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Brandon Area Briefs

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.

Beck to present Military History program

October's Military History program is planned for 6:30

p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 at the Valley Springs American Legion.

Brandon resident, Kari Beck, will give a presentation on The Civil War: Grant's Overland Campaign.

Refreshments and a time for Q&A will follow the presentation. This event is free and open to the public.

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 BAFF 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

BAFF, 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.

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.

Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 2

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Nathan in Sachse Texas.

Dear Nathan,

It's possible that you have a rodent problem. Some cars are made with soy-bean-based wiring covering which we believe is for environmental reasons. It can be an attractive food source for rodents and a very expensive fix. We once had a van in our shop four times for repair to the same wire at the same spot because of a hungry mouse. Before you get too excited about the high costs involved with a wiring repair of this nature make sure to have your shop check the basics. It could be as simple as the battery being low and when the car started it caused the computers to get disrupted which is causing all the lights. It may be as simple as resetting the computers and possibly charging the battery. A Battery maintainer is a good idea when a car is parked for extended periods.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

My car is a 1995 Buick Roadmaster Sedan and after getting it out of storage for the summer cruising season I have noticed that it pushes coolant out of the overflow bottle after it runs for only ten minutes. It does this hot or cold and I must add almost a gallon of coolant every time it does this

Bob in West Bend Indiana.

Dear Bob,

Buick Roadmasters have started to become a collectable car, something we never thought we would see but here they are. The V8 engine LT1 powered car is very popular with customizers and cruisers. The engines are tough but at the age yours is it may have one or two issues with the cooling system. If you have not had a thermostat replaced in many years, or never then it's time for one. This does not eliminate any other issues though. We would also perform an exhaust gas check of the cooling system to see if there are any exhaust gasses present in the coolant indicating that the engine has a head gasket leaking. If the gasket leaks or if the head is cracked the pressure can cause coolant to be pushed out of the system necessitating adding coolant often. These engines are simple compared to today's dual overhead cam cars so if engine work does need to be done hopefully it will be at an affordable price and you can get this beauty back on the road.

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TEACHER of the Week



Mr. Jerrid Van Sloten, Jr. is an educational assistant for special services at the intermediate school and is a true difference maker in the building. Jerrid consistently demonstrates excellence in his service to students and colleagues. He goes above and beyond to support students in meeting their academic goals, ensuring that every learner receives the support, attention, and encouragement needed to succeed. His respectful, compassionate, and kind demeanor fosters a positive and inclusive learning environment where students feel safe, valued, and motivated to grow. As a true servant leader, Jerrid leads by example, continually modeling professionalism, empathy, and dedication. His positive attitude and energy are contagious; the intermediate school is fortunate to have his skillset to support staff and students. He has a lasting impact on both students and staff across the intermediate school. Jerrid truly exhibits the LYNX Way—being respectful, an active learner himself, responsible, safe, and kind. His commitment to these values is evident in all he does. Professionally, he takes classes so he can be the best he can at what he does. His passion, leadership, and heart for others embody the very best of what the LYNX Way stands for. - **Principal Nick Skibsted**

What is your favorite school lunch?
The teriyaki pot stickers

Why do you love teaching?
I love making an impact and helping students learn new things. The kids deserve the patient and care to make school enjoyable and meaningful.

How long have you been with the district?
2 years ago I was hired.

What's your favorite past time?
In my free time I love to work out, go bowling, and camping.

What was your favorite subject in school and why?
Math and Science. I enjoyed working out equations and comparing it to real life.

STUDENT of the Week



Roman Weiss is an outstanding student who truly exemplifies the LYNX Way—being respectful, responsible, an active learner, safe, and kind. He consistently gives 100% in everything he does and approaches each day with a positive attitude and a smile. Roman always comes to class prepared and ready to learn, demonstrating a strong sense of responsibility to his education. Beyond his academic excellence, Roman is a friend and leader among his peers. He works well with others on group projects, offering encouragement and support to those around him. Roman goes above and beyond to ensure everyone feels included and valued, and he is always willing to lend a helping hand. His respectful behavior and kindness has a positive impact at the Brandon Valley Intermediate School. The qualities Roman demonstrates each day—respect, responsibility, active learning, safety, and kindness—are essential for success both in and out of the classroom. These traits not only make him a role model for others but also lay the foundation for continued growth and achievement in the future. Congratulations, Roman! Your positive attitude, leadership, and dedication truly make you an example of what it means to live the LYNX Way. - **Principal Nick Skibsted**

What is your favorite school lunch?
My favorite school lunch is the Chicken Broccoli Alfredo.

What grade are you in?
5th Grade

What does the Lynx Way mean to you?
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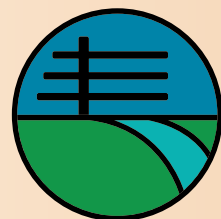


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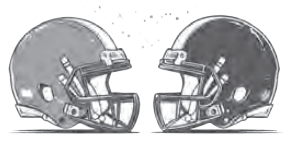
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- A \$50 certificate will be paid to one winner with all the correct picks. In case of a tie, the tie-breaker will determine the winner by the flip of a coin.
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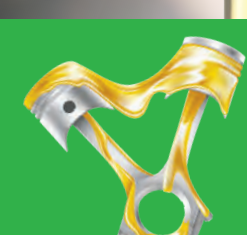
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