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Voter ID to be needed at primary election

The primary election in Nebraska is Tuesday, May 14. For the first time, every voter will need to present identification.

"During the General Election 2022, there was a constitutional amendment asking voters if they wanted voter identification in elections," said Stephanie Laska, Butler County clerk. "The majority voted yes; then in June 2023, the legislature passed LB514 implementing voter identification. This primary will be the first election that implements voter ID and every election after will have it as well."

A Nebraska driver's license or state ID card can be used, as well as other documents. For more information, contact the county clerk's office.

Those interested in voting early can go to this link: <https://butlercountyne.gov/webpages/clerk/clerk.html>

Those voting in person should go to the same polling place as in previous years. Those with questions about their polling location, state ID or anything else election-related can call the county clerk's office.

Brad Vandenberg and incumbent Ryan Svoboda have both filed for the District 6 seat on the Butler County Board of Supervisors. Both candidates are Republicans so this race will be decided at the primary election.

Voting for seats open on the East Butler Board of Education will advance to the general election in the fall, as will the Brainard Village Board. No one has yet filed for two seats up for re-election on the Brainard Village Board. Those seats are currently held by Randy Roberson and John (Steve) Hummel. Filing deadline for village board is July 15 for incumbents and Aug. 1 for non-incumbents.

Oak Creek Township meets at 8 p.m.

Board meetings for Oak Creek Township have moved to summer hours. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Legion building. Start time is 8 p.m. now through October.

Next Bloodmobile at EB on April 12

The East Butler Senior Class will host a Red Cross Bloodmobile at East Butler on April 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event will be held in the school's wrestling room. Call 402-545-2081 or email sbongers@ebutler.esu7.org to schedule an appointment.

Future Bloodmobile dates in Brainard are planned June 7, Aug. 2 and Oct. 1. 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.

Svoboda declines to return questionnaire

Ryan Svoboda, incumbent for District 6 on the Butler County Board of Supervisors, was to be featured in this issue of The Clipper. Both Svoboda and Brad Vandenberg have filed for the District 6 seat and were sent questionnaires from The Clipper, with their answers to help voters make a decision between the two. Vandenberg was featured in the last issue since his completed questionnaire was received first.

When contacted to see if he was going to return the questionnaire, Svoboda texted: "I usually send personal letters to people in my district so not concerned about the paper."

Legislative candidates at local forum

Five of six candidates running for an open seat for District 23 in the Nebraska Legislature appeared at a Candidate Forum, held at the Butler County Events Center on March 18. Present were Dennis Fujan and Allie French, both of Prague; Alan Zavodny and Jared Storm, both of David City; and Jacob Wolff of Colon. Not present was Larissa Schultz of Yutan, who was unable to attend.

The event was sponsored by the Butler, Colfax and Saunders County Farm Bureaus. To watch a recorded version of the event, go to the Nebraska Farm Bureau Facebook page and search for Legislative District 23 Candidate Forum.

The District 23 seat is currently held by Bruce Bostelman of Brainard, who cannot run for re-election due to term limits.

Upcoming events: Mark your calendars

- **April 19: Fundraiser to help complete construction on a new concession stand/restrooms at the Brainard Ball Field, held at Brainard Legion building, 7 p.m.**
- **June 9: Sons of American Legion (SAL) Sporting Clays Fundraiser Shoot, held at Oak Creek Sporting Club.**
- **July 6: 50th anniversary celebration of the Brainard Swimming Pool (more information to follow).**

Butler Co. Historical Society to meet in Brainard

The Butler County Historical Society has decided to hold its meetings throughout the county in 2024. The board reached out to the presenters of the Towns of the County programs to see if they would host the meetings in their towns. Another new feature of the BCHS meetings is that the first hour will be devoted to discussing the history of the hosting town.

“So please come and bring a friend to the meetings to keep learning more about each of the towns of our county,” according to the BCHS newsletter.

The remaining schedule: May 9 - Brainard City Hall; June 12 - Linwood Fire Hall; July 11 - Ulysses, location to be determined; August - date to be determined, Dwight Legion Hall; Sept. 12 - Bruno, St. Anthony’s Parish Hall; Oct. 10 - Abie, Abie’s Place; Nov. 14 - Bellwood, location to be determined. Locations and times may change so check before attending a meeting.

Donations accepted for 2024 Fund Drive

May 18 is the deadline to contribute to the 64th Annual Brainard Community Fund Drive 2024. Donations 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.

Vandenberg receives Golden Apple award

Valerie Vandenberg, fourth grade teacher at East Butler, was presented the Golden Apple Award winner in February by 10/11 television station, sponsored by Doane University College of Education.

Clarkson Historical Museum hosts open house

The Clarkson Historical Museum will hold an open house Sunday, April 14, from noon to 4 p.m. The public is invited. Clarkson Historical Museum was established in August 1967 and is located at 221 Pine Street in Clarkson. It is a self supporting, non-profit private organization.

The museum features 24 rooms with more than 15,000 Czech heritage artifacts including 250 pieces of Czechoslovakian pottery; military room with 40 military uniforms and artifacts; farm room with 300 toy farm tractors; knife display; wedding dress display (30 dresses); two kitchens; school room and new library area. Recently added is a nine foot detailed map of every city and village in Czechoslovakia. For those unable to attend the open house, private viewings of the museum can be arranged by calling Ruth, 402-892-3863; Tonya, 402-910-8652; or the Clarkson City Office, 402-892-3100. For more information, go to the museum’s website: www.clarksonmuseum.weebly.com

Clippers from 100 years ago on display

The Brainard Clipper newspaper from 100 years ago is on display in City Hall, for those who want to look at all the news from 1924. “We will leave it in the meeting room for the year, as well as the book of ‘minutes’ from that time period,” said city officials. “We have all these interesting historical documents here, so we thought we would make them available to the public.”

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Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

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 Jensen
April 30 - Hensley Vandenberg
April 30 - Jerry & Sandy Bongers
April 30 - Ross Benes
May 2 - LuJane Kotera
May 2 - Kroy Vandenberg
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
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