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SUNDAY
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Community organizations,
businesses, churches, etc. are
encouraged to be represented in
the Loyalty Day Parade
NO CHARGE for parade entries!

Parade Route:
Line Up at Brandon Valley High
School starting at 11:00 am.
First come, first served for parade
line up.
From BVHS, parade heads West on
Holly Blvd. to Main Ave, ending at
the Brandon VFW.

POET

Parade Flyover flown by the
Poet Ethanol Vanguard Squadron



BIKE RAFFLE tickets will be available the day
of the parade at the VFW starting at 10:00am.
One **FREE** ticket per child. The child **MUST** be
present to receive a ticket and pick a bike.
The bike raffle will be at the conclusion of the
parade at the VFW. Parent or Guardian **MUST**
be present to receive winning bike if child is in
the parade.
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All parade entries and bike raffle entries
recommended to donate a non-perishable item
to the Brandon Area Food Pantry.

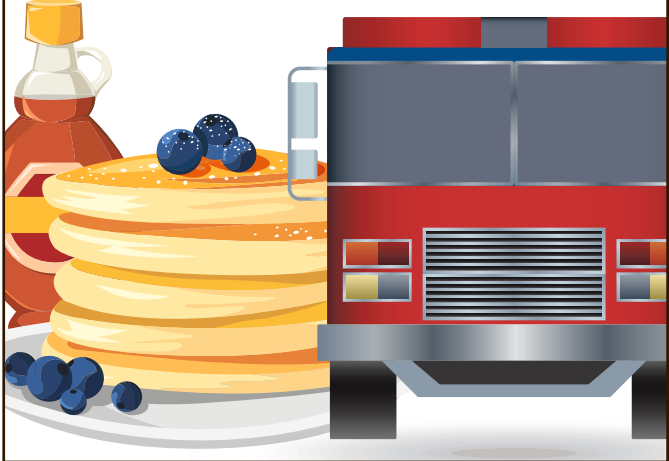
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THURSDAY
MAY 8
THRU SATURDAY
MAY 10

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Brandon Area Briefs

Miles for Mutts is May 3

Anytime Fitness in Brandon is once again organizing Miles for Mutts, a 5K and Family Dog Walk to benefit B-Squad Dog Rescue. The event is Saturday, May 3, with the 5K and Family Dog Walk stepping off at 9 a.m. at Aspen Park. Registration is \$35 per person. Registration opens at 8 a.m. on the day of the event. Participants can also run the race virtually any time prior to May 3. To register, visit runsignup.com. Since 2014, B-Squad Dog Rescue has transported more

than 9,000 stray and abused dogs to partner rescues across the Midwest. In addition, a small, but mighty army of local foster families help to heal the bodies and souls of dogs in their care while they wait to be adopted by forever families. To learn more, contact Anytime Fitness at (605) 582-4104.

Disc golf with the experts on Saturday

If you’ve ever wanted to try disc golf, then head to Pioneer Park in Brandon on Saturday, May 3. The event begins at 9 a.m. and goes through the morning. Local disc golf pros will

be on hand to teach different throwing techniques and how to play. A tournament will be played, and prizes will be awarded. There is no fee to participate, but donations will be accepted and given to a local charity. The first 200 people will also receive a free disc.

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are cereal, saltine crackers, Hamburger Helper, laundry detergent (78 ounces) and Kleenex. To make appointments for pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Loyalty Day Parade is Sunday

Brandon’s 59th annual Loyalty Day Parade steps off at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 4. The parade is an endeavor of the Brandon VFW Three Rivers Post 4726 and the Auxiliary. Community organizations, businesses, churches, neighborhoods, etc. are encouraged to be represented in the parade. As always, there is no charge or pre-registration required. The parade lineup begins at 11 a.m. in the Brandon Valley High School parking lot. From there, the route heads west on

Holly Boulevard and turns south at Main Avenue ending at the Brandon VFW. Food trucks will be at the VFW parking lot. Bike raffle tickets (one free ticket per child will be available the day of the parade at the VFW starting at 10 a.m.), however, one canned or non-perishable donation to the Brandon Food Pantry per child is suggested. The bike raffle will be held following the parade at the VFW. A parent/guardian must be must be present for their child to select a bike if their ticket is drawn. No tickets will be sold. To learn more, contact Troy Erlandson at (605) 359-5443 or message the VFW Post 4726 @<https://www.facebook.com/vfw4726>

Blood Drive at BLC May 6

Brandon Lutheran Church will host a blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, in the Martin Luther Room. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter BrandonSD.

Free bike registration in Brandon

Brandon Police will register bikes for kids and adults from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, May 17 on Main Avenue. The no-charge event is hosted by the VFW Auxiliary Three Rivers Post 4726 and is open to all residents.

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Dear Motor Medics,

I have a 1998 Chevy 3500 with a 6.5 diesel engine. I have owned the truck since new and it is in amazing shape with 160k miles. The truck had an injection pump put on it under warranty in 2002 but other than that I have made almost no repairs to it other than brakes. Lately it has become more difficult to start cold or hot and while driving it sometimes will cut out like the key has been switched off, but it keeps running. It also surges if I set the cruise at 55 but not at 65 or over. Do you have any ideas?

Thank you, Trevor in Rockdale Texas.

Dear Trevor,

We could make this into a 10-part list of what to do to make a 6.5 more reliable and what to upgrade one part at a time. The trucks are very reliable when certain parts are in top shape. You have several things pointing to possible injection pump issues, but we would suggest checking the glow plugs and the FSD and repair and upgrade as needed as a first place to start. Also make sure that the lift pump is supplying proper pressure. Once all of that has been done a more detailed diagnosis of the injection pump can be made. If there are failures in the FSD or fuel delivery it can give a false failure indication of an injection pump. Making friends with a good 6.5 mechanic would be helpful.

Take care, the Motor Medics.

Dear Motor Medics,

I have a 2004 Chevy Silverado with a heavy rust problem on the frame. If you look at the truck everywhere but the frame it has no rusty areas at all. It is hard for me to understand why the frame has rusted so badly. The worst spot is just ahead of the rear axle on both sides. I was having the brake lines replaced and they told me that the frame was found to be rusted through and broken on the passenger side. Is there anything I can do to repair this otherwise super nice condition truck with only 90k miles on it? This truck spent its first three years in New York.

Thank you, Steve, Rapid City South Dakota

Dear Steve,

Rust is such an awful thing when it comes to vehicles. There are so many that would still be on the road today that were in perfect mechanical condition, but the rust took its toll. If you are in an area prone to road salt and rust, we suggest getting your vehicle professionally undercoated and keeping it maintained. It is not a once and done application. We are not sure about this vehicle but there is a frame repair kit and brace available for certain vehicles that is made to repair the weak rusted and broken areas making it useable again. It requires a frame or body shop to weld it in and rustproof the area.

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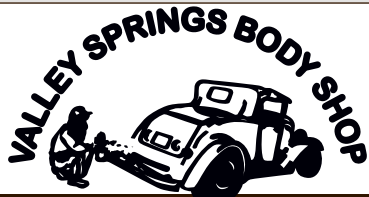


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And speaking of honors, this Sunday marks the 59th year of Brandon's Loyalty Day Parade. Learn more about this red, white and blue day that residents of all ages look forward to every year.

For the first time since being named a Tree City USA, Brandon celebrated Arbor Day on the actual day by planting 10 trees around the new indoor ice rink in Aspen Park. Find out what led to earlier-than-usual tree planting and what it means to be a Tree City USA.

A local establishment has new ownership. Find out what brought five local guys together for the joint venture.

Two BVHS seniors inked their futures last week with

two different colleges and two different sports. Check out who's heading where to continue their athletic careers.

As always, we've got the lowdown on all of our Lynx athletic teams, from the tennis courts in Rapid City to the tracks in Yankton and Pierre, and area baseball and softball diamonds and golf courses.

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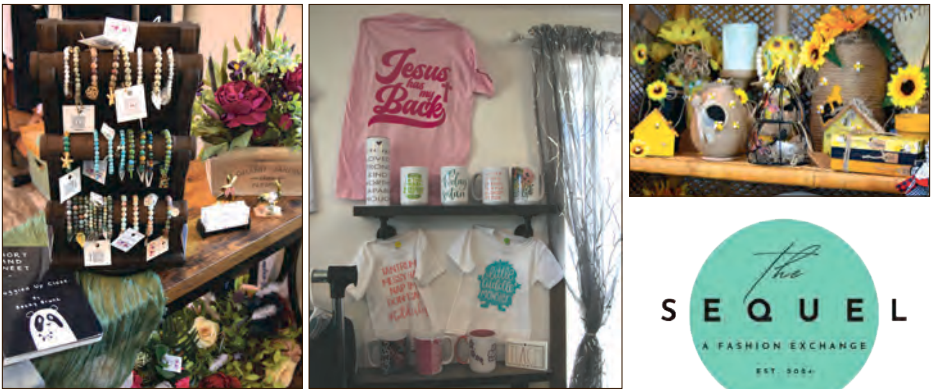
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9. Designer Wang
13. Long-necked wader
14. Savvy about
16. Garden of delights
17. Performer in a 7-milliongallon pool
18. Winter pileup
20. Clodhopper
21. "Uh-uh"
23. Having difficulties
24. Greek salad topper
26. Keen
27. Speedy delivery
29. Tree frog with a distinctive call
33. Filthy dough
34. Out of tune
36. Wintry coating
37. Space-saving letters
38. Face-saving measure?
41. Silent signal
42. Utter downfall
44. Hammett heroine ____ Charles
45. Patrons
47. Have ambitions
49. Give pleasure to
51. Healthy and vigorous
53. Director Preminger
54. Pitches in
57. Scratch (out)
58. Dangerous current
61. Dan Aykroyd film, and a hint to the starts of 18- and 38-Across and 3- and 30-Down
63. Singer Della
65. Quaker's addressee
66. Buttress, with "up"
67. Surprise victory
68. Blubbers
69. JFK or LBJ, once
70. Crowns

Down

1. Monterrey money
2. Turkish title
3. Waver at a crossroads
4. Bottom line in the fashion world?
5. Film daredevils
6. "Heavens!"
7. Massachusetts's "other" cape
8. Unemotional

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. Digits cannot repeat within the same row, column or box. Solution on page 2

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9. 17th-century Dutch painter

10. Falco who plays Carmela in "The Sopranos"

11. Some whistle blowers

12. Farm crawlers

15. Admit

19. Social engagement

22. Org. that helps get you going

25. Slip up

26. Pollen reaction

27. Mercury and Saturn

28. Speculative words

30. Site of many needles

31. Atlanta university

32. Rhode Island layers

33. Woman seduced by Zeus

35. Barely allowing access

39. Ragtime dance

40. Be extra nice to

43. Cultural surroundings

46. Perch (on)

48. Step on it

50. Hunky-dory

52. Old Russian oppressors

54. Takes the bull by the horns

55. London locale

56. Stuffed shirt

57. Ainer of many games

59. "So that's how it is!"

60. Favorites in class

62. Rabbit mom

64. 1972 DDT banner



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