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Brandon Area Briefs

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry are pizza sauce, Side Dishes (rice and noodles), cookie mixes, PopTarts, bagged beans, microwave popcorn, saltine crackers, snack crackers.

To make appointments for 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 that conduct food drives 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.

Volunteers, recipients sought for Rake the Town

Once again, the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce is leading the charge to Rake the Town from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27.

Volunteers are needed. To register as an individual or a team, visit https://forms.gle/NEvTuex8Q2wFtPea8

Volunteer to rake for a few hours or the entire day. Between 15-20 yards to be raked are anticipated this year for elderly/disabled residents. The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 20.

The Chamber and event partners will supply gloves, trash cans and bags for the leaves, trailers for hauling and bottled water.

Residents that need to have their yard raked should email admin2brandonvalleychambercom or call (605) 582-7400.

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.

Storytimes returns to Brandon Community Library

Storytime for youngsters have returned to the Brandon Community Library. All programs begin at 10 a.m.

Toddler Storytime is offered on Tuesdays now through Nov. 14; Preschool Storytime continues through Nov. 15 on Wednesdays; and Family Storytime (special events) is this Saturday, Oct. 7.

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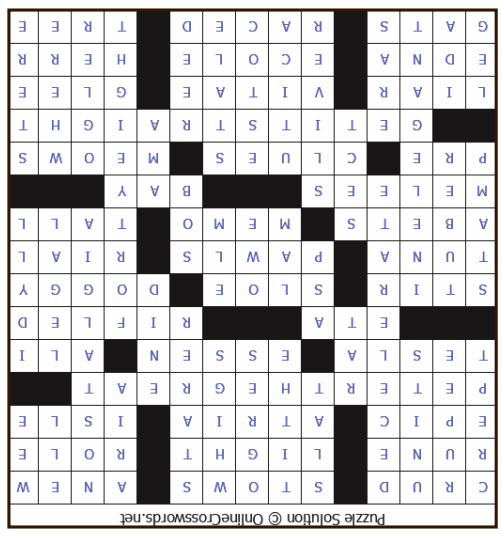
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Dear Motor Medics,
I have what I think to be a very simple question but when I ask others I get as many different answers as the people I ask. I want to know if it is necessary to connect the last jumper cable connection which is always my negative cable to the engine block instead of right to the battery which seems more convenient to me. I have received many different answers and I just want to know what the proper way is. Can you help me Motor Medics?

Barb in Henderson Texas

Dear Barb,
Great question for the safety of anyone who ever must jump start a car. Many people connect the cables directly to the terminals on both batteries claiming it makes it easier to start and this is extremely dangerous! If your battery cables on the vehicle and jumper cables are both in good shape connecting them properly will work just fine. When you make the last connection of the jumper cables it is normal for the connection to give off a small spark. This spark can easily ignite the hydrogen gas given off by a battery under normal operation and cause an explosion. This explosion can be powerful enough to send sulfuric acid and pieces of battery shrapnel flying towards you injuring you. To prevent this, you need to make the last connection away from the battery which would be the engine block. Always consult your owner's manual.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,
I have a question about spare tires. I see many new cars not coming with a spare of any kind. When we purchased our latest car, it came this way and in the place of it was a can of tire sealant and an inflator can. The instructions say to use the sealant then if the tire is still low to use the inflator can and use as necessary to reach the nearest place to have it repaired. Why can't they just make a place for the spare? We have had spares in our vehicles as long as I have been driving and they work just fine, although I have never had to use one since our tires are kept in good shape.

Thank you, Dale in Hastings Nebraska

Dear David,
Spares are going the way of the dinosaur in many vehicles to save weight and room. Cars have been on this trend for a while now. I think the first one I saw was in a Hybrid and if they had wanted one I don't know where they would have put it. Removing the spare saves weight and every pound you save means a bit more fuel mileage. This combined with other weight savings can make a big impact overall. The tire sealant and inflator can work for smaller leaks but for anything major like a large bolt or other object you will need a tire change to get you going.

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Capital Improvement Projects



WATER TOWER

The **Water Tower Project** includes the construction of a 1.25 million gallon water tower, an Altitude Valve Building (AVB), and upgrades to an existing Booster Station. *Construction costs $5.5 million.*

Water Tower – This 1.25 million gallon water tower is located on the east side of town, just north of the intersection of Redwood Blvd and Chestnut Blvd. Water towers are built for two main reasons; maintaining water pressure and water storage capacity.

Altitude Valve Building (AVB) – This building is constructed at the north edge of the City's golf course parking lot. A valve has been constructed within this building to regulate the water pressure and the flow of the existing water system. All homes east of this building will need a pressure reducing valve installed into their home near their water meter.



Booster Station Upgrades – The booster station was originally built to provide water to the east side of town. The existing station has been upgraded with new pumps in order to feed water to the new water tower.



RUSHMORE AREA RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE 2:

The **Rushmore Area Reconstruction Project** consists of complete roadway and infrastructure reconstruction, including but not limited to, the addition of sidewalks, new water main, new storm sewer, new sanitary sewer main, LED street lighting, site work and improving stormwater quality. Project area consisted of Cedar Street, Kirkwood Blvd, Yellowstone Drive, Cedar Circle.

Construction costs $4.1 million.



STREET MAINTENANCE ITEMS:

Slurry Seal Project – The Bluffs Addition, Eagle Creek Addition, Sylvan Circle Area, Sioux Heights Addition. *Construction costs $270,000.*

Concrete Curb & Asphalt Repairs – Sylvan Circle Area, Aspen Boulevard, Tallgrass Addition, and Brandon Industrial Park. *Construction costs $800,000.*

McHardy Bridge Concrete Deck Repairs – The City applied for a SDDOT Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) to help cover the costs of the repairs. *Construction costs $341,000.*





GOLF COURSE RETAINING WALL

Construction Costs $1.7 million.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PLUS RO SOFTENING SYSTEM

The **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project** will double the capacity of the plant from approximately 2,000 gallons per minute (gpm) to 4,000 gpm. The RO system will reduce the hardness of the City's water from approximately 24 grains of hardness down to 12 grains. The expansion is projected to meet the water needs of Brandon until 2070.







Advanced treatment technology will ensure the City of Brandon's water meets and overwhelmingly exceeds water quality standards. RO is a non-chemical treatment method that provides high quality water. Brandon's water quality will exceed standards set forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The benefits of the RO water treatment plant expansion project include quality drinking water, better fire protection for everyone in Brandon, increased capacity to accommodate future residents and businesses, and a reduced amount of salt being discharged into the environment from home water softeners. The RO treatment will allow Brandon residents to reduce the amount of salt used in their water softeners if they so choose, and the softer water will reduce calcium buildup on appliances and fixtures which may extend their life. Adjustments can be made to residents' water softener setting after the project is complete to account for the reduced hardness coming out of the tap.

Construction costs $25.3 million of which the City applied for and was granted $7.5 million in American Recue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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Coming in tomorrow's Brandon Valley Journal



Bethany Meadows has hit their 20-year milestone in Brandon, and they're inviting the public to celebrate with them this Saturday.

This week's *Brandon Valley Journal* will also have reports from both the Brandon City Council and Valley Springs City Commission meetings, plus a preview of the Brandon Community Foundation's upcoming Oak & Vine event on Oct. 27.

A unique, custom-built conference table for the meeting room at IT Outlet has literally put Brandon on the map.

Think you're seeing double at Brandon Valley volleyball games? Well, you are. Identical twins Alli and Lexi Gawarecki are two of the three senior leaders on the team, and editor Jill Meier shares their story with readers this week.

The Lynx cross country teams competed for their respective Metro Conference titles, and BV's competitive cheer and dance teams also took the floor last week at both the Metro and ESD Conference championships.

BV football rebounded in a big way Friday, as they humbled No. 3 Sioux Falls Jefferson.

The Marching Lynx wrapped up their 2023 competitive season, and we've got a recap from the band's weekend finale at Youth in Music held at U.S. Bank Stadium and more.

And there's a whole lot more news, sports and features. So, if you find yourself asking, "I wonder what's going on …" it's 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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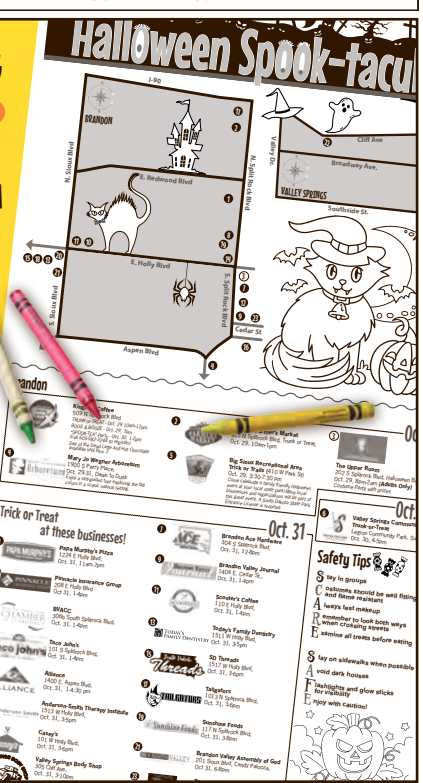
This FAMILY FRIENDLY MAP will be printed in the Brandon Valley Journal AND Trader on October 24/25. The goal of the map is to help families find local businesses to bring their little ghosts and goblins for some fun trick or treating. This 'SPOOKTACULAR' map is also filled with elements for children to color.

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- Additional coloring pages available at ***SD Threads*** - 1517 W. Holly Blvd.
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- Bring your colored page to ***SD Threads*** at 1517 W. Holly Blvd between the hours of M-F 9am-6pm.
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The **Brandon Lions Club** was chartered in February of 1957. Then the population of Brandon was approximately 500. In the early years the Club was involved in coordinating the construction of the Tower in McHardy Park and the bridge over Splitrock Creek. They also were very involved in circulating petitions to establish the Brandon Water System and petitions to become a City. The Club has always been very involved in the Brandon Community, mostly helping the visually impaired by funding vision projects and in donating eye exams and glasses to the needy. Currently we have 14 members.

JOIN US AT A BRANDON LIONS CLUB MEETING!

We meet at the **Brandon Pizza Ranch** on the third Thursday of each month. We eat at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. *For questions, please call Dennis at 605-366-2387 or Lance at 605-376-1833.*

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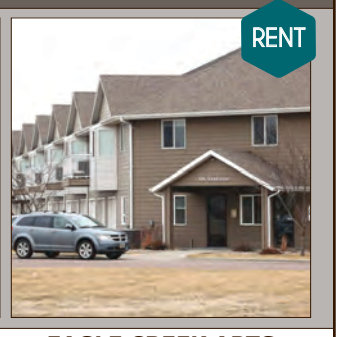


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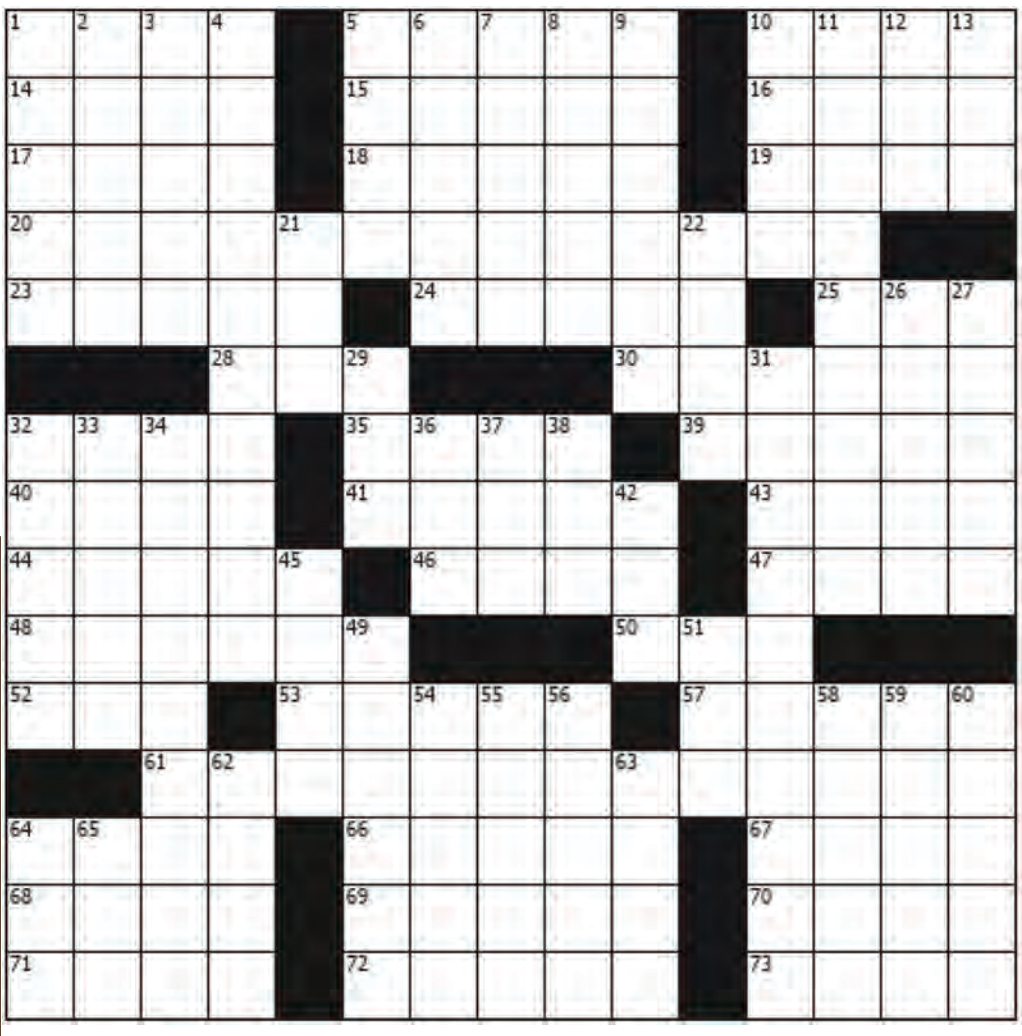


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1. Gunk
5. Packs away
10. In a different way
14. Letter for Gandalf
15. Word with show or artillery
16. Function
17. Colossal, moviewise
18. Skylit lobbies
19. Land in the sea, e.g.
20. 1711 loser
23. T, in physics
24. Rebuilt city north of Cologne
25. Husband of Fatima
28. J.F.K. abbr.
30. Searched with intent to steal
32. Rouse
35. ___ gin fizz
39. Kind of bag
40. A sandwich filler
41. Ratchet-wheel gizmos
43. Iranian money
44. Emulates a fence
46. In-tray item
47. Kind of drink or tale
48. Bench-clearing brawls
50. Cargo or Botany
52. Prefix with school
53. Evidence left behind
57. Some alley sounds
61. Understand clearly
64. One with no capacity for veracity
66. Curriculum ___
67. Elation
68. Author Ferber
69. Eleves' place
70. Title for Helmut Kohl
71. Gangland guns
72. Did a 440, e.g.
73. Kind of surgeon

Down

1. Went on all fours, e.g.
2. Madras moola
3. Blood measures, e.g.
4. Brake
5. Part of a white-picket fence
6. Keep 90 percent
7. Villains of fables and rhymes
8. Walpole's group
9. Amazed onlooker, e.g.
10. ___ cantabile
11. Longing for "the good old days"
12. Corner letter?
13. Teeny
21. Informer
22. Arthurian lady
26. Kind of eagle or advice
27. Pastoral poem
29. Egyptian cobra
31. Stars in a 1958 flag
32. Philatelist's love
33. Potato, for one
34. Unpolished
36. Escape, as from jail
37. Be in hock
38. Sturdy tree
42. Whimper
45. Anabaptists, for one
49. Broken-glass residue
51. Van Druten's "I ___ Camera"
54. City near Syracuse
55. Medieval sword
56. Flat and tasteless
58. Peeping Tom, for one
59. Word with any or some
60. One cubic meter
62. Periods of note
63. Thatcher's need
64. You can shake it or break it
65. Cantor or Lupino

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. Digits cannot repeat withing the same row, column or box. **Solution on page 2**

7	1	4		3				5
	6							8
	2		6		4			1
5	7		8				1	
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		2				3		
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4. Decisions of the judges will be final and all entries become the property of the Brandon Valley Trader/Journal.
5. All entrants must use the official blank listed on this page. Your winning selections must coordinate with the game number located in each advertisement. Just circle the winning team, drop it off at our office by 5pm Friday or have your entry postmarked by Friday of the same week of the ad.
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