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Monthly meetings at the Brandon VFW

Three military service-related organizations — Three Rivers VFW Post 4726, the VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 318 — all meet at the Brandon VFW, 321 S. Main St.

The VFW Auxiliary meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. The VFW Post meetings start at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, and the Legion Auxiliary meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

FNB to hosts Community Blood Drive

First National Bank of Brandon, 101 S. Splitrock Blvd., will host a blood drive from 8-11 a.m. and 12 noon-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6. Donors can schedule an appointment online at cbbllifeblood.org, selecting Oct. 6 or call 605-331-3222. Walk-ins are welcome, appointments are preferred. All who donate will receive a \$10 Scooters gift.

"Keeping up with the demand for blood is a process that never ends. Each day we see traumas, prepare for scheduled surgeries, treat cancer patients, and strength the blood supply for the unexpected," said Ken Versteeg, executive director of the Community Blood Bank. "Having donors come out to blood drive events is the most important aspect for our organization. Without volunteers coming forward to donate, we cannot secure a strong blood supply to keep up with demands. In 30 minutes, a person will provide life to three patients. Consider taking 30 minutes on Friday, Oct. 6 to save community patients' lives."

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with a signed parent consent form



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found at cbbllifeblood.org), weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good general health the day of the donation.

Donors will need to present an I.D. and it is recommended that donors eat and drink plenty of fluid prior to donating. A person can donate blood every 56 days.

Brandon Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Oct. 8, as the Brandon Fire Department hosts its annual Pancake Breakfast! Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Brandon Fire Hall.

AWANA Club meets Wednesdays

AWANA meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Brandon Valley Baptist Church, 400 N. Splitrock Blvd. AWANA is a weekly, non-denominational Christian club for children from 3-years-old through eighth grade. It is free to join and scholarships are available to cover the cost of books and uniforms. A free meal is served at 6 p.m., followed by AWANA at 6:30 p.m.

Free adult kickboxing classes offered

Circuit Fitness, 1124 E. Holly Blvd., is offering free kickboxing classes for adults every Saturday. Classes are 8-8:45 a.m. and participants are encouraged to bring water. To learn more, email info@circuitSD.com.

City of Brandon tree trimming on tap for early October

Trees will be trimmed in the street right-of-way starting on/about Oct. 10 in Brandon. The area to be trimmed located west of Sioux Boulevard and Stone Ridge Estates.

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Dear Motor Medics,
I'm having trouble with my car overheating. When driven until the engine is fully warmed up the temperature gauge will move to the red line but then drops back to almost the cold mark and continues this cycle as long as I drive. This has been going on for several months and I also noticed that on one cool morning when I used my heater the temperature of the air coming from the vent changed from hot to cold when the gauge started to cycle. The funny thing was that the temp went cold when the gauge was hot and then warmed up again when the gauge moved towards cold. What could be going on with my car?

Beverly in Lincoln Nebraska

The description you provided is very good and unfortunately the first thing that comes to mind is a head gasket failure. When a head gasket fails it can allow the heated combustion gases from the cylinder to pass into the cooling passages. When this happens, the coolant can no longer cool the engine due to the disruption of the coolant flow and the gauge moves towards hot. At the same time the coolant flow to the heater is disrupted and the air from the vents will cool down. Checking for a head gasket failure is done by testing the air in the cooling system for combustion gases. If gas is present, it indicates a failure in the system.

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Ralph in McAlester Oklahoma

Dear Ralph,

Good job on keeping your vehicle running. In addition to the, manufacturer recommended services you can ask your shop what they recommend. Often a fuel system cleaning can do wonders for an aging vehicle that is starting to lose fuel mileage due to the lost efficiency caused by a dirty fuel system. Also at this age brake fluid and power steering fluid will start to break down or become acidic which can wear parts prematurely. Changing these fluids often will extend the life of the systems and save you money on repairs over the long term. A good relationship with an experienced shop is the best way to find out what areas of your vehicle can benefit from a little added attention to maintenance.

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Colleagues of Brian Schipper share their thoughts on his impact on community theatre and we have our Home and Garden Special Section this week too.

Tom A. Savage puts the spotlight on a BVHS alum

who's making an impact on college football's highest level, plus we have the full lineup of all of the Lynx sports teams that were in action last week, and how the Marching Lynx fared at Saturday's Pursuit of Excellence competition in Marshall, Minn.

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24. “We Three Kings of Orient ____”

25. Play boisterously

27. Rhodes sight

32. Perform community service, perhaps

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41. Tasting the air

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45. Funk of Funk & Wagnalls

46. Fashionable doggy?

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23. Ages

25. Settles

26. Mr. T’s gang

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29. Experimental pooch?

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45. Knickknacks

46. Arduous journey

47. Ruffle some feathers

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