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The *Journal* continues its series on the retirements of Brandon Valley educators. This week, we celebrate the careers of reading specialist Karen Kluin and counselor Tammy Osheim.

Memorial Day was observed Monday in both Brandon and Valley Springs, and the *Journal* was there to capture the honored tradition in words and photographs.

And in our monthly "Non-Profits in the News" series, writer Tom A. Savage will take readers to the most-recent meeting of the Brandon Quilt Guild and what

this well-established group is up to now.

We'll also have reports from Brandon and Valley Springs city related news, and an update from the last week's Minnehaha County Commission meeting.

It was state tournament time for both the Lynx baseball and boys' tennis teams, and we'll have recaps from their multi-day action at Augustana's Ronken Field in Sioux Falls and the courts in Rapid City. Plus, BV's track and field teams had one "last chance" to qualify or improve on their times, distances and heights

before this week's AA State Track & Field Championships. Plus, we'll have reports from the Lady Lynx softball, the Huset's Speedway Sunday races, and the Brandon Beluga's season-opener and more!

Plus, we'll have photos from Brandon's Big Celebration and the smiles this community get-together brings to McHardy Park each spring.

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 races 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 wealth 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 the know.

FACES BEHIND
The Lynx Way



TEACHER
of the Week



Kari Plumbtree - This week we are excited to recognize Mrs. Plumbtree, our outstanding Library Assistant at Brandon Elementary! Even though this is her first year in the library, she stepped into the role on day one and has never looked back. Mrs. Plumbtree took charge of the library with confidence and has done an exceptional job all year long.

She is organized, helpful, kind, and does an excellent job working with students each day. Mrs. Plumbtree is always available to help students find books that match their interests and encourage a love for reading. Her positive attitude and welcoming personality have helped make our library a fun and inviting place for students to visit, read, and explore new books.

Thank you, Mrs. Plumbtree, for a fantastic year and for all you do to make our library such a special place at Brandon Elementary!

- Merle Horst, Brandon Elementary Principal

What is your favorite school lunch?
Chicken Alfredo

Why do you love teaching?
I love working at BE because I went here as a kid and it's fun to see how much the school has changed and yet is the same.

How long have you been with the district?
Worked in the district for 5 years.

What's your favorite past time?
I enjoy spending time with my family and going on family on trips to the Hills.

What was your favorite subject in school and why?
I enjoy spending time with my family and going on family on trips to the hills.

STUDENT
of the Week



Beau Angerhofer - Beau's cheerful attitude radiates positivity to the Jr-Kindergarten classroom. He leads by example, showing his classmates what it means to make responsible choices daily. Beau is a shining example of the Lynx Way. You will see Beau leading his class safely and quietly through the hallway. He uses polite manners like "please" and "thank you." Beau is an active learner who approaches new learning activities with enthusiasm and doesn't hesitate to ask questions or ask for help. He genuinely wants his friends to learn and grow right alongside him. Beau is a natural leader that makes our classroom a better place.

- Merle Horst, Brandon Elementary Principal

What is your favorite school lunch?
Mac and cheese

What grade are you in?
Jr. Kindergarten

What does the Lynx Way mean to you?
That I can show my classroom how good I am.

What do you want to be when you grow up?
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Hometown Heroes Banner program underway

Three Rivers VFW Post 4726, the Auxiliary and the Ed Polzine Fund are partnering on the Hometown Heroes Banner program that will honor veterans with Brandon ties. Eligible veterans need to have lived in Brandon or be associated with the Brandon community or a past/present member of the VFW.

If you are a veteran, or would like to honor a veteran, applications (with payment) must be submitted by June 1. Cost is \$150 per banner. Good, quality photos are required. Photos, with the form may be emailed to vfw-4726commander@gmail.com or editor@bvjournal.info. Checks should be made payable to the Ed Polzine Fund. Application

forms are available at both the VFW, 321 S. Main or the Brandon Valley Journal, 1404 E. Cedar St. during weekday business hours.

The banners will be displayed through Veteran's Day in November.

BLC Community BBQ is June 3

Brandon Lutheran Church, 600 E. Holly Blvd., is the place to be 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3 for the BLC Community BBQ, a WELCA fundraiser.

Menu includes smoked BBQ pulled pork, walking taco and hot dog meals. Pulled pork may also be ordered by the pound, and Family Treats Ice Cream truck will be on site 5-8 p.m.

Worship and Vacation Bible School begins at 6 p.m.

Register for Deckert-Garrow Golf Scramble

Registration is open for the first annual Deckert-Garrow Golf Scramble on Saturday, Aug. 15. The four-person Scramble will be played at Hidden Valley Golf Course, teeing off with a 10:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$320 per team and is open to golfers 18 years and older.

To learn more, contact Caden Deckert at (605) 595-2722 or Cathy Niklason at (605) 929-6565.

Big Cup Youth Golf Tourney set

Registration is open for the second annual Big Cup 2026 Youth Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 1 at Hidden Valley Golf Course in Brandon. Cost is \$50 per player for the four-person scramble, which is limited to 36 teams. Participants must be going in grades 2-7 to play.

Deadline to register is July 23. To register or learn more, email garrett@ambushllc.com or call Garrett Callahan at (605) 231-4848.

Proceeds from the event will be used as scholarships for less fortunate student-athletes and/or families struggling to participate in youth sports.

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.

Brandon Pool open for season

The Brandon Community Pool is open for the season.

Daily open swim is from 1-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:50 p.m.

Family swim time is 5-6:20 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Lap swim is from 5-5:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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Before you go, keep the following in mind:

- Notifications for weather delays, closures, swimming lessons cancellations are made via the city's text notification system.
- Memberships are available for purchase online. No nannies or grandparents are included on family memberships; they must have their own.

• Membership key tags must be brought to the pool. Users who do not have the key tag, will be required to pay the daily fee or not enter the pool. Pool cashiers will not search membership names.

• Inflatable devices, including inflatable swimsuits, are not allowed.

• Food and drink are allowed in the pool area except for alcohol, glass or breakable products.

• Children under 7 years of age must be supervised by someone at least 16 years old. For the complete list of rules and fees, visit cityofbrandon.org/pool. To learn more, call City Hall at (605) 582-6515 or email parksandrec@cityofbrandon.org. The phone number for the pool is (605) 582-7555.



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Dear Motor Medics,
I want to get my wife a remote start for her 2025 Acura, but I need to do some research first. I have been told that adding anything to my car which has only 20k miles on it will void the warranty. I have never had a remote start, but it seems like almost everyone I know has one. It can't be that all of them have no warranty. Is there anything I should look out for when getting one as far as the kind of unit that will or won't work with my car?

Jerry in Omaha

Dear Jerry,
Adding aftermarket electronics won't void your warranty if the part you add to the car does not interfere with the operation of the car and the installation does not damage the car. When you have a remote car-starter installed make sure the shop that does it for you has trained installers who know your car. The shop should also have the technical support of a reputable company who stands behind the starters they sell. These things ensure that you will not have an issue with your warranty. On the other hand, we have seen many do it yourself installers create issues with the vehicles sensitive electronics that resulted in expensive dealership repair costs. When choosing a unit make sure you get one with the features you want such as the range you need; too short and you won't be happy.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,
My car needs new front and rear brake pads and rotors. They offered me three different pad choices, and I was confused and didn't have the work done. I also want to know about rotors which seem expensive to replace. Why would I have to replace the rotors instead of machining them? My 2003 Honda currently has about 98,000 miles on it.

Mark in Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Mark,
It's common to have several choices of brake pads available but to avoid confusion with my own customers I take the time to explain the difference between pads and note that pad X is the factory specified pad. When there is a choice it's usually a ceramic pad, a semi-metallic pad, and an organic pad. One will be what the factory specifies for the car while the other two can help cut noise and/or brake dust or save some cash. New rotors have really come down in price, and many shops don't machine them any longer as they wear so fast that they are often too thin to machine or severely rusted from the elements which necessitate their replacement. If the rotors still have enough material and not too much run out, they can be machined but the cost may be close to what you will spend replacing them and they will be thinner so the next replacement may come sooner. Don't forget that cheaper is not better when it comes to brakes.

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5. Coral formations
10. Caffeine's effect
14. Postmortem bio
15. Maker of silver linings?
16. Hungarian politico Nagy
17. Andrew's nickname
19. Type of miss
20. Able to bounce back
21. Once more
22. Desktop image
23. Unisex skirts
25. Lbs. and ozs.
27. Gown designer Wang
30. "I want a doggy biscuit!"
31. Card player's cry
33. Love, Spanish-style
35. Influence
39. River near Kassel, Germany
40. Henry's nickname
41. Andy's TV son
42. Fledgling
43. Eight states touch it (Abbr.)
44. Church areas
45. Wine label word
47. Fight for breath
49. Super Bowl stats
50. Muscle mag cover story, perhaps
54. Monk's head cover
56. Man Bonds is chasing
57. Swell event?
62. Amorphous form
63. Like the people in today's theme
64. Emit coherent light
65. ____-garde
66. Old station identification
67. Still life object
68. Lotte of "From Russia With Love"
69. Yarn colorings

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12. Jenny with the diet program

13. Typeface extensions

18. " ____ Lucy"

21. Airport monitor info

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26. Neaten

28. "Seabiscuit" nailbiter

29. In the company of

32. Reggie's nickname

34. The last Mrs. Chaplin

36. Words to a baby on the rise?

37. Emulated Pinocchio

38. It's said to be more

40. Ticket's end

44. Speed skater Ohno

46. Took off

48. California peak

50. Tale with a point

51. Harry Hamlin vehicle

52. Cropped up

53. Part of a barrel

55. Possessed

58. " ____ See Clearly Now"

59. Designer label letters

60. Still life object

61. Seth's boy

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SIOUX FALLS AREA EDUCATION VOTING RECORDS

Gold medalists supported public education to the highest degree. Silver medalists were good supporters and Bronze have fair support.

LEGISLATOR	SB885	SB96	SB218	SB223	SB229	HB1082	HB1241	HB1323	RATING
David Kull	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	GOLD
Amber Arlint	Yes	No	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	GOLD
Jessica Bahmuller	Yes	Yes	NA	No	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	GOLD
Tim Czmowski	Yes	Yes	NA	No	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	GOLD
Erin Healy	Yes	No	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	GOLD
Greg Jamison	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	GOLD
Jack Kolbeck	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	GOLD
Steve Kolbeck	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	GOLD
Drew Peterson	Yes	No	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	NA	Yes	GOLD
Kyle Schoenfish	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	GOLD
John Shubeck	Yes	Yes	NA	No	NA	No	NA	Yes	SILVER
Ernie Otten	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	SILVER
Larry Zikmund	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	BRONZE
Andera	No	Yes	NA	No	NA	Yes	NA	No	
Aylward	No	Yes	NA	No	NA	NA	NA	No	
Beal	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Hansen	No	Yes	NA	No	NA	No	NA	No	
Heinemann	No	Yes	NA	No	NA	Yes	NA	No	
Hohn	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Hughes	No	Yes	NA	No	NA	Yes	NA	No	
Jensen (Kevin)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Karr	No	No	NA	No	No	No	No	No	
Kayser	No	Yes	NA	No	NA	No	NA	No	
Lems	No	Yes	NA	No	NA	No	NA	No	
Peterson (Sue)	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Pischke	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	
Schwans	No	Yes	NA	No	NA	Yes	NA	No	
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