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Brandon Area Briefs

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are pickles, jams/jellies, flour, sugar, powdered sugar, brown sugar, seasonings and spices.

To make appointments for pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may be dropped off at the BAFP, at Jones Family Eye Care and Lewis in Brandon.

BLC Community Food Truck Night

Brandon Lutheran Church invites the community to their spring Community Food Truck Night from 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13. The event takes place in the church parking lot, 600 E. Holly Blvd.

VS Legion BBQ on Thursday's calendar

The Valley Springs America Legion will serve its first barbecue fundraiser of the season from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 14. Hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecues, calico beans, chips, cole slaw, fruit salad, beverage and desserts are on the menu.

Brandon Farmers Market now open for season

The Brandon Farmers Market is now open weekly for the 2026 season. The Market will be open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays in the parking lot at 1200 E. Birch St.

Other notable dates this season are: Christmas in July, July 18; Apple Fest, Aug. 22; Pumpkin Palooza, Sept. 19; Pet Costume Contest, Oct. 24; and Trunk or Treat, Oct. 31.

BV Chamber Appreciation Mixer is May 19

Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce members are invited to the annual Appreciation Mixer from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at the Brandon Golf Course. Scholarships to three Brandon Valley High School seniors, along with the Business and Volunteer of Year awards will be presented.

Camp Invention seeks HS leadership volunteers

Camp Invention at Inspiration Elementary is looking for high school leadership volunteers this summer from June 8-12. If interested, contact Teri Huska at Teri.Huska@k12.sd.us.

Brandon's Big Celebration on tap for May 22-24

McHardy Park in Brandon will be the place to be May 22-24, as Celebration United Methodist Church once again is partnering with Mac's Carnival and Attractions for the 2026 Brandon's Big Celebration.

The three-day event offers carnival rides, games, a car show, of course, mouth-watering carnival foods.

Donate a baby item for Celebration's Baby Blessings to receive a coupon for \$3 off a wristband.

The carnival will be open from 6-11 p.m. Friday, May 22; 1-11 p.m. Saturday, May 23; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 24. The Roll Up Car Show is from 1-4 p.m. Saturday.

Join a committee of the BV Chamber of Commerce

There are several committees for Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce members to join.

The monthly committee meeting begins with the marketing committee, which meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. Special events meets the second Wednesday of the month at 8 a.m., and the career development committee meets at 8 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The member relations committee meets at 8 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, and issues management meets at 8 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month.

All meetings are held at the BVACC office at 306B S. Splittrock Blvd. (southside of Splittrock Square).

To learn more about the Chamber, to become a member or join a committee, call (605) 582-7400.

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Ask the Motor Medics®

Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics,

I listen to your show every week and hear that Chris has a Toyota Prius. Welcome to the family Chris, I am a Prius owner too. I have found that we Prius owners are a varied bunch. Some of us drive them for the cool features, others for the "green" element of the car, and ones like me who just want the best mileage I can get and when I ran across the Prius it just seemed to fit at the time. There are so many things to learn though I could almost use a school on the thing. My question is about the mileage that has really dropped. I have about 30,000 miles on the car, and I bought new tires a month ago. The tires are the exact brand as I had before, but when I had them installed; I noticed an immediate change of almost 3mpg less than before the tire change. Can there be something wrong with the tires that could cause this?

Kelly in Lemmon South Dakota

Dear Kelly,

Changing tires usually won't make a noticeable difference but on a Prius every aspect of the car has been designed to help with fuel economy, so tires play a part in the mpg. When you purchase tires it's important to go with low rolling resistance tires made for a hybrid. Also, once the tires have a thousand miles or so you should see the mileage increase.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

I am moving up to the oil fields of North Dakota to work, and I am going to purchase a good used SUV before I go to replace my car. I have never needed a four-wheel drive before, but where I am moving it will be required to get to and from work every day. I have been looking at Jeeps Grand Cherokees and Trailblazers and some others in that size class and I'm really confused about the four-wheel drive on them. Some are all-wheel drive, some are 4-wheel drive, and some are both. What's the difference?

John in Sterling Illinois

Dear John,

This is a great question that we get often on the radio show. All the systems you mentioned will do the same basic thing, move all four wheels through lost traction conditions. Which system you choose depends on how often you will use it and personal choice. All-wheel drive is just like it sounds, all the time the wheels are driven without the driver turning the system on which helps maintain traction at any time needed without driver input. 4-wheel drive has a switch to turn the system on and off and in the two-wheel drive position saves the most fuel, but it can't be used on mostly dry ground like the all-wheel drive. Some Jeeps have both systems combined. Before you buy, read more detailed descriptions online that can help you choose.

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- 2 GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE**
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My priority is... smart growth with strong infrastructure.
- 3 WORKFORCE & WAGES**
 Shortages in healthcare, construction, education, and skilled trades remain a challenge. Wages must keep pace with living costs.
My priority is... good jobs and fair pay for working families.
- 4 HEALTHCARE ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY**
 We need better access to care, mental health services, and solutions to rising insurance costs.
My priority is... access to quality, affordable healthcare.
- 5 PUBLIC SAFETY & DRUG ISSUES**
 Fentanyl, addiction, homelessness, and community safety demand action and support.
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BRANDON VALLEY Journal

It's always a frenzy of activity as the end of a school year approaches. On Sunday, more than 300 Brandon Valley High School seniors were awarded their diplomas. Editor Jill Meier brings you the two-hour-plus event in both words and photos.

Curious about what's taking place behind the berm on the north side of West Holly Boulevard? This week, writer Tom A. Savage takes you inside the berm with a report of what's actually taking place there.

He'll also bring you a report from Monday's BV Board of Education meeting, where some new administration positions were considered and approved.

And, speaking of school, we've got reports on BV's 2026 Teacher and Employee of the Year, along with another BVSD retirement story.

Although her children are grown and out of the house, a Corson woman has opened her home – and her heart – to more children. This week Jill Meier brings

you a special tribute to Mother's Day in her story.

A Sioux Falls teen is working toward his Eagle Scout certification. This week, we've got the story on his project that will honor veterans in three local cemeteries.

As always, we've got the lowdown on BV athletics and a whole lot more.

And don't forget, if you're a race fan, our "Read to the Races" promotion is back! We're giving away two free tickets each week to the Sunday evening sessions at Huset's Speedway, and all you have to do is read the *Brandon Valley Journal* for the answers to get there.

Be sure to check out our promotional advertising on how to win!

So, grab a cup of coffee, find a comfy chair and settle in for a lot of community news, sports and features that's all about you. And if you're that person who's constantly asking, "I wonder what's going on ...," it's surely time to subscribe to the *Brandon Valley Journal*! Give us a call at (605) 582-9999 to subscribe today so you, too, can be in

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Kathy Tews - Mrs. Tews is our Featured Teacher of the Week, and she is simply the BEST! As our school counselor at Brandon Elementary, she provides weekly lessons to all grade levels, meets with students individually, and still finds ways to manage the many additional responsibilities that come with her role. Despite a very full schedule, Mrs. Tews consistently goes above and beyond for our students and staff. She brings a positive presence each day through her smile, enthusiasm, encouragement, and genuine care for others. Whether it's a kind word, a reassuring conversation, or a well-timed pat on the back, she makes a meaningful impact on everyone she works with. Mrs. Tews ensures that students, staff, and parents feel supported, valued, and successful. We are incredibly fortunate to have her as our counselor and as a leader who helps foster a culture that truly makes Brandon Elementary a great place to be.

- Merle Horst, Brandon Elementary Principal

What is your favorite school lunch?
Italian Dunkers

Why do you love teaching?
I love kids! I want them all to be the best they can be. I really enjoy watching the growth my students make in the years I have them!

How long have you been with the district?
5 years

What's your favorite past time?
Spending time with my family and watching my kids in all of their activities.

What was your favorite subject in school and why?
Psychology! I love figuring out why people act and think the way they do. and think the way they do! It fits my job well!

STUDENT of the Week



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- Ms. Strassel, Brandon Elementary Kindergarten

What is your favorite school lunch?
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What grade are you in?
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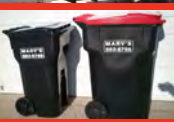
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Across

- Barrel staves
- Comparable to a beet?
- Commoner
- Bit of a spread
- Many of that
- Money in Iran
- Famous home
- Otherwise
- Yen fraction
- Roast beef request, sometimes
- Displayed publicly
- “___ I a stinker?” (Bugs Bunny quote)
- “Pretty Woman” star
- Type of arrow or wire
- Former D.C. nine
- Parisian lady friend
- Tourist stopover
- Part of a vamp's costume
- Imbibes slowly
- Side dish
- Calm and controlled
- Suffix with serpent or elephant
- Transept neighbors
- “Casablanca” character
- Formal assembly
- Hearty meals
- Away from the wind
- Word with ran or known as
- Photographer's stand
- Without delay, in a memo
- It looks good on paper
- Scratchy sound
- Mall locale
- Double-curved molding
- Spirit in “The Tempest”
- Cousin of “Oy!”
- Property document
- Time spans
- Insect repellent ingredient

Down

- They're on the books
- Word with head or heart
- Do this and bear it
- Word with head or mind
- Imminent
- One way to be caught
- Skirt-chaser
- Beginning or end of “Spartacus”
- Grew, as friendship
- Like car-radio buttons
- Pleasant tune
- Facilitate

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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- Ran, as colors
- Canal from Albany
- Word with history or hygiene
- Lincoln and Vigoda
- Hokkaido sandals
- Fundamental
- Kind of acid
- Age
- Cobbler's concerns
- Silver coins of ancient Greece
- Fowl place?
- Casa contents
- Tricky billiard shot
- Racing site
- Turin farewell
- Woody's son
- Like some front teeth
- Gives a thrashing
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