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Village Board hears about pool renovation

Kirstin Bailey and Valerie Vandenberg from the Brainard Pool Renovation Committee told the Brainard Village Board recently that the pool has received a \$5,000 matching grant from the Butler County Area Foundation. This grant depends on the committee raising another \$10,000. "Right now, we're very close to this goal, but we still need \$2,300 to meet the match," said the committee members.

Bailey and Vandenberg also talked about the bids received from three engineering and construction companies that want to work on the local pool. Village board members discussed each company's strengths and what they can offer to the pool project. After the discussion, Tom Pesek made a motion to vote on choosing Waters Edge and Design, and Randy Robeson seconded this motion. The board voted and chose Waters Edge and Design by a unanimous vote to take on the project.

The next step is for Waters Edge and Design to visit the pool to check what needs to be fixed and improved. This inspection and then designing the renovated pool will take about two months. By May, the Village Board will look at detailed plans from the engineers. These plans will show what needs to be updated and the different

Volunteers needed for Brainard's 150th

Volunteers are still needed to help with 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 City Hall at 402-545-2701.

options for renovating the pool.

"While this is happening, we will keep raising money," said the committee members. "Once the inspection is done, we can also start apply-

ing for more grants."

Donation checks can be delivered to City Hall or First Nebraska Bank (note "Pool Reno Fund" in the memo). Tax receipts are available at City Hall.

Changes announced in Fire Department

Several changes occurred at the recent annual meeting of the Brainard Volunteer Fire Department. LaVern Fortik, who has 57 years of service, and Clayton Kastl, who has 55 years of service, have decided to change their status from active membership to honorary inactive membership. They will continue with the department under this form of membership. Dave Struebing, who served 43 years on the department, decided to retire from active membership. "A heartfelt thank you for the years of service provided by these members," said local department officials.

Applications taken for pool staff

The Village of Brainard is taking applications through February for the positions of pool manager, assistant manager and lifeguards at the Brainard swimming pool. To request an application, stop by or call City Hall at 402-545-2701 or email brainardcityhall@yahoo.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #8889

PREGAME BRUNCH

KLEIN CENTER, BRAINARD, NE
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
FEB 9TH 2025
9 AM - NOON

Free Will Offering
Pancakes & Sausage/Biscuits & Gravy/Scrambled Eggs/French
Toast/Omelets to Order/Fruit/Bacon
Including a PCCW BAKE SALE

Bloodmobile set for Jan. 31

The next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Brainard on Friday, Jan. 31, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Klein Center. Appointments are needed. Call 402-545-2081 or go to www.redcross.org to schedule an appointment. 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, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

According to redcrossblood.org, the next Bloodmobile at the Klein Center will be June 6.

Music Bingo to raise funds for Genesis House

A Music Bingo Night fundraiser is scheduled April 4 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Brainard Legion for Genesis House. Bingo will be by freewill donation and a cooler fee will be charged for those bringing refreshments. A "wine pull" and light snacks will also be offered. This event is family friendly, said organizers.

Those unable to attend can send donations to Genesis House, 474 12th Street, David City, NE 68632.

Genesis Personal Development Center is a nonprofit organization that was established in 2002 in David City with the goal of supporting survivors of domestic violence. It serves Butler and Polk counties in Nebraska. "Our mission has expanded to prevention of domestic violence with educational programs presented by director Sherri Nielsen in elementary, middle schools and high schools, as well as empowering teen girls in our communities. Genesis House is funded entirely by donations," said a board member.

"Genesis House is our name historically," said board members, who added "Genesis Personal Development Center" is used to include the teaching/mentoring aspect. Genesis House board members include: Annette Snyder, president; Brenda Janak, vice president; Roberta Christiancy, treasurer; Eileen Rock, secretary; Tony Novak, Dawn Grooms, Maxine Goelz, Denise Robeson and Leah Hayes.

Winners named in holiday lights contest

Winners were named earlier this month in the 8th Annual Christmas Decorating Contest, sponsored by the Brainard Community Club. Those receiving a \$25 gift certificate to a local business were Aaron and Lacey Behne, Genevieve Behne, Jerry and Sonnie Brokaw and Chris and Tracy Patocka.

If it should snow . . .

All sidewalks within the business district must be cleaned within 12 hours after a snowfall, unless the storm or snowfall takes place during the night, in which case the sidewalk should be cleaned before 9 a.m. the following day.

Residential sidewalks must be cleaned within 24 hours after the snowfall.

That's from the Village of Brainard's municipal code 8-202, related to snow removal. Anyone with questions can contact the village clerk at 545-2701 or stop by City Hall for more information.

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Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

Feb. 6 - Lynn Hummel
Feb. 7 - Dianne Makovicka
Feb. 8 - Ray and Gail Stolze (50)
Feb. 9 - Titus Patocka
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. 20 - Vickie Hines
Feb. 22 - Reid Glasshoff
Feb. 22 - Kallie Zitek
Feb. 22 - Hannah Swanda
Feb. 22 - Steve Hines
Feb. 24 - Blaire Glasshoff
Feb. 27 - Cora Rezac
March 1 - Statehood Day (1867)
March 2 - Alex Beckman
March 4 - Rick and Julie Novacek
March 6 - Ryan Sullivan
March 8 - Debbie Behne
March 9 - Carolyn Dvorak
March 12 - Kale Glasshoff
March 15 - Kolbe R. Pytlik
March 15 - Tim Steager
March 15 - Joel Vrbka
March 16 - Alan Snyder
March 19 - Skyler Robeson
March 21 - Kathy Pelan
March 23 - Sadie Struebing
March 24 - Tom Janak
March 25 - Chris & Brenda Janak
March 26 - Elaine Fortik
March 26 - Paul R. Pytlik
March 26 - Cora Grace Novacek
March 26 - Asher Radke
March 29 - Jett Schommer
March 30 - Phyllis Edwards
March 31 - Jaydyn Schommer
April 1 - Tracy Spatz
April 1 - Julie Novacek
April 1 - Greg Janak
April 2 - Ashley Zysset
April 4 - Bern Kozisek
April 6 - Jaxon Miriovsky
April 10 - Alan & Tammy Tejral
April 10 - Jeff Ingwersen
April 11 - Jerry & Phyllis Swanda
April 11 - Andy & Crystal Behne