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Today is:
Look up at the Sky Day
National Dolphin Day
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National Gardening Day

Brandon Area Briefs

Iwo Jima is topic of April Military History Night

A Military History program is taking place at the Valley Springs American Legion on Sunday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. Local resident, Mr. Mark Rollinger, will be giving a presentation on "Stories and Artifacts from Iwo Jima." Iwo Jima was the site of a major battle between U.S. Marines and Japanese Imperial Forces in WWII. Refreshments and a time for Q&A will follow the presentation. This event is free and open to the public.

Brandon Quilt Guild invites new members

The Brandon Quilt Guild, which meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at Spirit of Truth Lutheran Church, 112 E Annabelle, is open to new members. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 21.

Brandon Earth Day Big Sioux River Clean-up

Friends of the Big Sioux River in partnership with the city of Brandon has set the annual Earth Day River Clean-up event from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 25. Participants

should meet at McHardy Park. To learn more, visit fbsr.org/earthday.

Citywide spring rummage sale registration now open

The 2026 Brandon Citywide Spring Rummage Sales are set for Thursday-Saturday, May 7-9. Registration is open now at brandonrummages.com. Friday, May 1 is the deadline to register.

The complete list of sale addresses, items and individual sale times will be available online on Monday, May 4.

BVHS spring musical tickets on sale

Tickets for Brandon Valley High's spring play, "The SpongeBob Musical" are now available for purchase online through BOUND at brandonvalleyk12.sd.us (click on the BVHS link). The show will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 23-25 and at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. No passes will be accepted.

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Residents should be advised that the change in water flow patterns resulting from hydrant flushing may stir up mineral deposits in home services.

During hydrant flushing, it is not uncommon for residents to periodically experience discolored water, pressure change, and/or an increased chlorine odor. Homeowners are advised to exercise care in their laundry operations and to check the water for clarity before use.

Motorists also are advised to stay clear of the streams of water coming from the hydrants.

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Brandon SOUTH DAKOTA

OPEN HOUSE INPUT NEEDED

SECOG and partner communities have prepared the **REGIONAL SAFE STREETS FOR ALL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN**, which includes strategies and a prioritized list of regional safety projects.

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Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics,

I'm a farmer who grows corn and I have now purchased a car that eats corn, well burns it anyway. I purchased a vehicle with the flex-fuel option, but I don't know a thing about it. I've never owned a vehicle that was supposed to burn anything other than 15 percent ethanol. How does this work? Do I need to adjust something, or do I just put in whatever I feel like? Will my fuel mileage change? I have heard all sorts of stories, and I just don't know what to believe. How about maintenance, do I need to do anything different if I use a high percentage of ethanol?

Terry in Kalamazoo Michigan.

Dear Terry,

Feed that thing any amount of ethanol from zero to 85 percent and you don't need to adjust anything. The computer in the car automatically adjusts the fuel ration and timing to compensate for whatever you throw at it. As for mileage, expect a change but take your time and play around a bit to see what blend gets you the best mileage for the dollars spent. Many of our listeners report they see better mileage with these cars when they use a 30 percent blend of ethanol as opposed to using 85 percent or nothing at all. As far as maintenance goes, don't fall short on the engine oil changes. The higher ethanol content makes it even more important to stick with scheduled oil changes

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

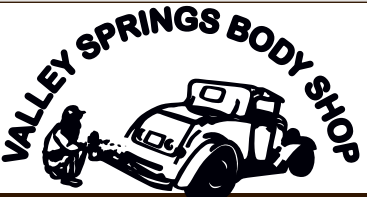
I listen to your car advice show every chance I get and on one of your recent shows I heard someone mention a check vehicle light. I listen at work so sometimes I miss a part when I get a customer. What is a check vehicle light? Is it different from a check engine light and if so, could you explain it for me?

Darla in Charleston West Virginia.

Dear Darla,

We did have a caller with a check vehicle light that had come on and after checking for engine codes and finding none he called us. Not all vehicles have them but ones that do use the check vehicle light for body related codes generated by the body control module. Many systems use modules to operate them such as lighting systems, windows and locks, etc. When one of these has a malfunction, it is usually separate from anything engine related, but they still want to alert you of the failure, so they have a separate light. A check vehicle light should be checked soon, a check engine light also means check soon. A flashing check engine light means check engine now! When a check engine light flashes it means the system has detected a misfire that can cause harm to the engine by dumping excess raw fuel into the combustion chamber. This fuel can wash out cylinders and cause damage to the pistons and rings and harm the catalytic converter too.

Take care, the Motor Medics



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Sandy McIlravy - Inspiration Elementary is proud to recognize Sandy McIlravy, Administrative Assistant, as this month's Staff Member of the Month.

For the past five years, McIlravy has been an integral part of the school community, even playing a key role in helping open the building when Inspiration Elementary first began. Her dedication and commitment have helped shape a positive and supportive environment for students, staff, and families.

From the moment visitors walk into the front office, they are greeted with McIlravy's warmth and kindness. She consistently goes out of her way to create a welcoming atmosphere for everyone who enters the school. Her attention to detail and care are especially evident in the way she supports new students and families, ensuring their transition into the school is smooth and positive.

In addition to her front office responsibilities, McIlravy is known for stepping in wherever she is needed. Whether assisting staff, supporting students, or working behind the scenes to solve problems, she continually goes above and beyond expectations. Her positive attitude and servant-hearted approach have made a lasting impact on the entire Inspiration Elementary community.

- Tanya Palmer, Inspiration Elementary Principal

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 Chicken patty

What grade are you in?
 4th grade

What does the Lynx Way mean to you?
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STUDENT of the Week



Elianna McCollister - Elianna is a joy to have in class and consistently models The Lynx Way. She is an active learner and demonstrates responsibility by taking ownership of her work. She maintains a safe environment by following classroom and school expectations. Elianna is very kind and respectful to her classmates, teachers, and everyone here at Inspiration Elementary.

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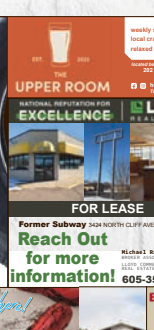
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