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Brandon Area Briefs

Brandon P&Z Commission meets Thursday
Brandon Planning & Zoning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3 in the city council chambers. The agenda and packet may be viewed by visiting cityofbrandon.org.

BVSD to auction off surplus property
Brandon Valley School District will hold a public auction of surplus property beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 12. The auction will take place at Interstate Auction, 26047 478th Ave., Brandon.

Items up for auction may include tractors, trucks, buses, vans, cars, mowers, heavy equipment, office equipment and other items.

All items will be available for inspection one hour prior to the auction.

To learn more, contact Interstate Auction at (605) 331-4550 or email bppage1@gmail.com.

BV School Board election is June 15

Voters in the Brandon Valley School District will have the opportunity to cast their vote for two of three candidates in the Tuesday, June 15 election. Seeking election are Gregg Ode, Carrie Roberts and Nick Scott.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at three separate precincts: Valley Springs American Legion Hall (Residents in the city of Valley Springs, Valley Springs and Red Rock townships), the community room at Brandon Valley High School (residents in the city of Brandon, Brandon and Mapleton townships, and portions of Sverdrup and Edison townships within the BVSD), and the Fred Assam Elementary gymnasium (Splitrock Township and portion of Sioux Falls Township within the BVSD).

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The Lady Lynx track and field team lived up to expectations, bringing home co-state championship honors from the weekend event. The team title went down to the wire and was determined in the highly-competitive 4x400 relay. *Journal* editor Jill Meier was on the sidelines for all of the action and brings you the details in both words and photos—lots of photos—available to peruse at the photo gallery at brandonvalleyjournal.com.

The Lynx boys brought captured fourth place, and we've got plenty to say about them, too.

The Lynx club baseball team didn't fare as well at Saturday's state tournament. The *Journal* brings you a recap of the 6-0 loss to Sioux Falls Washington.

Voters in the Brandon Valley School District will be going to polls Tuesday, June 15. This week, the *Journal* introduces you to the candidates and gives you some insight into each candidate's desire to serve.

A Brandon teen participated for the second consecutive year in a sacred nationwide event, Taps Across America.

A BVHS 2022 senior is recuperating from severe injuries sustained in a fatal accident last month.

A local business is serving as the host site for an upcoming fundraiser, and we've got the details behind the pay-it-forward event.

Memorial Day was recognized by the Brandon VFW and American Legion units and the Valley Springs American Legion. The *Journal* captured both programs in photos.

A local veteran has opened the doors to a new business in Brandon, and we've got the lowdown on what led to the new business venture that puts the spotlight on veterans.

If you're a subscriber, thanks for reading! If you're not, what are you waiting for? Give us a call at 582-9999 so you can be in the know of everything that's "Coming in Tomorrow's *Brandon Valley Journal*!"



Ask the Motor Medics®

Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics,

I've been listening to all the talk about driverless cars and cars that can take control and it scares me. I started driving in the 70s and back then cars didn't even have a computer in them. I don't know if I want to be sharing the road with robots. I just want to know if they are safe, how they work, and when they will be here so I can start looking out for them.

Karen in Tyler Texas

Dear Karen,

The technology for these car "Robots" has been in the works for a very long time. We started to see it used as a safety enhancer in vehicles a while back to aide you in the way of helping to prevent collisions while backing up and when getting too close to someone in front of you. The systems would be able to reduce throttle and apply the brakes if you were in a "bad spot" and in danger of a collision. The tech has now advanced with the enhancement of laser sensors and GPS and super high definition cameras and much more that allow the cars to navigate to destinations and avoid collisions. The cars are on the road now being tested and chances are you have seen one and don't even know it. They have logged over a million miles on America's roads. As for how safe they are is yet to be seen. The future is headed our way!

Take care, The Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

My 2005 Impala has been doing strange things like the doors unlocking themselves in the middle of the night and my battery has been going dead over night at times. I have also found my blower fan running after the key is off and other things like my personal settings are changing. I saw on the news that cars were getting hacked and taken over by computer people. How can I tell if this is happening to me?

Marie in Detroit Michigan

Dear Marie,

The symptoms you are experiencing sound more like things related to a Body Control Module or BCM for short. You need to have it diagnosed to know for sure before you spend the money to replace it but this is a good time to address the "hacking" you bring up. Your car being a 2005 Impala it's not susceptible to the hacking level you may have seen on the news. The newer cars have been given so much tech that the electronic systems run things like throttle, brake and steering and can be accessed through the Telematics systems and with the right circumstances and information a smart hacker could gain access to some systems controlling the vehicle. Manufacturers are working diligently to stop this from happening and hopefully it will never be a problem. Consult your local mechanic and talk about your symptoms. The car will need to be scanned and the effected systems checked and repaired.

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June needs at the BAFP

June needs at the Brandon Area Food Pantry are brown sugar, mustard, single-packaged toothbrushes, toothpaste, instant mashed potatoes, cake mix, frosting,

Knorr Sides (rice and noodles), Suddenly Salad.

Due to recent large-scale donations, the BAFP has no need for canned vegetables (i.e., peas, corn, carrots, all varieties of beans) and soups, both cream and other varieties.

In respect to COVID-19, Pantry clients will receive items that have been pre-bagged by BAFP volunteers. To make appointments for either pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

BAFP executive director Linda Weber asks groups staging a food drive to contact the Pantry prior to dropping off donations.

Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may also be dropped off at the BAFP.

BASA hosting large-scale tournament

Brandon Area Soccer Association is hosting a large-scale tournament June 11-13 at the McHardy Park Soccer Complex. An estimated 4,000 players and fans are expected to attend.

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