



Pool renovation options outlined

The Brainard Village Pool Renovation Committee recently met with Waters Edge Aquatic Design to review preliminary options for updating the community's existing pool. Representatives from the design company presented several renovation possibilities tailored to the current pool layout and shared valuable insight based on their experience with similar projects.

"It was interesting to see the process and hear his thoughts on what might work best for our community," said Karla Wall, a committee member. "We're now taking time to carefully weigh the options."

During the meeting, the committee also offered input on the proposed designs, incorporating results from the

community survey and feedback gathered from residents. This input will help guide the final recommendations to ensure the renovation reflects the needs and wishes of the community.

The committee is scheduled to meet again in May to continue discussions. Waters Edge plans to present finalized design proposals to the Village Board in June for consideration.

Donations to support the pool renovation project are currently being accepted at First Nebraska Bank and the Brainard Village Hall. "The committee extends a heartfelt thank you to the community for its continued support and generous contributions as we work together toward a refreshed and revitalized village pool," said Valerie Vandenberg, another committee member.

Brainard Softball Home Games 2025

Ages 8 and under play at 6pm

Ages 10 and under play at 7pm

(unless otherwise noted)

Brainard has 2 teams of each age group. If you are wanting to see a certain player play, make sure to check with them where they are playing that evening.

| Date | Verse | Time(s) |
|-------------------|--|-----------|
| May 5, 2025 | Malcolm 2 | 6 and 7pm |
| May 7, 2025 | Valparaiso White | 6 and 7pm |
| May 12, 2025 | | |
| May 14, 2025 | Valparaiso White | 6 and 7pm |
| May 19, 2025 | Brainard teams are playing each other | 6 and 7pm |
| May 21, 2025 | Pleasant Dale | 6 and 7pm |
| May 28, 2025 | Malcolm 3 and Ceresco White | 6 and 7pm |
| May 30 & 31, 2025 | Possible 8u Tournament hosted in <u>Brainard</u> | TBA |
| June 2, 2025 | | |
| June 4, 2025 | Pleasant Dale | 6 and 7pm |
| June 9, 2025 | Malcolm 3 and Ceresco White | 6 and 7pm |
| June 11, 2025 | Pleasant Dale | 6 and 7pm |
| June 16, 2025 | Malcolm 2 (10u only) | 6pm |
| June 18, 2025 | | |

Here is the Brainard softball home games schedule for 2025. "There are a few open dates—additional games may be scheduled, so look for updates. There is a possibility of Brainard hosting an 8u tournament also May 30-31. If you want to see all the Brainard players in one night, come to the field May 19th! Thank you for your continued support!" said organizers.

Fund Drive goes until May 18

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 Roberson and Lynn Hummel.

"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.

Memorial Day services planned

Memorial Day services will be held in Brainard on Monday, May 26.

Mass will be held at Holy Trinity at 10 a.m. with services to follow at the New Catholic Cemetery at 11. Rejda Post 273 Legion and Auxiliary, Squadron 273 Sons of the American Legion, the Brainard Volunteer Fire Department and the East Butler band will take part in the services. The public is welcome to attend, said organizers.

Julia Dvorak presents honors research

Twenty-seven Wayne State College (WSC) students presented their honors research projects during the Spring 2025 Honors Colloquium earlier this month. Among those presenting was Julia Dvorak of Brainard, whose topic was: "Two Paths, One Breath: Investigating Oral and Nasal Respiration."

The WSC Honors Program allows students to be more involved within an academic discipline, to broaden and deepen an education beyond the usual required work, and to nurture and reward genuine intellectual curiosity. Research opportunities help develop the skills of independent thinking and scholarly inquiry. At WSC, belonging to the Honors Program means not only distinction, but special opportunities and challenges for students with high aspirations. In any academic program at WSC, honors students have the option of choosing one of three honors options: high honors in the major, honors in the major, and scholar in the major.

Maria Pytlik headed to Boston University

Maria Pytlik, daughter of Paul and Patty Pytlik, has graduated from Hastings College with a bachelor's of music performance in trumpet. Maria has been accepted to the graduate program at Boston University to obtain her master's degree. Maria received a scholarship of 70 percent off her tuition as well as a stipend. Maria has played taps for the American Legion "more times than we can count," said her family. "She's also played for people's funerals in this area. She truly represents all the talent of Brainard, Nebraska, as well as all the people here that contributed to her success. Way to go, Maria!"

Bloodmobile set for June 6

A Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Brainard on Friday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Klein Center. Go online to www.redcross.org to schedule an appointment. A future Bloodmobile will be August 1 at the Klein Center.

Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

May 13 - Haley Rezac
May 15 - Tyler Fortik
May 15 - Joanna Ingwersen
May 15 - Jared Zysset
May 19 - Doug & Nancy Vrbka
May 20 - Gary Pelan
May 21 - Art & Alma Svoboda
May 22 - Paige Glasshoff
May 23 - Lee & Jean Coufal
May 24 - Kyler Hummel
May 26 - Jill Reinsch
May 27 - Martha Prochaska
May 28 - Adaline Sullivan
May 29 - Dallan Dvorak
May 29 - Zoey Patocka
May 31 - Marc Spatz
May 31 - Lyle Dvorak
May 31 - Alex Rezac
June 1 - Jim Bruner
June 2 - Sue Benes
June 5 - Brad & Valerie Vandenberg
June 6 - Leon & Geri Jakub
June 6 - Keith Ratkovec
June 7 - Larry Samek
June 8 - Cassie Vrbka
June 10 - Jerry Ingwersen
June 11 - Devon Janak
June 13 - Sue Bougger
June 14 - Flag Day
June 15 - Gerry Reinsch
June 15 - Joel & Cassie Vrbka
June 17 - Tim Wright
June 18 - Greg Havlovic
June 18 - Anthony Rezac
June 19 - Joyce Rezac
June 19 - Alyce Havlovic
June 19 - Katie Jakub
June 20 - Dylan & Katie Kost
June 22 - Doug & Paige Glasshoff
June 22 - Sara Stanek



Brainard Sons of The American Legion
2nd Annual Sporting Clays Fundraiser



June 8th, 2025
Oak Creek Sporting Club

Lewis class Scoring
50/50 Raffle
Pew Pew Raffle

Registration - 9 AM
Start Time - 10 AM

Golf carts available for rent
Shotgun shells available for purchase

100 rounds - \$60 (includes lunch)

Come out and help us raise money for a new HVAC system for our legion hall
Donations also accepted

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