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Celebration

at Cherry Rock Farms

48105 264th Street 🍁 Brandon, SD 57005
Saturday, October 18 🍁 9 a.m.-noon

Come celebrate Co-op Month and pick a pumpkin on us!

Join Sioux Valley Energy and Alliance Communications as we celebrate National Cooperative Month at Cherry Rock Farms on **Saturday, October 18**, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Members of the cooperatives will be able to pick a pumpkin (one per household/membership) and enjoy warm cocoa and donuts as we celebrate the cooperative difference and the members who make up the cooperatives.

We'll see you at Cherry Rock Farms' pumpkin patch at 48105 264th St., Brandon, on Saturday, October 18.

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HALLOWEEN MAP & COLORING CONTEST ARE COMING NEXT WEEK!

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PICK THE PIGSKIN




Brandon Area Briefs

BV to host Metro Conference Cheer & Dance Championships
Brandon Valley will host the 2025 Metro Conference Cheer and Dance Championships beginning at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13.

Ed Polzine raffle drawing, pulled pork supper is Thursday
The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed Fund will serve up a pulled pork supper from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 at the Brandon VFW. A freewill offering will be taken.

At 7 p.m., drawing for the “30 Guns in 30 Minutes” raffle will begin. As of Tuesday, less than 10 tickets out of 300 remain available for sale. Tickets are \$100 each. For tickets, call the *BV Journal* at (605) 582-9999.

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry
Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are canned chicken, pizza sauce and crust, mustard and ketchup, pancake mix and syrup, cake/brownie mix, peanut butter, pudding snack packs, shampoo, body wash, bar soap and laundry detergent. To make appointments for pickups or donations, call 582-

7001. The BAFP is open from 4-6 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.

The BFP’s annual dinner is being planned for Friday, Nov. 21. Watch the *Journal* for more information regarding entrée sponsorships and table purchases in the coming weeks.

City to sell surplus property via online auction
The city of Brandon is “cleaning out the closets”, so to speak, and will be selling surplus property via an online auction service, Purple Wave Auction (purplewave.com) on Tuesday, Oct. 14. All equipment will be sold as is.

To review the list of auction items, call 582-6515 or stop by City Hall, 304 S. Main Ave. or visit purplewave.com.

BVHA to celebrate indoor rink with ribbon cutting
Brandon Valley Hockey Association will officially celebrate the opening of their new indoor rink (1500 Aspen Park Road) with a Brandon Valley

Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16. The grand opening of the IceCats Arena is from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. The celebration will offer bounce houses, bean bag toss, face painting (1-2 p.m.), free open skate (1-2:30 p.m.), food trucks, Siouxland Library Bookmobile, meet and greet with Stomp, the Stampede mascot and Slapshot, the IceCats mascot, tours of the new facility, 50/50 raffle and a scrimmage at 3 p.m. featuring the IceCats JV/varsity against IceCats alumni.

ReChurch organizes Oct. 19 ‘coat swap’
ReChurch, 113 N. Splitrock Blvd., Brandon, is organizing their first Spread the Warmth Winter Coat Swap from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 at the church.

At this event, coats, snow pants, hats and gloves may be swapped. Gear will also be available for those who have nothing to swap.

Rake the Town on tap for Oct. 24
Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce is once again leading the charge to “Rake the Town” on Friday, Oct. 24. Individuals, businesses and organizations that wish to volunteer should register online, <https://forms.gle/Xrub-DhMo9gRysa5CA>. Raking begins at 8 a.m. and continues through 5 p.m. Volunteers may take part for a few hours or the entire day.

Elderly and disabled residents in need of having their yard raked should email admin@brandonvalleychamber.com or call (605) 582-7400 to register.

Donations of bottled water or pre-packaged snacks for the volunteers are also welcomed.

Ed Polzine seeks donations of wild game, fish
The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed Fund is accepting donations of wild game (deer, elk, pheasants, moose, etc.) and fish (preferably walleye) for the 40th annual Wild Game Feed on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026.

To donate, contact Harry Buck (605-366-0221), Stan Schoeneman (605-366-7842) or Jill Meier (605-321-8423).

Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 2
It’s time to fall back! That’s right, we’ll gain an extra hour of sleep as we turn the clocks back one hour Saturday evening, Nov. 1.

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Dear Motor Medics,

We have a new driver in the family, our teenage daughter. She will start driving on her own in a few weeks and we have spent many hours with her teaching the skills of driving. We feel that she is very responsible for her age and will be a responsible driver but we would like your advice on how we can teach her to deal with a few common emergencies that a teenager might face when starting out on the road alone for the first time.

Shelby in Carroll Iowa.

Dear Shelby,

There are many things about common vehicle emergencies that a new driver and even a well-seasoned one can benefit from knowing. Some problems can be prevented with focused driving. A driver who is aware of their surroundings can avoid many common problems. First off, many teens I speak to don't know what to do about a flat tire. This is one of the easiest things to take care of but without proper knowledge can be very intimidating and even dangerous. Go over the procedures for installing a spare and don't forget safety first like making sure the car is in a safe location before attempting a change. Six inches from the edge of a busy highway is not safe. In general, think of all the issues you have dealt with in your daily driving and teach them before it happens. Dead battery, out of gas, locked out of car, etc.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

I get pulled over often by the police and although a lot of the time I either get no ticket or just a warning I just don't understand why they seem to target me. I drive a Honda Accord Sedan that's silver so it's not flashy and I rarely speed. Are there certain things that trigger getting pulled over more than others?

Jesse in Martinsville Virginia.

Dear Jesse,

You just must have one of those magnetic attractions, one that attracts officers. You could take a cab, or you could avoid some common mistakes. If you are getting pulled over often you must be doing something to attract attention to yourself. Here are just a few things that will draw attention. Being the only car on the road, this puts all eyes on you. Passing too quickly, by darting out, around, and back in quickly, it looks like you are traveling faster than you may be. If you are traveling too fast, slow down. Loud music and dark tinted windows, and loud exhaust never help either. In general, you want to be as incognito as possible. Don't draw unneeded attention to yourself. If you do get pulled over the number one way to avoid that ticket is to be polite. The officers are doing their jobs and will be making the choice of ticket or not. Being rude is a surefire way of making sure they do their job as thoroughly as possible.

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This week, *Journal* writer Tom A. Savage brings you the story behind the need for a new City Hall, and why some Brandon residents are in opposition of a new facility.

And while we're on the topic of city matters, we'll have a report from Monday's Brandon City Council meeting.

Editor Jill Meier spoke with ownership of the forthcoming Jersey Mike's, and brings you the details on the new restaurant's opening and why the franchise is eager to be in Brandon.

Later this month, the Brandon Community Foundation will celebrate the community's many blessings and its annual grant recipients. This week, we'll introduce you to Chris Brown, who was selected as this year's Spirit of Brandon Award winner.

Just as the calendar turns to the spookiest month of the year – October – Terror 29 is ramping up with not only their haunted house at their Cedar Street location, but in a Haunted Corn Maze at Rustic Iron Acres along 484th Avenue and at the YMCA Leif Erickson Camp in Sioux Falls.

Friday's football game against Sioux Falls Lincoln was one of the most-highly anticipated games of the season to date, and Tom A. Savage brings you all the details from this thrilling 11AAA battle.

Plus, we've got reports on all of the other Lynx athletic teams in action last week, from the Metro Conference boys' golf championships to the ESD girl's tennis tournament and beyond.

And there's a whole lot more. If you find yourself 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.

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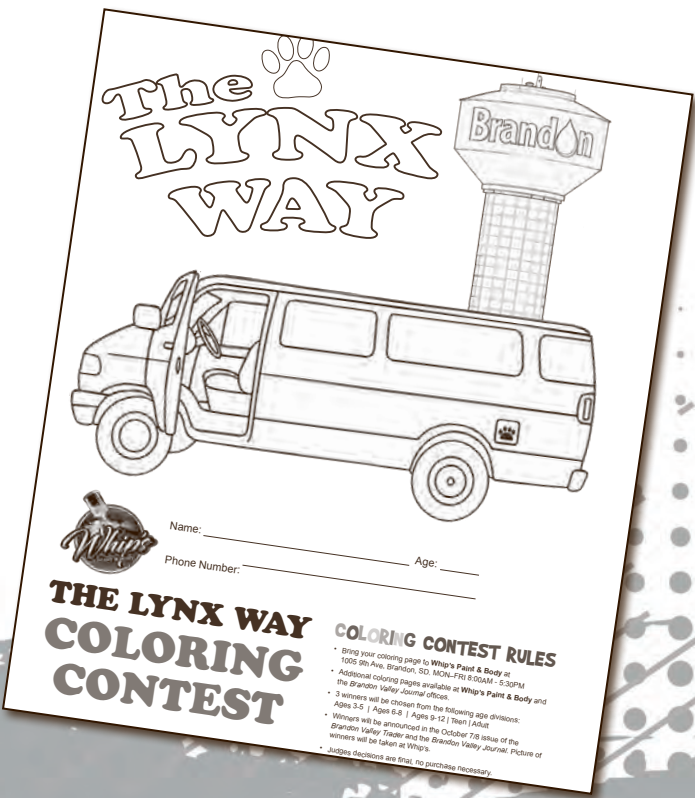
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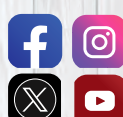
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STAFF of the Week



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What is your favorite school lunch?
Chicken tenders, potato wedges, & tropical fruit.

Why do you love your work?
As a custodian, I enjoy the interaction with the kids and working to the best of my abilities to maintain a safe and clean environment for them to learn in.

How long have you been with the district?
6 1/2 years

What's your favorite past time?
Going for walks and Jeep rides with family and friends.

What was your favorite subject in school and why?
P.E and Health because I liked the benefits of physically moving around and learning how our bodies and minds function.

STUDENT of the Week



It is my pleasure to recognize **Graham Miller** as Student of the Week at Inspiration Elementary!

He is always willing to help others and treats everyone with respect and care. As a learner, he is curious, engaged, and enthusiastic—always ready to take on new challenges and extend his learning. Graham spends his time reading and exploring new ideas, demonstrating a genuine love of learning that inspires those around him. His positive attitude, strong work ethic, and willingness to support his classmates make him a role model in our school community. - **Principal Tanya Palmer**

What is your favorite school lunch?
Chicken Patty

What grade are you in?
4th Grade

What is your favorite subject?
Science

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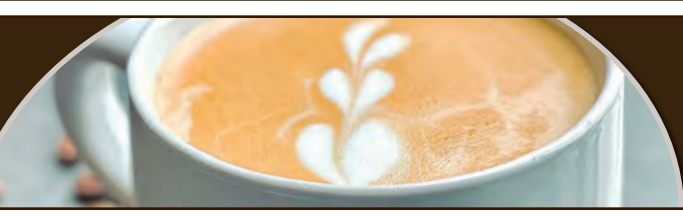
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Across

1. Interspersed with
6. West Indies island
11. Response to a scarecrow
14. Chocolate source
15. Rope fiber
16. "You --- what you eat"
17. Corner Superman in a Central Park mix-up?
19. Batter's achievement
20. Ravel's "Daphnis et ---"
21. "Jurassic Park" beast
23. --- Aviv
26. Make dates disappear?
27. Bumbles
28. The Gipper

30. Spa indulgence
31. Like a rainbow
32. Puts up the cash
33. Morning castoffs
36. Sound enhancer
37. Early Britishers
38. Tantrum thrower
39. Cheerleader's requirement
40. Car payments?
41. Be put out to pasture
42. The Maldives, e.g.
44. "--- Age" (Rodin work)
45. Proverbial laugh providers
47. Audience put-down
48. Elizabethan dramatist Thomas

49. Site for rods and cones
50. Hole in the head
52. Coffee server
53. Clever hot-shot lobbyist in a Central Park mix-up?
58. Connection
59. Knighted Newton
60. A "Hilton" locale
61. Always, poetically
62. Oscar winner of 1939
63. City near Salt Lake

Down

1. King's higher-up?
2. Word before and after "oh"

3. Mo. to remember Columbus
4. "Traffic" cop
5. "Give it a try"
6. Fancy cravat
7. Vex
8. NAFTA signer
9. Recruit's refuge
10. Strong chemical bases
11. OPEC foolishness in a Central Park mix-up?
12. Shady retreat
13. Low dams
18. Scheme

22. Classy org.?
23. Hobo
24. Uncanny
25. Need a mate in a Central Park mix-up?
27. Pursuits of good reporters
29. Wow!
30. Yosemite attraction
32. Dinner alerts
34. Flashy and sporty
35. Transport for Prince Charming
37. Topple

38. Hipster's pal
40. Clipper's target
41. Cigar-puffing TV wit
43. Lateral lead-in
44. --- fide
45. Barbarian
46. Hawk's haven
47. Tree used for canoes
50. Stumbling block
51. Smelting waste
54. Mai ---
55. Finish line
56. Perch, at first
57. They're all in the family

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