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TEACHER
of the Week

Eighth grade math teacher **Gopal Chamlagai**, now in his second year at BVMS, continues to make a lasting impact by exemplifying what it means to be safe, responsible, and kind. He goes above and beyond for his students—supporting them as active learners, showing up to after-school activities, and sharing his passion for soccer with students during incentive time. A true team player, Mr. Chamlagai is always willing to show up whenever and wherever he can help, assisting colleagues and administration with a positive and respectful attitude. His dedication to doing what is best for his students, even when it requires extra effort, demonstrates his commitment to fostering respectful, responsible, and active learners. We are thrilled he chose to bring his enthusiasm for math and education to Brandon Valley Middle School! - **Dr. Nelson & Ms. Hoff**

What is your favorite school lunch?
Popcorn Chicken

Why do you love teaching?
I've wanted to since I was a kid. It's a way to have a positive impact on someone else's life.

How long have you been with the district?
Two years.

What's your favorite past time?
Soccer and fishing..

What was your favorite subject in school and why?
Math. I love working with numbers. When you know what you're doing, it's fun!

STUDENT
of the Week

Eighth Grader **Grace Taylor** radiates positivity in everything she does. In the classroom, she is friendly, polite, and always eager to learn. She cares about her education and works hard to do well. Grace participates actively in discussions, asks thoughtful questions, and consistently gives her best effort. Her determination and perseverance shine through—she never gives up, even when faced with challenges. Grace's warm smile and great sense of humor make her a joy to be around, and she uplifts those around her with her encouraging attitude and supportive friendship.

Grace exemplifies responsibility and teamwork through her involvement in volleyball. From taking initiative to help with equipment at practice and volunteering as a line judge during matches, her kindness and willingness to help shine through. Her dedication and resilience are evident in the way she has worked diligently to improve her overhand serve—her hard work paid off when she successfully served four in a row during a recent game!

Grace is a model of our school's core values: she is kind to others, safe and respectful in all settings, responsible in her actions, and an active, engaged learner. Her positive attitude, work ethic, and genuine care for others make her an outstanding role model and a valued member of our school community.

Thank you for being a Lynx Leader at BVMS!
- **Dr. Nelson & Ms. Hoff**

What is your favorite school lunch?
Walking Taco

What grade are you in?
8th

What does the Lynx Way mean to you?
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What do you want to be when you grow up?
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Brandon Area Briefs

Brandon area Scouting for Food is this week
The Brandon area Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be in your neighborhood on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Oct. 21 and 23, and will return Saturday morning, Oct. 25 for their annual Scouting for Food Event in support to the Brandon Area Food Pantry.

Scouts will be hanging door hangers on front doors with information about the event this week. Residents are asked to place bags of non-perishable food items on their front porch/steps, Scouts will begin collecting donations at 9 a.m. Saturday, which will ultimately be brought to the Brandon Area Food Pantry.

Brandon Historical Society
The Brandon Historical Society will give a presentation on “Firefighting in the Brandon Area” starting at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 in the BVHS Community Room.

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.

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
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Dear Motor Medics,

I have a 2004 Ford F150 truck and I've lost the 4-wheel drive. The front end of the truck started to grind for a while before it finally stopped completely. The transfer case does seem to be working because the front driveshaft turns when in 4-wheel drive and does not when it is in 2-wheel drive. can you guys lead me in a direction of diagnosis that might help feel more secure in what I am told at the repair shop?

Bernard in Enid Oklahoma.

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,

I've had an ongoing issue with my 2008 Chevrolet Impala. The check engine light has been coming on and I've had it scanned several times and I got a code which says I have a failed thermostat. So here is the problem. I replaced the thermostat myself then had my local auto parts store who read the code clear it and now less than a week later the light is back on with the same code. I have good heat and the temp gauge reads in the normal range. Have you ever seen this before?

Mark in Manhattan Kansas.

Dear Mark,

We have seen this and one possibility is that the thermostat has failed a second time either due to a faulty part or there is something else wrong in the system which is making it think you have a failure. One of these possibilities is a failed temp sensor on the cooling system or possibly the connector going to it. When we make this repair which we do very often, we replaced the sending unit and its connector pigtail and the thermostat then clear the codes and verify operation. Some people opt to just do part of the repair but then find they need to go back and do the rest and end up spending more money. Diagnosing the system is fairly straight forward for a repair shop with a scanner, a multimeter and temp probe. Hope this helps you out.

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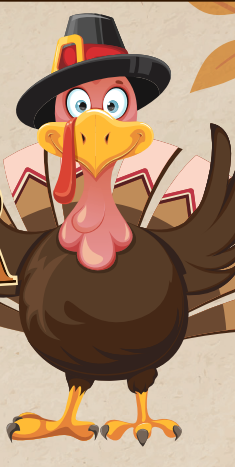


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For 45 years, the Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed has proudly given back to our community, and it's all made possible through the incredible support of people like you.

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1. Film in which Marilyn Monroe sang “That Old Black Magic”

8. Territories

15. First woman to appear on a U.S. coin

16. Done for

17. Slip

18. Regrettable action

19. Yahoos

20. Where to study mathématiques

22. Controversial area under LBJ

23. Box

24. “Henry & June” role
25. Whalers’ sightings

26. Legal conclusion

27. Quiet spots

28. Corday victim

29. Determined

31. “West Side Story” Oscar winner

32. Aunt of April, May and June

34. Spot for a shot

37. Free-of-charge transaction?

41. Cream of the crop

42. Provider of cold comfort?

43. The Orinoco R. runs through it
44. Fades

45. Gangling

46. Literally, “let it be done,” in Latin

47. Patriotic org.

48. Argonauts’ helper

49. Cast

50. Going great guns

52. Welcoming presence

54. Diplomacy

55. Ring site

56. Campaign funders

57. Hits the roof
- Down
1. Chatterbox

2. Let go

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3. Foils

4. Lighthouse area

5. Crowns

6. Word before “Happy New Year!”?

7. Andorra’s locale

8. NAACP co-founder

9. Outback stones

10. Had it __

11. Bread machine?

12. Fool’s gold, e.g.

13. Agassi, by birth

14. “Looks that way”
21. Seasonal hanger

24. Noted chipmunk

25. Finds a spot

27. Driving problem

28. Coffeehouse choice

30. “Awake and Sing!” dramatist

31. Like Gucci Eau de Parfum

33. They weren’t enlightened

34. Started on a course

35. Warsaw Pact member
36. Sparkling

38. One getting up

39. Ignore

40. Joined, as a club

42. Petco Park team

45. Minimum

46. Probes

48. Pueblo site

49. At this point

51. Hi-__: shoe brand

53. Actress Charlotte

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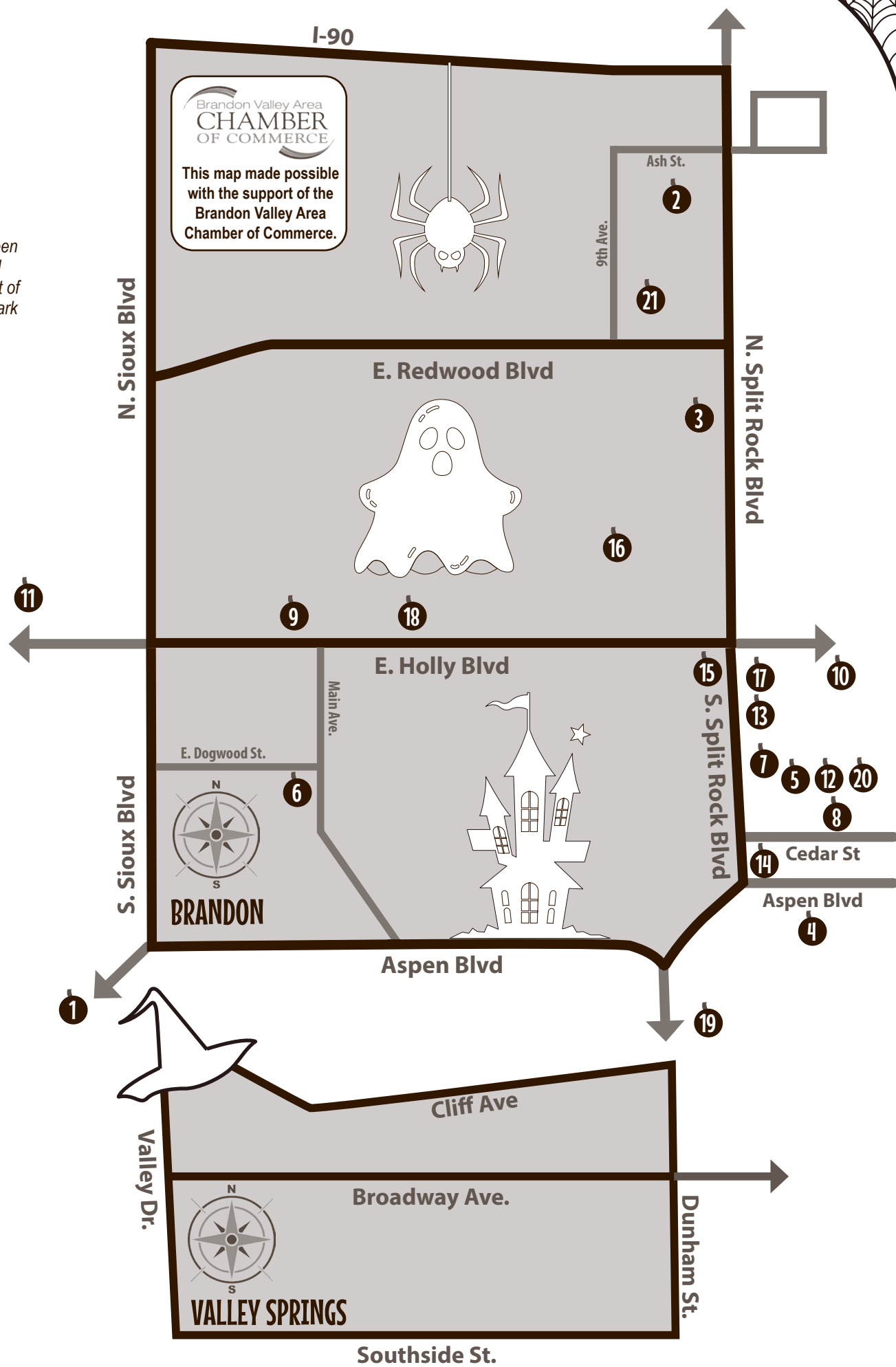
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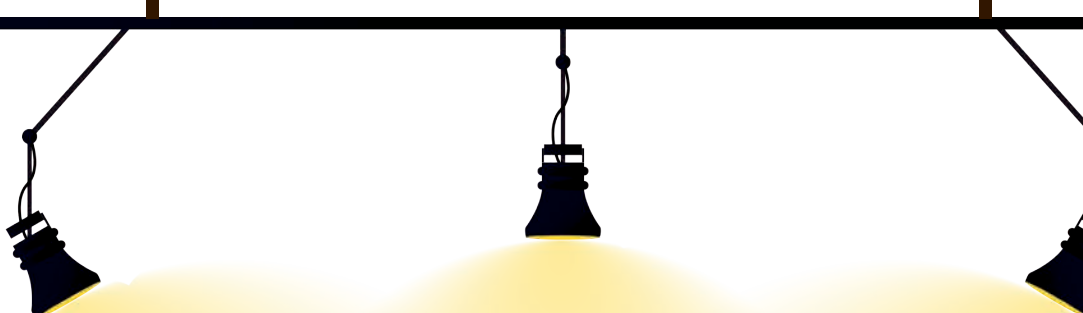
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