nov. 4 - Greg and Shari Havlovic
Nov. 6 - Matthew Vrbka
Nov. 6 - Jeremy & Danielle Behne
Nov. 7 - Lyle Janak
Nov. 7 - Dave Struebing
Nov. 7 - Genevieve Behne
Nov. 8 - Dwayne Pelan
Nov. 8 - John and Kim Bongers
Nov. 9 - Valerie Vandenberg
Nov. 9 - Denise Robeson
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 - 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 & Lynn Hummel
Dec. 3 - Yvonne Rezac