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CTF Service notes 25th year in business

CTF Service, which opened in March 2000, notes its 25th anniversary this year. Owned by Tyler Fortik, the business provides auto repair services for cars, trucks, buses, and more, including heating and air, electrical and mechanical work, engine and transmission repairs.

"Our auto repair shop is ASE certified, Better Business Bureau accredited, and a licensed NAPA AutoCare Center. Over the years, we've successfully worked on most makes and models, so chances are we can resolve your issue quickly and effectively. We pride ourselves on great service, clear communi-

cation, and a highly reasonable pricing policy," said Fortik.

Located in Brainard's downtown, CTF Service features a team of professional auto technicians offering auto repairs, vehicle servicing, and diagnostics services.

"Our technicians can handle any issues related to your vehicle thanks

to the updated tools, equipment, and techniques we use," said Fortik. "We will take care of auto repairs, including servicing and maintenance, exhaust and muffler repairs, and comprehensive engine repairs. You'll never have to worry that we've missed something, because we guarantee our customers the absolute best and most thorough service."

Bloodmobile set for April 11

The next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Brainard on Friday, April 11, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The location will be East Butler Public Schools, 212 S. Madison Street. Go online to www.redcross.org to schedule an appointment.

The next Bloodmobile will be June 6 at the Klein Center.





Lifeguard applications needed yet

"The Brainard Village Board has conducted interviews for pool staff this year. They are excited about the new hires, but could still use one or two more lifeguards," said village officials. "There's still time to apply!"

To apply, stop by or call City Hall at 402-545-2701 or email brainardcityhall@yahoo.com

Community Fund Drive underway

May 18 is the deadline to contribute to the 65th Annual Brainard Community Fund Drive 2025. Checks should be made out to Community Fund Drive and can be mailed in care of the sponsoring Brainard Community Club, PO Box 94, Brainard, NE 68626, delivered to First Nebraska Bank - Brainard Branch during business hours, or given to a Community Club officer. Officers are Annette Snyder, Brenda Janak, Kim Rhynalds, Denise Robeson and Lynn Hummel.

In 2024, charitable donations were contributed to the Brainard swimming pool, Genesis House, Blue Valley Community Action, American Red Cross, Brainard Fire Department and also its new ambulance fund, Brainard Legion Auxiliary, Holy Trinity Quilters and Brainard Pride and Performance Car Club.

"Your donation benefits charitable and community causes and invests in the Brainard Community Club Emergency Fund that helps support community members in need," according to a fund drive letter mailed to local residents.

Dues accepted by Community Club

The Brainard Community Club is now accepting dues payments for 2025. The fee has not changed—still \$5 per person. Dues can be included with donations to the 65th Annual Community Fund Drive, but it should be specified that dues payment is included.

Community Club dues help fund events such as Evening in the Park, the club's scholarship program, Christmas lights decorating contest and other projects, donations and events which might be requested/held throughout the year.

Storm knocks out power to area

An intense low pressure system moved across Butler County and the entire Central Plains on March 19, bringing strong to severe thunderstorms, widespread heavy snow, and strong to damaging winds to much of the Midwest, according to the National Weather Service.

The rain switched over to sleet through the morning and eventually heavy, wet snow, with thundersnow also occurring in some areas. Snowfall of about eight inches was unofficially recorded in Brainard.

In addition, 50-70 plus mile per hour wind gusts were observed with the falling snow, leading to near zero visibility and widespread damage to trees and power lines, with numerous power outages across eastern Nebraska and southwest Iowa. Many roads and highways were also closed throughout the event.

In Brainard, power was out from about 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, until about 6 p.m. on Friday, March 21. Those living in nearby rural areas were without power until Saturday, Sunday or even later, depending on locations.

SAL hosts sporting clays fundraiser

The Brainard Sons of the American Legion will host its 2nd Annual Sporting Clays Fundraiser on June 8 at Oak Creek Sporting Club. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the event will start at 10. The cost is \$60 for 100 rounds (cost includes lunch). In addition, there will be a gun raffle and split the pot.

"Come out and help us raise money for a new HVAC system for the Legion Hall," said club officials. For more information, contact Adam Miller at 402-802-6390 or email salsquadron273@gmail.com

Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

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

April 13 - Marian Pytlik

April 13 - Kevin Havlovic

April 15 - Kailyn Hummel

April 15 - Steph Novacek

April 17 – Barrett Vandenberg

April 17 - Bev Struebing

April 17 - Ed Witzel

April 19 - Kirstin Bailey

April 19 - LaVern Fortik

April 20 - Niki and Trevor Svoboda

April 20 - Bryce Havlovic

April 20 - Norm Bruner

April 23 - Rick Novacek

April 25 - Bruce & Joyce Rezac

April 26 - Bruce Rezac

April 26 - Art & Jodi Pelan

April 26 - John A. Bongers

April 28 - Brett Struebing

April 29 - Scott Foral

April 29 - Jenna Zysset

April 30 - Jerry & Sandy Bongers

April 30 - Hensley Vandenberg

April 30 - Ross Benes

May 2 - LuJane Kotera

May 7 - Don Kost

May 13 - Haley Rezac

May 15 - Tyler Fortik

May 15 - Joanna Ingwersen

May 15 - Jared Zysset

May 19 - Doug & Nancy Vrbka

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